

Between the Kailas and Rakas-tal there is a much more extensive plain than the one north of the Manasarovar. The ground consists of sand and gravel, covered with sparse steppe-vegetation and bushes, and, nearest the lake, very good grass. On this plain Parka is situated on the *tasam* or high-way. The river which falls out in the middle of the northern shore of the lake is formed from the brooks of the valleys on both sides of the Kailas; one of its branches passes Parka. When I crossed this river, on July 28th, 1908, it flowed in two branches, one having only 2 or 3 cub.m., the other 15.

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