

E-1 ECOTOURISM ROUTE Dilijan-Matosavank

Starting point: Set off 3km from Dilijan roundabout to Vanadzor road, turning right onto Abovyan Street. Travel along 2.8km to reach the starting point.

Trip description: Climbing down the ground road 50m from the starting point, you will arrive at the River Bldan. Crossing the stream through the bridge, you can have a rest at the pavilion over there, making use of fresh water of the cold source. Make your way, rounding the blocked road; begin sloping upwards. Continue ascending to a sinuous road, you will meet the crossroad; you should choose the central one. Going uphill 400m, turn left and get moving along a small path covered with grass. Walking along the area (surrounded by apple trees) 200m, you will get to Matosavank. During the trip you can meet the Oriental beech, the common hornbeam, the Georgia oak. Including you can see plant species; *Juncus tenuis* Willd, herbs (*Arctium Palladini*), edible plants; *Urtica dioica* L., *Polygonatum* registered in the Red Book of Armenia. Additionally, after rains you can gather edible mushrooms; *Pleurotus ostreatus*, *Suillus granulatus*. The fauna species (the Persian squirrel, the Ural field mouse) can be met here, it is not excluded to see deer habitats on the road. Bird lovers have a great opportunity to see and hear sounds of various birds, in particular early in the morning and the evening, as well as species of falcons and eagles hovering in the air.

Route duration: 1.5 hours /one direction: 45 minutes /,
/distance:1.2 km /.

Presence of signs: signed

Trail type: two-sided

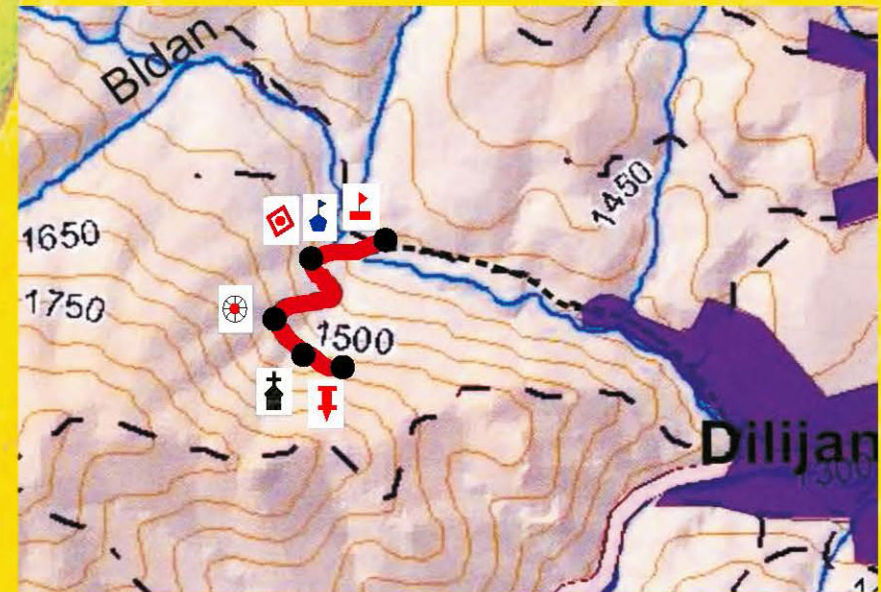
Degree of difficulty: moderate

Absolute altitude: 1401m - 1520m

Road condition: a ground road

Telephone communication: available

Schematic diagram of the route



Conventional signs



The monastery of Matosavank XII century

