

Section Three Potential Trails

Trails per Development Region

This section gives a description of potential trekking routes (main and side trails) of the proposed GHT and includes additional information regarding peak seasons for trekking.

MID WESTERN DEVELOPMENT REGION

	HUMLA			
Trekking areas	Trek	Route	Brief description of the route	
	Limi Valley	Fly from Nepalgunj - Simikot - Muchu	This is one of the more adventurous and	
	Circuit	- Yari Hilsa - (Gateway to Mt Kailash) -	difficult treks back to Simikot from Hilsa.	
		Halji - Limi - Palilagna - (Via Kermi or	Limi is the only VDC in Humla that lies	
Major trails		Hepka) - Simikot	in the trans-Himalayan zone.	
			This is a difficult route to trek since no	
			facilities are available throughout the	
			trail. To go through this trail, experience	
			and good equipment is needed.	
	Changla Valley	Fly from Nepalgunj - Simikot - Muchu -		
	Circuit	Yari - Hilsa - (Gateway to Mt Kailash) -		
		Halji - Limi - Kharching - Raling Gompa -		
Alternative		Simikot		
routes	Mt Saipal	Fly from Nepalgunj - Simikot - Muchu -		
	Circuit	Pujya - Sain - Gumba - Thali - Chhipra		
		(near Simikot)		
	Kailash	Simikot - Yari - Hilsa - (option via Limi	This trip is mostly regarded as a	
	Pilgrimage	Valley) - Lake Mansarovar & Mt Kailash	pilgrimage trek.	
	Route	in Tibet, (China) - Hilsa - Simikot		

	MUGU			
Trekking areas	Trek	Route	Brief description of the route	
	Rara Trek	Simikot - Chhipra - Yakhu - Maragaon -	The trek from Simikot to Jumla via Mugu	
	Simikot -	Rimi - (Via Gamgadhi or Rara Lake) -	is a spectacular one. Rara Lake, the	
	Jumla	Pina - Bhulbule - Chauth - Riyan -	focal point of Rara National Park, is one	
Major trails		Patmara - Jumla	of the most attractive destinations in	
			western Nepal. The route is very much	
			'off-the-beaten-track' and affords	
			glimpses of cultures and scenery very	
			different from the rest of Nepal.	

	JUMLA				
Trekking areas	Trek	Route	Brief description of the route		
	Jumla -	Fly to Jumla - Sinja Valley - Ulthugaon -	This area is one of the least inhabited		
	Simikot Trek	Thimichaur - Riyan - Chauth - Bhulbule -	trekking routes giving a feel for the		
Major trails		Rara Lake - Gamgadhi - Dharma - Simikot	natural environment of Nepal. The		
		OR Fly to Jumla - Sinja Valley - Baregaon -	trekking route has not been heavily		
		Laduk - Okharpata - Rara National Park -	travelled yet.		
		Rara Lake - Gamgadhi - Dharma - Simikot			



		DOLPA	
Trekking areas	Trek	Route	Brief description of the route
Major trails	Dolpa Experience Circuit	Dunai - Jiyalas - Hanke - Ringmo - Phoksundo Tal - Kharba - Dho - Thore - Chharka Bhot - Sangda Bhanjyang - Sangda - Phalla - Jomsom	The trail starts in the tropical Mayagdi Valley, crosses several high passes before getting to Tichurong and the Buddhist enclave of Dho. Then it continuous till the famous Phoksundo Lake.
	Lower Dolpo Trek	Nepalgunj to Juphal by flight & trek to Dunai - Ankhe - Somdu - Phoksundo - Sallaghari - Yak Kharka - Shey Gompa - Saldang Yak Kharka - Thaksema - Dhotarap - River side - Odar - Eklebhatti - Dunai - Juphal flight to Nepalganj	
Altownstiwe	Upper Dolpa Trek	Nepalganj to Juphal by flight Dunai - Hanke Check Post - Reji - Ringmo (Shey-Phoksundo Lake) - Rest day - Silver Forest - Sehula Bhanjyang	
Alternative routes		(Ngondala) Base camp - Shey Gompa - Saldang - Rest day - Sibu - Jenjla La Base Camp - Se La Base Camp - Dho Tarap - Big Cave - Lahini - Tarakot - Heute Ghar - Dunai - Juphal - Nepalgunj	
	Dare Devil's Trail	Fly to Jumla - Sinja Valley - Ulhugaon - Thimichaur - Riyan - Chauth - Bhulbule - Rara Lake - Gamgadhi - Tirpa - Kharki - Bangi - Jhonpala - Shey Gompa - Phuksondo Tal/Numa La - Dho	This trail is a very strenuous one. It will take approximately 3 weeks. For this trek, experience and good equipment is needed.
	Other short trails	Dunai - Tarakot - Shatar - Bantargaon - Kolagaon - Kkotgaon - Mukutgad - Marpha - Jomsom Dunai - Tarakot - Shatar - Bantargaon - Kolagaon - Kkotgaon - Mukutgad - Sangda - Bhanjyang - Sangde - Phalla - Jomsom	

WESTERN DEVELOPMENT REGION

	MUSTANG			
Trekking areas	Trek	Route	Brief description of the route	
	Jomsom -	Fly to Jomsom - Lupra - Eklebhatti -	The trek normally continues from	
Major trails	Muktinath	Muktinath - Thorungla Pass - Thorung	Jomsom via Eklebhatti up to Muktinath	
	Trek	Phedi - Manang	(famous pilgrimage site for both	
			Buddhists and Hindus).	
	Lo Manthang	Jomsom - Kagbeni - Chele - Geling-	The trek to Upper Mustang is a rare	
	Trek	Charang - Lo Manthang - Ghami via	privilege. The trek continues till the	
Alternative		Gekar - Samar - Kagbeni - Jomsom -	ancient walled fortress city of Lo	
routes		Pokhara	Manthang. Same trail is followed to head	
			back towards Jomsom via Muktinath.	
	Other short	Jomsom - Marpha - Tukche - Kobang -		
	trek	Lete - Ghassa - Tatopani		

	MANANG			
Trekking areas	Trek	Route	Brief description of the route	
	Nar Phu Trek	Fly to Humde - Nar or Pisang - Chame -	The trek to Nar and Phu provides	
		Bagarchhap - Dharapani - Ghermu -	magnificent views of Kangaru Himal, Ratna	
		Thulobesi - Bahundanda - Khudi -	Chuli. This trek allows trekkers to	
Major trails		Basisahar	experience living cultures. Besides the	
			Kangla Pass (5200 m), which links Nar to	
			the Nyeshang valley, the most direct	
			route from Kathmandu to Nar Phu is	
			along the Marshyangdi river.	
	Tilicho Lake	Jomsom - Kagbeni - Muktinath - Thorung	This trek provides the spectacular	
	Trek	La Pass - Thorong Phedi - Yak Kharka -	experience of Lake Tilicho, which has	
		Khansar - Tilicho Lake - Tilicho Base Camp	great religious significance for the	
Alternative		- Manna - Pisang - Manang	Hindus. The lake collects the glacial melt	
routes			of the entire northern slopes of	
			Annapurna and Thorong Peak.	
	Other side	Humde - Nar or Chame - Nar - Kyang -		
	trail	Phugaon - Naru - Tashi Lakpa Gaomba		

		GORKHA	
Trekking areas	Trek	Route	Brief description of the route
	Gorkha Trek	Besisahar - Bahundanda - Ghermu -	This is a popular trek from Gorkha or
		Dharapani - Karche - Larkya - Lho - Lhi -	Trisuli Bazaar to Buri Gandaki. It passes
		Bihi - Lukuwa - Arughat - Gorkha -	through a deep precipitous valley to the
		Besisahar	contrasting world of Sama, crossing
		OR	snow-covered Larkya La before
Major trails		Gorkha - Arughat - Dhunche - Yarsa -	descending to the Marsyangdi Khola. This
		Keraunja - Sathigaon - Somdang -	trek leads very close to the Tibetan
		Gatlang - Goljung - Syabrubesi - Lama	border. It is considered the most difficult
		otel - Ghodatabela - Langtang - Jugal	trek because of narrow/steep trails and
		Himal - Kyanjin Gompa - Tilmans Pass	high altitudes (5,213 m).
		(difficult) - Panch Pokhai - Bhairab Kund -	
		Tabgaon - Balephi - Barabise	



	RASUWA			
Trekking areas	Trek	Routes	Brief description of the route	
Major trails	Langtang Trek	Kathmandu - Dhunche/Syabrubesi - Thulo Syabru - Lama Hotel - Langtang - Kyanjin Gompa - Lama Hotel - Bridhhim- Syabrubesi - Kathmandu	To return from Langtang an alternative route via Ganja La Pass could be also taken.	
	Langtang - Helambu Trek	Kathmandu - Dhunche - Syabru Village - Lama Hotel - Langtang Village - Kyanjin Gompa - Langtang Village - Lama Hotel - Syabru Village - Sing Gompa - Gosaikunda - Ghopte Cave - Melamchi Gaun - Tarke Ghyang - Sermathang - Melamchi Bazaar - Kathmandu		
Alternative routes	Gosaikunda Trek	Kathmandu - Dhunche - Chandanbari - Lauribina - Gosaikunda - Chandanbari - Dhunche - Kathmandu	Gosainkunda is a sacred lake and is a "mini trek" by itself. It can be done in four days. Gosainkunda is one of the most popular pilgrimage destinations for Hindus and Buddhists. Because the trail involves a rapid ascent to a high elevation (4,380 m) it is best done after acclimatising in Langtang or Helambu.	
	Tamang Heritage Trail	Kathmandu - Dhunche/Syabrubesi - Goljung - Gatlang - Tatopani - Thuman - Bridhim - Syabrubesi or Langtang trek - Kathmandu	Tourism activities in this trail include: a village walk, cultural performance, a natural hot spring bath, etc. The accommodation facilities have been recently developed. The trail may end at Bridhim village or follow the Langtang trek from Bridhim village via Kyanjin.	

CENTRAL DEVELOPMENT REGION^a

		SINDHUPALCHOWK	
Trekking areas	Trek	Routes	Brief description of the route
Major trails	Helambu Circuit	Syabru - Sing Gompa - Gosaikunda - Ghopte Cave - Melamchi Gaun - Tarke Ghyang - Sermathang - Melamchi Bazaar - Kathmandu	There are many variations possible for trekking in Helambu. The circuit starting in Melamchi Pul and ending at Sundarijal is the most recommended.
	Panch Pokhari Trek	Kathmandu to Chautara - Gairi or Nikunja - Kamikharka - Pauwa - Hille - Narsing Pati - Panch Pokhari (Lake) - Chhimti - Tipini - Melamchi Pul - Bazaar - Kathmandu	
Alternative routes	Ganja La Pass Camping Trek	Ganjala Pass - Surya Kunda - Gosaikunda/ Melamchi Gaon - Tarkigang - Sermathang - Tapgaon - Bhairabkund - Panch Pohari - Jugal Himal - Kyanjin Gompa	The route to Ganja La starts above the settlement at Kyangjn Gompa in the Langtang Valley. The pass is clearly visible from Kyangjin, just to the east of the peak of Naya Kanga. The trail follows a small valley before reaching the glaciated pass where the use of ropes, crampons and ice axes may be necessary.

a There is no table for Dhading as information is not available.

	DOLAKHA			
Trekking areas	Trek	Route	Brief description of the route	
Major trails	Rolwaling Trek	Barhabise - Dolangsa - Thingsangla Pass - Bigu - Loting - Laduk - Yarsa - Orang - Chhetchet - Simigaon - Riman - Beding - Na- Kabuk - Tsho Rolpa - Tashi Lapsa - Thyangboche - Thame - Khusug - Syangboche - Namche - Lukla	The trek heads to Tashi Laptsa, the most difficult pass of this region. After crossing the pass, trekkers can go to Thame, Namche and Lukla. From Thame, one can trek to the Everest Base Camp and then fly out to Kathmandu from Lukla.	
Alternative	Tashi Lapcha Expedition	Barabise - Dolangsa - Thingsangla - Bigu - Loting - Laduk - Mabu - Kalpokhari - Yahlung La - Kubuk - Tsho Rolpa - Tashi Lapcha - Thyangboche - Thame - Khusug - Syangboche - Namche - Lukla		
routes	Other side trail	Barabise - Charikot - Jiri - Junbesi - Rapcha - Jubin - Lukla - Dudh Pokhari - Tamku - Mantewa - Seduwa - Num - Manebhanjyang - Khandbari - Tumlingtar		
	Other side trail	Barabise - Charikot - Jiri - Junbesi - Rapcha - Jubing - Chheskan - Gudel - Sonam - Salpapass - Dobhane - Tamku - Mantewa - Chhoyan - Seduwa - Num - Mure - Manebhanjyang - Khandbari		

EASTERN DEVELOPMENT REGION

	SOLUKHUMBU			
Trekking areas	Trek	Route	Brief description of the route	
	Everest	Piguti - Manthale - Simigaon - Cyalche -	The normal goal of the Everest trek is	
	Base Camp	Beding - Tsho Rolpa - Trambau -	reaching Everest Base Camp, but as Mt	
	Trek	Parchamo - Thengpo - Thame - Khumjung	Everest cannot be seen from the base	
		- Pangboche - Lobuche - Gorakshep -	camp, most trekkers climb to Kalapathar	
		climb up to Kalapathar Base Camp and	or trek to Gokyo Ri. There is a good view	
		back Gorakshep - Gorakshep - Everest	of Everest from these view points. This	
Major trails		Base Camp - Gorakshep - Lobuche -	area also offers high passes, superb	
		Dingboche - Tyangboche - Namche	mountain views, beautiful lakes and the	
		Bazaar - Lukla	possibilities to experience the Sherpa	
			culture.	
	Culture Trek	Chyalsa - Kaku - Basa - Nunthala -	This trek gives visitors an opportunity to	
		Dudhkunda - Takshindu - Ringmo - Phaplu	discover and interact with the local	
			Khaling Rai and Sherpa people. Here one	
			can experience rugged landscapes, a	
			variety of flora and fauna and beautiful	
			villages.	

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		SOLUKHUMBU CONTINUED	
Trekking areas	Trek	Route	Brief description of the route
Alternative routes	Pikey Peak Trek	Phaplu - Salleri - Chayalsa - Naya Bazaar - Bhitakharka - Merandi - Kerung - Patale - Chagesthan - Sigane - Jhapre - Bhulbhule - Lama Mane - Pikey Base Camp - Jase Bhanjyang - Lamjura Pass - Taktor - Junbesi - Thuptencholing/ Benighat - Salleri	
	Dudh Kunda Trek	Phaplu - Salleri - Chalsa - Kaku - Bedachaur - Khastap - Thulodhunga - Nunthala - Taksindu Pass	The Dudh Kunda - Khaling Rai Trek takes you through dense forests of rhododendron and a variety of wildlife.
	Namche Bazaar - Kalapathar	Namche Bazaar - Tengboche - Pangboche - Dingboche/ Pheriche - Lobuche - Kalapathar	
	Namche Bazaar - Gokyo Peak	Namche Bazaar - Khumjung/ Khunde - Dole - Mancherm - Gokyo - Gokyo Peak - Thaknak - Phortse - Pangboche	

SANKHUWASABHA					
Trekking areas	Trek	Route	Brief description of the route		
Major trails	Makalu Trek	Khandbari – Num – Seduwa – Tashi Gaon – Kauma - rest day - Mumbuk – Ripock Kharka - Makalu Base Camp Excursion - Ripock Kharka – Mumbuk – Kauma – Tashi Gaon – Num – Chichira – Khandbari – Tumlingtar	This varied trek leads east from Lukla or Phaplu, over the Salpa Pass and into Tumlingtar. Upon proceeding eastwards, a traditional village can be explored. The lush forests abound in wildlife and birds species. From the Salpa Pass, there are sweeping Himalayan views.		
Alternative routes	Makalu Base Camp	Tumlingtar - Handbari/ Manebhanjyang - Chichila - Mudeor Num - Seduwa - Hedana - Tashigaon - Hatiya - Dobato - Yangle/ Nhe Kharka - Merek - Makalu Base Camp - Lukla - Phakting - Namche - Syangboche			
	Salpa Pass Trek	Lukla - Puiyan - Pangum - Najing - Bung - Sonam - Phedi - Gothebazaar - Kattikeghat - Tumlingtar			
	Mera Peak Trek	Lukla - Chutanga - Chhetrawa - Kothe - Thagnag - Khare (Mera Peak Base Camp)	Mera Peak is one of the most popular of Nepal's 18 trekking peaks. For the trekkers, the trek from Lukla through the Sherpa country of the remote Inkhu Valley is an unforgettable experience. It offers superb scenery and abundant wildlife. Other important places are Khandbari Bazaar and Chainpur Bazaar, which are considered business centres of the district.		

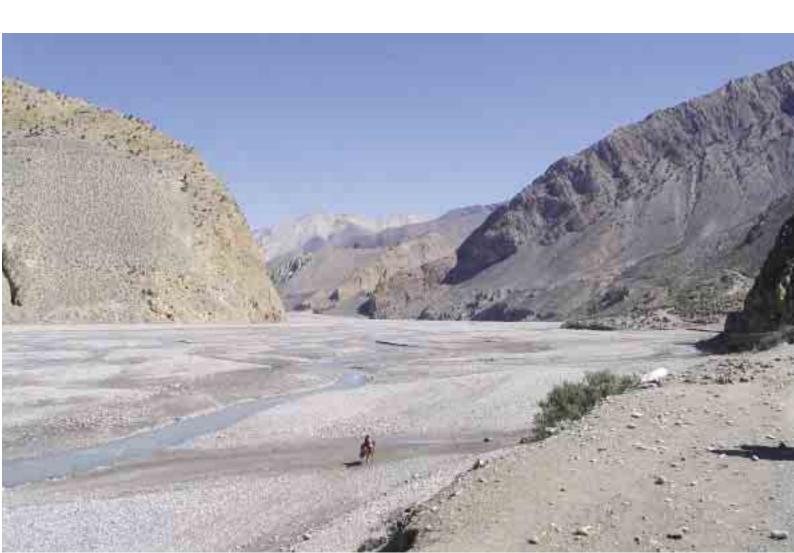
TAPLEJUNG					
Trekking areas	Trek	Route	Brief description of the route		
Major trails	Rhododendron Trail (AKA Tinjure Milke Jaljale Trail)	Fly Tumlingtar - Khandbari - Manebhanjyang - Chichila - Mure - Num - Hedana - Bedi - Paha Khola - Jaljale Himal - Panch Pokhari - Tankhu - Serup - Hellok - Gopla - Ghunsa - Nembe Pokhari - Maipeni - Lampharesm - Sapalakhu - Siman - Suketar - Taplejung	The long trek to the lap of Kangchenjunga goes through some of the country's richest and most pristine forests. The return route heading west passes through villages of Taplejung. Panoramic views of Everest, Makalu and Kangchenjunga can be seen on the easy walk down to the road head.		
	Olangchungola Circuit	Tumlingtar - Khandbari - Manebhanjyang - Chichila - Mure - Num - Hedana - Bedi - Pahakhola - Jaljale Himal - Panch Pokhari - Tanku - Serup - Hellok - Tattoma - Olangchungola - Ramte - Ghunsa - Nembe - Pokhari			
Alternative routes	Kangchenjunga Base Camp Trek	Taplejung by bus/air Kande Bhanjyang - Yamphudin – Tseram - Ramche - Ghunsa - Kambachen - Lhonk - Kangchenjunga Base Camp - Kambachen - Ghunsa - Gepla - Amjilassa - Sekhathum - Chirwa - Bamboo - Filim - Taplejung			
	Pathibara Pilgrimage Trek		The Pathibara Pilgrimage Trek takes only three to four days. The best time to visit is from March to June, and from September to November. The temple attracts Bengalis from India every year.		

Trekking Seasons per Region

The following table gives an overview of the peak seasons for trekking in the different regions and districts.

PEAK SEASONS PER REGION

REGION AND DISTRICT	ТІМЕ
Mid Western Region (Karnali) Humla, Mugu, Jumla, Dolpa	Spring and autumn, northern parts also suitable for summer treks Lower Dolpa and Upper Dolpa June to September
Western Region Mustang, Manang, Gorkha	Spring and autumn Unlike other parts of Nepal, even the monsoon months are ideal to visit Upper Mustang.
Central Region (Ganesh Himal) Dhading, Rasuwa, Sindhupalchok, Dolakha	Between September and May
Eastern Region (Everest and Kangchenjunga) Solukhumbu, Sankhuwasabha, Taplejung	Spring and autumn



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