

Lal Tibba – Kolti – Jabarkhet

Rating: Moderate

Best time to go: Any time except the Monsoon

Length: 5 hours

Distance: 12km

Description:

This is approximately a 5 hour hike. Start at Lal Tibba, which is a low peak about half way around the figure eight route near Sisters Bazaar. Follow the trailhead just below the tower at Lal Tibba. Instead of coming around the Mussoorie side of Bear Hill and Flag Hills, you could do one of the following:

- 1) Continue around the Back of Bear and Flag Hills to a major junction and connect up a rocky stream bed path to Bata Ghat (second Jabarkhet)
- 2) From 'Kolti Two', take the path (ask!) To the pumping station and head back up to Sisters Bazaar.

'Kolti One' is about 2 hours down from Lal Tibba. It is very small. You don't actually go into the village but follow around the back of the hill and on down the mills and a bridge over the stream. 'Kolti Two' is up on the side of the valley, about 15 minutes away from the stream/ bridge. Go through the village and follow the path around the back of the hill until it comes around to its outer edge, where there is a small whitewashed temple. From the temple follow the upper path, which leads around Bear and Flag hills. Coming around Bear hill the trees give away to pines and there is a small hut beside the path. Below Flag hill you skirt the edge of a farm. When you get to a watering hole just below the road, take the path to the right leading to Jabarkhet. The path going up takes you to the base of Flag hill trail on the road and is longer.

Additional information

In September there are myriad daises below Lal Tibba. The higher parts of the path have many rhododendrons trees. The path from Kolti to the stream has a number of small landslides, some too dangerous for children! Before 'Kolti One' are places where missing the trail could mean quite a trip down the mountain!