Guwahati–Lumding section

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| **Guwahati–Lumding section** | |
| **Overview** | |
| **Status** | Operational |
| **Locale** | [Assam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assam) |
| **Termini** | [Guwahati](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guwahati_railway_station) [Lumding](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lumding_railway_station) |
| **Operation** | |
| **Opened** | 1900; 119 years ago |
| **Owner** | [Indian Railways](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Railways) |
| **Operator(s)** | [Northeast Frontier Railway zone](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northeast_Frontier_Railway_zone) |
| **Technical** | |
| **Line length** | 179 km (111 mi) |
| **Number of tracks** | 1 |
| [**Track gauge**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Track_gauge) | 1,676 mm (5 ft 6 in) |
| **Old gauge** | 1,000 mm (3 ft 3 3⁄8 in) |
| |  | | --- | | show  **Route map** | | |

The **Guwahati–Lumding section** is a broad-gauge railway line connecting [Guwahati](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guwahati_railway_station) and [Lumding Junction](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lumding_Junction_railway_station" \o "Lumding Junction railway station). The 179-kilometre (111 mi) long railway line operates in the [Indian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India) [state](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/States_and_territories_of_India) of [Assam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assam). It is under the jurisdiction of [Northeast Frontier Railway zone](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northeast_Frontier_Railway_zone).

History[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Guwahati%E2%80%93Lumding_section&action=edit&section=1" \o "Edit section: History)]

In the pre-partition days, Assam was linked to [Chittagong](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chittagong) through the [Akhaura-Kulaura-Chhatak Line](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Akhaura-Kulaura-Chhatak_Line" \o "Akhaura-Kulaura-Chhatak Line) and [Akhaura-Laksam-Chittagong Line](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Akhaura-Laksam-Chittagong_Line" \o "Akhaura-Laksam-Chittagong Line). The Chittagong link had been constructed in response to the demand of the Assam tea planters for a railway link to [Chittagong port](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Port_of_Chittagong). [Assam Bengal Railway](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assam_Bengal_Railway) started construction of a railway track on the eastern side of [Bengal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bengal) in 1891. A 150-kilometre long (93 mi) track between [Chittagong](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chittagong) and [Comilla](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comilla" \o "Comilla) was opened to traffic in 1895. The Comilla-Akhaura-Kalaura-Badarpur section was opened in 1896–1898 and finally extended to [Lumding](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lumding" \o "Lumding) in 1903.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guwahati%E2%80%93Lumding_section#cite_note-banglapaedia-1)[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guwahati%E2%80%93Lumding_section#cite_note-2)[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guwahati%E2%80%93Lumding_section#cite_note-3) The Assam Bengal Railway constructed a branch line to Guwahati, connecting the city to the eastern line in 1900. During the 1900–1910 period, the Eastern Bengal Railway built the Golakganj-Amingaon branch line, thus connecting the western bank of the Brahmaputra to the western line.

Broad gauge[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Guwahati%E2%80%93Lumding_section&action=edit&section=2" \o "Edit section: Broad gauge)]

The railway tracks from Guwahati to Lumding and from Chaparmukh to Haibargaon were upgraded from [metre gauge](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metre_gauge" \o "Metre gauge) to [broad gauge](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_gauge) in 1994.[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guwahati%E2%80%93Lumding_section#cite_note-4)

Line doubling[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Guwahati%E2%80%93Lumding_section&action=edit&section=3" \o "Edit section: Line doubling)]

The Guwahati-Lumding-Dibrugarh line was proposed to be doubled in the [Railway Budget](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Railway_Budget) for 2011-12.[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guwahati%E2%80%93Lumding_section#cite_note-5)

The 44.92 km (28 mi) long Lumding-Hojai doubling project was sanctioned in 2012-13.The Lumding Hojai patch doubling was completed on July 10th 2019.[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guwahati%E2%80%93Lumding_section#cite_note-6) The 30.50 km (19 mi) long New Guwahati-Digaru doubling project was completed in 2012-13.[[7]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guwahati%E2%80%93Lumding_section#cite_note-7)[[8]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guwahati%E2%80%93Lumding_section#cite_note-8)

Railway reorganisation[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Guwahati%E2%80%93Lumding_section&action=edit&section=4" \o "Edit section: Railway reorganisation)]

The Assam Railway and Trading Company Limited was merged with Assam Bengal Railway in 1945.[[9]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guwahati%E2%80%93Lumding_section#cite_note-9) With [partition](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Partition_of_india), Assam Bengal Railway was split up and railway lines in Assam became Assam Railway.[[10]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guwahati%E2%80%93Lumding_section#cite_note-nfrly-10) In 1952, North East Railway was formed with the amalgamation of Assam Railway, Oudh-Tiirhut Railway and the Kanpur-Achnera section of [Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bombay,_Baroda_and_Central_India_Railway).[[11]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guwahati%E2%80%93Lumding_section#cite_note-11) Northeast Frontier Railway was created with a part of NE Railway in 1958.[[10]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guwahati%E2%80%93Lumding_section#cite_note-nfrly-10)

Jagiroad train derailment[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Guwahati%E2%80%93Lumding_section&action=edit&section=5)]

On 16 April 2014, around 2:15am [Guwahati](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guwahati) bound [Dimapur -Kamakhya Express](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guwahati_-_Dimapur_BG_Express" \o "Guwahati - Dimapur BG Express) derailed on the [Guwahati-Lumding section](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guwahati-Lumding_section) near [Jagiroad](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jagiroad" \o "Jagiroad) in central [Assam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assam)’s [Morigaon district](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morigaon_district" \o "Morigaon district) leading to 45 injuries. At the time of the accident the train was carrying around 700 passengers.