

## Top Tibba

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**Rating:** Easy

**Best Time to go:** Year round

**Length:** 3- 4 hours

**Distance:** 18 km

#### Description:

Top Tibba is the high mountain to the east of Suakholi. There are several ways to reach the summit. The shortest way is to go up the path behind the little village of Jhalki: 1) Straight up the ridge 2) follow path below the ridge in the forest on the north side 3) follow a path below the ridge in the open grassland on the Doon side (very steep)

If one is full of spirit then any of the ridges or steep valleys leading up from Tehri Road may be followed to the top. However, during the monsoon, the valleys are dangerously slippery and cannot be recommended. On the way up, Langurs may be spotted bounding across the slopes and Lammergeiers may be sitting silently on the rocks.

At the very top is a cairn of stones with a pole in the middle. On clear days a breathtaking view of the snows spread in panoramic detail across the horizon is offered. On exceptionally clear days Nanda Devi, 242 km to the east may be viewed! The Doon valley is spread out in full view. Rivers snake their way across the valley floor. Beyond the Shivalik Mountains can be seen the endless plains. This is a good hike for one day. If more than one water bottle is needed, you may quench your thirst at the tea stalls at Suakholi. Camping spots are few on Top Tibba. It is suggested that the hiker take any level area below the ridge on the wooded side.