

E-6 ECOTOURISM ROUTE Aghavnavank- Yew Grove

Starting point: Set off Ijevan highway from Dilijan roundabout. Passing 16km, turn right onto Chambarak. Proceeding over 11km, travel along Aghavnavank village to start your trip from there.

Trip description: Continue walking along the road adjacent to the stream. Passing 700-800m, you will meet rocks covered with moss on the left side of the road. Making your way, you will reach the church of Saint Astvatsatin built in 11-13cc. To the south remains of structures have been preserved, which probably served as dwellings and service buildings for residents of the monastery. Village ruins covered with dense forests extend over the east. A nice, wooden pavilion is situated 100m away from the church, where you can have a rest making use of cold water of the spring. The greatest yew grove in Caucasus is located here, which is registered in the Red Book of Armenia. Yew (*Taxus baccata* L.) grows very slowly; annually over 1.5-2.5cm. Here you can meet trees of 300 to 400 years old having 25m height and 80-100cm in diameter. Yew (*Taxus baccata* L.) is a long-lived tree species and lives over 1000 years.

The flora: During the trip you can meet common horsetail, *Origanum vulgare* L., *S. edulus*, *Muscari pallens*, raspberry, mint and other plant species.

The fauna: You can meet deer and the black woodpecker registered in the Red Book of Armenia.

Route duration: 1.5 hours /one direction: 45 minutes /,
/ distance:1.7 km /

Presence of signs: signed

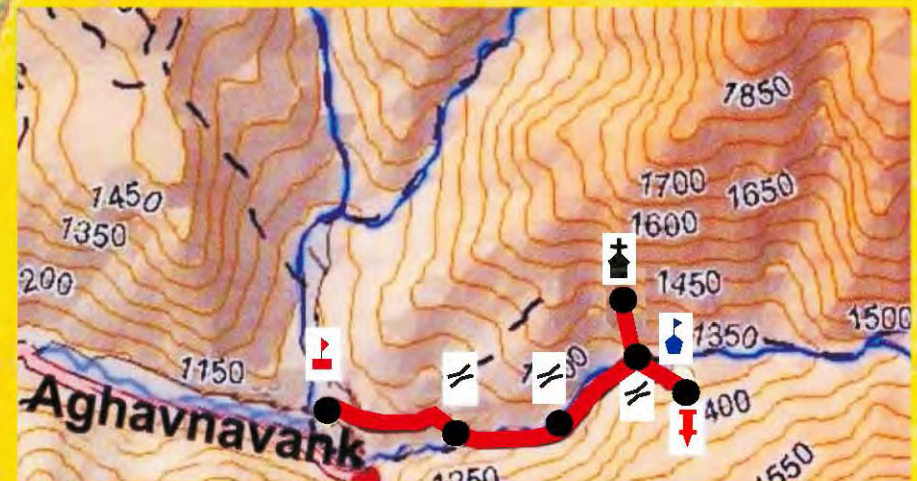
Trail type: two-sided

Degree of difficulty: moderate

Absolute altitude: 1052m - 1239m

Road condition: a ground road

Schematic diagram of the route



Conventional signs

