



Great Hyderabad Adventure Club

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From the Editor

Hi GHACians!

With over two thousand members, GHAC looked bustling through May and June with over thirty events. We proved yet again that the spirit of adventure cannot be quelled by busy work days!

This time, the events had a great mix and a variety of activities ranging from Mild Trekking, Camping, Ice skating, Scuba diving, Kids & Juniors adventures, to the much coveted Trek to the Everest Base Camp.

Apart from going on adventures and treks the club also organized photo sharing and presentation meetups. The *Mission Accomplished - Everest Base Camp Trek - Presentation* was one such. And not to forget GHACians are forward-thinking for the nature too; the *Sunday - We are Planting Trees* event was such a success.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the organizers and all the participating members for making it happen!

Its monsoon, so do we settle in the balcony with a hot cuppa and watch the rains? Nay, we're GHACians, let's get out there and play splash!

I'm to keep it short and sign-off. So, here's wishing you adventurous monsoons!

The Editor.

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Trek to Shamirpet Lake



Shamirpet is 20 km north of Secunderabad. The Lake and its surroundings give ample opportunities to navigate around boulders and through the green lakeside.

The four hour long event had Hiking, Rock & Boulder climbing.



The GHAC trek-o-meter rates Shamirpet Lake trek to be easy.

One of the participants said – “The thrill at Shamirpet increases each time I go there. Some old rocks some new rocks climbed. And this place has many more unexplored unconquered rocks to test the adrenalin rush. Very enthusiastic and fun group as always.”



Photo Album:

http://meetup.ghac.in/photos/all_photos/?photoAlbumId=905310

Adventure Weekend at Horsley hills

Horsley hills a hill station some 1200mt above sea level, is around 140Km from Tirupati.

The GHAC trip to the lush greens of the hill station proved to be more than a respite from scorching summer heat. The adventure trip included unique activities like Wine Traverse, Archery, Chimney Climbing, Zorbing apart from trekking, rappelling and team building games.

One of the adventurers on the trip said – “It was a great trip meeting lots of new people. Also had a great feeling after completing the high rope activities and the water walking. All the people were supportive as well as encouraging. Hope to see all of you soon.”

Photo Album:

http://meetup.ghac.in/photos/all_photos/?photoAlbumId=908298



Dandeli Adventure Weekend



Dandeli is one the most favorite adventure destinations for GHACians. The two day long Dandeli weekend provided participants with White Water Rafting, Rappel-ling, River Crossing, Jungle Trekking and Bird Watching, well actually!

Adventurers on this trip were so excited that they had lots to say. Here's what:



“Trek India Trek...Now that's what I call an adventures week-end.....Stupendous Fantabulous adventurous weekend.....weekend...kya baat kya baat kyaaa baaaat.....These memories will go long way...experiences of the life time...mainly white water rafting and Rappelling in between hailstorm, thunder and showers.....along with other activities like river crossing, night trek, day trek, singing and playing dumb charades around bon fire, swimming along with the current and against the current in kali Nadi...and off course living on rice...it was all in all a well planned, organized and executed weekend..Thanks to Padmaja for coordinating and Nadu for managing the whole trip so nicely.....would suggest everyone to attend this destination at least once.”



“Awesome is the word:) had a wonderful time, starting from the bus jour-ney, river crossing, river rafting, campfire, songs, games, morning trek(this was really a task), jeep drives, swimming, rappelling in the rain n last but not the least photo session with all wonderful ppl..... the 1st dip in the kali river is really a wonder-ful feeling, water is just amazing, so clear, cool n sweet, I really dint feel like coming out of it:) sooo at last completed my loong awaited adventure-white water rafting:) thanx to Nandha for organizing so well...”



See more photos here:

http://meetup.ghac.in/photos/all_photos/?photoAlbumId=915636

Sunday - We are Planting Trees

Adventurers at GHAC love nature. They don't only like trekking and being out there in the greens, but also like helping conserve some of it. In one such a unique attempt, a bunch of twenty odd adventurers from GHAC ventured out to plant saplings near A.S.Rao Nagar, Hyderabad.

This was a wonderful attempt. We could all watch out for the next such event. After all we all want to make Hyderabad greener!

Here is what one of them on the meet said- “it was an awesome experience planting the 30 odd trees, just loved it and got to meet some really nice people. looking forward for many more of such events and hope many more volunteers allocate time for such events to make it bigger! :) Appreciate Arun for getting this event aboard.”

Photos here: http://meetup.ghac.in/photos/all_photos/?photoAlbumId=952165





Everest Base Camp Trek – Nepal

On 9th May 2010, Eleven adventures of GHAC set out on what is called the mother all the treks ever – A trek to the Everest Base Camp. The team comprised of Ali Razvi, Padmaja Pullabhatla, Kanchuki, Swetha Balla, Sachin Ratan, Ramesh, Abhishek Banerjee, Satish K Cheekala, Aditya Marella, Javed Razack and Sudhir Rao

Read a complete account of the 15day trip from <http://cheekalaatebc.blogspot.com>



As the team returned from the one of its kind adventure, they'd bright smiles and their faces depicted a proud 'Mission Accomplished' gestural! The spirit of adventure and the feeling of gratification were clearly visible in the experiences this bunch were invited to share at the *Mission Accomplished - Everest Base Camp Trek – Presentation*.

I'd like to take this opportunity to quote a few words as said by the EBC conquerors.

Sachin – While talking about his experiences said “food was the same each day”, “you can't quit...no vehicles!” As he explained about the services offered by Sherpas and about breathing problems at such high altitudes, “Sherpas can continue smoking and still breathe easy.”

Javed – “Padmaja would be left out because she was slow, but I guess she had so much time to gaze” while referring to the scenic beauty around and how Padmaja would walk slow!

“We all would call Padmaja or nanny” - while explaining how Padmaja would help them with problems.

Sudheer – While referring to the saying ‘enjoy the journey, not the destination’ said he thoroughly “enjoyed the journey.”

The team made a special mention of **kanchuki** as “most energetic”, while kanchuki shared her experiences at the Tengboche Monastery on the way to EBC. She also said there was another team amongst whom there was a 66yr old lady, and that she was inspiring. Not just that, the GHACians also met people from Portugal, South Africa and Pakistan.

On a lighter note, talking about the airport at Lukla in Nepal, **Ali and Javed** said that the runway there was the smallest they'd ever seen and what was scary and funny at the same time was the pilots contemplating – “Is that the runway?”

Padmaja – “It's an experience of a lifetime, you all should go.”

GHAC is proud of you all adventurers, we draw inspiration from you and we'd look forward for an opportunity to be on this one-of-a-kind adventure!

[Read more from these links:](#)

GHAC Blog - <http://blog.ghac.in/2010/05/well-done-ebc-trek-brave-hearts.html>

In the News - <http://expressbuzz.com/cities/hyderabad/hiking-to-the-base-of-mt-everest/179429.html>

Photo Album:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/lh/sredir?uname=ratan.sachin&target=ALBUM&id=547920>



Malleateertham - Mild Trek & Camping



Malleateertham in Telugu means 'shower of Jasmines'. This picturesque place is situated amidst the Nallamala forests some 180Km from Hyderabad. A 100 feet waterfall welcomes you to the lush green landscape, and what's more...one could take a fresh water shower, swim. It's an ideal place if one is interested in bird watching, and spot wild animals too.



What made it further more interesting is the overnight camping in the wild.

The GHAC trek-o-meter rates Malleateertham trek to be easy.



One of the campers said – “This is one of the best places to visit and it was awesome to camp close to the wild with a good team. Very sportive and enthusiastic team makes any trek the best one. Will remain as one of my favorite spots to re-visit and camp again. Thanks to Arun and team. Will look forward to join you guys again!”

Photo Album:

http://meetup.ghac.in/photos/all_photos/?photoAlbumId=937892

Kids & Juniors - Ammuguda - RockClimbing & Games.

Kids and Junior Adventurers had an all exclusive day filled with rock-climbing and games before they went back to school after the summer holidays! The event was organized at Khoe Imam Zamin in Ammuguda, a picturesque little hill not far from the city. The kids were accompanied by a parent or a guardian just to ensure safety.

The activities included a rock climbing competition and a surprise prize for the winner! The Kids also enjoyed some fun-to-play games.

One of the Parents who brought their kids said - “It was our first trek with GHAC..must say we thoroughly enjoyed it..we look forward to many more..thank you Deepam and Vibha for your fantastic organization skills!”

Photo Album:

http://meetup.ghac.in/photos/all_photos/?photoAlbumId=944551



Discover Scuba Diving - Pool Experience



We all have seen what Scuba Diving is like, of course most of us on the Idiot box. But a few GHACians thought they'd get an experience of it, in one of GHAC's innovative events, the *Discover Scuba Diving - Pool Experience*.

The event comprised of some Theory, Video Lessons, 30 Minutes instructor lead DSD pool experience. Most of them first time divers, the participants got a hang of the Scuba Diving equipment and some techniques.



Way to go GHAC!

One of the divers said - "Was really a great experience to learn from a certified instructor & using the equipment. Thanks to Diyanat bhai to bring Scuba diving to Hyderabad :)"



What made this event more interesting was some under-water photography.

http://meetup.ghac.in/photos/all_photos/?photoAlbumId=950739

Video Link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fVE-bbCPQoQ>

Ahobilam Cave Temples Trek

Ahobilam is located in the Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh, about 380 kms away from Hyderabad. A trip to there offers an experience of tough trekking through caves and hills.

Apart from visiting the Ahobilam temple, the upper Ahobilam caves, participants on this trip also went to the Belum Caves and Mahanandi temple.

The experience as shared by a trekker on this trip - "It was awesome trip. Day1—Trek at Ahobilam. We started at 12:45 after lunch and we were back by 4:30. I should say we are blessed, for no rain during this time. Day2—Belum Caves and Mahanandi Temple trip. No wonder, we swapped 8 buses and 1 auto for travel on Sunday."

The GHAC trek-o-meter rates this trek as Tough.

Photographs: http://meetup.ghac.in/photos/all_photos/?photoAlbumId=955025





A visit to Pench Tiger Reserve

This summer, a few GHACians went to see the king himself! Well, the King of the wild!

The Pench Tiger Reserve located in the southern districts of MadhyaPradesh, is not only a reserve forest but is also a Tiger conservatory, that has most herbivores than any other reserves in India.



But why did the team go in the hot summer? Summer dries up most of the surface water and there by leaving only a few water bodies across the forest, and that makes it easy for we humans to spot tigers. In fact some of the trekkers managed to see a tiger as close as two meters!



One of the participants said - “The drive through the forest, the breeze, the drizzle, animals all around, the melodious songs of different birds, the fresh nascent leaves, all these, combined with the company of a great group! Thanks everyone for making the trip so enjoyable :)”



The GHAC trek-o-meter rates Pench Tiger Reserve Visit to be Moderate.

Photos:

http://meetup.ghac.in/photos/all_photos/?photoAlbumId=960365

Let others know, we are on



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Want to join the group? just sign up at **hyderabad-adventures.com**

Do you read blogs? Read ours at **blog.hyderabad-adventures.com**

Want to join the gang on Facebook?, search for **Great Hyderabad Adventure Club**

Twitter follower—eh? Our tweets are on **twitter.com/hyadventure**

Great Hyderabad Adventure Club has been established to provide people with great opportunities to get outdoors, try new adventure activities, meet great people and generally have a fantastic time. Anybody with a good sense of fun and adventure is welcome. Safety during outdoor activities is a priority for us.

The Club's Mission is to get people together for the purposes of:

- Getting close to nature and enjoy nature in a eco friendly manner.
- Experiencing local, regional and far away trekking, hiking and other outdoor activities at all skill levels.
- Learning tips, tricks, techniques and first aid for safe and comfortable outdoor adventuring.
- Networking with the group and its members.
- Enhancing your outdoor experience while living in or visiting Hyderabad.
- Participating in regular outdoor activities and staying fit and healthy.

As a group member, you will benefit from the experience, motivation, and support of many other people in the group, the age limit is 18 - 60. Children above 12 years can participate along with parents.

Adventure Reminders

24 June

Scuba Diving: 4 days
PADI certified Open Water Course.

Organizer:
Diyana Ali

Know More:
<http://meetup.gbac.in/calendar/13784848/>

27 June

Trek: Dudhsagar Falls
Railwaytrack Trekking

Organizers:
Arun Raj, Sreenath

Know More:
<http://meetup.gbac.in/calendar/13579828/>

3rd July

Trip: Kashmir -Kargil -
Leh Ladakh- Manali

Organizer:
Nandkishore Upadhyay
and Prathima

Know More:
<http://meetup.gbac.in/calendar/13749591/>

9th October

Trek: Everest Base Camp
Trek Nepal

Organizers:
Diyana Ali, Ali Razvi

Know More:
<http://meetup.gbac.in/calendar/12871705/>