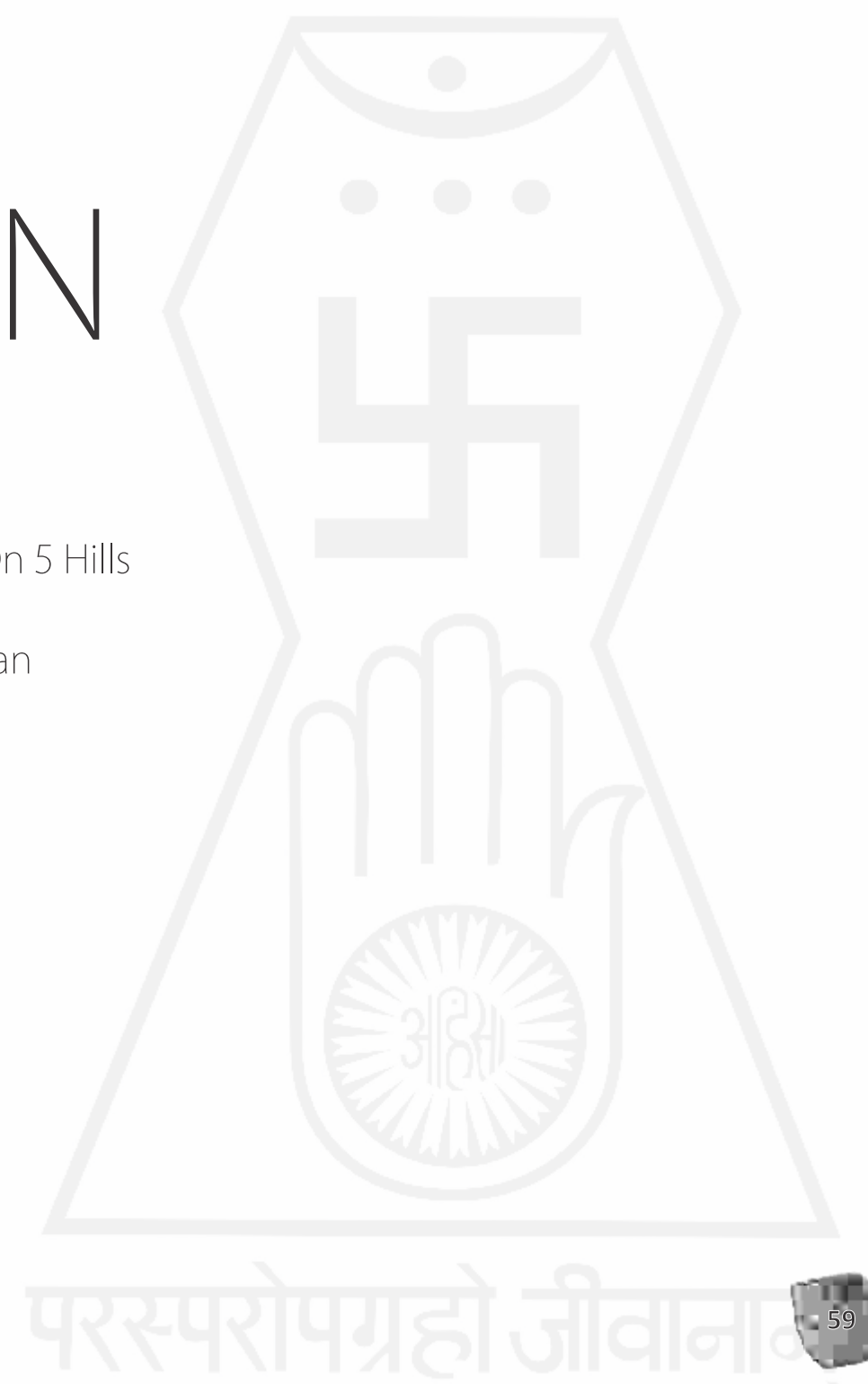




JAIN

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The Seats of Sages

Mahavira, the last Jain Tirthankara, spent 14 rainy seasons in the vicinity of Rajgir and Nalanda. The Jain devotees throng the five hill ranges that encircle the valley of Rajgir where the Jain temples have been built to commemorate the Tirthankaras.

Jains have constructed stairways till the peaks of all the five hills popularly known as PANCH -PAHARI. There are four Digambar Temples and one Svetambar Temple along the path that leads to Saptaparni Caves (Jain literature refer cave as "ROHANIYA CAVE") on the Vipula Hill.

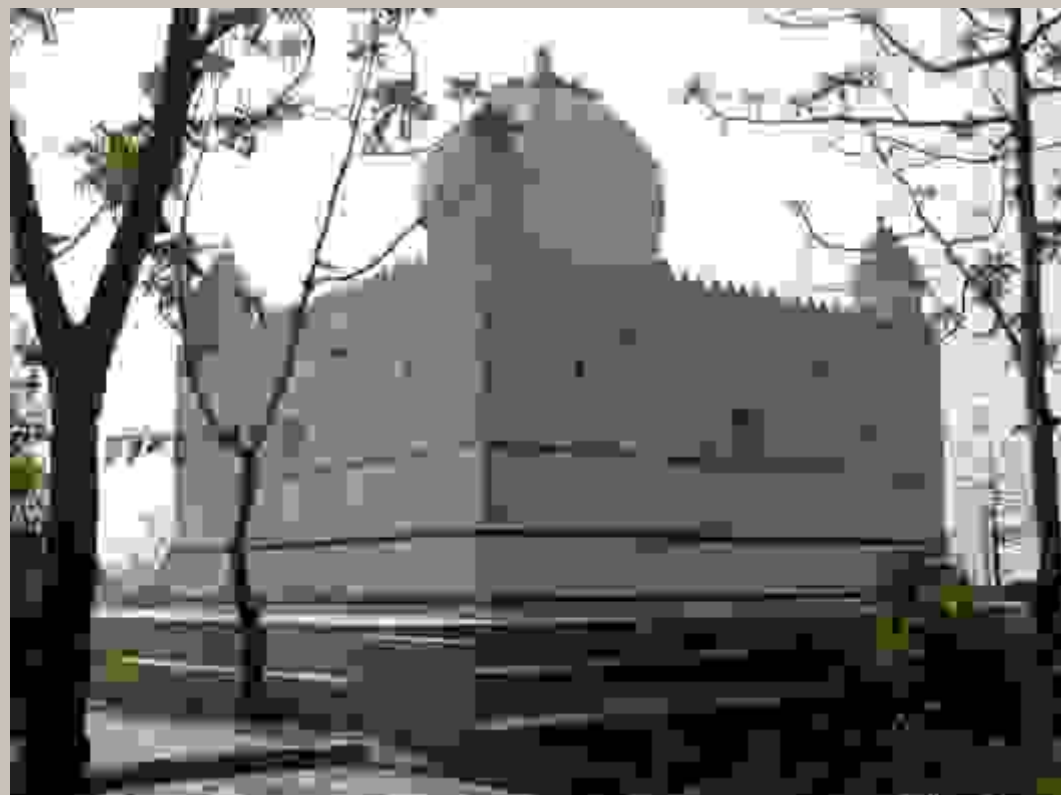
On Ratnagiri Hill three Digambar Temples (2 old and 1 new) and one Svetambar Temple is located.

On the Udaygiri Hill there are total four Jain temples. Two among those are Digambar temples (one old and one new) and the third is an excavated old temple. The fourth is a Svetambar temple.

On the Swarngiri Hill there are two Digambar temples and one Svetambar temple.

There are four Svetambar temples and one Digambar temple on the Vaibhargiri Hill. An old Jain temple with images of 24 Thirthankaras has also been excavated.

In the city of Rajgir two Digambar Jain temples and one Svetambar Jain temple known as NAULAKHA Temple are worth the visit.



Veerayatan

Devotion for a Superior Cause

It is a Jain institute focusing on serving the humanity. The surrounding hills and the vast garden area with various fruit trees and floral beds have an immediate refreshing feel to the visitor here. The Veerayatan was established in 1973 to commemorate the 2500th birth centenary of Lord Mahavira, known as Janm Kalyanak Varsh. The volunteer devotees of the Institute have been doing commendable work on community health, education and cultural improvement in the vicinity. Its art gallery "Shri Brahmi Kala Mandiram" is the finest tourists' attraction displaying the life of 24 Tirthankaras of Jain religion conveying their non-violence philosophy.

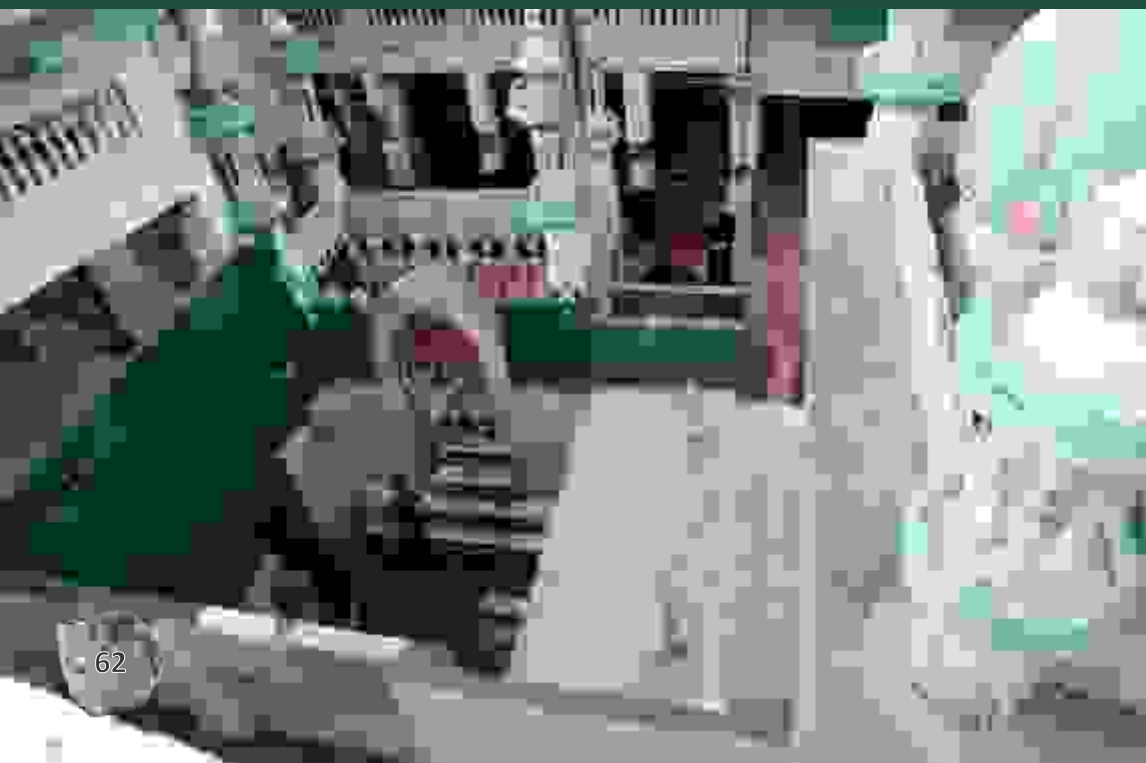


SUFI

Makhdum Kund

Holy Dip for Allah

Another hot spring located in the adjacent Vipula hill frequented by Muslim devotees known as Makhdum Kund. The 13th century Muslim saint, Makhdum Shah Sharfuddin was born at Manersharif in Patna district. He spent about 12 years meditating in a cave in the forests of Rajgir. The spring is named after him and very popular destination for the Muslim pilgrims of Bihar.



SIKH

Shri Guru Nanak Sheetal Kund

The water of the tank is considered sacred by the Sikh devotees.