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About Chail, Himachal Pradesh



ABOUT CHAIL



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Location:

Latitude : 25°25'34" Longitude : 81°37'57" Altitude : 2250 Meters

Chail is a hill station in Himachal Pradesh, India.

It is known for its salubrious beauty and virgin forests. Chail Palace is well known for its architecture and was built as a summer retreat by the Maharaja of Patiala during the British Raj, on the land allotted to him by the British for the former's assistance in the Anglo-Nepalese War. The cricket ground which is at an altitude of 2,444 m was owned by the erstwhile royal family of Patiala. It is the world's highest cricket ground. Chail is also frequented by hikers as it offers wonderful views of the lower Himalayas. It has good trekking points from Junga, Kufri and Ashwani Khad at Solan. Many eco camps are held here. There are many camping sites for campers and hikers too, making Chail a sought after destination for enthusiasts.

Chail is surrounded by the forests of chir pine and deodar and is pleasant in summers and cold in winters. Average annual rainfall is about 150 mm.

Local Attractions

Stoned Kumbh Shiv Temple

Distance – 0.9 Kms.

Built by just one man over 40 years and dedicated to the Hindu god Shiva. Located merely a short walk away from the hotel this hilltop temple is truly a mustvisit for its unique architecture.

Chail Gurudwara Sahib

Distance – 4.7 Kms.

Chail Gurudwara Sahib is another of the main attractions of this hill station, constructed by the Maharaja even before the palace was built. The Gurudwara was built in an Indo-Western style in 1907, and the 22 feet (6.7 m) high wooden roof is its main highlighting feature.

Rastriya Military School

Distance – 5.3 Kms.

Rastriya Military School, Chail is one of five Military Schools in the country, where about 300 cadets from pan-India are groomed to be future leaders of country.

Chail Cricket Ground

Distance – 6.1 Kms.

Surrounded by thick forests of deodar, the wellmaintained Chail Cricket Ground is the highest cricket ground in the world. It was built in 1893 and is located at an altitude of 8,018 feet (2,444 m). Chail served as the summer capital of Maharaja Bhupinder Singh who was an avid cricket lover. It is used as a school playground by Rastriya Military School. During the vacations it is also used as a polo ground. There is a basketball court as well. In one corner of the ground there is a historic tree on which the Rastriya Military School has constructed a tree house.

Sidh Baba ka Mandir

Distance – 6.2 Kms.

A revered religious temple built by Maharaja Bhupinder Singh of Patiala dedicated to the Hindu saint Sidh Baba and located atop a hill between Pandhawa and Rajgarh characterized by towering hills and lush green forests. According to legend, the king had commenced the construction of a palace at this place when one day Sidh Baba appeared in his dreams and told him that this site was where he used to meditate and also his final resting place. In honor of the saint, he built this sacred temple.

Model Floriculture Centre

Distance – 7.7 Kms.

Sanctioned in 1998 by the Government of India this center at Mahog Bag produces disease-free quality flowers like Alstroemeria, Gladiolus, and Gerbera amongst others. It also provides training to flower growers in the state.

Kali Ka Tibba

Distance – 10.1 Kms.

Kali Ka Tibba is situated on top of a hill. Also known as Kali Devi Temple, it attracts a lot of pilgrims and tourists from all over the world. From the peak, you get a breathtaking view of Choor Chandni and the Shivalik range.

Around Chail

Keonthal

Distance – 12.3 Kms.

Present-day Junga was the capital of erstwhile princely state Keonthal ruled by the Chandrabansi dynasty. HH Hitender Sen was the 77th and last ruler of the Keonthal state. It is strategically located at the center of the triangle formed by Shimla, Chail, and Kufri.

Sadhupul

Distance – 20.6 Kms.

If you're looking for something out of the blue then head to Sadhupul. This beautiful river is famous for its restaurant on the lake where wooden tables and chairs are spaced across the waterbody.

Kufri

Distance – 22.6 Kms.

Kufri is a hill station located 14.4 Kms from the state capital Shimla and 22.6 Kms from the hotel on National Highway 22, offering a panoramic view of the surrounding verdant valleys and snow-capped peaks. An annual winter sports festival is organized in Kufri in February, which is a major attraction for tourists. Skiing, go-karting at Kufri Fun World, and sledding are the most popular sports here, while pony rides at Mahasu peak are enjoyed by kids and older people. Boasting considerable rich endemic wildlife, the Himalayan National Park is a delight to wildlife enthusiasts as well as trekking lovers.

Chail Sanctuary

Distance – 29.0 Kms.

The sanctuary was notified on 21 March, 1976 near the hill station and covers an area of about 10,854.36 hectares. It has "ghoral", "kakkar", "sambhar", "red jungle fowl" and "khalij" and "cheer" pheasants. Machan like sighting posts have been built at Khuruin.

Jakhoo Temple

Distance – 35.9 Kms.

Jakhoo Temple is an ancient temple in Shimla, dedicated to the Hindu deity Hanuman. It is located on Jakhoo Hill, Shimla's highest peak, 2.5 Kms east of the Ridge at a height of 8,054 feet (2,455 m) above sea level.

Army Heritage Museum

Distance – 39.1 Kms.

Nestled amidst towering mountains with Annandale as the backdrop the Army Heritage Museum is home to a collection of both modern and traditional weapons and armory including landmarks of the 1971 battle and Kargil war. There is also a parade ground and greenhouse.

Viceregal Lodge & botanical Gardens

Distance – 40.3 Kms.

Built in 1888 as the residence of British Viceroy Lord Dufferin and surrounded by well-maintained gardens and lawns ringed by beautiful pine trees and rose plants. It is now known as Rashtrapati Niwas and students come for higher studies. The building has a Renaissance style of architecture wherein the color of the limestone is grey.