

Kulikalon (2870m) – Alaudin Lake (2800m)

Distance: 9km

Ascent: 930m

Descent: 1000m

Trail: hard – clear trail and faded trails

Transport

Alaudin Lake is 30min from a dirt road and this is a possible way out. Note that there is no public transport and you will have to make arrangements for a private vehicle.

Accommodation

8 Vertical Alaudin camp, capacity >20, languages Russian and Tajik, location 30min downstream from Alaudin Lake

Camping

Alaudin Lake itself is another great place for camping. There are some good spots to pitch your tent. Rashid, a local, is running a small shop on the northern shore of the lake. He also accommodates people sometimes.

The trek to Alaudin Lake is a tough one. From Kulikalon it's a continuous climb up the Alaudin Pass. It's pretty steep on both sides of the pass and the terrain is quite difficult at times. However, the views are worth all the effort. At around 3000 metres you will pass the massive wall of Mirali Peak, where you might see avalanches tumbling down. And on the other side there's spectacular views of the eastern side of the Fann Mountains, including the blue dot that is Alaudin Lake way down below.