

Auden's Col Trek



Location	Garhwal Himalaya, Uttarakhand
Area	Gangotri
Grade of trek	Hard
Co-ordinates	30°52'12"N 78°53'37"E.
Max. Altitude	5800 m
Season	mid May - September
Duration	14 days

Auden's Col, for an Introduction "Col" is a mountain pass which connects Jogin I (6465m) and Gangotri III (6580m) peaks and is reportedly situated at a height of around 5400m. It also binds two glaciers on the opposite sides. One is Khatling glacier and the other one looks like the glacier belonging to Jogin I. Auden's Col is approachable from Gangotri and one can trek up to Kedarnath following Auden's Col and Khatling glacier. Auden's Col gets its name from J B Auden- a famous British Geologist, who first crossed it in 1939-40.



Trek Itinerary

- Day 1;** Arrive Rishikesh- Uttarkashi –Gangotri-3050m (7-8 hrs)
This religious town is centered around a temple of the goddess Ganga. Overnight guesthouse.
- Day 2;** Trek Gangotri – Nalla Camp(3760m) 5-6 hrs:
Trek on the true left of the Bhagirathi river to Rudugaira Nalla. Dinner and overnight in tents.
- Day 3;** Nala Camp to Rudra Gaira Base Camp (7 km -5 hrs trek)
After breakfast this morning, we climb up to a huge meadow, cross a side stream and continue up an arduous climb all the way to Rudugaira Base camp. Dinner and overnight in tents.
- Day 4;** Rudugaira BC - B C Gangotri Group (4500m)-6 kms/5 hrs :
Trek along the trail which takes us through the terminal moraine up to the Gangotri I base camp. Dinner and overnight in tents.
- Day 5;** B C Gangotri Group - Auden Col BC(4800m)-6 km/5-6 hrs
The path continues on moraine and finally takes you to the Auden Col base camp. Overnight in tents.
- Day 6;** Auden Col B C - Khatling Glacier via Auden's Col (5400m)-12 km 10 hrs
Challenging Day . Atop the col, we'll be rewarded with excellent views of Jaonli, Kedarnath, Jogin and Gangotri. Dinner and overnight in tents.
- Day 7;** Khatling Glacier Camp - Waterfall Camp/Zero Point (4210m)-12 km/10 hrs
The trek is technical and requires use of technical gear. river. Overnight in tent Glacier Camp 2
- Day 8;** Trek to Khatling cave(3400m)-4-5 hrs:
The Khatling glacier gives birth to the Bhiangana river, a tributary of the Bhagirathi. Dinner and overnight in tents.
- Day 10;** Trek to Kharoli (2880m): The walk this day is a pleasure, as it goes through mixed forests ,we camp next to a stream at Kharoli.
- Day 11;** Trek to Gangi(2650m): We continue down the valley through forests, passing shepherd encampments on the way. Dinner and overnight in tents.
- Day 12;** Trek to Reeh, Drive to Ghuttu (1550m): We walk through the pine forests, to the road head at Reeh. On arrival, a vehicle will be waiting to take us down 4 kms to Ghuttu. Overnight in guesthouse.
- Day 13;** Ghuttu (Rest Day): This is a spare day built into the itinerary, in case we get delayed on the trek. Overnight in guesthouse.
- Day 14;** Drive Ghuttu – Rishikesh- Delhi: Today you will be driven back to Haridwar, in time to board your onward train to Delhi.



Program Highlights

- Camp & Jungle craft
- Navigation skills
- Expedition planning
- Team building
- Eco-sensitivity
- Community Service
- Mountain Eco-System