

A day to remember-Chindey dada hike

It's not how many miles you walk, it's how many smiles you share." -Unknown



Happiness is hiking with friends.

2021 was my year. I did explore a lot within myself and discover more about myself. I was loving the idea of being myself and enjoying my own company too. After a long period of isolation with the outer worlds and with friends, I almost forgot to have fun and enjoyment with someone who I care about, so I decided to spend time with friends and have a deeper connection with my close ones. I made a plan with some of my friends with many questions in my head. At last everything was worth planning. I finally got my answers when I thought about stepping out of my comfort zone. It was one of the memorable and best days I have ever had in my life. I found far more answers in nature than in the crowd.

Overview

Dharan is one of the most popular destinations in the Eastern Part of Nepal. It is around 350 meters above sea level. You can head towards many places from Dharan like Bhedetar, Shiva Jatta, Namaste Jharna. Chindey Dada is one of the popular Hiking Destinations and also a Paragliding Spot. It is around 5 Km away from Dharan Bhanu Chowk and about 775 Meter above sea level.

I hiked towards Chindey dada along with some of my friends, collecting the best memories of my life. We enjoyed the spectacular scenic view from the top of the dada and the beautiful sunrise and sunset too. It was a mesmerizing view to watch. If anybody who loves greenery and walks along the forest with beautiful sounds of birds and rivers, this is the place where you can relax and be yourself.

At a Glance

Distance: 10.9 KM

Average duration: 3-4 hrs

Materials required: Tent, Mats, Water bottle, Snacks, Torch light, Backpack

Difficulty level: Easy

Start/Finish: Bhanu chowk-Osho Bridge

Getting There & Away:

To access the chindey you need to take a bus from your bus station to the Bhanu chowk. Then, you can get a tempo or van from there to the hiking trails. You can catch a direct vehicle or you can start to hike as your preference.

On a clear day, you could view the east, north, and west mountains from the top of the chindey dada. In the south, you could see beautiful Dharan, Char koshe Jhadi, Tarahara, Itahari, Belbari, Birat chowk and Koshi River.

Bhanu chowk-Getting started

We got off the bus. We were excited to start our journey but suddenly the weather turned to be cloudy and gloomy. We immediately caught the tempo and headed towards the sardu river trail. Meanwhile the rainfall started to hit us. We spent sometimes under the canopy waiting the rain to be stopped.



Afterwhile,there was light drizzle so we thought to continue our walk.We bought some plastics to cover the rain.It Was fun to do so.

Sardu river bridge



After a mile from the road in the west, there is the biggest bridge of Dharan i.e Sardu river. We headed straight to the way that was our destination of the hike where we encountered trees,uphills, and beautiful wildflowers on the way.We had to walk for hours and hours.The paths were sloppy and high.

Gurkha memorial park

We captured some photos on the way.We were already tired from walking.We decided to catch the van so we had to walk for a few miles. We headed towards the Northwest side to visit the Gurkha memorial park which is in the process of being built to preserve the legacy of Gurkhas. It is said that it may take a few years to be completely built. The rough unpitched roads make it difficult to access the vehicle.We somehow made it there after stumbling on the way. We entered through the main gate passing by the helipad.



After a few steps there is a gigantic statue of a Gurkha soldier from WWII carrying a rifle on one hand and a khukuri on the other.



The Gurkha Memorial Park covers an area of more than 12 bighas and was acquired from donations and contributions from serving and retired members of the Brigade of Gurkhas.

Our destination-Chindey dada



Breathtaking night view from chindey dada

After straying for a long period we finally reached our destination i.e chindey dada. It was almost 6 PM when we reached there. We were completely drained and exhausted. But the view was so breathtaking we forgot all our pain for a while. Everyone enjoyed the night view and everyone was vibing together. We put up the tent and started to prepare some dinner. Unfortunately some of our friends lost night snacks and disposable plates, cups and spoons. So, we had to eat whatever there is left from the savings. We sang, cracked some lame jokes, and had a deep conversation with some fellows. We did have fun that night. We knew the night was going to be over but we had that moment to not to lose.

Sleeping



Camping:

Camping is permitted on the chindey dada where facilities are available like toilets,water,fire,shops but with no electricity.We managed to bring power banks and solar lights without having to stay with power supply.Backpackers can camp anywhere along the gravel creekbed.There is no any danger and difficulty staying night here.



Morning view from chindey dada of entire Dharan

No one can miss the view of the beautiful sunrise from chindey dada. Witnessing such beautiful scenarios and wonders of nature, anyone would be grateful. We clicked some photos for the memory. Then packed our materials and decided to leave the spot. We had some breakfast. We thought to visit Osho river bridge which on the way, back to our house.

On the way to Osho river



Osho river

People generally visit here to take showers in the river. Any age group can enjoy the bath. We spend some time there taking showers with friends and enjoying the greenery surrounding.



Osho Bridge

Osho bridge was our last spot to visit. This bridge is on the side of the osho river. You can see some flowers on the pot, some big stones and some beautiful art on the stone. It is the perfect place to hangout with friends, relatives and family.



Last but not least

It was a great time spending time with friends. I heartily wanna thank each and everyone for having their time with me. It was such a memorable day for me and everyone. I collected a lot of memories and got to explore and learn many new things. Spending time with nature is worthwhile as well as therapeutic.

