

# Sahyadris - Places for Camping

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*(Real experiences. No commercial camps.)*

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## 1. Foothills of Rajmachi Fort (near temple)

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### Why this place works

- Temple area gives a sense of safety
- Villagers are usually nearby
- Good base before or after long rides

### Prep & learnings

- Always camp close to human presence
- Keep food packed and hidden

### Precautions

- Heavy monkey activity near temple areas
  - Do not leave bags unattended
  - Avoid cooking openly late at night
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## 2. Railing Plateau (via Singapur village)

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### Why this place works

- One of the most peaceful and secluded locations
- Open plateau with stunning views of Lingana fort
- Feels completely disconnected from the world

### Prep & learnings

- Access requires ~1 hour forest walk
- Local villagers can help with food, water and luggage (for a fee)

### Precautions

- Decide costs clearly with villagers beforehand
  - Forest trail can feel intimidating - stay calm and alert
  - Avoid night movement inside the forest stretch
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## 3. Dhom Dam

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### Why this place works

- Very easy to reach

- Beautiful sunset and calm waters
- Tourists leave by evening

#### **Prep & learnings**

- Feels peaceful after sunset despite nearby road
- Works best if you keep a very low profile

#### **Precautions**

- Main road is 500 m – 1 km away
  - Avoid loud music or lights at night
  - Camp away from water edge during monsoon
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## **4. Ghangad Fort Camping**

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#### **Why this place works**

- Locals are used to trekkers and campers
- Help available for food and stay

#### **Prep & learnings**

- Always speak to the person collecting entry fee
- They usually guide you to safe camping spots

#### **Precautions**

- Negotiate everything upfront - food, stay, charges
  - Do not assume prices
  - Avoid wandering on fort edges after dark
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## **5. Mrugagad Base Village**

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#### **Why this place works**

- Temple near base village provides comfort
- Village presence feels reassuring

#### **Prep & learnings**

- Nights become extremely quiet once villagers sleep
- Mentally prepare for silence and isolation

#### **Precautions**

- Avoid exploring surroundings late at night
  - Stick close to temple or village zone
  - Keep lights minimal but accessible
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## 6. Kurdugad Fort

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### Why this place works

- Ancient temple area offers flat camping ground
- Beautiful fort with strong Sahyadri vibes

### Prep & learnings

- Known wildlife movement in nearby forest belt

### Precautions

- Leopard movement reported (attacks on dogs/livestock)
  - No roaming after dark
  - Stay together and avoid food smells around camp
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## 7. Tail Baila

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### Why this place works

- Very safe due to nearby village
- Large open spaces for camping
- Calm and scenic surroundings

### Prep & learnings

- Locals are strict about forest safety
- Fire risk is taken seriously here

### Precautions

- Open fire not allowed due to wildfire risk
  - Respect villagers' instructions completely
  - Maintain cleanliness - area is sensitive
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## Key Camping Principles

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- Camp near **temples or villages whenever possible, especially if solo**
- Avoid showing off - **low profile = high safety**
- Silence after nightfall is normal in Sahyadris - don't panic
- Respect locals more than maps or internet advice
- Wildlife is real - fear is not paranoia, it's awareness
- Do not litter, carry garbage bag with you and once done, collect your garbage and dispose off properly. Respect nature.