

E-7 ECOTOURISM ROUTE

Haghartsin Village – Abeghakar

Starting point: Set off Ijevan highway from Dilijan roundabout. Pass Haghartsin village and travelling 700m turn left and start your trip.

Trip description: Going uphill along the ground road 400m, you will admire spectacular scenery of Haghartsin village. Move forward, pass village graveyard and walking 500m, you will meet a crossroad; choose the left sided trail, proceeding over 700m, you will see pavilions on the right and the left sides of the road, where you can make use of cold water of the spring. Walking along the main road, you will see a crossroad again. Choosing the left sided one, you will soon notice ancient cross stones (khachkars) on the right side of the road. Moving forward, turn left from the next crossroad and traveling 1.6km, you will reach the base of Abeghakar. Leave the main road and slope upwards 500m to reach Abeghakar Peak (the finish of the route). Here you will see picturesque sceneries of Aghstev River valley and some villages; huge rocks and caves will be behind you.

The flora: During the trip you can meet herbs; *Sorbus aucuparia*, brier, *Crataegus laevigata*, edible plants; *Asian Heracleum*, *Mentha*, *Polygonatum*.

The fauna: You can notice deer habitats, running rabbits. A spectacular forest landscape of Abeghakar Peak is filled with hovering falcons and eagles in the air. Caves seen from the peak are habitats of deer and other mammals.

Route duration: 4 hours /one direction: 2 hours /,
/ distance: 5.5 km /

Presence of signs: partially

Trail type: two-sided

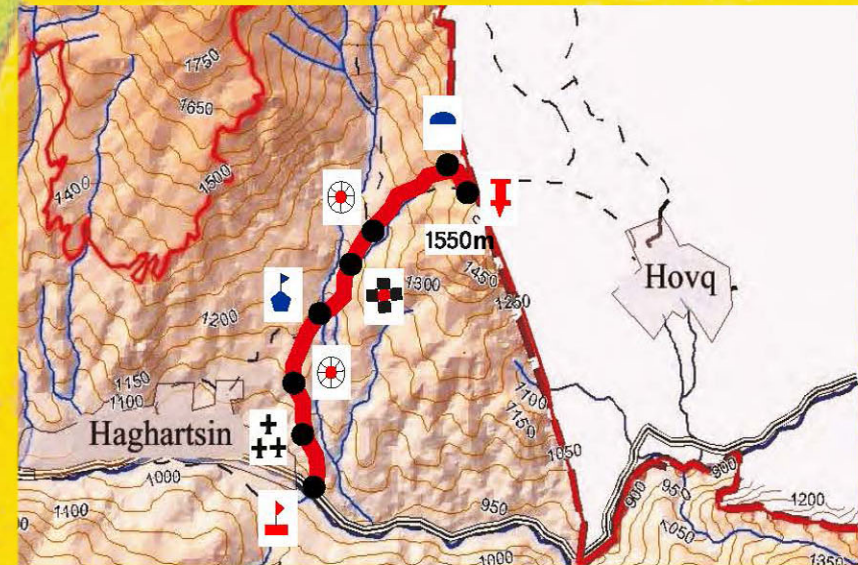
Degree of difficulty: difficult

Absolute altitude: 1075m - 1550m

Road condition: a ground road covered with grass

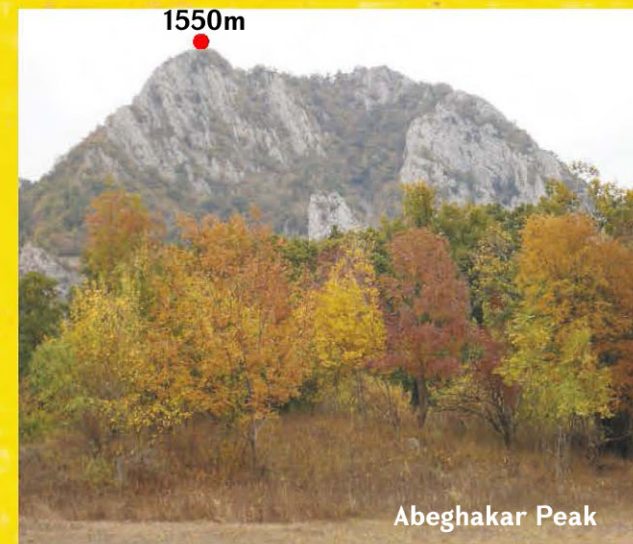
Telephone communication: available

Schematic diagram of the route



Conventional signs

	Ecotourism route		Pavilion		Cross stones /khachkars/
	Start		Crossroad	1550m	Absolute altitude
	Graveyard		End of the trail		Finish



Abeghakar Peak

Brier