

UPDATES DECEMBER 2016

There have been some changes in Mussoorie since this book was written. The following provide updates for readers, so that you can make sure that you take the right path.

WALK 1: BACKSIDE OF THE CAMEL

The bandstand that is referred to in this walk has been removed, and there is now a statue of Dr B. R. Ambedkar, the man credited with drafting the Indian constitution. The following should replace the existing text in point 1:

1. From the Library, head towards Landour (East along the Mall). Turn left onto Camel's Back Road, which starts at a statue of Dr B. R. Ambedkar. As Chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Constituent Assembly, Dr Ambedkar is credited with drafting the Indian Constitution. This statue is just after Hotel Silver Rock, and just before Roselynn Estate Hotel. Head past the statue along the road (second exit) with the white barrier rails marked 'MDDA'.

WALK 3: AROUND THE BASE OF THE ABBEY ESTATE

This walk is no longer possible. The last 100 metres of the walk used to finish on the driveway to the Abbey Estate. This is now blocked off and is out of bounds to walkers.

WALK 5: WEST-SIDE ORIENTATION LOOP

A direction located in point 8 of this walk is now corrected below:

8. Return along the road you came on until you get to the turn-off to the Tibetan Homes Foundation (sharp right past the school playground). Take this road straight ahead and go past the Tibetan Homes School. Just beyond the school office and below the playground (retaining wall) you will pass a path coming up on the right from the valley below (Walk 7). Take the high road (left) to come back to the Deodars Church Center. You can then either turn right here to go back to the 6-way junction or go a slightly more circuitous route to complete the orientation. If you want to do the latter, retrace your steps down to the lower road (left) then right down the path to the equestrian ground. Go right (up-hill) back to the 6-way junction you passed in Step 5.

WALK 6: KHATTAPANI VILLAGE, LAL TIBBA CIRCUIT

The instruction noting 'The Environment and You' is no longer helpful as this sign has been removed. The sign now in this square is 'Refuse Plastic Bags, Re-Use Plastic Bags, Recycle Plastic Bags'. The updated version of Point 1 appears below:

1. From the Picture Palace turn left and walk through Landour Bazaar. After the booth for the traffic police the road will veer around to the left and up the hill.

You will reach a small square where there is a large centre for the Environment; ① (with a sign, up on the second floor of the building, that states "Refuse Plastic Bags, Re-Use Plastic Bags, Recycle Plastic Bags"). Head diagonally across the square and then head down the steps (the left path goes to the Geological Survey which is a prohibited area) and around the hill to the left. Continue on the main path down into the valley. When you come to a fork where there is a flat concrete path of a similar size that goes up to the right, take this path up to the right; ②. This goes towards Khattapani village, while the path to the left goes to Laadur village (Walk 13). Just before Khattapani village the path will split again. You could either go to the village or take the upper path to the right away from the village.

WALK 11: TOP TIBBA CLIMB

Note that this walk has some of the least distinct paths, and is the one in the book that may be the most difficult to negotiate.

WALK 12: CLOUD END LOOP TO DUDHLI, CHASHKET AND BULAAT VILLAGES

Because the driveway to the Abbey Estate is now blocked off, the path that goes via the driveway has now been removed from point 6 below:

6. At Cloud End, continue on the road towards Mussoorie. As you stroll you will see a great view of Everest's House to the right. At the bottom of the hill you will come to a 3-way intersection. The road to the right would take you to Everest's House, but keep straight ahead for home. You will then come to a 5-way intersection (Park Toll; ③). You could take the first exit left to get back to Mussoorie. For a more scenic path, take the 2nd exit up the hill. You will pass a temple on the right and soon after reach a two-way junction. Take the left path up the hill. At the top of this path there is a driveway that passes from the road below to the left up to the gate on your right. Beyond the gate is Snowdon Estate (now Acharya Tulsi Chetna Foundation Trust). Cross over this driveway and head on a small path above the driveway (looking down to your left you will see the driveway below you). Keep on this path and meander around the mountain. Continue on the path behind a hotel, past a rubbish dump, and on to the roadway. When you reach a roadway, turn left towards the main Hathipaon Road; ④. Then turn right and continue on until you reach Waverley.

WALK 13: JORI VILLAGE, LAADUR VILLAGE, LAL TIBBA CIRCUIT

The instruction noting 'The Environment and You' is no longer helpful as this sign has been removed. The sign now in this square is 'Refuse Plastic Bags, Re-Use Plastic Bags, Recycle Plastic Bags'. The updated version of Point 1 appears below:

1. From the Picture Palace, turn left and walk through Landour Bazaar. After the booth for the traffic police the road will veer around to the left and up the hill. You will reach a small square where there is a large centre for the Environment; (a) (with a sign, up on the second floor of the building, that states "Refuse Plastic Bags, Re-Use Plastic Bags, Recycle Plastic Bags"). Head diagonally across the square and then head down the steps (the left path goes to the Geological Survey which is a prohibited area) and around the hill to the left. Continue on the main path down into the valley (left and then left again after a couple of kilometres). Just after a water tank (Khattapani region) you will come to another fork, where the wider path goes up to the right. Take this wider path up to the right to Jori village. Once in Jori, turn left and head diagonally across a common.

WALK 15: GEORGE EVEREST HOUSE, CLOUD END LOOP

Because the driveway to the Abbey Estate is now blocked off, the path that goes via the driveway has now been removed from point 11 below:

11. Once you have had a rest, turn left and head home. As you stroll you will see a great view of Everest's House to the right. At the bottom of the hill you will come to a 3-way intersection. The road to the right would take you back to Everest's House, but keep straight ahead for home. You will then come to the 5-way intersection you passed at Step 3 (Park Toll). You could retrace your footsteps (straight ahead, shown in red on the map) back to the Library via Waverley, or you could take more scenic path above the road (shown in black on the map, (b)). To do the more scenic path, take the 2nd exit up the hill. You will pass a temple on the right and soon after reach a two-way junction. Take the left path up the hill. At the top of this path there is a driveway that passes from the road below and to the left up to a gate on your right. Beyond the gate is Snowdon Estate (now Acharya Tulsi Chetna Foundation Trust). Cross over this driveway and head on a small path above the driveway (looking down to your left you will see the driveway below you). Keep on this path and meander around the mountain. Continue on the path behind a hotel, past a rubbish dump, and on to the roadway. When you reach a roadway, turn left towards the main Hathipaon Road. Then turn right and continue on until you reach the 5-way intersection at Waverley. Take the 3rd exit to your right down the hill. At the bottom of the hill, turn right at the main road, and you will come to the Library in no time.

WALK 17: KEMPTY FALLS TO CLOUD END

Because the driveway to the Abbey Estate is now blocked off, the path that goes via the driveway has now been removed from point 6 below:

6. As you stroll you will see a great view of Everest's House to the right. At the

bottom of the hill you will come to a 3-way intersection; (d). The road to the right would take you to Everest's House, but keep straight ahead for home. You will then come to a 5-way intersection (Park Toll; (e)). You could take the first exit left to get back to Mussoorie. For a more scenic path, take the 2nd exit up the hill. You will pass a temple on the right and soon after reach a two-way junction. Take the left path up the hill. At the top of this path there is a driveway that connects the main road (Hathipaon Road) to the left with a gate on your right. Beyond the gate is Snowdon Estate (now Acharya Tulsi Chetna Foundation Trust). Cross over this driveway and head on a small path above the driveway (looking down to your left you will see the driveway below you). Keep on this path and meander around the mountain. Continue on the path behind a hotel, past a rubbish dump, and on to the roadway. When you reach a roadway, turn left towards the main Hathipaon Road; (f). Then turn right and continue on until you reach the 5-way intersection at Waverley. At Waverley you will find the Convent of Jesus and Mary (Est. 1843). Take the exit straight down the hill (the 2nd one after the entrance to the convent) to the Kempty Road. Turn right onto this road and you will end up back at the library.

WALK 22: CLOUD END TO BHADRAJ VIA DUDHLI VILLAGE

Because the driveway to the Abbey Estate is now blocked off, the path that goes via the driveway has now been removed from point 5 below:

5. At Cloud End, continue on the road towards Mussoorie. As you stroll you will see a great view of Everest's House to the right. At the bottom of the hill you will come to a 3-way intersection. The road to the right would take you to Everest's House, but keep straight ahead for home. You will then come to a 5-way intersection (Park Toll; (c)). You could take the first exit left to get back to Mussoorie. For a more scenic path, take the 2nd exit up the hill. You will pass a temple on the right and soon after reach a two-way junction. Take the left path up the hill. At the top of this path there is a driveway that connects the road to the left (Hathipaon Road) and a gate on your right. Beyond the gate is Snowdon Estate (now Acharya Tulsi Chetna Foundation Trust). Cross over this driveway and head on a small path above the driveway (looking down to your left you will see the driveway below you). Keep on this path and meander around the mountain. Continue on the path behind a hotel, past a rubbish dump, and on to the roadway. When you reach a roadway, turn left towards the main Hathipaon Road; (d). Then turn right and continue on until you reach the 5-way intersection at Waverley. At Waverley you will find the Convent of Jesus and Mary (Est. 1843). Take the exit straight down the hill (the 2nd one after the entrance to the convent) to the Kempty Road. Turn right onto this road and you will end up back at the library.