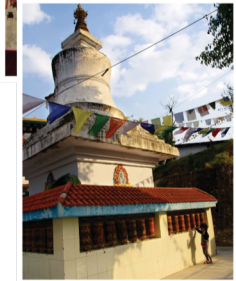


## WHAT HOLDS THE PLACE TOGETHER

### Badhangarhi Temple

Spiritual site and viewpoint



### Khamba Temple

Reflecting the region's lesser-known Buddhist influence



### Angora Farm

Wool production and angora rabbit rearing

### Gwaldam Lake

Gwaldam Lake is a serene, small water body in Gwaldam, surrounded by deodar and pine trees. Its calm surface and surrounding woodland make it an ideal spot for gentle strolls, birdwatching, and quiet contemplation. The lake offers captivating views of snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas. A nearby Forest Rest House with well-tended flower gardens adds to the charm.



## BEST TIME TO VISIT

### March to June

Pleasant hill-weather, clear skies, and comfortable temperatures make this the ideal window for temple visits, orchard walks, and early-season treks from Gwaldam.

### Mid-September to February

After the monsoon, crisp mountain air and clearer views make this another rewarding period to explore Gwaldam and its surroundings, especially the views of Nanda Devi, Trishul, and Nanda Ghunti.

## HOW TO REACH

### By Rail

Kathgodam Railway Station: 169 km

### Air

Pantnagar Airport: 205 km Jolly Grant Airport, Dehradun: approx. 255 km by road

### By Road

Well connected from both Garhwal and Kumaon; key distances include Rishikesh: approx. 240 km



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# Gwaldam

Where Garhwal Meets Kumaon

*A quiet hill town of forests, orchards, and Himalayan views*

## THE CROSSROADS



**Altitude:** 1,600–1,900 m



**Region:** Chamoli district, Uttarakhand

Gwaldam lies at the meeting point of Garhwal and Kumaon, surrounded by pine, oak, and rhododendron forests, apple orchards, and terraced fields that shift from spring blooms to monsoon greens and clear autumn skies, with



Set on the scenic road linking **Karnaprayag, Kausani (≈40 km), Bageshwar, and Ranikhet**, the town serves as a natural pause-point before higher Himalayan routes, offering clear-day views of **Nanda Devi, Trishul, and Nanda Ghunti**.

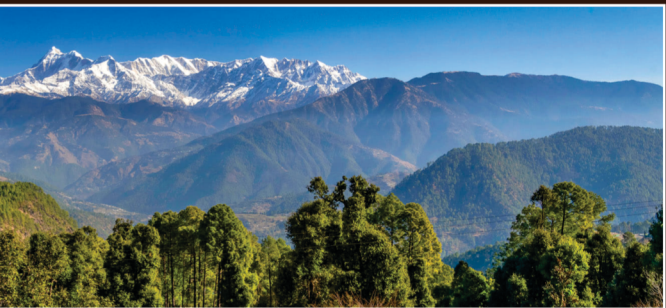
## PATHS, PAUSES & PASSAGE ON FOOT

Village paths and forest tracks wind through apple orchards, terraced farms, and mixed woodland, offering relaxed walks and birdwatching.



### Uphill

A gentle 3 km climb leads to Badhangarhi Temple, set on a ridge with wide valley views and local significance.



### Beyond

Gwaldam serves as a halt for major Himalayan routes, including the Roopkund Trek, Kuari Pass Trek, and the Nanda Devi Raj Jat Yatra route, with travellers often pausing here before heading higher.

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