

# Seoul Hiking Tourism Bugaksan Center

Stop by the center to get exclusive information on Bugaksan Mountain and guidance on multiple hiking trails. Promotional materials including Seoul hiking tourism guides and maps are also available.

Location : 1F, 88 Samcheong-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul Business Hours : 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Closed every Tuesday and on Seollal and Chuseok). 28 82-1533-2158 \* Business hours may vary. Please refer to our website before visiting.



# Main Services Offered at the Center

#### Exhibition Zone and Hanok Lounge

The exhibition zone offers a space to create memories with loved ones, while the Hanok lounge provides a place to relax before or after hiking.



Exhibition Zon

#### Hiking Gear Rental

Foreign hiking tourists can rent essential hiking gear such as shoes, clothing, trekking poles, and backpacks at affordable prices. Gears can be reserved to ensure availability.



Reservation : www.seoulhiking.or.kr Rental Gears : Backpack, hiking shoes, hiking clothes (top/pants), gloves, and trekking poles

Dressing Room

#### **Other Facilities**



#### TRAIL 05.

Breathtaking nightscape Inwangsan Jarak-gil Trail

#### Total travel distance: 2.73 km Average travel time: 1 hour 10 minutes Difficulty: easy



This trail traverses along the foothills of Inwangsan Mountain, with spectacular evening views of Seoul. The nightscape from the observation deck is guite a sight. The trail is well maintained and managed and an easy walk for people of all ages.

> Hike route Sajikdan Altar → Dangunseongjeon Shrine → Hwanghakjeong  $Pavilion \rightarrow Mumudae \ Observatory \rightarrow Seosijeong \ Pavilion \rightarrow Yoon \ Dong-ju$ Literature Museum



#### About the trail

A series of boardwalks and dirt trails appears with gentle ascents and descents. Hiking boots are not necessary but bringing drinking water is highly recommended because no stores are along the way.

#### Shelter and hiking tips

Restrooms are available just past Hwanghakjeong Pavilion. The broad observation deck is great for sitting and resting, as is the bookstore and café The Forest Chosochaekbang.

#### Transportation

From Exit 1 of Gyeongbokgung Station on Line 3, move toward Sajikdan. If you follow the signpost on the way to Hwanghakjeong Pavilion after passing through the main gate of Sajikdan Altar, and then take the gentle uphill road, you will find Dangunseongjeon Shrine.

TRAIL 06.

# Lush greenery with flowery scents Inwangsan **Forest Trail**

Total travel distance: 2.9 km Average travel time: 1 hour 30 minutes Difficulty: average



This trail boasts picturesque sights of Seoul from quiet dirt trails through lush forests and over babbling brooks. The path is especially breathtaking in spring, when cherry blossoms are in full bloom, and in summer with its lush greenery. Walking along the path, you can experience the change in scenery as this trail weaves between forest and city. This experience is a treat for the five senses with its cool breeze, warm sun, and whispering sounds and scents of nature.

Hike route Sajikdan Altar  $\rightarrow$  Former Taekkyeon Training Grounds  $\rightarrow$ 

Ippalbawi Rock → Cheongun Park → Yoon Dong-ju Literature Museum

Suseong-dong Valley  $\rightarrow$  Haemaji Park-Gaon Bridge  $\rightarrow$ 

About the trail

Inwangsan Forest Trail is a series of casual walking paths with numerous forks in the road. Follow the road signs to avoid getting lost. The section between Haemaji Park and Gaon Bridge offers can't-miss views. The stairs leading up and down from the bridge are quite steep so caution is urged to avoid slipping and falling.

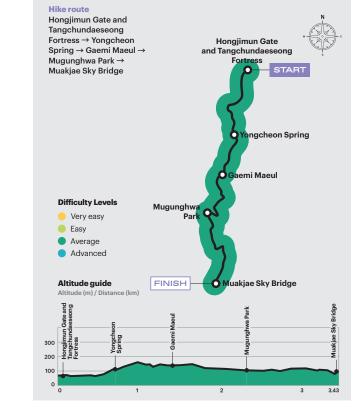
#### Shelter and hiking tips

Benches are at key points next to information panels along the trail. They are also great for sitting, resting, and snacking.

#### Transportation

The trail starts at the entrance to Saiikdan Altar 300m from Exit 1 of Gyeongbokgung Station, Seoul Metro Line 3.







Difficulty: average



#### TRAIL 07.

# Hidden and contemplative forest trail Inwangsan **Dulle-gil Trail: Seodaemun Section**

Total travel distance: 3.43 km Average travel time: 2 hours

Strolling on the deck around the spur of the mountain is like walking on clouds. This place of healing features the sounds of waters trickling beneath the rocks, singing of the birds, and evergreen pines and humble flowers on the edges of the path.

#### About the trail

The trail alternates between forest trails lined with wildflowers, stone steps, dirt paths, and well-kept boardwalks. Daily walking shoes instead of hiking boots will do fine here.

### Shelter and hiking tips

The pavilion at Yongcheon Stream is a nice break spot, with restrooms about 50 meters from the pavilion. Restrooms are also available next to the multi-purpose ballpark on Mugunghwa Park.

#### Transportation

Take bus No. 7016 or 1711 outside Sookmyung Women's University Station, Seoul Metro Line 4. Get off at Sangmyung Univ to reach Hongjimun Gate and Tangchundaeseong Fortress within 5 minutes on foot.

#### TRAIL 08.

# Combination of forest walk and mountain hiking **Inwangsan Dulle**gil Trail: Jongno Section

Total travel distance: 5.71 km Average travel time: 3 hours 10 minutes Difficulty: average



Travel from the mountain of Inwangsan to that of Ansan by crossing Muakjae Sky Bridge and wander the tranquil forested path to the babbling brook in Suseongdong Valley. The substantial climbs and descents make this relaxing walk feel like a proper hike at times.

The steep climb from Buamdong Community Service Center to Hongiimun Dullegil Trail leads to the alleys of a quiet residential neighborhood. Follow the alley between the laundromat and convenience store toward Seongdeoksa Temple. The path along the bunker beneath the military base on the descent to Hongiimun is rough and can be dangerous, so caution while

About the trail

#### Shelter and hiking tips

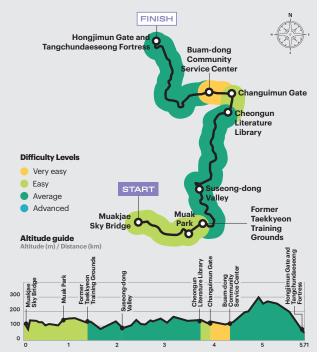
walking is advised.

Plenty of shelters line the forest walk. Dipping one's feet in the waters of Suseong-dong Valley is also a nice way to rest and recover.

#### Transportation

Muakjae Sky Bridge is 644 meters straight ahead from Exit 5 of Dongnimmun Station, Seoul Metro Line 3.

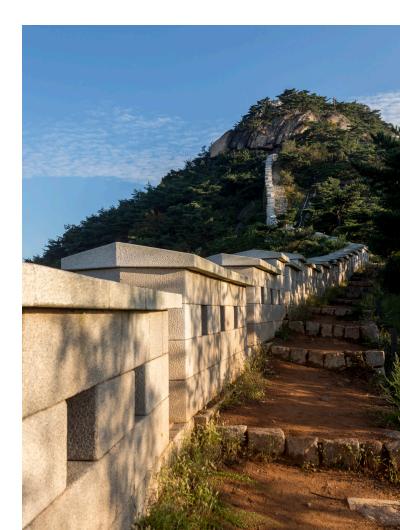
**Hike route** Muakjae Sky Bridge  $\rightarrow$  Muak Park  $\rightarrow$  Former Taekkyeon Training Grounds  $\rightarrow$  Suseong-dong Valley  $\rightarrow$  Cheongun Literature Library  $\rightarrow$ Changuimun Gate  $\rightarrow$  Buam-dong Community Service Center  $\rightarrow$  Hongjimun Gate and Tangchundaeseong Fortress

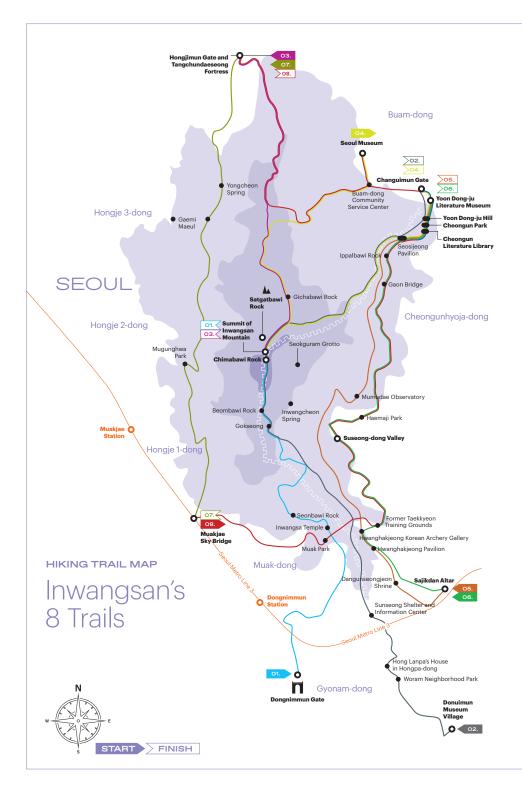


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# INWANGSAN Trail





### TRAIL 01.

Seonbawi Trail Dongnimmun Gate → Seonbawi Rock -- Summit of Inwangsan Mountain

#### TRAIL 02.

#### **Seoul City Wall Trail**

Donuimun Museum Village → Gokseong → Inwangsan Summit → Changuimun Gate

#### TRAIL 03.

#### Hongjimun-Tangchundaeseong Trail

Hongjimun Gate and Tangchundaeseong Fortress -Gichabawi Rock → Inwangsan Summit

### TRAIL 04.

#### **Buam-dong Trail**

Seoul Museum → Gichabawi Rock → Yoon Dong-ju Hill -> Changuimun Gate

### TRAIL 05.

#### Inwangsan Jarak-gil Trail

Sajikdan Altar → Dangunseongjeon Shrine → Hwanghakjeong Pavilion → Mumudae Observatory → Yoon Dongju Literature Museum

#### TRAIL 06.

#### Inwangsan Forest Trail

Sajikdan Altar → Suseong-dong Valley → Cheongun Park → Yoon Dong-iu Literature Museum

#### TRAIL 07.

#### Inwangsan Dulle-gil Trail: **Seodaemun Section**

Hongiimun Gate and Tangchundaeseong Fortress Mugunghwa Park -> Muakjae Sky Bridge

**Inwangsan Dulle-gil Trail:** Jongno Section

Muakjae Sky Bridge → Muak Park → Changuimun Gate → Hongjimun Gate and Tangchundaeseong Fortress

### TRAIL 01.

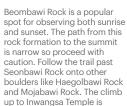
# See incredible rock formations Seonbawi Trail

Total travel distance: 1.84 km Average travel time: 1 hour 10 minutes Difficulty: average



This classic trail features the notable boulders and rock formations of Inwangsan Mountain, a giant mass of granite. Witness the wonder of the boulders Seonbawi, Beombawi, Haegolbawi, and Satgatbawi as well as breathtaking panoramic views of the heart of Seoul on this hour-long oneway journey.

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and sunset. The path from this rock formation to the summit is narrow so proceed with caution. Follow the trail past Seonbawi Rock onto other boulders like Haegolbawi Rock and Moiabawi Rock. The climb up to Inwangsa Temple is arduous but the main trail is a less-demanding walk through nature.

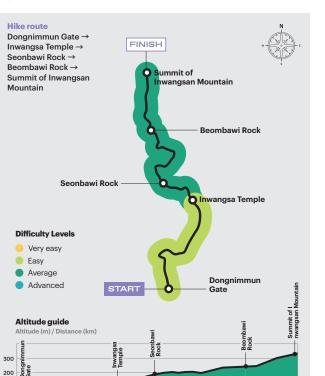
#### Shelter and hiking tips

The mountain has no restrooms after the ones next to Inwangsa Temple. Beombawi and the old Seoul fortress walls make a great place to sit and rest.

#### Transportation

Walk toward Muak-dong Community Center from Exit 2 of Dongnimmun Station, Seoul Metro Line 3.

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Difficulty: average

Trail

The trail starts at the former site of Seodaemun Gate and follows the Seoul City Wall past Gyeonggyojang House, home of the Provisional Government of the Republic of Korea during Japanese occupation, and ends at Changuimun Gate. The fortifications mark the boundaries of Hanyang, Seoul's name during the Joseon era.



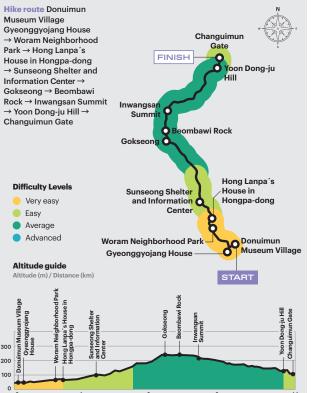
About the trail

#### TRAIL 02.

# Tracing Seoul's history **Seoul City Wall** (Hanyangdoseong)

Total travel distance: 4.1 km Average travel time: 2 hours 10 minutes





#### About the trail

A three-way split is on the road past Sunseong Shelter and Information Center, with the left path leading to Muakjae Sky Bridge and the right to Inwangsan Urban Nature Park The summit is at the end of the middle path, and the last section before the summit involves light rock climbing, so please be careful.

#### Shelter and hiking tips

A convenience store is next to Sunseong Shelter and Information Center. Benches line the path down from the summit to Changuimun Gate.

#### Transportation

Donuimun Museum Village is a five-minute walk from Exit 4 of Seodaemun Station, Seoul Metro Line 5. Follow the road signs to Kangbuk Samsung Hospital.

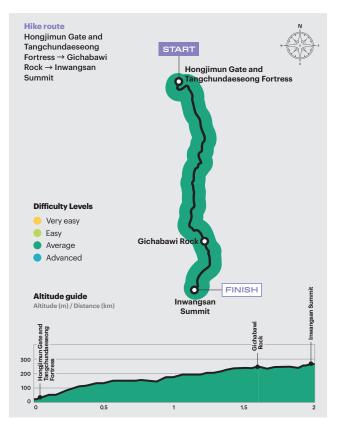
#### TRAIL 03.

# Picturesque views from Inwangsan Mountain Hongjimun Gate-Tangchundaeseong **Fortress Trail**

Total travel distance: 2 km Average travel time: 1 hour 20 minutes Difficulty: average



The path from Hongjimun Gate along Tangchundaeseong Fortress is relatively less traveled by hikers. This is the perfect way to peacefully and quietly enjoy the scenery of the mountains of Bugaksan and Bukhansan below. The stunning panoramic view at Gichabawi Rock stops many hikers in their tracks.



#### About the trail

The section along Tangchundaeseong Fortress includes steep uphill stretches. Hikers are advised to bring crampons in the winter. A pair of gloves is handy for gripping the safety ropes up the many boulders. Many paths down from the summit take hikers past Changuimun Gate, Suseong-dong Valley, and Muakjae Sky Bridge.

Many hikers sit here to rest and enjoy the city view before climbing Gichabawi Rock.

#### Transportation

Take bus No. 7018 at the bus stop 320 meters straight ahead from Exit 3 of Gyeongbokgung Station, Seoul Metro Line 3. Get off at Hongjimun Gate and follow the signs to Tangchundaeseong Fortress along Inwangsan Dulle-gil Trail.

### Shelter and hiking tips

#### TRAIL 04.

# Arts and crafts **Buam-dong** Trail

Total travel distance: 3.36 km Average travel time: 2 hours 10 minutes Difficulty: average



The neighborhood of Buam-dong, home to Seoul Museum, is full of art galleries and other artsy sights. Touring the neighborhood's craft shops, eateries, and cafés is every bit as enjoyable as a hike up the mountains. Also here are the Yoon Dong-ju Literature Museum and a hill named after the poet.

#### About the trail

The path splits at Buam-dong Community Service Center. Follow the alley between the laundromat and convenience store. At the road sign, take the left path up to the summit and be careful not to slip while climbing the substantial incline.

#### Shelter and hiking tips

No restrooms are available from Seoul Museum to the summit and Changuimun Gate. Use the restrooms between Yoon Dong-ju Hill and Cheongun Literature Library.

#### Transportation

Take bus No. 1020, 1711, 7016, 7018, 7022, or 7212 outside Exit 3 of Gyeongbokgung Station, Seoul Metro Line 3, or 1020, 1711, 7016, or 7018 outside Exit 2 or 3 of Gwanghwamun Station, Seoul Metro Line 5. Get off at Jahamun Tunnel.

Hike route Seoul Museum  $\rightarrow$  Buam-dong Community Service Center  $\rightarrow$ Gichabawi Rock → Inwangsan Summit → Yoon Dong-ju Hill → Yoon Dong-ju Literature Museum  $\rightarrow$  Changuimun Gate

