

## ABOUT DEVALSARI

Devalsari, tucked away in the Aglar Valley, in Tehri Garhwal District, the home of the Jaunpuris. The snow-capped peaks of the Mahabharat range in the Middle Himalayas, looming in the distance, marvelous deodar, oak and rhododendron forest, surrounded by terrace fields of Bangsil, Mauldhar, Udarsu and Naogaon villages. The Pali Gad stream flows through Bangsil into the Aglar River, winding its way through a forest landscape with altitudes varying from 1,200 m at Thatyur up to 3,048 m at Nag Tibba, the highest peak in the area. The Shiva Temple at Devalsari, is said to have been built in the 1800's, is surround by tall deodar trees.

**Altitude:** 1,200 to 3,048 m

**Habitat:** Reserved Forests of Devalsari and Magra. The forest consists primarily of chir at lower altitudes at Magra and deodar, Banj oak and rhododendron forests with Moru oak at higher altitudes at Devalsari.

**Best time to visit for trekking:** March to July, September to December

**Best time to visit for birds:** October to May

**Best time to visit for butterflies, moths & herpetofauna:** April to October

**Local festivals in Devalsari:** Baisakhi in April and Buddhi Bagwali (Old Deepawali), celebrated one month after Deepawali.



# Devalsari is home to an array of flora and fauna.



**Butterflies:** Butterfly specialties at Devalsari include the Siren, Brown Argus, Jewel Fivering, Lepcha Bushbrown, Stately Nawab, Western Courtier, Fawn Hairstreak and the Alboerulean amongst many others.



**Mammals:** Amongst the mammals, the forests of Devalsari are home to the Himalayan Water Shrew, Giant Red Flying Squirrel, Barking Deer, Leopard, Wild Pig, Goral, Black Bear and Otters at the larger streams and rivers.



**Birds:** The special birds that can be seen here include the Chukor Partridge, Striated Laughing Thrush, Spot-winged Grosbeak, Black-faced Warbler, Whiskered Yuhina, Golden Bush Robin, Mrs Gould's Sunbird, Fire-tailed Sunbird and the Fire-breasted Flowerpecker amongst many others.



# ECOTOURISM AND CONSERVATION AT DEVALSARI



The Devalsari Environment Protection and Technology Development Society promotes Ecotourism and Conservation at Devalsari. The main aim of the Society is to promote village-linked livelihoods while conserving the area's natural resources and retaining its traditional and cultural practices. The Society aims to promote ecotourism with nature and adventure tourism as its focus. It will also promote bee keeping and support bee colony development by providing technical training and holding camps. Finally, the Society will promote production and marketing of local organic produce and natural honey.

**ACTIVITIES:** Nature tours, trekking, village experience and culture tours for individuals and groups. Bangsil is the start point of the 14-km trek to Nag Tibba, which can be done in one day by the experienced trekker. Treks to Nag Tibba, including tents for hire, nature guides, mules and food can be organised by the Society.



## HOW TO GET THERE

Nearest railhead & airport: Dehradun.  
The nearest village to Devalsari Reserved Forest is Bangsil, 13 kilometers from Thatyud, and 55 kilometers from Mussoorie. From Mussoorie, drive 15 km to Suwakholi, from where you take a left turn to Magra and Rautu ki beli, and then onwards to Thatyud. Shared taxis ply from Dehradun and Mussoorie to Thatyud. Shared taxis also ply from Thatyud to Bangsil.

## WHERE TO STAY

Eco-lodge at Udarsu Tok, Devalsari.  
Tents at Udarsu & for treks to Nag Tibba.



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Magnificent deodar forests...  
The Nag Tibba peak looming in the background...  
Songs of the birds...  
Winding Himalayan rivulets...  
Experience nature's silence...away from the maddening urban crowds..

