

# Trekking Guide: Chikhaldara Region

## Dharkora Trek

Starting Point: Semadoh village area, near Panchbol Point or Forest Gate.

Highlights: Dense forest trails in Melghat Tiger Reserve, wildlife sightings, streams during monsoon.

Challenges: Steep ascents, slippery monsoon paths, poor mobile network.

Tips: Go with a guide, carry water/snacks, avoid after-dark trekking.

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## Bakadari - Kalalkund Trek

Starting Point: Near Chikhaldara, accessible via Semadoh region.

Highlights: Beautiful twin waterfalls, moderately challenging trail, great for birdwatching.

Challenges: Rocky paths, leeches in monsoon, poorly marked trail.

Tips: Wear sturdy shoes, waterproof gear, go post-monsoon.

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## Chichati Trek

Starting Point: Chichati village, Chikhaldara outskirts.

Highlights: High hidden waterfall, peaceful route, tribal village experiences.

Challenges: Dense forest, river crossings, unclear path.

Tips: Experienced trekkers only, group travel recommended, check with forest officials.

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## Kalalkund Trek (Alternate Route)

Starting Point: Semadoh via Kolkas area.

Highlights: Crystal clear pools, untouched biodiversity, nature photography.

Challenges: Navigational issues, deep/hidden water bodies, wildlife zone.

Tips: Forest permission needed, avoid littering, carry repellent.

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## Bhimkund Trek

Starting Point: Dharni or Kichakdara village (farther from Chikhaldara).

Highlights: Mythological site, deep blue pond, forest surroundings.

Challenges: Long trail, hot climate in summer, remote location.

Tips: Start early, carry lots of water, best during winter.

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## General Trekking Tips

Best Season: Post-monsoon to winter (Sept-Feb)

Essentials: Water, snacks, first aid, cap, stick, flashlight

Permissions: Required in forest regions-check with authorities

Local Guides: Strongly advised for all routes

Safety: No night trekking, avoid plastic, stay on trail