

Woodstock Alumni Trek **Dayara Bugyal – Dodi Tal – Darwa Pass**

Dates: November 8-15, 2019

Cost: US \$ 750 (including GST)

Group Size: Minimum 8 – Maximum 15

General description:

Participants are expected to arrive at Hanifl Centre on Nov 8th by 10 am. The day will include an orientation talk about the trek, “getting to know each other”, “do’s and don’ts” on packing, tent pitching etc. There will be a presentation by the trek leader (Hanifl staff Akshay Shah) about the natural history of this area touching upon the biodiversity of the Western Himalaya. The drive from Mussoorie to the road-head of Raithal goes via Uttarkashi and will take about 6 hours. A 1-hour trek will get you to the first camp site. A day by day itinerary is in the attached brochure.

Porters/mules will carry most of the group gear including tents, rations and kitchen equipment. Individuals will be allowed to “check in” 1 duffle bag per person that can include their personal clothes, warm layers, sleeping bag etc). Individuals will need to carry only a “day pack” with adequate water, warm layer and rain coat. The kitchen team will provide a hot breakfast, packed lunch and hot dinner each day.

Accommodation: In tents while on the trek and in the Hanifl Centre dormitory on the first/last day.

The route involves a steady uphill climb to Dayara Bugyal, followed by downhill trails to Dodi Tal. Then uphill to Darwa pass at 4050 meters (approx. 13,300 feet) and then downhill to Seema and Hanumanchatti (road-head). Expect to walk an average of 5 hours each day (specific information is in the attached brochure). Please be aware that the “average” walking time is only a broad indicator. Individual fitness and acclimatization will determine how long it takes each person. The trek leader will keep the group together as much as possible.

Hanifl Centre will provide each participant with a sleeping bag, sleeping pad. Participants will be expected to bring all personal clothing including warm layers and a duffle bag (or any bag big enough to pack everything). A detailed “packing list” will be provided before the trek begins

Akshay Shah, Head of Programs at Hanifl Centre will be the trek leader. Akshay has more than 2 decades of trekking in the Himalaya and is a passionate naturalist. He also holds a WEMT qualification.

Paying a \$500 deposit is the way to confirm your space on the trek and will be booked on a first come basis.

Footnote: The Trek ends on Nov 15 and staying at the Hanifl Centre is covered in the costs. The Alumni department is planning a “Mela” in the school quad on Nov 16. The Mela will have local and Dehradun based NGO vendors selling great Christmas gifts. Local vendors will also be setting up food stalls. The Hanifl Centre will be hosting a mini film festival in Parker Hall as an inclusion of the Mela