

HIKING & CAMPING AT RAMTEK

A trek was organized at Ramtek, a small city 40 kms north-east of Nagpur. The trek included camping, hiking and a number of other group activities.

After reaching the given venue, there was a visit to Kapur Baoli, an Archaeological site. Thereafter, a number of adventurous activities were conducted which included Burma Bridge, Swinging Logs Bridge, Wall Climbing, Tractor ride, Rifle Shooting, Archery and more.

After these activities, the group headed to the campsite near the Khindsi lake. There was a campfire followed by dinner. Post dinner, there was an informal session of candid storytelling and experience sharing.

Early morning the following day, after some light snacks, the trek started with a short briefing by the trek leader. The trek was easy to start with but became a little difficult on the way for some Officer Trainees (OTs). As a result, they were helped by fellow OTs displaying the spirit of team bonding in the face of adversity. On top of the hill, it was time for ample group and individual pics and some soaking of scenic panoramic view. Fresh breakfast and refreshments were served giving much needed respite and energy.

There was a short visit to the memorial for Kalidas who wrote the great epic Meghadootam at that place. It was also learnt that Ramtek was actually the place of Agastya Rishi to whom Lord *Ram* had come and taken the pledge (*Tek* in Sanskrit) to kill all the demons around. Later under Bhonsle Rule this temple was surrounded with a strong fort to last for centuries.

After getting down to the camp, the OTs did Kayaking in the lake which eventually became the most cherished part of the whole 2-day trip. The activities concluded with a sumptuous lunch before all headed back to NADT.

The trip was filled with adventure, hardships, learning, initiative, leadership opportunities and fun. The fact that very soon all OTs started requesting the Course Team for the next trek ASAP is testimony to the enriching experience of the trek.



Full Group Pic



Swinging Rods Bridge



Wall Climbing



Rifle Shooting



Camp Site



All set for Kayaking
