



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.
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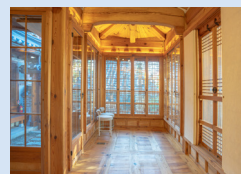
Main Services Offered at the Center

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 Zone



Hanok Lounge

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



Other Facilities



Lockers

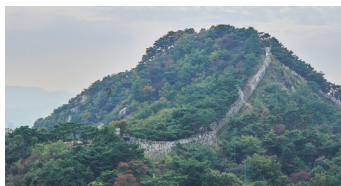


Dressing Room

TRAIL 05.

Classic Bugaksan hiking course Changuimun Gate- Malbawi Rock Trail

Total travel distance: **4 km**
 Average travel time: **1 hour 50 minutes**
 Difficulty: **average**



Walk down from Baegakmaru Peak along the ridge line to Malbawi Rock past Gokjang to see the Samcheong-dong neighborhood, which was considered the most beautiful neighborhood in Seoul by the Joseon nobility. Before the backroads of Chigung Shrine and Chunchugwan were opened to the public, many hikers took the Malbawi detour along the ridge line.

About the trail

The section from Changuimun Gate to Baegakmaru Peak is a long series of steep hills. Firmly grab the handrails while climbing the stairs or use a pair of hiking sticks.

Shelter and hiking tips

The path from Malbawi Observatory to Samcheong Park is fraught with steps. Hikers are advised to take a break at the Malbawi Information Center or Malbawi Observatory.

Transportation

Take bus No. 1711 or 7212 outside Exit 3 of Gyeongbokgung Station, Seoul Metro Line 3. Get off at the stop Jahamun Pass and Yoon Dong-ju Literature Museum and climb the stairs to reach Changuimun Gate Information Center.

TRAIL 06.

Witness to history Yeoraesa Temple- Hogyeongam Rock Trail

Total travel distance: **2.48 km**
 Average travel time: **1 hour 30 minutes**
 Difficulty: **average**



Popularly known as the Kim Shin-jo Route, named after one of two North Korean commandos who survived the 1968 raid on the presidential office in Seoul, this is the second of the Bugak Haneul-gil Trails. On January 21, 1968, 31 North Korean commandos took this route to infiltrate Cheong Wa Dae in an attempted assassination of then President Park Chung-hee. Hogyeongam Rock is covered with dozens of bullet marks from the firefight in that incident.

About the trail

Because the way from Hogyeongam Rock to the source of Seongbukcheon Stream requires a steep descent, hiking sticks are highly recommended to distribute and balance body weight.

Shelter and hiking tips

The bench at the Gyegokmaru Observatory and gurgling spring at the source of Seongbukcheon Stream are great for taking a rest.

Transportation

Take bus No. 1213, 7211, 171, or 163 at the stop Sungdeok Elementary School outside Exit 1 of Jeongneung Station, Ui-Sinseol Line. Get off at Kookmin University and walk up for five minutes toward Bugak Tunnel to reach Bugak Park Ranger Post. Walk 100 meters past the center toward the tunnel to reach the path to Yeoraesa Temple.

TRAIL 07.

Hidden forest eco-paths Bugak Haneul-gil Trails

Total travel distance: **9 km**
 Average travel time: **2 hours 50 minutes**
 Difficulty: **average**



These trails link the foothills of Bugaksan Mountain with the ridges surrounding the former presidential compound of Cheong Wa Dae, and connect to the hiking trails in the depths of the mountain along the popular Bugak Skyway and trail. Decades of no human contact have left the pristine natural ecosystems flawlessly preserved. A tranquil and relaxed journey awaits with the magical energy of the deep forest.

About the trail

The trail spans over 9 kilometers and is rather steep. Be extra careful when descending from Hogyeongam Rock to the source of Seongbukcheon Stream and up from there to Bugak Skyway Palgakjeong Pavilion.

Shelter and hiking tips

Gyegokmaru Shelter has no noise, worries, and mobile phone coverage, making it a great place to clear the mind and soak in the sky above and hills below.

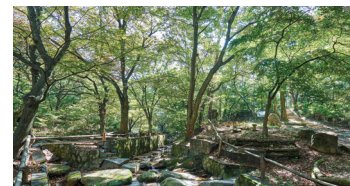
Transportation

Take the Seongbuk No. 1 bus at the bus stop Samseongyo Bridge and Seongbuk Cultural Center outside Exit 6 of Hansung University Station, Seoul Metro Line 4. Get off at the stop Seongbuk-gu Community Center, Building 201 front and walk up the road for 268 meters to reach Haneul Hanmadang.

TRAIL 08.

Secret urban garden Baeksasil Valley- Seonggyungwan Trail

Total travel distance: **6.14 km**
 Average travel time: **2 hours**
 Difficulty: **average**



The crystal-clear waters of Baeksasil Valley are a prime habitat for salamanders, Chinese minnows, and crayfish. Restrictions on development have helped preserve nature and wildlife here, earning the valley the nickname "Secret Garden." The scenery along the narrow forest path transforms with the coming and going of the seasons.

About the trail

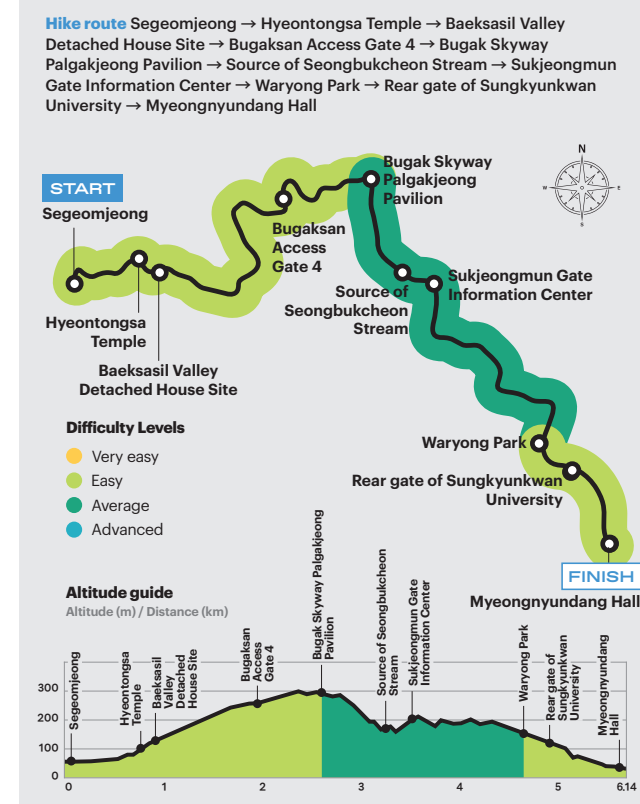
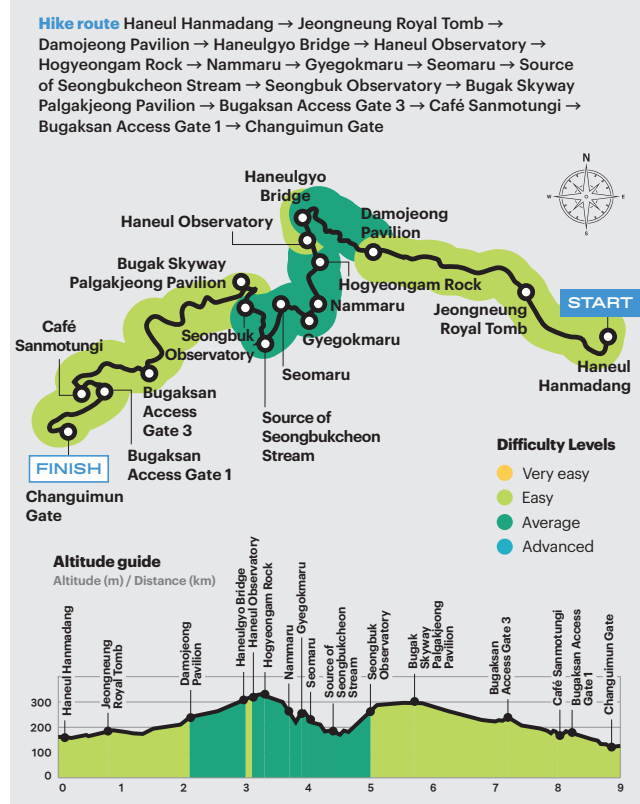
A paved sidewalk connects Baeksasil Valley to the forest path and Bugak Skyway Palgakjeong Pavilion, with an easy walk on the gentle uphill path.

Shelter and hiking tips

Sit on the stone steps at the detached house site in Baeksasil Valley to recharge while listening to the gurgling mountain stream underneath the tree shade.

Transportation

Take bus No. 1020, 1711, 7016, 7018, 7022, or 7212 at Exit 3 of Gyeongbokgung Station, Seoul Metro Line 3, and get off at the stop Sangmyung University entrance and Segeomjeong Church.

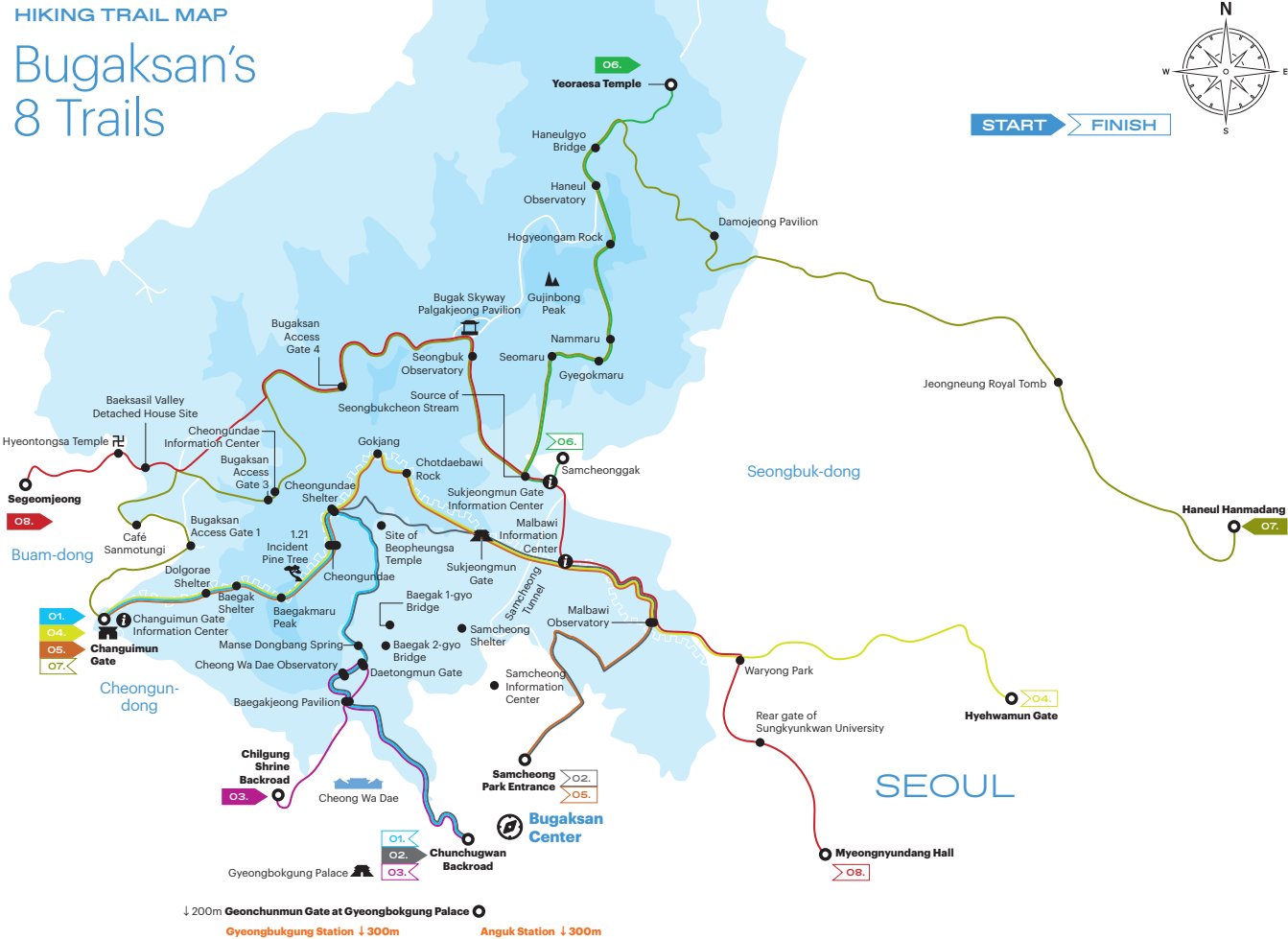


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HIKING TRAIL MAP

Bugaksan's 8 Trails



TRAIL O1.
Changuimun-Baegakmaru Trail
 Changuimun Gate → Cheongundae Shelter → Baegakmaru Peak → Chunchugwan Backroad

TRAIL O2.
Cheong Wa Dae-Samcheong Park Trail
 Chunchugwan → Cheongundae Peak → Malbawi Observatory → Samcheong Park

TRAIL O3.
Cheong Wa Dae Observatory-Chunchugwan Trail
 Chunchugwan → Cheongundae Peak → Baegakmaru Peak → Chunchugwan Backroad

TRAIL O4.
Changuimun-Malbawi Rock Trail
 Changuimun Gate → Cheongundae Shelter → Cheong Wa Dae Observatory → Chunchugwan Backroad

TRAIL O5.
Changuimun Gate-Malbawi Rock Trail
 Changuimun Gate → Cheongundae Shelter → Cheong Wa Dae Observatory → Chunchugwan Backroad

TRAIL O6.
Yeoraesa Temple-Hogyeongam Rock Trail
 Yeoraesa Temple → Hogyeongam Rock → Sukjeongmun Gate → Samcheong Park Entrance

TRAIL O7.
Bugak Haneul-gil Trails
 Haneul Hanmadang → Damojeong Pavilion → Bugak Skyway Palgakjeong Pavilion → Café Sanmotungi → Changuimun Gate

TRAIL O8.
Baeksasil Valley-Seonggyungwan Trail (p.92)
 Segeomjeong → Baeksasil Valley Detached House Site → Source of Seongbukcheon Stream → Waryong Park → Myeongnyundang Hall

TRAIL O1.
Views over Cheong Wa Dae Changuimun-Baegakmaru Trail
 Total travel distance: **3.32 km**
 Average travel time: **1 hour 30 minutes**
 Difficulty: **average**



This section of the trail is popular for its numerous observation points from which travelers can enjoy a sweeping view of Seoul's skyline. The descent after a steep uphill climb from Changuimun Gate to Baegakmaru Peak brings travelers down to the new trail behind Cheong Wa Dae, the former presidential compound that was opened to the general public in May 2022. The spectacular views of the Seoul metropolis in green hues are the prime attraction of this trail.

About the trail
 The descent from Manse Dongbang Spring to Chunchugwan is rather steep, so those with bad knees are advised to use hiking sticks. The climb from Changuimun Gate to Baegakmaru Peak is grueling. Firmly grab the handrails installed along the path for safety.

Shelter and hiking tips
 Two shelters (Dolgorae and Baegak) are along the city walls between Changuimun and Baegakmaru. Bring plenty of drinking water as the way has no stores or water fountains.

Transportation
 Take bus No. 1020 outside Exit 3 of Gyeongbokgung Station, Seoul Metro Line 3. Get off at the stop Jahamun Pass and Yoon Dong-ju Literature Museum and climb the stairs to reach Changuimun Gate Information Center.

TRAIL O2.
Stroll through the fresh forest Cheong Wa Dae-Samcheong Park Trail
 Total travel distance: **5 km**
 Average travel time: **1 hour 50 minutes**
 Difficulty: **average**



This trail begins at Cheong Wa Dae Chunchugwan and leads down to Samcheong Park, the name of which means "a place with refreshingly clean water and forest." Once closed for security reasons, this newly opened trail near Cheong Wa Dae offers hikers an open view of Seoul city. The tranquil view of the forest that leads to Samcheong Park also brings peace of mind.

About the trail
 Bring hiking sticks as certain parts of the trail are quite steep. Baegakjeong Pavilion to Manse Dongbang Spring is the most challenging leg, with steep climbs and numerous stairs.

Shelter and hiking tips
 Take in the views of downtown Seoul while catching your breath at Cheongundae. N Seoul Tower and even Lotte World Tower can be seen from the peak on a clear day.

Transportation
 Take bus No. 1711 (green) outside Exit 3 of Gyeongbokgung Station, Seoul Metro Line 3. Get off at the stop Hoyoja-dong. Make a right turn at Hoyoja-ro Road and go straight for 911 meters. The building across the street is Chunchugwan.

TRAIL O3.
Best views from Bugaksan Mountain Cheong Wa Dae Observatory-Chunchugwan Trail
 Total travel distance: **2.18 km**
 Average travel time: **50 minutes**
 Difficulty: **average**



This relatively short and leisurely trail makes for easy walking. Follow the oneway road on the right side of Daetongmun Gate up to Cheong Wa Dae Observatory, the highest point of the trail. The boarded deck offers a panoramic view of downtown Seoul from Cheong Wa Dae, with Gyeongbokgung Palace to Gwanghwamun Gate and Seoul City Hall unfolding before you like a painting.

About the trail
 Steep stone steps link Chilgung Shrine to Baegakjeong Pavilion. A pair of hiking sticks make the climb far easier.

Shelter and hiking tips
 Take a seat at Baegakjeong Pavilion and look south beyond the Cheong Wa Dae walls. Visible beyond Namsan Mountain are the peaks of Cheonggyesan Mountain south of the Hangang River and to the right is Gwanaksan Mountain.

Transportation
 Take bus No. 1711 outside Exit 3 of Gyeongbokgung Station, Seoul Metro Line 3. Get off at the stop Hoyoja-dong, pass Singyo-dong intersection, and walk 300 meters toward Sihwamun. If you go straight along Changuimun-ro between Sihwamun and Mugungwha Park, you will come across Chilgung Shrine. The road behind Chilgung Shrine leads to the Bugaksan Trail.

TRAIL O4.
Along the Seoul City Wall Trail Changuimun-Hyehwamun Trail
 Total travel distance: **5 km**
 Average travel time: **2 hours 10 minutes**
 Difficulty: **average**



This journey takes travelers along the old Seoul City Wall, which are 5-10 meters high and were erected to defend against marauding northern tribes during the Joseon era. Seoul City Wall Trail is 18.6 kilometers long and stretches from Namsan Mountain via the mountains of Ansan and Inwangsan to Bugaksan. The section from the gates of Changuimun to Hyehwamun is loaded with interesting scenery.

About the trail
 Bring the appropriate safety gear such as hiking poles and firmly grip the handrails installed along the steep rocky path from Changuimun Gate to Baegakmaru Peak.

Shelter and hiking tips
 The 1.6-kilometer section from Waryong Park to Hyehwamun Gate takes around 30 minutes. It would be a good idea to take a moment to recharge at Malbawi Observatory.

Transportation
 Take bus No. 1711 or 7212 outside Exit 3 of Gyeongbokgung Station, Seoul Metro Line 3. Get off at the stop Jahamun Pass and Yoon Dong-ju Literature Museum and climb the stairs to reach Changuimun Gate Information Center.

