

INTO THE JATASHANKAR GORGE--- 3 Jan 2018

We had an exciting day here at Pachmarhi. We started at about 8 for getting into the Jatashankar Gorge, a formidable place surrounded by rocks. We descended by a traditional trail. But now they have removed all villages at periphery, so the trails are not used and are covered with vegetation. That made it difficult to follow the correct trail. We missed the trail about 4 times, each time getting back by some round about way.

As we had planned to be back for late lunch did not carry much food at all.. We climbed on the opposite bank and were about to get out on the wrong side. But as I had been here few years ago I realized that it was completely wrong. So then for th 4th time we had course correction and were down. The thorny terrain and hunger was talking its toll. But the we found a faint trail along the valley doing towards our desired direction. So we pushed ahead. Finally after two hours we could hear some temple bells and loud speakers of place we were going. So finally we made it at about 4 pm.

Our team had two girls aged 8 and 11, but they excelled best. For me, my operated and replaced hip is now certified fit! And Geeta, she walked through all this and no doctor can say she has any problems!

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Very tired but satisfied Harish and Geeta