

## Flag Hill

Distance: 0.6 kilometers (The Gap to Flag Hill)  
Total Ascent: 350 feet  
Total Descent: 0 feet

### Description:

Flag Hill derives its name from the many Tibetan prayer flags that usually adorn its summit. It is an easy climb from Tehri Road on a well defined but unmarked trail. From the summit there are good views of the high Himalayas and the Aglar valley to the north. There is a good tenting site on the summit ridge.

The trail begins at the west edge of the Gap, between the 50K and 51 K markers along Tehri Road. The Bear Hill and Flag Hill trails are in common for only the first 10-20 meters. Then the Flag Hill trail climbs up short switchbacks. The main Flag Hill trail stays below the south ridge on its west side. An alternate trail that gains the south ridge quickly and follows it to the top is less well defined. The main trail gains the south end of the long summit ridge at about 0.45 kilometers from the Gap. It then follows the summit ridge another 150 meters past the tenting site to the actual summit on the north end of the ridge.

## Bear Hill

Distance: 1.3 kilometers (The Gap to Bear Hill)  
Total Ascent: 300 feet  
Total Descent: 130 feet

### Description:

Bear Hill is less visited than Flag Hill. It is neither quite as high nor quite as close to the road and tends to be skipped by the casual hiker. Just because of this, however, it offers more solitude than Flag Hill and can be a beautiful place to spend an afternoon.

The trail begins in common with the Flag Hill trail. After leaving it, the Bear Hill trail drops steadily as it curves around the western slope of Flag Hill. Below the trail is an abandoned farm with side trails going down to it. After turning east on the north slope of Flag Hill, the vegetation is lush and tends to overgrow the trail. Elevation is regained, and a trail junction is reached at the low point of the saddle between Flag and Bear Hills. From the saddle, the trail follows the ridge to the summit of Bear Hill.

An alternate route for the return trip is possible by taking the east fork at the saddle junction. This route continues to circle Flag Hill with minimal ups and downs to reach Bataghat back on the Tehri Road. From there it is an easy walk along the road back to the Gap. This alternate route adds about 0.6 kilometers to the return trip.

