

Hiunchuli Peak climbing

Hiunchuli is the fourth highest peak among the many trekking peaks of Nepal and is one of the least technically difficult summits to be climbed. Discovered and subsequently named by Col. Jimmy Roberts, Hiunchuli, with Annapurna South, forms the massive south facing wall, well seen during the trek north from Pokhara. There are different approaches to this summit, mainly the South - East face Route which although, not technically extreme, is exposed to rock fall and dangers. The second one is the North -West face Route which has been attempted by only few climbers and not always successfully. The approach is from the Annapurna Base Camp in the Sanctuary. 2 camps may be necessary to complete this not so well known ascent.

South-east Face Route

Base camp route begins from Hinku Cave on the Annapurna Sanctuary trail. After establishing the first camp somewhere above the valley floor, two camps are established further to make it to the top. Trekkers on this route can become victim of rock fall and dangers.

This route commences from Pokhara valley and proceeds slowly towards Annapurna Base camp located at the height of 4300m. It is followed by a day kept for acclimatization. Annapurna Base camp is also known as the Hiunchuli Base camp. Three to four days are kept for the ascent of this peak. After this trekkers can move to Pokhara valley.

Duration: 22 days

Price: \$0

Rating: 3 Star

Grade: Strenuous

Destination: Nepal

Activity: Peak Climbing

Region: Annapurna Region

Quick Facts

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