

Glola → Udziro Lake

24 km return · 2 days · moderate · Racha-Lechkhumi and Kvemo Svaneti, Oni municipality

Why Go

The name translates as bottomless and locals happily keep the legend going. In practice it is a small mountain lake that almost nobody reaches.

What Matters

The whole walk runs along an open ridge. There is no shade anywhere, the wind is constant, and water appears only at the seventh kilometre.

The Route Stage by Stage

1

Glola to the Ridge

4 km · 1 h 30 min · ascent 550 m

A forest track from the village, then a sharp climb onto the open ridge.

2

Ridge to the Summer Pastures

3 km · 1 h 30 min

Open walking with valleys visible on both sides. The only water source on the route.

3

Pastures to the 2,450 m Crest

3 km · 2 h

The last long climb. The path fades into the grass in places, so follow the line of the ridge.

4

Crest to Udziro Lake

2 km · 40 min

A descent into the basin holding the lake. There are flat pitches for a tent but no firewood.

What to Take With You

- ✓ Windproof jacket: the ridge is always exposed
- ✓ Sun cream and a hat
- ✓ Trekking poles
- ✓ Three litres of water: no springs above the pastures
- ✓ Tent and sleeping bag
- ✓ Offline map with the track loaded

Route Reference

5 points · elevation · coordinates · season · transport

Route Points

Point	Elevation	What It Is	GPS (latitude, longitude)
Glola	1350 ♂	village, start of the route	42.6605, 43.6300 approximate
Onto the ridge	1900 ♂	end of the forest zone	42.6450, 43.6050 approximate
Summer pastures	2200 ♂	water, possible camp	42.6320, 43.5850 approximate
Crest	2450 ♂	highest point	42.6220, 43.5680 approximate
Udziro Lake	2500 ♂	final point, camping	42.6150, 43.5600 approximate

Season

July to September. Earlier there is snow in the basin, later there is a risk of early snowfall.

Getting There

Marshrutka from Kutaisi to Oni, then a taxi to Glola. The village neighbours Shovi.

How to Use the Coordinates

The format is latitude, longitude and pastes into a maps search exactly as it appears. Navigation apps do not always recognise these villages by name, so save the points in advance and download an offline map of Georgia. Coordinates point in a straight line, but you walk the path.

Emergency services in Georgia: 112

The same number reaches mountain rescue. Tell someone in town your route and the time you promised to be back.