

“Khosrov Forest” State Reserve

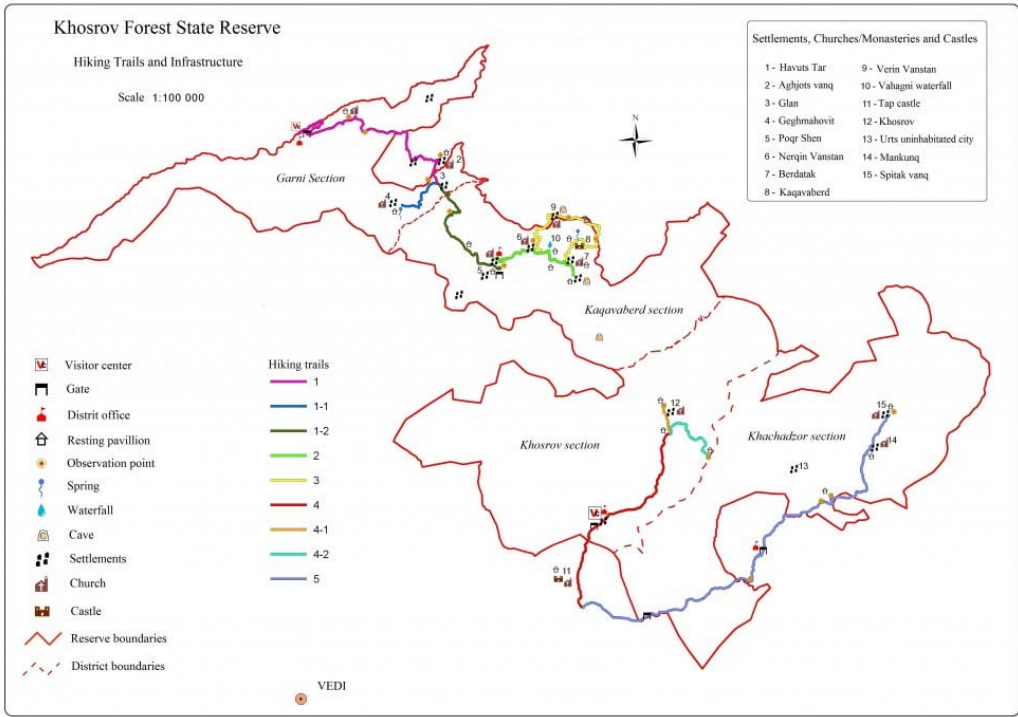


“Khosrov Forest” State Reserve is located in Ararat Region near Ararat valley on the Geghama Ridge, Yeranos and Yerakh mountains. It occupies 23 359 hectares area. The reserve is located at an altitude of 700-2800m above sea level. The two large left -side mountain streams of Araks river Azar and Vedi flow through the Reserve area with their numerous streams.

There are two visitor centers, Garni visitor center and Vedi visitor center in “Khosrov Forest” State Reserve.

Tours can be either individual or in small groups through hiking and/or horseback riding. There are several trails, some of which cannot be passed without all-terrain vehicles. Those vehicles are available in both Garni and Vedi visitor centers. Best time to visit the reserve is from May to October, however, other months of the year are also very attractive for exploring this natural beauty. Khosrov Forest” state reserve is one of the oldest protected areas in the world having a history of about 1700 years. The roots of “Khosrov Forest” state reserve go back to the depth of history and reach till the 4-th century AD to the dynasty of Arshakunyats. Historical sources say that “Khosrov Forest” expression is associated with the King Khosrov III Kotak. Particularly, according to the chronicler Movses Khorenatsi during his reign in the historical region of Ararat from the river Araks, near Dvin till the river Azat were planted many trees. Khosrov Kotak founded special hunting places for birds and animals in the area of the forest. The years of plantation of Khosrov artificial forest include the period of 330-338 years. The Khosrov Forest State Reserve received a European Diploma of Protected Areas from the Council of Europe, **Resolution CM/ResDip(2013)2**.

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Trail 1: Garni Visitor Center – Havuts Tar Monastery – St. Stepanos Church – Glan Village – V. Poqr Shen village area- Vahagn and Astghik waterfalls – Geghmahovit village area – Garni Visitor Center.



This trail is within Garni and Kaqavaberd Sections. It can be passed on foot or by horses, and, partially, by car. Duration of this tour is approximately 8 hours. The total length is 21km (one way -10.5 km). This is a medium difficulty tour, and passes through historical and architectural monuments, Azat river picturesque gorge and natural landscapes. Bezoar goat, Caucasian brown bear, white – headed griffon, variety of reptile species can be observed in this area.

Trail 1.1: Garni Visitor Center – Havuts Tar Monastery – Garni Visitor Center



Trail 1.2: Goxt village– Havuts Tar Monastery – Garni Visitor Center-Old bridge-
Bazalt Organ:



Trail 2 :Garni Visitor Center – Poqr Shen village area – V. Nerqin Vanstan – V. Berdatak – Azat River – Geghmahovit village area- Garni Visitor Center.



This trail is within Kaqavaberd Section. It can be passed on foot or by horses, and, partially, by car. Duration of the tour is approximately 8 hours, depending on transport means selected. The total length is 36km (one way -18 km). This is a medium difficulty tour, and passes through historical and architectural monuments, gorges, waterfalls, Azat river pleasing gorge and natural landscapes. Bezoar goat, Caucasian Brown bear, white – headed griffon, variety of reptile species can be observed in this area.

Trail 3: Garni Visitor Center – Berdatak – Kaqavaberd – Qotur River – subalpine zone – Verin Vanstan – Nerqin Vanstan – Poqr Shen village area – Geghmahovit village area – Garni Visitor Center.



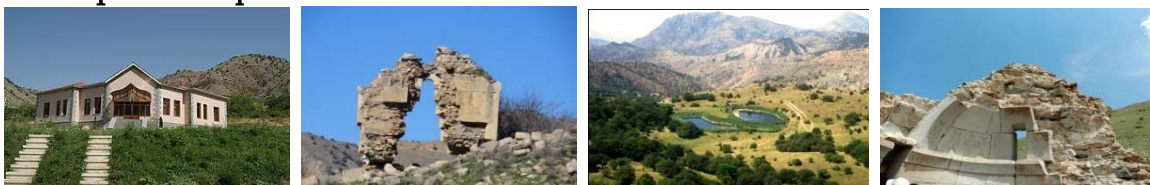
This trail is within Kaqavaberd Section. It can be passed on foot or by horses, and by car partially. Duration of the tour is approximately 8 hours, depending on transport means selected. The total length is 32 km (one way -16 km). The trail passes through numerous historical and architectural monuments, Kaqavaberd fortress, gorges, and waterfalls. It is known by its complexity and beautiful natural landscapes. Here you can see variety of reptile species, black griffon, Indian Porcupine, Bezoar goat, Caucasian Brown bear and wild.

Trail 4: Vedi Visitor Center - Confluence point of Vedi and Khosrov rivers – Tapi fortress – Khosrov river bed – Vedi Visitor Center – White house – bridge – Khosrov village area – meteorological station – oak forest – Trchnaberd – Vedi Visitor Center.



This trail is within Khosrov Section. This route can be passed on foot or by horses, and by car partially. Duration of the tour is 6-8 hours, depending on transport means selected. The total length of the trail is 30 km (one way -15 km). This is a medium complexity tour and passes through various historical and architectural monuments, forests, Khosrov river picturesque gorge and natural landscapes. You can observe variety of reptile species, black griffon, Bezoar goat, Caucasian Brown bear and wild pigs.

Trail 5: Vedi Visitor Center - Junction of roads to Martuni and Khosrov section of the reserve – confluence point of Vedi and Khosrov rivers – Urts village area – Vedi River walley -gate – confluence point of Vedi and Aghjur rivers – confluence point of Vedi and Mankuq rivers – fish pond – gate- bridge – Jghin pond – Mankuq village area – Spitak Vanq – Vedi Visitor Center



This trail is within Khachadzor Section. It can be passed on foot or by horses, and by car partially. Duration of the tour is approximately 8 hours, depending on transport means selected. The total length of the trail is about 50 km (one way -15 km). This is a medium difficulty tour and passes through various historical and architectural monuments, forests, Mankuq river pleasing gorge and natural landscapes. On your way, you can see variety of reptile species, Bezoar goat, and Caucasian Brown bear, and even Caucasus leopard on a high mountain peaks.

Tour Services

Trail N	Description	Distance km	Payment AMD			
			RA Citizens		Foreigners	
			Hiker	Horserdier	Hiker	Horserdier
1.1	Garni Visitor Center – Havuts Tar Monastery – Garni Visitor Center	4	1000		2000	
1.2	Goxt village– Havuts Tar Monastery – Garni Visitor Center-Old bridge-Bazalt Organ	6	3500		5000	10000
The service of guide is required for the below trails: for each group (consisted of 1-10 people) the fee is 10000 AMD						
1	Garni Visitor Center – Havuts Tar Monastery – St. Stepanos Church – Glan Village – V. Poqr Shen village area- Vahagn and Astghik waterfalls – Geghmahovit village area – Garni Visitor Center	21	3500	15000	5000	15000
2	Garni Visitor Center – Poqr Shen village area – V. Nerqin Vanstan – V. Berdatak – Azat River – Geghmahovit village area- Garni Visitor Center	10	3500	10000	5000	10000
3	Garni Visitor Center – Berdatak – Kaqavaberd – Qotur River – subalpine zone – Verin Vanstan – Nerqin Vanstan – Poqr Shen village area – Geghmahovit village area – Garni Visitor Center	16	3500	15000	5000	15000
4	Confluence point of Vedi and Khosrov rivers – Tapi fortress – Khosrov river bed – Vedi Visitor Center – White house – bridge – Khosrov village area – meteorological station – oak forest – Trchnaberd – Vedi Visitor Center	18	3500	15000	5000	15000
5	Junction of roads to Martuni and Khosrov section of the reserve – confluence point of Vedi and Khosrov rivers – Urts village area – Vedi River walley -gate – confluence point of Vedi and Aghjur rivers – confluence point of Vedi and Mankuq rivers – fish pond – gate- bridge – Jghin pond – Mankuq village area – Spitak Vanq – Vedi Visitor Center	18	3500	15000	5000	15000

50% discount for visitors of 15 years old or younger



Hourse rent 1hour-2000AMD



**All-terrain vehicles to be rented by <<Khosrov forest>> State reserve
1 km-1000AMD**

**Exotic tour by lorry. From Garni temple to Kaqavaberd 1 person- 3000
AMD**



Rent of tents 2-6 persons-2000AMD

**Overnight at camp sites of Garni and Khosrov sections of the reserve- 1
person- 1000 AMD**



Rent of pavilions near resort areas of visitor centers 4 hours-5000 AMD



Rent of sleeping bags -1000 AMD



Overnight accomodation at Vedi Visitor Center 1person-7000 AMD

Compulsory accompanying - 10000 AMD ,

Foreign-language accompanying - 15000 AMD

Translator - 15000 AMD,

Guide - 10000 AMD

