**Kedarnath Vasuki Tal Trek**

**Location:** Garhwal Himalayas (Uttarakhand)
**Base:** Gaurikund
**Altitude:** 3584 m above Sea Level
**Best Time:** May –September
**Grade-** Moderate
**Duration-** 20 Days

Kedarnath is one of the popular Hindu pilgrimage sites that is nestled at an elevation of 3553 meters and holds a shrine, which is dedicated to Lord Shiva, making it one of the four sites in India’s Chota Char Dham pilgrimage tour. The Kedarnath site, on the banks of River Mandakini, is the most remote of the four sites that is located close to the Chorabari Glacier and is flanked by breathtaking snow-capped peaks. It can be accessed after a trek of 21 kilometers from Sonprayag en route to Linchoni, Rambara and Garur Chatti, which is the nearest road head that connects Kedarnath to other parts of Garhwal Himalaya.

Well, beyond the pilgrimage site lies another serene and pristine beauty that is set in the midst of mountains layered with snow… the Vasuki Tal that offers a spiritual aura. It is approximately 5 kilometers up from Kedarnath and the thrilling trail allows you to get acquainted with the wildlife along with sprawling natural hues. Camping at the shore of this glacial lake is a unique part on your holy trip to Kedarnath.

After the town suffered extensive destruction during June 2013 from flash floods caused by torrential rains in Uttarakhand state, the new route to Kedarnath diverts from Sonprayag to Gomkara, where one needs to cross the River Vasuki Ganga. The Kedarnath Vasuki Tal trek continues to ascend towards Dev Vishnu en route through a dense alpine forest and thereafter turns to head to Dhungaj Giri. From Dhungaj Giri the journey steeply ascends to Kedarnath and further, a climb of 5 kilometers leads to Vasuki Tal. The downhill trek from Vasuki Tal follows the same route.

**Itinerary:**

**Day 01):** Delhi-Haridwar
**Day 02):** Haridwar-Ghuttu
**Day 03):** Ghuttu-Dhupanda
**Day 04):** Dhupanda
**Day 05):** Panwali
**Day 06):** Panwali-Talli
**Day 07):** Talli-Gangi
**Day 08):** Gangi
**Day 09):** Gangi-Biroda
**Day10):** Biroda-Kharsali
**Day11):** Kharsali-Tambakund
**Day12):** Tambakund-Khatling Glaicer - Bhelbagi
**Day13):** Bhelbagi
**Day14):** Bhelbagi-Masar Tal
**Day15):** Masar Tal - Painya Tal
**Day16):** Painya Tal - Vasuki Tal
**Day17):** Vasuki Tal
**Day18):** Vasuki Tal - Kedarnath
**Day 19):** Kedarnath**-** Gaurikund
**Day 20):** Rudraprayag- Rishikesh- Delhi