

Mukutmanipur

In 1956, a giant water dam reservoir was planned at Mukutmanipur, [about 12 km from Khatra town in the district of Bankura, WB], under a big vision mooted by the then CM of Bengal Dr Bidhan Ch. Roy.

The Mukutmanipur dam was planned to provide major irrigation facilities to 8,000 square kilometers of agricultural land, stretched across Bankura, Purulia, Paschim Medinipur and parts of upper Hooghly. Approximately two kilometers from the lake is the Bangopalpur Reserve Forest, a home of many species of flora and fauna



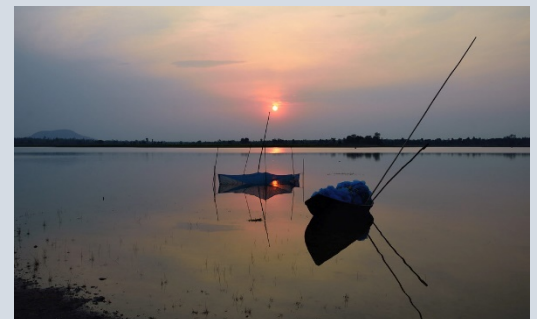
Sutan Forest

This is a beautiful tourist place with shades of Sal, Piyal, Mahua, Palash and Shimul, about 60 km away from Bankura via Ranibandh. This is also the homeland of the Santhal, Munda and Bhumijas. It is an ideal place to spend a short leave. The surrounding is calm and peaceful with hillocks. It becomes charming and colorful with palash and

krishnachura flowers in the day time and the enchanting tune of madal played by the villagers at night. The full-moon nights are mesmerizing. From the Bungalow, steps leads to the lake where boating add more fun to the tourists. Wild elephant, Deer, hog and partridges are seen in the forest. Elephants from Dalma often step into Sutan for ripened crops. The forest bungalow on the top of the hillock, although without electricity, attracts tourists for the serene beauty of the hills and forest. There is a Trekker's hut 9 km inside the forest on the bank of the lake.

Gangdua Dam

Beautiful water reservoir behind the small river SALI , a lovely picnic spot just 28 KM away from Bankura . Gangdua Dam which is also known as Shalidam, is built across the Shali River. Gangdua Dam is about 4 km away from the Amarkanan in Bankura. Gangdua Dam is 4,900 ft long dam and the main aim of this dam is to save a village of the district from floods. Gangdua Dam is located on the way to Bankura- Mejia



Biharinath Hill



Biharinath Hill resides at a distance of 57 km from Bankura district and 24 km from Raniganj. It is considered that the hill is a witness of old Jain culture. Let's plan your weekend in a hilly area where peace finds its home. Wake up with chirping birds, adore the soft breeze, sense the serenity and go for a Nature walk. The tallest hill of Bankura District, Biharinath 1449 feet welcomes you with its mesmerizing beauty and religious vibes.

Koro Pahar

Koro Hill is quite a popular tourist attraction in Bankura. **The hill is 400 feet high with a hamlet called Amarkanjan at its foothills.** This scenic location is only **19 kilometers away from Bankura** and is a **favoured picnic and trekking spot** for tourists and locals alike. **Do avoid the months of May, June and July if you wish to trek the mountain due to heavy rainfall.** Visit during the other 9 months and enjoy the surroundings and the village. Like every other **tourist spot in Bankura**, this place also has a beautiful and old temple of **Devi Ashtabhuj or Durga** also known as **Savitri** situated atop the hill behind which you will notice a Shivalinga along with his pet the Bull



Bishnupur



Bishnupur, 139 km from Kolkata, was built by the Malla kings who ruled a part of West Bengal between Burdwan and Purulia. The temples are **dedicated to Lord Vishnu** – hence the name 'Bishnupur' in local parlance – and were built across 700 years, from the 10th to the 17th centuries

Susunia Hill

Susunia Hill is a known archeological and fossil site. Fossil remains of Asiatic lion, giraffe, hyena and other animal species have been discovered from areas around. The so claimed 'oldest' rock inscription of West Bengal is located here. There is an ancient carved monolith (Narasingha stone) standing at the point where the spring water is coming out of another stone gargoyle or curved projected spout. It is also used as a location for camping and rock-climbing



Ajodhya Hill



According to Hindu mythology, Rama and Sita had come to Ajodhya Hills and stayed during their exile. Sita was thirsty and Ram pierced an arrow through the Earth's soil crust and through that water gushed out. Sita quenched her thirst. The place is known as Sita-kunda. During the full moon day in Baisakh every year tribals of nearby areas come and join in the game of hunting wild animals.

Talberia Dam

a nature tourism destination at 6 KM away from Ranibandh. The total road is covered by deep forest and tribal villages. It's a charming spot for visitors to have some quality time spent.

