

E-8 ECOTOURISM ROUTE

Dilijan- Ayridasht

Starting point: Proceed over 2.5km from Dilijan roundabout to Vanadzor road, turning right onto Shamakhyan district. Passing 3km, you will get to the starting point.

Trip description: Continue walking along the central ground road from the starting point. Passing 500m you will meet a crossroad, turn left. Set off along the central road. Moving forward 3km you will meet a crossroad again, choose the left sided road; stone resembling the letter “K” is clearly seen from here. Continue your trail not leaving the central road and passing 1km, you will meet cold spring on the right side of the road. Making your way, you will reach a summer mountain pasture, where you can get eco food. Astghana stone is located to the right side, 500m away from here. Continue your trip not leaving the main road until the base of Ayri stone; there is a pavilion, where you can have a rest and make use of cold water of the spring. Afterwards anyone can climb the top of the stone / the finish of the route;/ here you can admire beautiful and incredible scenery of the national park.

The flora: During the trip you can meet herbs; Primula L., Crataegus laevigata, brier, edible plants; Rumex scutatus, Thymus kotschyanus, raspberry, mallow.

The fauna: You can see the fauna species; Armenian gull, blue rock thrush, short-toed snake eagle and etc., (registered in the Red Book of Armenia). Additionally, you can see a quail in sub-alpine meadows. It is not excluded to see a wolf, fox, brown bear and rabbit, since their habitats are adjacent to the route.

Route duration: 7 hours /one direction: 3.5 hours /,
/ distance: 8 km /

Presence of signs: partially

Trail type: two-sided

Degree of difficulty: difficult

Absolute altitude: 1401m - 1520m

Road condition: a ground road

Telephone communication: available

Schematic diagram of the route



Conventional signs

 Ecotourism route	 Pavilion	 Mountaintop
 Start	 Crossroad	2574m Absolute altitude
 Spring		 Finish

