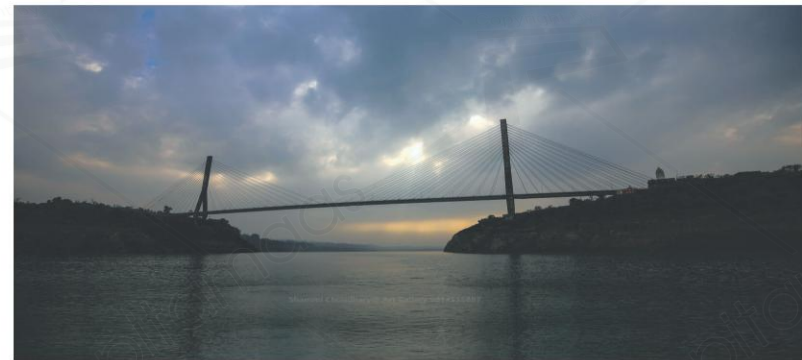




Atal Setu
Location: Dunera, Pathankot
Distance from Pathankot: 60kms.

Atal Setu (Basohli) near Pathankot is a 592 mt long cable-stayed bridge on the Ravi river commissioned to the nation on 24 December 2015 by former Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar. The bridge is situated on Dunera(Pathankot) to Basohli road and built to improve connectivity among three states of India- Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh. This bridge is the first of its kind in North India and fourth of its kind in the nation. The other three bridges are in Mumbai (Bandra-Worli sea-link), Allahabad (Naini) and Kolkata (Hooghly). The bridge offers picturesque views of the nearby mountains adjoining the River Ravi.

IIT New Delhi approved the design of this bridge and the foundation stone was laid in May 2011 by UPA Chairperson Sonia Gandhi. The bridge was designed by Canadian consultant, McElhanney Consulting Services Ltd. (formerly Infinity Engineering Ltd.). The bridge is constructed by the Border Roads Organization, IRCON, Infinity and SP Singla Constructions Pvt Limited. The bridge is named after former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, and dedicated to the nation one day before his birthday.



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Mukteshwar Mandir
Location: Doongh Village, Shahpurkandi, Pathankot
Distance from Pathankot: 22kms.

The cave temples are dedicated to the Hindu deity Lord Shiva and are located on the banks of the river Ravi. The caves are said to have been used by the Pandavas for staying during their final year in exile. Mukteshwar Temple is situated atop a hill and contains a marble Shiva lingam and a copper yoni. The idols of the various Hindu deities Brahma, Vishnu, Hanuman, Parvati and Ganesha surround the lingam.

These are 5500 year old caves & a temple built by Pandavas. According to the Hindu Mythology, these caves are as old as the **Mahabharata**. It was built by pandavas during their exile, as

according to a legend stated in the mythology, these caves served as home to the pandavas as they rested and took shelter over here during their exile. It was during their 'Agyatvas' that they stayed in these caves for six months.

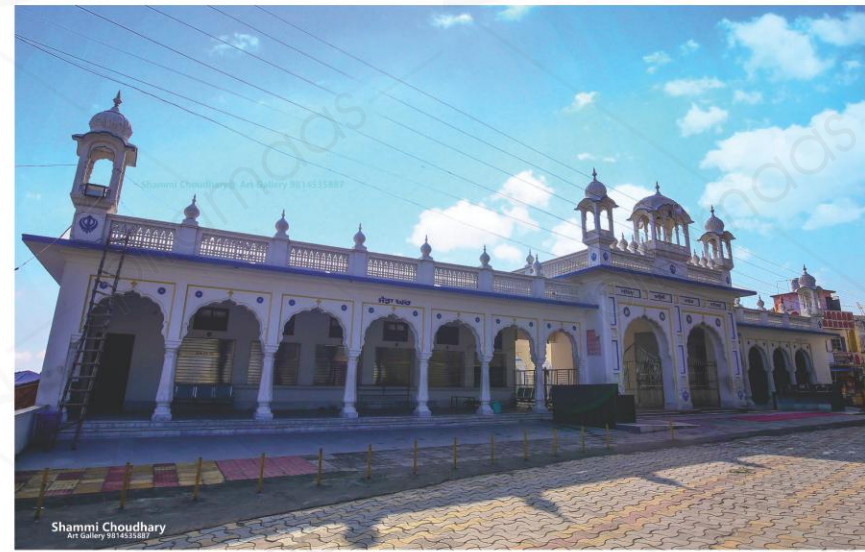
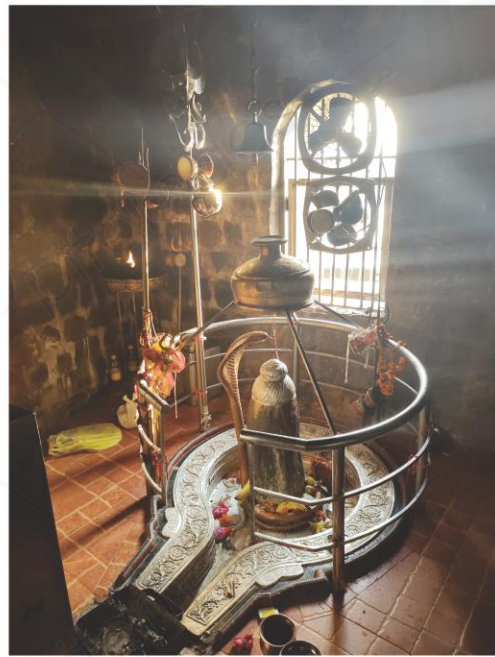
This place is also known as **Mini Haridwar**. Those people who can not do ash immersion of their kin at haridwar, they flow it in **Ravi River** at **Mukteshwar Mahadev Temple**.

Temple Timings: 24 hrs. Devotees can visit anytime of the day.

Aarti Timings: Morning- 05:30AM and Evening- 07:00PM

Langar Facility: Everyday 10:00AM to 06:00PM

Attractions: Muktesran Da Mela in the month of April, *Shivaratri*, Chaitra Chodiya, Navratri Festival, Somvati Amavasya Mela.



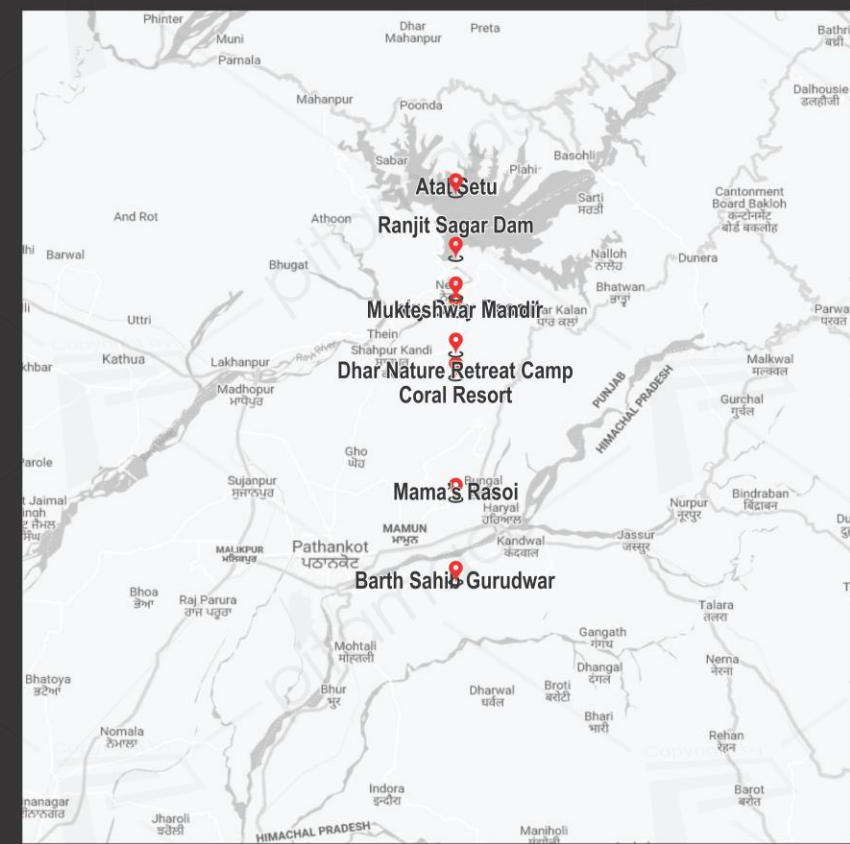
Barth Sahib Gurudwara (Gurdwara Tap Asthan Baba Sri Chand)
Location: Barth Village, Pathankot
Distance from Pathankot: 11kms.

Gurdwara Shri Barth Sahib is the place where Baba Shri Chand Ji Son of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji spent a long time here meditating. Baba Kamlya Ji disciple of Baba Shri Chand ji went to Amritsar to meet Shri Guru Ramdas Sahab Ji. Guru Sahib came forward to welcome Baba ji, made him sit on his own seat and presented a horse and 500 Rs as respect. After some time Baba Shri Chand Ji sent Baba Kamlya Ji to invite Shri Guru Arjan Dev Ji to Barth. When Shri Guru Arjan Dev Ji Came here Baba Shri Chand Ji was meditating. Guru Sahib kept waiting for Baba Ji to complete his meditation. Guru Sahib stayed nearby for Six months. Daily Guru Sahib used to come here (kept standing at the place where the pillar is situated). Finally when Baba Shri Chand Ji got up from meditation Guru Sahib had discussions with him. Shri Guru Hargobind Sahib also came here to meet Baba Shri Chand Ji. Baba Ji asked Guru Sahib, will keep all your sons on your way (teachings) or will give any son to him also (For Udaasi Teachings). Guru Sahib asked Baba Gurditta Ji to stay there and follow Baba Shri Chand Ji's following. To help followers Baba Ji got a well dug here. Now Sarovar Sahib is situated on both the sides of well.

Youtube Video Links: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wle4dzj3B6Q>



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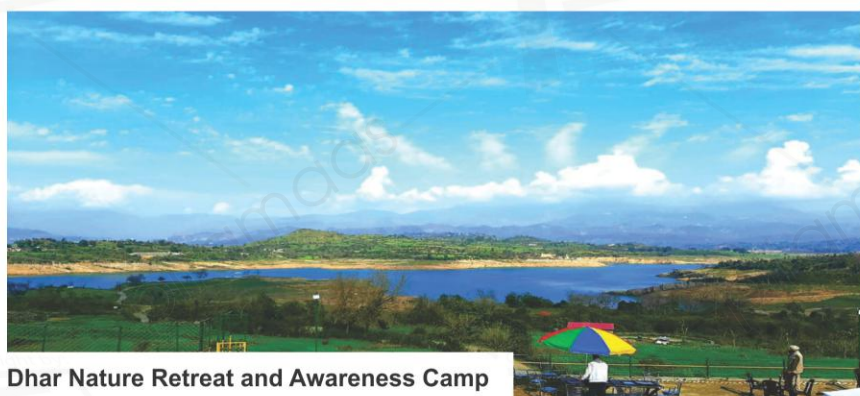
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**PUNJAB'S
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Dhar Nature Retreat and Awareness Camp
Location: Dhar Kalan, Pathankot
Distance from Pathankot: 32kms.

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The Dhar Forest and Ranjit Sagar Lake extends over Dunera and Dhar Forest Ranges of Pathankot Forest Division. All these forest areas are in the form of blocks varying in size interspersed with other categories of land use. This forest has pristine beauty which so far has been protected from human depredation. The lakefront offers a great picturesque view for the nature lovers.

In 2020, Pathankot forest division recognized an increased need for the conservation, protection and raising awareness about this highly biodiverse region and set up first of its kind nature awareness camp near Chamrod Village which is run by Village Forest Committee (VFC), Chamrod, Dhar.

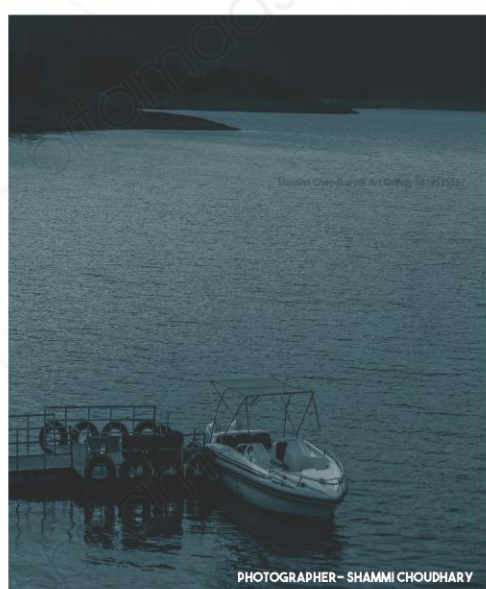
The nature camp is grounded in the principle that local communities' ownership rights and empowerment to govern the resource on which they depend must be recognized.

Features of the camp

- 8 all weather resort tent (4 normal and 4 luxury tents) with attached bathrooms for camping offering the best views of the serene landscape.
- Nature trails in the forest adjoining lake areas.
- Panels and hoarding with information on birds, fish and animals positioned systematically all along the trails.
- Boat ride down the Ranjit Sagar Lake giving an opportunity to take a closer look at nature and its surroundings in original form with the provision of providing life jackets and safety kits.
- State of the art interpretation centre to showcase augmented reality-based animal shows and documentaries on environment conservation, wetlands and climate change.
- Training for nature guides for bird watching and other aspects of floral and faunal conservation.
- Comprehensive waste management for the effective management of solid waste.
- A watchtower cum free house

Activities at the camp: Food Carts, Horse Riding, Boating Zipline, Rappelling, Wall Climbing and a Guided tour of nature trail.

For booking huts: Ashok (Manager)- 9463481846, Ashwani (Range Officer, Dhar) 9888252517 or visit <https://www.goibibo.com/hotels/dhar-nature-retreat-and-awareness-camp-hotel-in-dhar-kalan-36940516089872776/> https://www.makemytrip.com/hotels/dhar_nature_retreat_and_awareness_camp-details-dhar_kalan.html



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Phangota Valley Nature Conservation Camp
Location: Saarti, Dhar Kalan
Distance from Pathankot: 58kms.

The forest area of village Phangota along with many other villages was declared as Conservation Reserve by the Government of Punjab in 2017. The area is very rich in Flora and Fauna supporting a rich area for water fowls. Phangota Valley Nature Conservation camp is situated in the vicinity of the Ranjit Sagar Dam Reservoir offering the visitors a peek into the variety of habitats of different bird species both native to the region and migratory. Winter months of December and January are best to spot migratory birds. The Camp offers large pastures of untouched grasslands at the bank of a mighty water body with its source as Ravi River and Shiwalks and Peer Panjal Ranges in the background. Tourists can visit the place to have a refreshing weekend getaway just outside the Pathankot town.



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Kathlour Wildlife Sanctuary

Location: Kathlour, Narot Jaimal Singh
Distance from Pathankot: 20kms.

Kathlour Wildlife Sanctuary is a safe haven for a number of wildlife species. It is home to deer, porcupine, pangolin, chital, sambar, hog deer, barking deer, black partridge, grey partridge, python, spotted owl, parakeet (rose ringed), White humped vulture etc. Tourists are allowed to visit the sanctuary and take a peek into the world of animals and birds. It lets people to see the wildlife in its natural zone with minimal interference. To control human activity and protect the natural space the wildlife is divided into 3 zones- Eco-sensitive, buffer and the core zone. Tourists are not allowed to go beyond the eco-sensitive zone. The main refuge of wildlife is the core zone which is a protected zone.

To provide the tourists with a unique experience an 11-seater improvised golf cart, which is a pollution and noise free vehicle is made available to take the visitors around the sanctuary. A 5-km long nature trail has also been established. Private vehicles have been banned but a dozen bicycles beckon the tourists.

There is an island in the middle of the area. A cafeteria, too, has been constructed. To have a perfect view of the surroundings visitors can climb atop either of the two 30-feet towers.



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Ranjit Sagar Dam

Location: Shahpurkandi, Pathankot
Distance from Pathankot: 30kms.

The dam is a part of the hydroelectricity project of the state Government of Punjab and was completed in 2001. The Ranjit Sagar Dam is also known as the Thien Dam and constructed on the river Ravi. The dam is a great picnic spot with its lush green surroundings.

The Ranjit Sagar Dam is located in a very serene and idyllic location. It is at a drive-able distance from Pathankot and the drive is also very scenic and enjoyable.

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