

Korolistavi → Mtirala Waterfall and Lake

8 km return · 4-5 hours · easy · Adjara, Mtirala National Park

Why Go

The best day walk out of Batumi. Colchic forest with ferns as tall as a person, a suspension bridge, a waterfall and a lake to swim in.

What Matters

Mtirala means weeping, and this is the wettest place in Georgia with up to 4,500 mm of rain a year. Rain can start on any day of the season.

The Route Stage by Stage

1

Visitor Centre to the Suspension Bridge

1.5 km · 40 min

A riverside path through Colchic forest. Register and pay the entry fee at the centre.

2

Bridge to Mtirala Waterfall

1.5 km · 50 min · ascent 180 m

The climb becomes noticeable and the path is slippery in places from damp and moss.

3

Waterfall to the Lake

0.7 km · 20 min

A small lake below the waterfall. People swim here in summer, though the water stays cold.

4

Lake to the Viewpoint

0.3 km · 15 min

A short climb to a platform overlooking the valley. Return by the same path.

What to Take With You

- ✓ Waterproof boots: essential here
- ✓ Spare socks in a dry bag
- ✓ Cash in lari for the entry fee
- ✓ A rain jacket rather than an umbrella
- ✓ Insect repellent
- ✓ Swimwear if you go in summer

Route Reference

5 points · elevation · coordinates · season · transport

Route Points

Point	Elevation	What It Is	GPS (latitude, longitude)
Korolistavi visitor centre	250 ♂	registration, entry, parking	41.6790, 41.8650 approximate
Suspension bridge	300 ♂	landmark on the path	41.6760, 41.8760 approximate
Mtirala Waterfall	480 ♂	main point of the route	41.6720, 41.8880 approximate
Lake	520 ♂	swimming, cold water	41.6700, 41.8940 approximate
Viewpoint	600 ♂	view over the valley	41.6690, 41.8980 approximate

Season

April to November, with June and September the best. July and August are hot and very humid.

Getting There

Marshrutka or taxi from Batumi to Chakvi, then the road to Korolistavi. About 45 minutes from the city centre.

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.