



## Overview

### About Karnala Fort Trek

Karnala fort also called Funnel Hill is a hill fort in Raigad District about 10 km from [Panvel city](#), 65km from Mumbai city, situated along the Mumbai-Goa highway. Currently, it is a protected place lying within the Karnala Bird Sanctuary. The fort of Karnala is famous for its strange pinnacle and the bird sanctuary that is set up amidst the forest. Today, the ruins of the fort are a popular destination for hiking and tourism. This Fort is at a height of approx 1500 ft. It is a great trek for beginners and for parents who want to introduce their children to trekking and Mother Nature.

#### History Karnala Fort

This stunning quaint fort is one of the best specimens of the 13th-century constructions. It is likely to be constructed under the rule of Yadavs and Tuglaq before the 14th century. This fort was of great strategic importance as it overlooked the Bor Pass which connected Konkan to the Vidharba region of Maharashtra. This pass was the main trade route of these areas and a person who controlled Karnala had an 'eye' on the trade. Till 15th century the fort was under Nizamshahi rule.

When Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, wanted to capture the fort, his army initially surrounded the fort. They built temporary obstructions and continued to attack. After a few days, they captured the fort. After that the Mughal Empire, the Angres and Peshwas ruled the fort. In 1818, colonel Brother of the British captured it. Finally, the tricolor was



furled here. However, the cisterns here show that the fort is ancient and dates back to the 12th century.

### Best time for Fort Karnala Trek

During the monsoons, you can see songbirds like the paradise flycatcher, magpie robin, and the Malabar whistling thrush. There is also the racket-tailed drongo that can be seen. The best time to see migratory birds at the Karnala is between the months of October and April.

A variety of colorful birds such as the ashy minivet, red-breasted flycatcher, blackbird, black-headed cuckoo-shrike, blue-throat, Green Bee-eater, chestnut headed green bee-eater, blue-tailed bee-eater, Purple Rumped Sunbird, Coppersmith Barbet, Tailor Bird, White Spotted Fantail, Golden Oriole, Red Vented Bulbul, Red Whiskered Bulbul, White-throated Kingfisher, Cattle Egret and the blue-headed rock thrush can be spotted. The surrounding landscapes are hauntingly beautiful as the pinnacle is draped by the clouds and mist during monsoon.

### Karnala Trek Details

It is a wonderful trek of 2 hours from the bottom of the hill. Once you enter the bird sanctuary there are essentially two routes that wind through the forest and lead to the trail up the mountain. The main route is a well-defined trail and goes straight through the center of the forest. The alternate route is a crude track that encircles the sanctuary before rejoining the main trail. The final climbing steps near the entrance of the fort are made safe by iron railings

Karnala fort actually consists of two forts one at a higher level and other lower. At the center of the higher level is a 125 feet high basalt pillar. It is also called Pandu's tower. This structure was used as watchtower when the fort was occupied however now it is in a ruined condition. The presence of bee hives also makes it difficult to climb and have resulted in at least one casualty in recent times. It is not advisable to cook food at the base of the pinnacle, as the smell of smoke irritates the Honey Bees.

There is a water cistern which provides fresh water all year long. There is a temple dedicated to goddess Bhavani located at the bottom of the fort. Bhavani Temple.



## Karnala Event Details

- Trek Difficulty: Easy to Medium
- Trek Distance: 3 km
- Washroom Available at the base village
- Location: Near Panvel
- Karnala Fort Height: 1500 ft
- Karnala Fort: Hill Fort
- Base Village: Shirdhon
- District: Raigad

### Cost for Karnala Trek

- Cost without transport: Rs. 599/- per person
- Cost with transport: Rs. 1199/- per person (Mumbai to Mumbai)

Receive a trekking E-certificate on completion of the Karnala fort trek.

## How to Register

You can register on this link - <https://logout.world/tours/karnala-fort-trek/>

## Karnala Fort Trek Event Itinerary

### Day 1

- 05:00 am - Meet at Borivali National Park main gate. (<https://goo.gl/maps/65qVB7H4swdFjjWs6>)
- 05:10 am - Leave for the trek.
- 05:20 am – Pick up at Virwani Bus Stop, Goregaon. (<https://goo.gl/maps/youofNYahBSwqsms8>)
- 05:30 am - Pick up at Gundavali Bus Stop, Andheri East. (<https://goo.gl/maps/gorbeX9fencdiqfh8>)



- 05:40 am - Pick up at Kalanagar bus stop, Bandra. (<https://goo.gl/maps/CAsqYFeK8aTRBk9B7>)
- 05:45 am - Pick up at Everard Nagar bus stop, Sion. (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/nLw5e7K6QTbwywa99>)
- 06:00 am - Pick up at Diamond Garden, Chembur. (<https://goo.gl/maps/y2rbSdA3VyMhoudC7>)
- 06:25 am - Pick up at Vashi Plaza. (<https://goo.gl/maps/uY6ZEs9hyiviHfKQ9>)
- 06:55 am - Pick up at McDonald's, Kalamboli. (<https://goo.gl/maps/EJksuJiNC8uVFaoM7>)

07:30 am - Reach at base village and have breakfast.

08:00 am - Start ascending.

10:00 am - Reach the top and explore.

11:00 am - Start descending.

01:00 pm - Reach base village and have Lunch. (Lunch by your own)

02:00 pm - Start return journey towards Mumbai.

06:00 pm - Approx. arrival at Mumbai.

## Highlights

- Rich history dating back to 13th century.
- Strategic importance overlooking Bor Pass.
- Various rulers: Nizamshahi, Mughals, Angres, Peshwas.
- Migratory birds from Oct to Apr.
- Two-hour trek through lush bird sanctuary.
- Safety ensured with iron railings.
- Two levels: Pandu's Tower, ancient ruins.
- Year-round fresh water cistern.



- Temple dedicated to goddess Bhavani.

## Please note

- Please carry packed lunch.
- Please wear trekking shoes for this trek with a good grip.
- Those who are coming by their own vehicle, reach at base village on time.

## Inclusions

- 1 veg Breakfast
- Mumbai to Mumbai travel by private non-AC bus
- Entry fee
- Trek Leader Expertise Charges
- E-certificate

## Exclusions

- Lunch for the trek
- Travel till base village and back (without transport option)
- Entry fee for foreign nationals
- Mineral water/lime water/ purchased for personal consumption
- All kinds of Extra Meals / soft drinks ordered
- Any kind of personal expenses
- Any kind of cost which is not mentioned in the cost includes above
- All expenses incurred due to unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances like roadblocks, bad weather
- Any medical / Emergency evacuations if required

## Highlights

- 2/3 liters of water.
- Lunch for the trek.
- Trekking Shoes provide more grip and comfort on trek.
- One Day Backpack 20 to 30 liters.



- Good Torch must with extra battery.
- Some Dry fruits / Dry Snacks / Energy Bars.
- Glucon D / ORS / Tang / Gatorade sachets.
- Sun Cap and Sunscreen.
- Personal First aid and Personal Medicine.
- Identity Proof.
- Please wear Full sleeves and Full Track Pant this will protect from Summer Sun / Thorns / Insects / Prickles.

## Cancellation Policy

- 75% refund if notified via phone conversation 8 or more days prior to the event date.
- 50 % refund if notified via phone conversation 4 to 7 days prior to the event date.
- No refund if the cancellation requested is less than 3 days prior to the event date
- No show No Refund.
- Event Tickets cannot be transferred to another date against cancellation.
- Event Tickets cannot be transferred to another person against cancellation.
- If the event gets canceled we will refund "Trek Amount" only.
- If the event is canceled due to any natural calamity, political unrest or other such reasons beyond our control the same cancellation policy will apply.
- Refunds won't be issued if you cannot attend the event due to heavy rains, floods, traffic jams, car breakdowns or a personal medical emergency.
- Your booking cannot be shifted to another date if you cannot attend the event due to heavy rains, floods, traffic jams, car breakdowns, or a personal medical emergency.
- If your area is prone to flooding, traveling from a flooded area, heavy traffic, heavy rains, missing the train, or any other reason, if you cannot attend the event, we won't issue a refund or shift you to another date.
- Management won't be held responsible if you are stuck due to heavy rains, traffic jams, personal emergencies or floods during the event.
- If you are bringing kids, please understand the possibility of getting stuck or delayed. You might have to stay back due to heavy rains, floods, bus breakdowns, and rush at the trekking destination. We won't be able to refund or shift you to another date. You will have to wait it out till the weather clears.



- Due to bad weather, floods, sudden changes in government rules, and overcrowding at the destination trek, the organizer has the right to change the trekking destination.
- During the trek, due to any circumstances seen or unseen trek leader has the right to cancel the trek for safety reason. No refund shall be issued.

## Treks and Trails Event Rules

- Kindly carry one Identity proof, at least for the trek with your address.
- We all are going for an adventurous and exciting trekking expedition; please Do Not misinterpret it as a PICNIC or LEISURE TOUR.
- The leader's decision will be final, and all the members should abide by it.
- We do not destroy or dirty the archaeological, historical monuments, natural habitat on the trek.
- Swimming is not allowed in the lake or water tank on the forts. Locals use that water for drinking.
- Putting your feet in water tanks or on the canon is not allowed on our treks.
- Any addiction is strictly prohibited, e.g. drinking, smoking, chewing tobacco anyone caught doing it will have to exit the trek without a refund and travel back on own expense.
- People caught smoking or drinking alcohol will be asked to exit the event on an immediate basis.
- Please do not carry or wear any valuables, ornaments, jewellery, etc. If carried, then we Do Not take any liability for the same.
- Rock Climbing, Rappelling, Trekking, or any adventure activity is potentially risky. For all these events, you are at your own risk. Organizers are not responsible for any accident or compensation in whatsoever manner.
- We should strictly follow the code of conduct to avoid troubling our fellow trekkers or other people from our group or outside.
- Listening to music on earphones or Bluetooth speakers is not allowed while trekking.
- Bluetooth speaker not allowed inside the homestay or camping tents.
- Drinking/smoking,/eating is not allowed inside the tents.
- If you damage the tent, break the tent poles, you will have to pay us for the whole new tent on MRP.



- If you are late for the bus pickup and are not reachable on the phone during your bus pickup, the trek leader will leave without you, and we will provide no refund.
- Please check things to carry and wear trekking shoes on our treks.

## Itinerary

Are you an adventurer who loves [trekking](#)? Completing a trek can be a life-changing experience that leaves you with unforgettable memories. To commemorate your achievement, TreksandTrails provides e-certificates to all participants who successfully complete their trek. These e-certificates include your name, the name of the trek you completed, the date of completion, and a digital signature from [TreksandTrails](#). They are a perfect way to showcase your accomplishment to the world and share your trekking journey with your loved ones. By receiving an e-certificate from TreksandTrails, you can proudly display your achievement on your social media platforms and inspire others to embark on their own adventures.

### Here are some FAQs about our e-certificates:

#### Q: What is an e-certificate for trekkers and hikers?

A: An e-certificate is a digital certificate awarded to participants upon completion of a trek or hike. It serves as proof of participation and achievement.

#### Q: How do I receive an e-certificate from TreksandTrails?

A: Upon completion of your trek or hike with TreksandTrails, you will be sent an email with a link to your e-certificate. You can download it from the link and save it on your device or share it on social media platforms.

#### Q: Can I share my e-certificate on social media platforms?

A: Yes, you can share your e-certificate on all social media platforms. The e-certificate is designed to be easily shareable, so you can show off your achievement to your friends and family.





## Eligibility Criteria for a Trekking Certificate:

To be eligible for a trekking certificate, individuals must demonstrate adherence to safety rules, teamwork, and cooperation.

Participants must achieve the following requirements for earning a trekking certificate: completion of the trek; physical fitness; teamwork and cooperation; knowledge of safety rules; environmental awareness; a positive attitude; great attendance; and punctuality. We appreciate their commitment to the sport of trekking and acknowledge their achievements.

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## Karnala Trek 2024 | Karnala Fort Trek from Mumbai & Pune

Monsoon Trek to Karnala Fort by Treks and Trails India. Karnala Bird Sanctuary is one of the scenic getaways, not very far from the city of Mumbai.

Karnala fort is a hill fort in Raigad district about 10 km from Panvel city. Currently it is a protected place lying within the Karnala Bird Sanctuary.

Karnala fort also known as the Funnel Hill is a hill fort in Raigad district, about 10 km from Panvel city and 65 km from Mumbai.

Karnala is a refreshing break from the big city - come here to watch the birds and wildlife, come here to picnic and to trek, and while you are enjoying all this, do spare a thought for preserving the ecology and tranquillity of the sanctuary.

### How to Reach Karnala Fort or Karnala Bird Sanctuary ?

For Participant Travelling from Mumbai or Pune for Karnala Trek

- Need to reach Panvel Railway Station or Panvel Bus Depot
- We will board local bus to Karnala Bird Sanctuary or Hire Rickshaw
- You can also drive to Karnala Bird Sanctuary using Google maps gps.
- Any bus travelling on the Mumbai-Goa highway can take you there.

### How can I reach karnala?



Central Railway trains from CST Station stop at Panvel, 12 km from the sanctuary; from here you can catch autorickshaws, taxis and buses. State Transport buses run from Mumbai Central to Karnala. You can hire an Taxi from Mumbai or Pune and shouldn't be very expensive.

### How do I get to karnala bird sanctuary?

To reach Karnala Bird Sanctuary in Raigad, Maharashtra, you can avail of the Central Railway trains from VT Station to get down at Panvel, situated 12 km from the sanctuary. Auto rickshaws, taxis and buses are available from Panvel. State Transport buses run from Mumbai Central to Karnala.

### Who built karnala fort?

History of Karnala Fort. The Karnala Fort was built by the Devagiri Yadavs and the Tughlaq rulers before 1400.

### How do you get to karnala Fort Trek?

The nearest train station to this picturesque location is Panvel. From Panvel you can hire an auto rickshaw, bus or a taxi to reach Karnala. Not many direct buses are available to the Funnel Hill, you can board a bus going to Alibag, Pen or Roha to reach Karnala.

**Karnala** is famous tourist destination in Maharashtra. Located near Mumbai on Mumbai-Goa highway, this place is best a must visit for weekend holidays spot.

Weekday trek to Karnala fort is the perfect trip where you get a chance to trek to the top of the hill forts and witness the wildlife of this region.

A renowned fort city, Karnala is set in the Raigad district within the state of Maharashtra. It is located at an elevation of about 439 m above sea level and is surrounded by dense green forests and lofty mountain ranges on either side.

Karnala is a quaint fort overlooking a sprawling bird sanctuary. It is an absolute beginner's trek amidst the natural flora and fauna.

Perfect for nature lovers, adventure seekers and history buffs - an exciting trek to the famous Karnala fort in Maharashtra along with a birding experience.



Sign up for a monsoon trek to Karnala, where you'll hike through a green bird sanctuary and explore an ancient fort.

Serene trek to Karnala !! About the Karnala Trek : Karnala is a famous bird sanctuary located on Mumbai Goa Highway. It also houses a small fort at top.

Karnala fort is counted as one of the best winter treks since the weather is pleasant and you can see a lot of bird activity in the jungle.

The karnala bird sanctuary is located in panvel taluka of raigad district, outside mumbai, india near matheran and karjat.

A little away from the Mumbai-Pune Expressway is the Karnala Bird Sanctuary filled with species of both flora and fauna that are sure to astound you.

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The sprawling Karnala Bird Sanctuary and Nature Park in Panvel is home to over 222 species of birds. If you are a nature lover – this place is paradise!

Popular with bird-watchers and trekkers, Karnala Bird Sanctuary lies 60 km from Mumbai and 12 km from Panvel.

### **Unveiling Karnala's Charms**

**Karnala Hotels:** To enhance your stay, we'll guide you through some of the finest hotels in close proximity to Karnala Fort, ensuring a comfortable and enjoyable visit.

**Karnala Fort Haunted:** Explore the legends and stories that shroud Karnala Fort in an air of mystery. Is it truly haunted? We'll uncover the myths and facts.

**Karnala Fort from Pune:** Discover the most convenient ways to reach Karnala Fort from Pune, making your journey hassle-free and filled with scenic beauty.



Karnala Resort: If you prefer a luxurious stay, we'll introduce you to the top resorts near Karnala Fort, offering a perfect blend of relaxation and adventure.

Karnala Bird Sanctuary Entry Fees: Plan your visit to the Karnala Bird Sanctuary with insights into the entry fees, contributing to the conservation of diverse avian species.

Karnala Fort Events: Stay updated on the exciting events held at Karnala Fort throughout the year, from cultural festivals to historical reenactments.

Karnala Camping: Experience the thrill of camping near Karnala Fort, immersing yourself in nature's beauty and tranquility.

In case your question is not listed above, you can email us at [highfive@treksandtrails.org](mailto:highfive@treksandtrails.org)

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