

Borjomi-Kharagauli: The Footprints Trail

13 km loop · 6 hours · easy · Samtskhe-Javakheti, Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park

Why Go

If this is your first walk in the Georgian mountains, start here. Borjomi-Kharagauli is one of the few parks in the country with European-style waymarking.

What Matters

It is a loop, so you return to the same point. The ascent is moderate and spread evenly across the route.

The Route Stage by Stage

1

Visitor Centre to the Forest

2.5 km · 50 min · ascent 150 m

Register at the centre, where they also sell a paper map of the park.

2

Forest to the Viewpoint

3.5 km · 1 h 40 min · ascent 280 m

Mixed forest with paint markers on the trees. The viewpoint looks out over the valley and the ridges.

3

Viewpoint to the Spring

3 km · 1 h 20 min · descent 180 m

The descent follows the other side of the loop. You can refill at the spring.

4

Spring to the Visitor Centre

4 km · 1 h 30 min · descent 250 m

A gentle return along a forest track to the starting point.

What to Take With You

- ✓ Passport for registration
- ✓ Waterproof jacket
- ✓ Head torch: it gets dark early in autumn
- ✓ 1.5 litres of water
- ✓ Food for the whole day
- ✓ Cash in lari

Route Reference

5 points · elevation · coordinates · season · transport

Route Points

Point	Elevation	What It Is	GPS (latitude, longitude)
Borjomi visitor centre	800 ♂	registration, park maps	41.8330, 43.3600 approximate
Entering the forest	950 ♂	start of the waymarked trail	41.8250, 43.3480 approximate
Viewpoint	1230 ♂	highest point of the loop	41.8100, 43.3300 approximate
Spring	1050 ♂	drinking water	41.8200, 43.3380 approximate
Back at the visitor centre	800 ♂	closing the loop	41.8330, 43.3600 approximate

Season

April to November. The park stays open in winter, but the trail then needs snow equipment.

Getting There

Train or marshrutka from Tbilisi to Borjomi. The visitor centre in Likani is 15 minutes by taxi from the station.

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.