

E-4 ECOTOURISM ROUTE Lake Parz-Goshavank

Starting point: Pass 6.5km from Dilijan roundabout to Ijevan road, turning right from the signboard of “Lake Parz”; travel along 10km to reach Lake Parz (the starting point of the route).

Trip description: The route starts from Lake Parz. Make your route along the path passing the left side of the lake. The trail continues along the forests covered with lush greenery. Walking for 500-600m, you will see cross stones (khachkarer) on the right side of the trail. Proceed over the path, until you get to the stream. Cross the stream and go uphill. Walking 1.3-1.5km, the path will turn left crossing the second stream. Continue ascending to the dirt road, then it will turn left. Moving 400m, you will come across to a beautiful meadow. Pass the meadow and make your way towards Gosh village; set off 2.5km to get to Goshavank. Goshavank / Nor Getik monastery / was named in honor to Mkhitar Gosh in 1213, who founded the monastery with the assistance of Prince Ivan Zakaryan in 1188. It had a school, university and seminary; including numerous manuscripts were imitated, written and preserved in the monastery.

The flora: During the trip you can meet plant species; *Arctium palladinii*, Rose, *Hypericum perforatum*, *Origanum*, *Polygonatum*, Raspberry and etc.

The fauna: Additionally, you can meet various amphibian species around Lake Parz. While passing the route, you can see a wildcat, long-eared hedgehog, deer, fox and grey rabbit.

Route duration: 2.5 hours / **distance:** 7.5 km /

Presence of signs: signed

Trail type: one-sided

Degree of difficulty: moderate

Absolute altitude: 1354m - 1230m







Road condition: a ground, forest road

Telephone communication: available

Schematic diagram of the route



Conventional signs

	Ecotourism route		Pavilion		Crossroad
	Start		Cross stones		Finish
	Church		Bridge		

Goshavank / Nor Getik monastery / (XII-XIII cc.)

