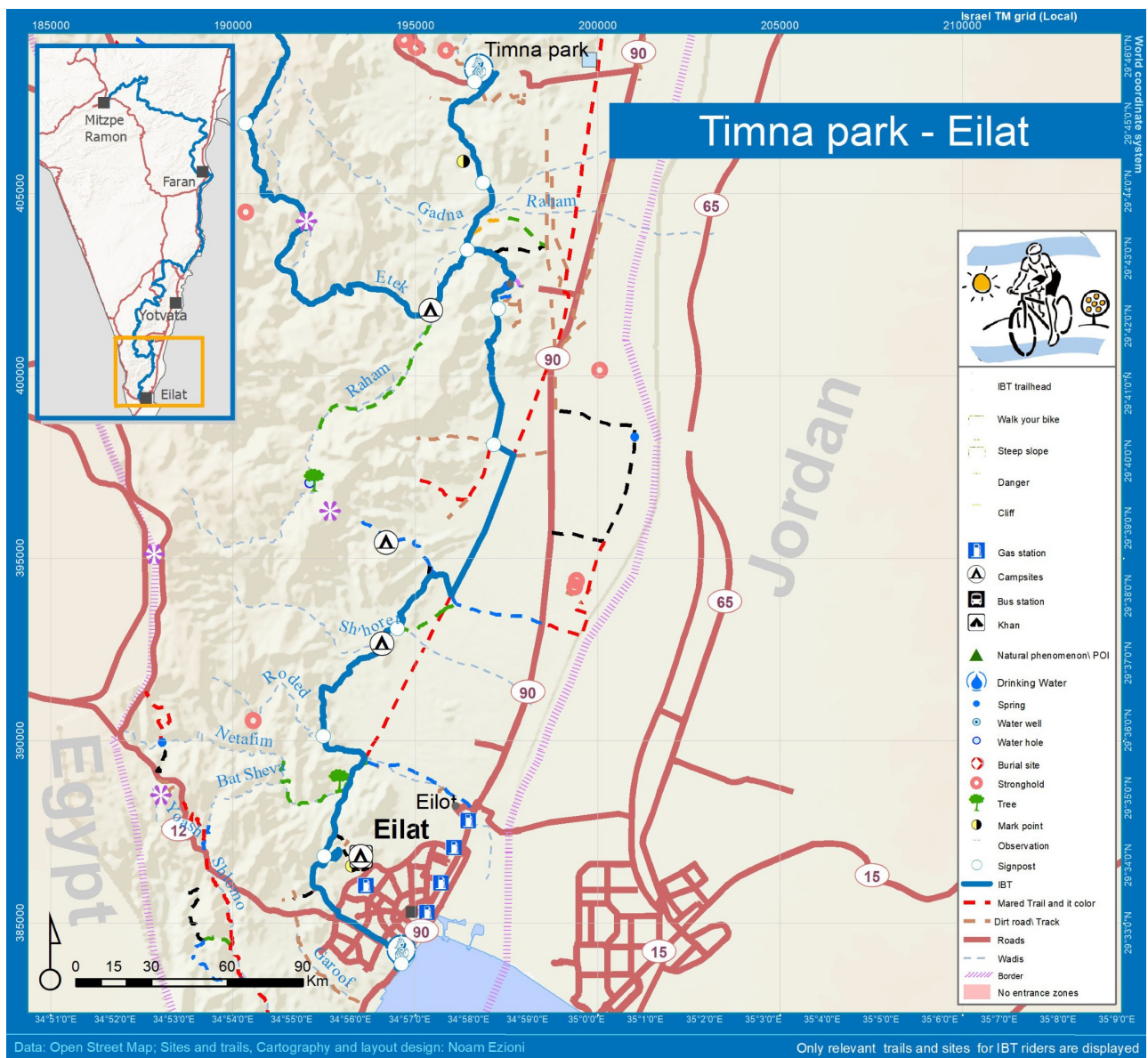


Masada - Neve Zohaer



Subject of the trail
Desert cycling



Season
Winter, Fall, Spring



Total climbing
595



Difficulty
Intermediate



Length
38



Ending point
Neve Zohar



Starting point
western entrance of Masada

Information

This 40 Kilometers long segment begins at [Masada National Park](#) and ends at Neve Zohar, on the southern part of the Dead Sea shore.

This is one of the most Challenging and breathtaking rides on the Israel Bike Trail.

It starts at the foothill of the Monumental site of [Masada](#), runs along the edge of the sheer cliffs above the Dead sea crossing numerous wadis and deep canyons. This is not an easy ride but it surely providing overwhelming overlooks.

It is a long day ride in the harsh desert. Only few shade spots can use for nice breaks. One of the spots is located on Wadi Rahaf. Another beautiful shade spot is at Wadi Ye'elim, which also provides spectacular viewpoint over the Dead Sea.

Viewpoint that cannot be missed is at the wadi Bokek crossing.

A short ride from wadi Bokek will get you to the steep 'Zeron' descent which will end at the 'Zohar' stronghold.

Please notice the following:

- No water sources along the trail. 4 liters are the minimum you should carry.
- Scarce shade spots along the trail.
- Avoid riding in hot days! Hot days are frequent between May to late september. If you are planning to ride in that period of time, It is advised to start very early in the morning.
- Do not approach the edge of cliffs
- Please Stay on the trail!

Directions

Starting point: At the Masada west campsite, near the western entrance to Masada historic site.

By car: Road 3199 from Arad to Masada. 20 min.

No public transportation available.

Service providers

[To see all service providers](#)

Safety Rules

To make cycling safe, enjoyable and considerate of all users of the trail, please observe the following rules, as well as those signposted along the trail:

- The trail is for cyclists and walkers only.☒
- No motorcycles or other motor vehicles are allowed!
- Cycling is permitted only along the marked trail. ☒
- Parts of the trail pass on shared routes with motorized vehicles.
- Riders must take precautions and yield to motorized vehicles as well as to walkers.
- The trail is for experienced cyclists only. Cyclists under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Suit your ride to the trail conditions and to your riding skills.
- Walk your bike in areas where trail conditions are difficult.
- Use proper safety equipment for cycling and walking.
- No cycling after dark.☒
- Plan your ride according to weather conditions: Do not ride the trail on rainy days and do not cross flowing streams. Avoid riding on extremely hot, dry days and avoid dehydration and heat stroke.
- The trail crosses zones of protected flora, fauna and landscape – keep the area clean.☒
- Take your trash with you.
- Do not harm flora, fauna or inanimate objects.
- Follow all signposted instructions on the trail.
- Great effort has been invested in creating the trail.
- Please protect it and report any damage along the way.
- Cycling the trail is at your own risk. No entity is responsible for injury or damage of any kind to cyclists and/or travelers and/or walkers on the authorized cycling trail or on other trails.
- Have a safe and enjoyable ride!