

E-9 ECOTOURISM ROUTE

Lake Gosh / Lake Tzrka /

Starting point: Set off for Ijevan highway from Dilijan roundabout. Passing 16km, turn right onto Gosh village. Travelling along 7 km, you will get to Goshavank /the start of the route/.

Trip description: Move along the ground road back towards the highway from the starting point. Turn right from the first right sided road, which is located 150m away from the church. You will meet a rill with a wooden bridge across it, 50m away from the forepart of the ground road. Cross the rill and continue walking along the main road. Passing 500m, you will meet another rill, the path is getting rather steeply. Moving forward, you will meet some crossroads; if you observe red arrows depicted on trees carefully, you will find a right sequence of the path, which will lead you to a beautiful stream hidden in the forest /the finish of the route/. There are pavilions placed on the shore of the lake, where you can have a rest. The lake was formed as a result of landslide processes. The length of the lake is 100m, the width is 80m. The maximum depth is 8m. It feeds on wells and meteorological precipitations. The previous name of the lake was Tzrka, since there were medical leeches in the lake. Nevertheless, leeches have currently disappeared.

The flora: During the trip you will see herbs; *Tussilago farfara*, *Primula L.*, and edible plants; *Polygonatum*, *Mentha*, wild pear.

The fauna: It is home to various fish, crayfish and frog species.

Route duration: 2 hours /one direction: 1 hour /,
/ distance: 2.5 km /

Presence of signs: signed

Trail type: two-sided

Degree of difficulty: moderate

Absolute altitude: 1230m - 1430m

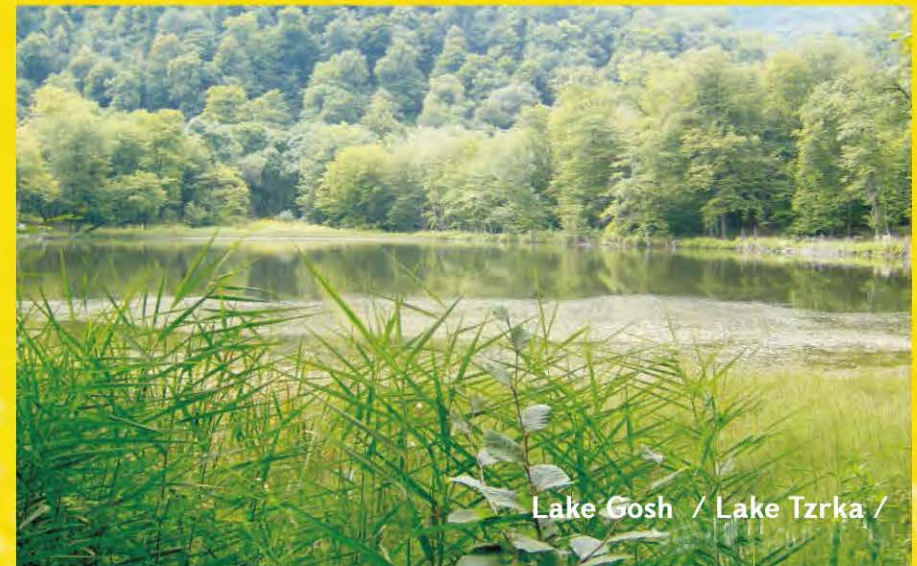
Road condition: a ground road

Telephone communication: available

Schematic diagram of the route



Conventional signs



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