



NATURE GETAWAY - KAFAL HOUSE

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Pangot Pangot is a small Himalayan village situated 15 kilometers from Nainital, a very quaint settlement of the local Kumaoni hill folk. It is a 25 minute drive from Nainital. The entire drive is through the forested area of Cheena Peak Range via Snow View Point and Kilbury. These habitats are excellent for bird watching and treks. This green belt supports an enormous variety of flora and fauna. More than 250 species of birds have been recorded in this area. Renowned for Birding and nature walks, you can choose to soak in the terrific uninterrupted natural beauty or read a book and relax as you spot birds and wildlife right from comfort of your room's sit out area. We can also arrange a trek to Naina Peak which at 2611 meters is one of the highest peaks in Nainital. For those wanting more touristy options, one can also easily spend a couple of hours visiting the scenic spots of Nainital such as Dorothy Seat, Land's End and Tiffin Top. You can enjoy boating, sailing yachts, horse-riding or shopping in the local Tibetan market for handicrafts, candles, wooden products, shawls etc. You can also choose to explore the six natural caves in the cave garden discovered a few years ago.

Kafal House The lodge has a cottage and 6 rooms with en suite facilities, adjoining Jungle Lore Birding Lodge. Heaters are provided in each cottage & room during winters. The room sizes vary as this is re-modeled old Kumaoni house.

The Dining Room serves as a common dining hall giving travelers a chance to meet other like-minded nature lovers. The kitchen serves a variety of scrumptious traditional Indian homemade meals and they are happy to customize dishes according to your preferences. Special care is taken in hygienic preparation of all meals.

How to Reach To get to Pangot, one can take any of the following options:

By Road: □ Drive from Delhi via Kathgodam and Nainital: 8 hours □
Drive from Delhi via Ramnagar (Corbett National Park) and
Kaladungi: 7½ hours

Activities

The activities here are numerous and most of them can be availed at a cost as specified at the lodge. We suggest you book them in advance with us.

Bird Watching More than 250 species of birds have been recorded in the area. One can have excellent birding opportunities in the lodge itself. Besides, there are numerous walks through the terrace fields into thickly wooded oak forest which are extremely rewarding. Opt for short or long holidays, We arrange for the services of a bird guide. Please speak with our manager to book this service which is chargeable.

Treks China peak (2611 meters) is one of the highest peaks in Nainital. Since the biotope is of thick forest, this is a sheer trekkers delight. Day treks are organized for individuals, small groups and families with picnic lunch. Overnight and 2-3 night treks are also organized with all equipment and staff. The most popular trek is the old trail from Pangot to Corbett via Kunjakharak and Akashkanda. We arrange for the services of a trekking guide. Please speak with our manager to book this service which is chargeable.

Boating Nainital, which is just 15 km away from Pangot, is famous for boating. Yachts, paddle boats and rowing boats are available on hourly basis.

Horse riding Horse riding is one of the most interesting activities in Nainital to visit scenic spots such as Dorothy Seat, Land's End and Tiffin Top. Three day horse riding tour is conducted from Corbett Park to Pangot. You may ask us for this tour.

Shopping The Tibetan market along the edge of the lake is very popular for curios and candles.

Picnic Kilbury is a nice and quiet place to get panoramic views of the snow clad mountains. You may go with packed lunch and enjoy the flora and fauna of this place.

Cooking Class We are happy for you to interact with our chef. We can arrange a free cooking lesson and you can share your favourite recipe with us too.

Yoga & Meditation The lodge can be hired for yoga and meditation retreat. Should you wish to conduct a programme with an expert teacher from Isha Yoga Centre, do let us know and we shall organise it for you.

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Accommodation:

Each room has a double bed with fresh linen, fresh towels and warm blankets / duvets. Heaters are provided in cold weather.

Cheer Nest Cottage As soon as one descends into the parking area from the main road and walks down 10 steps, one reaches the Dining Room. Walking down 10 steps from the Dining Room and then climbing 15 again, one reaches Cheer Nest Cottage. The cottage is equipped with a double bed, a wooden attic with two separate floor mattresses, en suite toilet with a WC and a hot shower, a small sit-out overlooking the valley. Bucket and mugs are provided in the toilet for wash up if the water pressure is less in the shower or faucet.

The size of the room is about 12'x14'.

Rooms Walking down 10 steps from the Dining Room and then climbing 20 again, one reaches the rooms. Two rooms are on the ground floor that are valley facing. Four rooms are on the first floor out of which two are facing the valley and the other two are garden facing. The verandah runs around all four rooms that helps guests to sit together and interact. Each room is equipped with a twin bed, en suite toilet with a WC and a hot shower. Bucket and mugs are provided in the toilet for wash up if the water pressure is less in the shower or faucet. The size of the room is about 10'x12'.

The central hall in the lodge can be used for meals for a group, small meeting or a conference or social activity.

We encourage you to think about the environment and try to re-use towels & linen. Please place them in the basket if you want them replaced.

Dining Room:

The dining room at Jungle Lore Birding Lodge also serves the purpose of a restaurant. When we have a full house we serve buffet meals. à la carte meals are served on prior order as per the menu. Please give adequate notice. The meals are wholesome and hygienic. The menu consists of Indian and Kumaoni dishes. We usually serve traditional home-cooked Indian food. We try and keep spice and chilly levels moderate but if you still find the food too hot, do let our staff know and we'll be happy to suit it to your taste. Please inform us if you have any special dietary requirements.

On prior intimation we could also arrange a private dinner in the verandah of your room / cottage or provide you room service. We stock a limited selection of beverages at the lodge. All beverages are chargeable. Alcohol is not served at the lodge; the clients may get their own.

We discourage the use of pre-packaged food items and bottled water as it adds to pollution and is additional cost for us to carry it all the way back to Haldwani for proper disposal. The guests may get their own food items as per their preference and are requested to take away as much non-biodegradable material with them. We serve filtered water that is safe to drink.

We also provide packed meals for your return journey. Let us know in advance and we will arrange it for you.