

Khattapani Toll to Chowk Bazaar

'This is a scenic walk which takes you up to the top of the hill to the Lal Tibba property called Childers Lodge. From here, you enter the gate into the Nahata estate, and walk straight along, all the way to the end of the estate. You are at the very end of the ridge. From here, you drop down on a wide path- almost a road, which quickly becomes narrow and steep after a couple of bends. Then you walk down through abandoned fields to a small hamlet- about two village houses with cultivated terraces and dogs that bark.

From here, the path forks, and you take the left fork, and get onto a slightly wider path that climbs gradually through the beautiful, dense, shady patch of Oak- Rhododendron mixed forest that lies directly beneath the stretch of road between Lal Tibba and Char Dukan. The path meanders along, passing a clear stream and below the ruins of an old toll barrier- where villagers bringing produce to the market used to pay toll tax to the Mussoorie municipal board in times past.

It finally comes out at 'Butcher Khana', the locality across from Omi Sweet shop in Landour Bazaar, and located down some steps, which you have to climb up. The open area near Omi Sweet Shop where cars park, and roadside vendors ply their wares is called 'Chowk Bazaar' locally.

This is the final destination, where one can savor a samosa, some jalebis and a hot cup of chai- a special treat, before heading up the hill back to residences.'