

Route 1: (2.5 hours from Haldwani-Kathgodam)

Kathgodam > Bhimtal > **Khutani** (U-turn) > Padampuri > **Dhari** > Dhanachuli > **Dhanachuli Bend** (Front and Up) > Paharpani > **Motiapathar** > Saimgarh/Punagarh (take the left turn here to Natadol)

Cross Bhimtal and travel further on the road to Bhowali. There comes a junction of three roads at a place called Khutani. This junction is famous for its handicrafts store. Take a U-turn here towards the road going up. This road goes to Padampuri. On reaching Padampuri, cross the iron bridge. After a few more kilometers, next town will be Dhari. Keep on going straight. After crossing Dhari and Dhanachuli, there is a junction of four roads called 'Dhanachuli Bend'. This is about 1.7 KM from Dhanachuli and around 26 KM from the U-turn that you took at Khutani. At this bend, proceed to the diagonally opposite road, located on the front and upper part of the junction. This road will pass through Paharpani and Motiapathar. After crossing Motiapathar, there is a small village known by two names - Saimgarh or Punagarh. Take a left turn in this village. This road goes to Natadol village. The turn is located about 15.7 KM from the Dhanachuli Bend. After traveling about 1.5 KM after the turn, on this road to Natadol, you'll reach the cottages.

It takes around two and a half hours to reach the cottages from Haldwani by the shorter route (through Padampuri and Dhari), while driving slowly and comfortably. After all the scenery itself is quite enjoyable.



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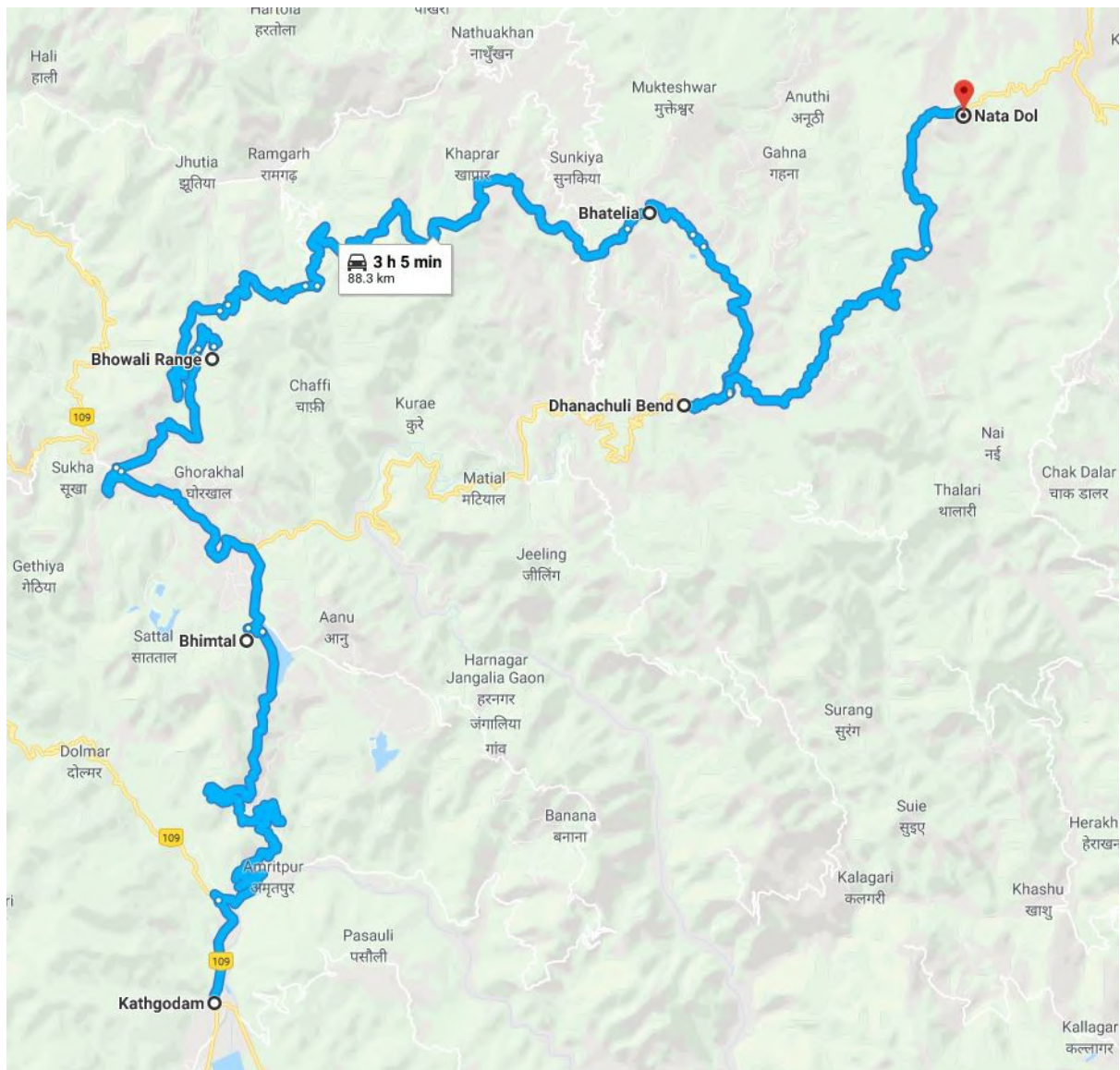


Route 2:

Kathgodam > Bhimtal > **Bhowali** > Gaagar > **Ramgarh** > Bhatelia > **Dhanachuli Bend** > Paharpani > **Motiapathar** > Saimgarh/Punagarh (take the left turn here to Natadol)

This is a longer route but has double-road for most part of the travel.

As with the first route, after crossing Bhimtal, proceed towards Bhowali. (Do not take the U-turn at Khutani) On reaching Bhowali, there are two routes to go ahead. First one goes via the famous army school and Golu-Devta temple and joins the main highway for Ramgarh. This road is narrow at places. The other route is through Bhowali itself. This is the highway and so easy to drive. Ask the people there and they will gladly guide you towards Ramgarh from Bhowali via Gaagar. Ramgarh is about 13KM from Bhowali. Proceed straight on to this road to Bhatelia via Ramgarh. At Bhatelia (about 18KM after Ramgarh), take the road on the right side which goes towards Dhanachuli Bend. The one on the left goes to Mukteshwar. On reaching Dhanachuli Bend (about 7 KM from Bhatelia), take a U-turn towards Paharpani. This road will pass through Paharpani. 5 KM from Paharpani is Motiapathar. After crossing Motiapathar, just a little ahead, there is a small village known by two names - Saimgarh or Punagarh. Take a left turn in this village. This road goes to Natadol village. The turn is located about 15.7 KM from the Dhanachuli Bend. After traveling about 1.5 KM on this road to Natadol, you'll reach the cottages.



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Safe Driving

- Drive slow and do not overtake if you can't see the empty road up to a considerable distance.
- On narrow stretches of road, give way to vehicles that are climbing. Seasoned hill drivers tend to park their vehicles wherever the road is a little broad and let the climbing vehicles pass.
- Blowing horn is frowned upon but on blind turns it helps to let the other drivers know that you are approaching the turn. So do honk before taking a blind turn.
- During night time, always lower/dip your headlight, letting the person from the other side see the road.
- While going downhill, let the car roll in whatever gear seems to give you stable speed without too much of braking. A rule of thumb is to use the same gear as you would while climbing on such a road. The engine braking relies on engine which can withstand tough working conditions, whereas brakes can heat up and fail. Never let the car move in neutral or with the engine switched off.
- While climbing up, if you have to stop, use the handbrake when the vehicle has come to halt. It prevents the car from rolling back when you resume your climb.
- When parking on an incline – Engage your hand-brake, put the car in gear, turn the front wheels to an angle facing a wall or climb and use wheel chocks (or small rocks or bricks).

For more instructions and tips related to safe driving, visit this link - <https://cottages.live/2018/04/15/driving-on-the-hills/>

Google Maps

Believe it or not, google maps can also be wrong! If you have set Maini's Hill Cottages as your destination while taking any of the above routes, the navigation will end a little short of our place. So, ask for 'Saimgarh or Punagarh" and take a left after reaching there. This is the road to Natadol.

Switch to 'satellite view' on your Google Maps app and you should be able to see our cottages. Even if the map says that you have reached the destination, keep moving till you reach the point closest to our cottages on google maps (satellite view mode). Call us for more details.

Apple Maps

Yes, even the Apple Maps are not perfect. They falter on the way but reach out cottages properly. If you are using Apple Maps, just be careful in Bhimtal. Drive all the way to Khutani and then take a U-turn to Chaffi. Ask the locals if you have to. Follow the maps for the rest of the way.

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