

A Study of of Morni Hills and Places of Tourist Interest in the region ¹Gurvinder Oberoi1, ²Dr. Nirmal²

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Introduction : A sleepy hill station in Harayana, Morni Hills is ISSN 24 frequently visited by the residents of Delhi, Harayana and Chandigarh. With greenery spread all around, Morni Hills is the perfect weekend getaway destination. Shivalik range of Himalayas is expanded all across Morni. If you are looking for a few hours of peacefulness and just 9 77002



relaxing around, Morni Hills is your ideal hill station. It has good connectivity with the major cities that surround it, and the temperature is pleasing throughout the year. As it's the only hill station in Harayana, people often overlook it and head towards more popular places. But if you like to explore the unexplored, you must visit Morni Hills. Here are the top 5 places that you should explore when you are in this tiny hill station. Situated at a distance of 7 km from the beautiful Morni Hills, Tikkar Taal is a place which boasts of its two manmade lakes. A hillock divides these two interconnected artificial lakes, Chota Taal and Bara Taal. Lying amidst the hills, Tikkar Taal presents a resplendent view of the hills. There are not much accommodations present in Tikkar Taal due to its lack of popularity, but it doesn't scare away the lovers of nature. You can get cheap rooms here. This place is apt for people who are on a budget travel. Tikkar Taal is untouched by commercialisation, and is an ideal place to be. Located at a minuscule distance of 17 km, Gurudwara Nada Sahib holds a significant meaning for the Sikhs. The legends state that when Guru Gobind Singh were going to Anandpur Sahib, he rested here. It is a pious place, and it's sacred environment makes it one of the most visited Gurudwaras of India. Ghaggar-Hakra river flows beside this Gurudwara, and the sound of the river splashing against the rocks is nothing less than a meditative retreat. Nestled in the laps of Shivalik hills, Gurudwara Nada Sahib will engulf you into a chaste aura, and the serene ambiance of the hills will take you closer to the supreme being.

To boost the tourism in Morni Hills, the Government of Harayana has also established an adventure park here. It offers a vast array of options to all the adrenaline junkies. Zipline, Burma bridge and climbing nets are present here. This adventure park is apt for people who want to experience adventure while staying in the safe zone. In fact, small swings are available for kids,



and a small cafeteria has been set up for satisfying your hunger. The entry fees is affordable, and you can have a good time here.

Morni Fort Morni Hills can appeal to history lovers as well. A gigantic fort is sprawled at the top of the Morni hills which gives a wide view of the Morni town. It is believed that the Morni fort was constructed in 17th century. The fort has been restored for the tourists, but it has not lost its ancient essence. Lots of greenery is spread across Morni fort, and the faint scene of the trees and flowers add peacefulness to the ambiance. A colourful temple dedicated to Lord Shiva is adjacent to the fort and stands out amidst the gloomy surroundings presented by the fort. Morni Hills can be a perfect getaway for all the religious people, as it's an abode to a beautiful temple called Thakurdwara Temple. The sacredness of the temple engulfs the misty hill station, and turns the place chaste. It attracts ample of devotees on a regular basis. Ancient stone sculptures are present here, and it's believed that this temple dates back to the time of Pandavas. Morni Hills is a famous destination in the Indian state of Haryana. It is a delightful place surrounded by green pastures and mountain ranges. Morni Hills is an ideal picnic spot owing to its picturesque scenic beauty. Located at an altitude of 1220 meters, it is also the highest point in Haryana and Panchkula. Morni Hills derives its name from queen, who ruled this place once. When you visit this beautiful hill resort, the panoramic view of the Himalayas and surrounding lakes will completely mesmerise you.

Morni Hills is a popular tourist attraction located in the Panchkula district in Haryana, India.

Destination Type

Morni Hills is a small yet picturesque hill station destination in the state of Haryana.

Adventure Tourism

Vacation to Morni Hills is a relaxed holiday. It is an ideal weekend for the people of Chandigarh as it just located at 45 kms from the place. The natural beauty of this hill resort gives a pleasant break from the clustered city life. Besides Morni Hills is also a preferred destination for avid adventurists.

Weather Information

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Located in the lap of nature, Morni Hills experiences favourable climate all year round and is therefore an all-season destination. Summers starts from April- June and is however slightly warm and humid. The place gets intermittent rains during the monsoons while the winter months remain pleasant and cool. The best time to plan a trip to Morni Hills is from the months of September to March.

Places to Visit

In spite of being a small place, Morni Hills has a loads of attractions and activities for tourists.

Visit the Old Fort that once the property of Queen Morni, but is now in ruins. It is one of the ancient forts that was built by the rulers of Kotaha in the 17th century. From the times of its establishment, this small fort passed the hands of several rulers, until it was acquired by Britishers in 1815.

Morni Hills has three very famous manmade lakes namely, Bada Tikkar, Tikkar Tal and Chotta Tikkar. These lakes are a popular tourist attraction and have the most serene surroundings. These lakes are also an ideal spot for camping.

If you are looking for some fun, visit the Adventure Park that is located amidst the twin lakes of Tikkar. This man made park was established by the working Government and is favourite spot among tourists. The Adventure Park has several activities and rides for kids. You must also visit the waterfall located at Thalapur that is very close to the Park.

The Temple of Holy Trinity is another religious destination in Morni Hills located close to the banks of the lake. This temple is one of the oldest temples and according to the locals there was initially a Lord Shiva temple at this very location.

The Gurudwara Nada Sahib is a chief religious site for Sikhs. This place holds significant importance among locals as well as visitors.

The Mandhana Cliff is also a impressive mud cliff in Morni Hills that you must visit. The place offers a stunning view of the surroundings.



Visit the Beruwala check post in Morni Hills to sight rare migratory birds from Afghanistan, Europe and even Siberia. It is a wonderful location for bird enthusiasts as a large number of birds flock to this place. Some of the common birds sighted here are Himalayan Bulbul, Oriental Turtle Doves, red jungle fowl, Quails, black Francolin, Wallcreepers and Bar tailed tree creepers. The best season for bird watching is from September – December.

Morni Hills is ideally located for outdoor activities like rock climbing, hand gliding, hiking and trekking. Besides you can also enjoy water sports like kayaking, boating, sailing and canoeing at the three manmade lakes in Morni Hills.

Nearby Destinations

Chandigarh is a prime tourist destination located at 45 kms from Morni Hills. There are numerable destination spots in this place like Rock Gardens, Mughal Gardens and a host of other gardens and museums.

Food & Accommodation

Morni Hills is a popular holiday destination therefore eating out is not a problem. There are several restaurants, fast food outlets and local stalls that offer you finger-licking food.

In Morni Hills the accommodations are mostly provided by The Forest Department or the Haryana Government. You can also book the rest houses maintained by the Public Works Department. These rest houses have swimming pool and ample playground for children. The Haryana Government also provides resorts for tourists and trekkers along the State Highway Road. Some of the popular hotels in Morni Hills are Anglers Parc Resort, Morni Resort, Hotel Dreamway, Tikkar Tall and Mountain Quail Resort. The hotels have a pleasant ambience and provide amiable service to its guests.

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