

**“Ice River – a
journey to
Zaskar in
Winter”**

3 Questions for
you to
answer.....

1. What makes
Zanskar an extreme
environment/
wilderness?

2. What natural and human/cultural attractions does Zanskar offer to potential adventure tourists?

3. What impact does/could tourism have on Zanskar and what will the new road mean for tourism in the area?



A frozen
waterfall....

It is so cold washing hung out to dry
freezes



Religious artefact: The Stupas









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A hand-drawn sign on a piece of light blue paper is mounted on two wooden poles. The sign is set in a snowy mountain landscape. In the background, there are snow-covered mountains and a stone wall topped with a layer of snow. To the left, there are tall, thin, brown reeds or grasses. The sky is overcast and grey. The sign itself is rectangular with a black border and contains the text "UNCLE camping PLACE" in black, hand-painted letters. The word "UNCLE" is at the top, "camping" is in the middle, and "PLACE" is at the bottom. The sign is supported by two vertical wooden poles, one on each side. A thick, dark wooden pole is visible on the right side of the frame. The ground is covered in snow, and there are some small, bare branches visible in the foreground.

UNCLE
camping
PLACE





Walking on ice



Digging for fresh water from under the ice...



Evidence of a
snow
leopard.....









Sledging has provided winter entertainment for Zanskaris for centuries, though it used to be undertaken on stones rather than 'sledges'



Traditional (three stones and an open fire)
ways of cooking and keeping warm in
Zanskari houses.



A modern rudimentary version of a multi-fuel stove
ways of cooking and keeping warm in Zanskari
houses.





Views of one of the ornately decorated prayer rooms at Karsha monastery, one of the most important in Zanskar and still home to nearly 100 monks.





Young monks at Karsha fresh from their morning devotions.





The porters.....











Our sledge

A traditional Zanskari rucsac





Collecting fire
wood.

Fires are an
essential part
of keeping
warm







Traditional
Zanskaris
clothing....

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