



Arad - Masada



Subject of
the trail
Desert
cycling



Season
Winter, Fall,
Spring


Total
climbing
300


Difficulty
Intermediate


Length
40


Ending
point
Masada


Starting
point
Mitzpe Moav
Arad

Information

This segment, approximately 40 km long, begins in the city of Arad and ends at the foot of Masada.

This is the first part of a two-day trail, which descends from the city of Arad at 700 m above sea level, toward the lowest place on earth, 400 m below sea level. The trail crosses the few mountain passes over which the descent from the steep cliffs can be spanned.

The trail begins in the hotel quarter of Arad and descends via the eco tourist ranches facing the desert scenery, above the channel of upper Wadi Rahaf, as far as Kana'im Valley. From Kana'im Valley the trail ascends northward toward Gorni Lookout, with its spectacular view of the northern Judean Desert and the major wadis that cross it. From Mount Kana'im, the trail once again descends between cliffs toward Wadi Kana'im. The descents are long and steep – ride accordingly! A long, moderate climb brings you out of Wadi Kanai'm, and at the end, Masada will appear before you to the east.

Directions

Starting point: Mitzpe Moav Arad

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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!