

Lagodekhi → Gurgeniani and Ninoskhevi Waterfalls

15 km return · 6-7 hours · moderate · Kakheti, Lagodekhi Protected Areas

Why Go

Georgia's oldest reserve, established in 1912. Dense old forest, two waterfalls and the feeling that nothing here has been touched for a long time.

What Matters

You will not be allowed onto the trail without registering at the visitor centre. Your name and departure time go into the logbook, which works as a form of insurance.

The Route Stage by Stage

1

Visitor Centre to the Junction

2 km · 40 min

A wide track through the forest. At the junction most walkers head for Gurgeniani.

2

Junction to Gurgeniani Waterfall

2 km · 1 h · ascent 200 m

A climb through forest on a clear path, with wild boar tracks along the way.

3

Gurgeniani to the Upper Gorge

2 km · 1 h 20 min

The gorge narrows and the path crosses the stream several times. After rain the crossing can become impassable.

4

Gorge to Ninoskhevi Waterfall

1.5 km · 1 h

The waterfall drops around forty metres. Return by the same path.

What to Take With You

- ✓ Covered clothing because of ticks
- ✓ Boots you do not mind soaking
- ✓ Passport for registration
- ✓ Insect repellent
- ✓ Two litres of water
- ✓ Waterproof jacket

Route Reference

5 points · elevation · coordinates · season · transport

Route Points

Point	Elevation	What It Is	GPS (latitude, longitude)
Lagodekhi visitor centre	450 მ	registration required	41.8290, 46.2790 approximate
Trail junction	600 მ	signpost, choice of route	41.8380, 46.2840 approximate
Gurgeniani Waterfall	800 მ	first waterfall	41.8520, 46.2900 approximate
Climb through the gorge	950 მ	stream crossings	41.8620, 46.3000 approximate
Ninoskhevi Waterfall	1050 მ	drop of around 40 m	41.8700, 46.3100 approximate

Season

April to November. In spring and early summer there are many ticks, so cover your legs.

Getting There

Marshrutka from Tbilisi to Lagodekhi from Isani station, about 3 hours. The visitor centre is a 20 minute walk from town.

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.