

INFORMATION ON HOW TO REACH SIDH

Delhi to Dehradun

Train information from Delhi to Dehradun:

Dehradun is the last station where trains arrive before one starts climbing up into the mountains.

There are four trains from Delhi to reach Dehradun, which are recommended:

1. MUSSOORIE EXPRESS (Train No: 4041): Leaving Old Delhi Railway Station at around 9.30 PM (please confirm this again, as the schedule keeps changing) and reaching Dehradun at about 8 the next morning. This train has (non AC) sleeper coaches as well as all classes (III tier, II tier and 1st Class) of AC coaches. The same train is also good for going back. Leaves Dehradun at 9.15 PM to reach Old Delhi Railway Station at about 7.30 in the morning the next day.
2. SHATABDI EXPRESS (Train No: 2017): Leaves New Delhi Railway Station (Ajmeri Gate side of the station) at 6.55 in the morning (please confirm current schedule) and reaches Dehradun Railway Station at 12.45 p.m. The same train leaves Dehradun at 5.00 in the evening to reach New Delhi at 10.45 PM. It has ordinary AC and Executive class coaches. Both are chair cars and both are AC.
3. JAN SHATABDI (Train No: 2055): This train leaves New Delhi Station at 3.25 in the afternoon to reach Dehradun at 9.10 at night. On return journey it leaves Dehradun at 5 in the morning to reach New Delhi at 11 AM. It is not advisable to take this train while coming to Kempty or returning to Delhi from Kempty, as travelling at night to Kempty or leaving early morning from Kempty is difficult with minimal transport available.
4. NIZAMMUDIN DEHRADUN SPECIAL (Train No: 2017A): From Hazrat Nizamuddin leaving Nizamuddin at 11.30 at night reaching Dehradun early morning at 5.45 am. This train has only AC compartments ranging from 3-tier to first AC. If you take this train, on reaching Dehradun Railway Station you can rush to the Mussoorie Bus Stand (located right next to Dehradun Railway Station) to catch a direct bus to Kempty (leaves at 6 or 6.30 am depending on the number of passengers. Ask someone at bus stand to direct you to the right bus).

Bus information from Delhi to Dehradun:

There are other good options to come to Dehradun from Delhi. There are buses every half an hour or so from ISBT (Kashmere Gate). Deluxe buses leave from 6 am or so till 11.30 pm from ISBT. Though there are very few deluxe buses running in the afternoon. State transport buses leave every half hour, practically all day long. The night buses take about 6 hours to reach Dehradun. The buses that leave during the day usually take a little longer. Volvo buses are fewer and leave either early morning or at night. Bus prices range from 170 to 350 Rs depending on the kind of bus you take. Delhi ISBT number for Uttaranchal buses: 011-23868951

For return journey from Dehradun to Delhi you can catch a bus from the Old ISBT Stand (within Dehradun) or from the New ISBT Stand (in Majra, outskirts of Dehradun). There are buses running all day but buses are more frequent in the early morning and night hours.

Dehradun to Kempty

Travel options from Dehradun to Mussoorie or Kempty:

If you arrive by bus, the bus will drop you off at the New ISBT Bus Stand of Dehradun. This is located in Majra (outskirts of Dehradun). From here, you can either get a bus for Mussoorie or you can take an auto rickshaw (Rs 6070 approximately) or a blue-coloured three-wheeled 'vikram' (shared auto, Rs 5 per passenger approximately) till the Mussoorie Bus Stand in Dehradun (next to the Railway Station). You can also check with the bus driver when you arrive in Dehradun, if the bus can drop you near the Railway Station.

If you arrive by train then: Right next to the Dehradun Railway Station is the Mussoorie Bus Stand and Taxi Stand. From there one can take a bus or taxi (individual or shared) or jeep (shared) to Mussoorie. Some taxi drivers might be willing to take you directly till SIDH campus (Kempty) as well.

Ensure that you take the transport to the **Library Side (also called Gandhi Chowk) of Mussoorie** and NOT the 'Picture Palace' side. Once you reach the Library side of Mussoorie, take a bus or indi-

vidual taxi or shared jeep to **Kempty village (2 km. before Kempty Falls)**. If you are taking the bus, get off at Kempty village (*You can ask the conductor to let you know as and when the stop for Kempty village comes.*) and ask anyone where **SIDH school campus (Bodhshala/Bodhigram Malla)** is and walk till there. (*SIDH has two campuses. Bodhigram Malla (upper campus), where we have the school and Bodhigram Talla (lower campus) where we have the workshops and our main office. Both the campuses are only a kilometer apart. The upper campus is closer to the Kempty village market, so please reach the upper campus.*) It's a short walk (10-15 minutes). In case you need to go to the new campus/Learning Resource Centre (LRC) then, from the Bodhshala campus, one of the SIDH members will direct you to the Learning Resource Center (Bodhigram Talla -1 km down hill walk). That would be the easiest and fastest way to get till the new campus if you are on foot.

If you are taking a taxi till SIDH campus, they will be able to drop you till the school itself or the LRC. Just ensure that when you reach Kempty village, you look out for boards to guide you to the SIDH LRC/Bodhshala. If you are going to the Bodhshala campus, take that road up which is a slightly narrow road, hence only taxis or mini buses can go up that road. If you are going to the LRC campus, go straight on the main road and follow the road signs for LRC (which is at least 2 kms from the Kempty market and takes approximately 10-15 minutes to reach from the market). There is a toll barrier that you will cross at Kempty, just let the person know that you are coming to SIDH and you don't need to pay the toll.

Alternatively, there is also a direct bus to Kempty from Dehradun. The bus leaves from Mussoorie Bus Stand located next to the Dehradun train station. There are very few direct buses. One bus leaves at 5.30 am from the Bus Stand. There might be one or two more after that around 7-7:30 am most probably.

Important:

If you reach Dehradun at night after 8 pm it is unlikely that you'll find a bus. In that case you will have to take a taxi or stay the night in Dehradun. Please consult with SIDH coordinators before planning your trip especially if you will be arriving late at night in Dehradun.

Distance and Traveling Time:

Mussoorie is 33 kms from Dehradun, and it takes between 1-1.5 hours to reach from Dehradun to Mussoorie. Kempty is 12 kms from Mussoorie, and it takes around half an hour to cover that distance.

Cost of Travel from Dehradun to Kempty:

The cost of a bus from Dehradun to Mussoorie is Rs 30 approximately. The cost of a bus from Dehradun to Kempty is Rs 50 approximately. The cost of a shared jeep from Dehradun to Mussoorie is Rs 60/person and the cost of a shared jeep from Mussoorie to Kempty is Rs 25/person approximately. The cost of a taxi from Dehradun to Mussoorie is between Rs 400-500 approximately. The cost of a taxi from Mussoorie to Kempty is between Rs 300-400. The cost of a taxi from Dehradun to Kempty is anywhere between Rs 750-Rs 1000. Bargain for a good price with the taxi driver.

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Map of how to reach SIDH from Dehradun: <http://gapyearcollege.org/pix/mussoorie map.gif>