



Seoul Hiking Tourism Bukhansan Center

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

Location : 5F, Gwanglim Building, 52 Samyang-ro 173-gil, Gangbuk-gu, Seoul
Business Hours : 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 (Closed every Monday and on Seollal and Chuseok). ☎ 82-1533-2608
 ※ 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 within the center is available for visitors to capture memories made with friends, family, or companions, and the lounge is for visitors to prepare for their hike or relax afterward.



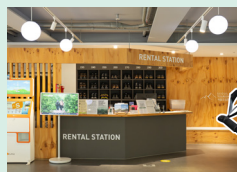
Exhibition Zone



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.

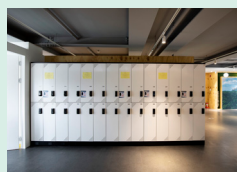


Reservation : www.seoulhiking.or.kr

Rental Gears : Backpack, hiking shoes, hiking clothes (top/pants), gloves, and trekking poles



Other Facilities



Lockers



Dressing Room

TRAIL 05.

Best of Bukhansan scenery Complete Tour of 12 Bukhansanseong Gates

Total travel distance: **14.4 km**
 Average travel time: **6 hours**
 Difficulty: **advanced**



Bukhansanseong Fortress was built in 1711, the 37th year of the reign of King Sukjong of the Joseon Dynasty, to defend the capital Hanyang (today's Seoul). The structure uses the rough topography of Bukhansan and extends for 11.6 kilometers. The reward for this punishing course awaits at the summit: great views of Bukhansan scenery along the ridge line.



About the trail

The steep slopes and challenging terrain of Uisang Ridge stretching west from Munsubong and the main ridge of Bukhansan might be too difficult for novice hikers.

Shelter and hiking tips

This trail through 12 Bukhansanseong gates can be exhausting so take every opportunity to rest and recover. Broad boulders appear every six or so peaks for sitting and resting.

Transportation

Take bus No. 704 at the bus stop outside Exit 2 of Gupabal Station, Seoul Metro Line 3. Get off at the entrance to Bukhansanseong Fortress and walk up Daeseomun-gil Road for about 900 meters. On the right are steps and a sign reading "Uisangbong Peak." Follow this road to reach Uisang Ridge.

TRAIL 06.

Sunrise spot greeting the day Dobongsan- Sinseondae Trail

Total travel distance: **6.3 km**
 Average travel time: **2 hours 30 minutes**
 Difficulty: **advanced**



Jaunbong Peak (740.2 meters) is the tallest peak of Dobongsan Mountain, but access to the steep rock cliffs is restricted. Sinseondae Peak, standing opposite Jaunbong, is considered the de facto summit of the mountain. This trail is the shortest way up to Sinseondae, a favorite spot to see the sunrise among early morning hikers.

About the trail

The climb from Seonin Shelter to Sinseondae Peak is extremely steep. Elderly hikers and those with weak knees or ankles are advised to exercise caution on this course. The line of hikers waiting to scale Sinseondae can be up to 50 meters long on weekends and public holidays. So going on a weekday is highly recommended.

Shelter and hiking tips

Take sufficient time to recover at Seonin Shelter before ascending Sinseondae Peak, as the crawl up the steep rock face can be exhausting.

Transportation

Take Exit 1 at Dobongsan Station, Seoul Metro Line 1 (Gyeongwonseon), and walk about 20 minutes toward the Dobongsan Station Intersection to reach Dobong Visitor Center.

TRAIL 07.

Discover hidden beauty among ridges Dobongsan Main Ridge Trail

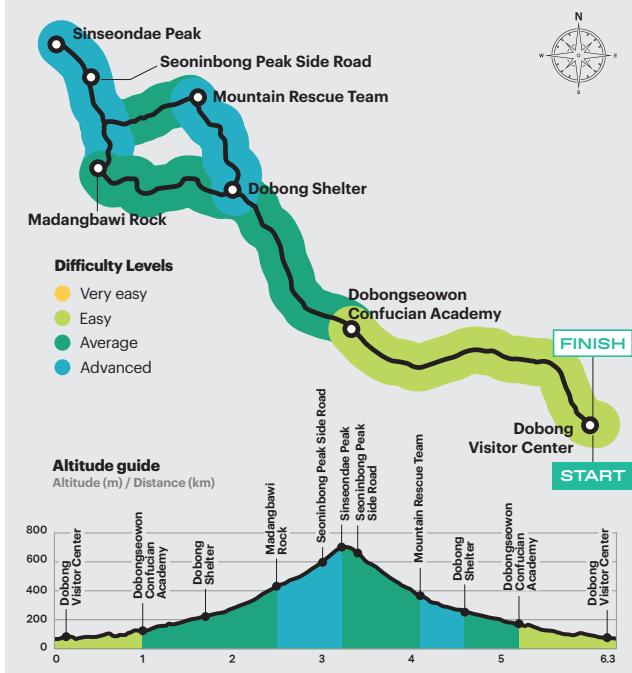
Total travel distance: **9.32 km**
 Average travel time: **6 hours**
 Difficulty: **advanced**



The main ridge of Dobongsan stretches from the Uinam Ridge, past Uiam Rock, and up to Sinseondae Peak via Jubong. The relatively challenging climb starts with a gentle uphill that gradually increases in slope past Mangwolsa Temple. Those who make it to the top are rewarded with unobstructed panoramic views and the beauty of the valleys and streams hidden between the ridges.

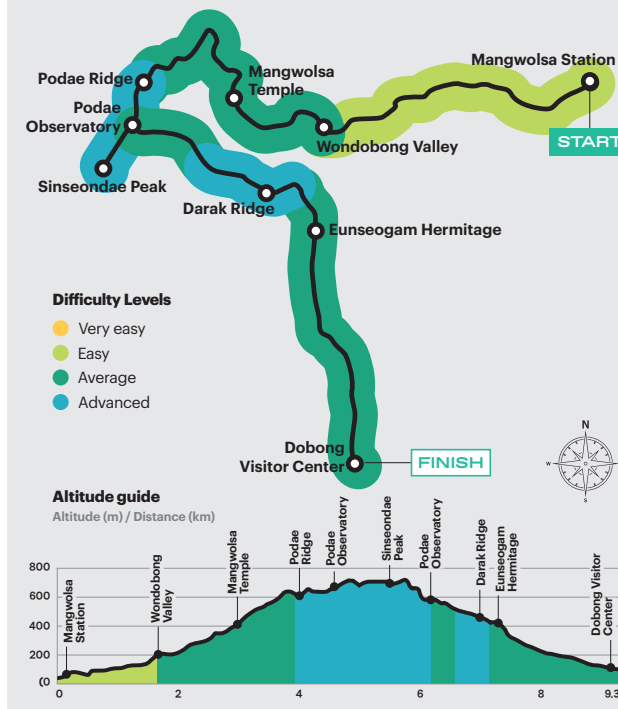
About the trail

Hike route Dobong Visitor Center → Dobongseowon Confucian Academy → Dobong Shelter → Madangbawi Rock → Seoninbong Peak Side Road → Sinseondae Peak → Seoninbong Peak Side Road → Mountain Rescue Team → Dobong Shelter → Dobongseowon Confucian Academy → Dobong Visitor Center



About the trail

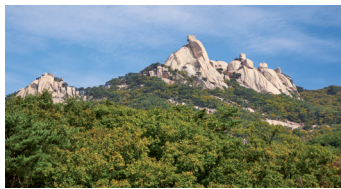
Hike route Mangwolsa Station → Wondobong Valley → Mangwolsa Temple → Podae Ridge → Podae Observatory → Sinseondae Peak → Podae Observatory → Darak Ridge → Eunseogam Hermitage → Dobong Visitor Center



TRAIL 08.

Nature-friendly mountain walk Bukhansan Dulle-gil: Uiryong-gil

Total travel distance: **6.42 km**
 Average travel time: **2 hour**
 Difficulty: **easy**



Uiryong-gil is Section 21 of Bukhansan Dulle-gil Trail along unpaved paths between Bukhansan to the south and Dobongsan to the north. Public access to the path was restricted due to the thwarted 1968 mission by 31 North Korean commandos to assassinate South Korean President Park Chung-hee, but the path was reopened in July 2009 under a reservation system.

About the trail

Reservations are required at least a day in advance to enter Uiryong-gil. Access is permitted from 9 a.m. to 6p.m., with the last entry at 4p.m. In winter, the last entry is at 3 p.m. Make sure to bring identification as it will be checked at the trailhead.

*Korea National Park Service reservation system
<https://reservation.knps.or.kr>

Shelter and hiking tips

Uiryong-gil offers several shelters for rest and snacks.

Transportation

Take the Ui-Sinseol Line to Bukhansan Ui Station and leave through Exit 1. Walk towards the Uiryong Forest Culture Village to reach Uiryong Visitor Center.

About the trail

Hike route Ui Entrance, Uiryong-gil → Uiryong-gil Visitor Center → Anti-tank Obstacles → Obong Observatory → Goyheon-ri Entrance, Uiryong-gil



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BUKHANSAN Trail



TRAIL 01.

Baegundae–Ui Gugok Trail
Seoul Hiking Tourism Center (Bukhansan) → Ui Gugok → Baegun Visitor Center → Baegundae Peak → Seoul Hiking Tourism Center(Bukhansan)

TRAIL 02.

Bukhansanseong–Daenamun Trail
Bukhansanseong Visitor Center → Mangyeongdae Peak → Site of Jungheungsa Temple → Gugi Visitor Center

TRAIL 03.

Samobawi–Bibong Trail
Gugi Visitor Center → Samobawi Rock → Bibong Peak → Geumseonsa Temple → Bibong Visitor Center

TRAIL 04.

Samcheonsa Temple Trail
Samcheon Visitor Center → Samcheonsa Temple (Rock-carved Standing Buddha) → Jingwansa Temple

TRAIL 05.

Complete Tour of 12 Bukhansanseong Gates
Bukhansanseong Visitor Center → Gasadangamun Gate → Cheongsudongamun Gate → Daeseongmun Gate → Yongamun Gate → Bukmun Gate → Daeseomun Gate → Entrance to Bukhansanseong Fortress

HIKING TRAIL MAP

Bukhansan's 8 Trails



TRAIL 01.

Sweeping views of Seoul
Baegundae–Ui Gugok Trail

Total travel distance: **9.98 km**
Average travel time: **4 hours 20 minutes**
Difficulty: **advanced**



This is the shortest trail up to Baegundae Peak, the summit of Bukhansan. The section from Harujae Pass to Yeongbong Peak is extremely steep. Atop Yeongbong Peak at 604 meters, hikers are greeted by the majestic rock face of Insubong Peak. At the 835.6-meter-tall summit, a 360-degree panoramic view of Seoul unfolds.

About the trail

The section from Harujae Pass to Yeongbong Peak is steep and slippery. Sufficient safety gear such as hiking poles and gloves is thus a must and be sure to grip the handrails installed along the path.

Shelter and hiking tips

No shelters are installed along the path, so get sufficient rest at Harujae Pass before going up to Baegundae Peak.

Transportation

Take Exit 2 at Bukhansan Ui (Doseonsa) Station, the last stop of the Seoul LRT Ui-Sinseol Line, and walk for about five minutes toward the Seoul Hiking Tourism Center(Bukhansan). An alternative is to grab a taxi at the station and get off at the Baegun Visitor Center.
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TRAIL 02.

Hikers' favorite
Bukhansanseong–Daenamun Trail

Total travel distance: **10.2 km**
Average travel time: **4 hours 10 minutes**
Difficulty: **advanced**



This trail marked by beautiful scenery and historical sites is a hikers' favorite. It is also popular among foreigners as it passes through the main castle of the Bukhansanseong Fortress and historical palace sites. The wildflowers that bloom throughout the four seasons add to the beauty of the trail.

About the trail

From Bukhandong History Museum and past the gates of Jungseongmun and Yongamun, take a detour toward Mangyeongdae Peak. While this means a longer hike, the trail is less steep, easing the journey up to Baegunbongamun Gate and Baegundae Peak.

Shelter and hiking tips

The trail spans over 10 kilometers of steep climbs and drops. At least 10 minutes of rest for every hour traveled is thus recommended. Rest and recover at Yaksuam Hermitage past Daedongsa Temple before moving on.

Transportation

Take bus No. 704 at Exit 2 of Gupabal Station, Seoul Metro Line 3. Get off at the entrance of Bukhansanseong Fortress. Bukhansanseong Visitor Center is located about 700 meters up the road.

TRAIL 03.

Hiking through history
Samobawi–Bibong Trail

Total travel distance: **6 km**
Average travel time: **3 hours**
Difficulty: **average**



This trail is optimal for enjoying the pristine mountain streams and blue skies on a clear day. On the trail is a monument commemorating the border inspection by King Jinheung of the ancient Silla Kingdom, as well as the path taken in 1968 by 31 North Korean commandos on their mission to assassinate South Korean President Park Chung-hee. The top of the trail offers an open panoramic view.

About the trail

The gravel path heading up the mountain from Seungasa Temple splits in two directions, with the left path leading to Bibong Peak and the right ending at Samobawi Rock. The trip from Bibong to Samobawi requires a lot of back-tracking, and visiting the rock first before heading to the peak is recommended.

Shelter and hiking tips

Clear and clean water from the Bukhansan summit trickles down the mountain streams along the path to Seungasa Temple, forming small and cool pools. Dipping one's feet in them is a great way to recover from a grueling hike.

Transportation

Take bus No. 7212 at the bus stop across the street from Exit 2 of Bulgwang Station, Seoul Metro Line 3. Get off at the entrance of Seungasa, cross the street at Lycee International Xavier, and walk up Bibong-gil.

TRAIL 04.

Path for peace of mind
Samcheonsa Trail

Total travel distance: **7.33 km**
Average travel time: **2 hours 40 minutes**
Difficulty: **advanced**



This trail starts and ends at Buddhist temples each more than 1,000 years old. Samcheonsa was founded in 661 during the Silla period and Jingwansa in 1011, during the Goryeo period. Seungbong Peak, the highest point on the trail, is named after Seungasa Temple that sits beneath it. The temples along the trail offer rest and peace of mind.

About the trail

The path down from Samobawi Rock to Jingwansa Temple is extremely steep. Hikers are advised to wear gloves and descend slowly while firmly grasping the hand rails and cables.

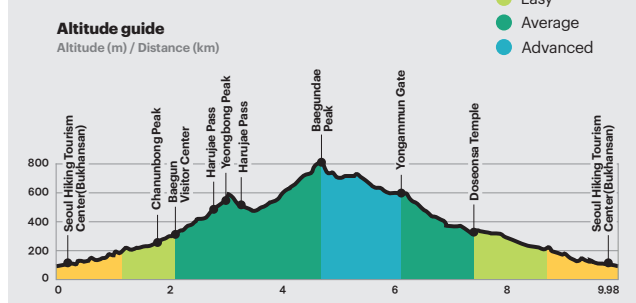
Shelter and hiking tips

The flagstone in front of the rock-carved standing Buddha statue at Samcheonsa Temple and the tea house on the Jingwansa grounds are great for resting and recharging one's strength.

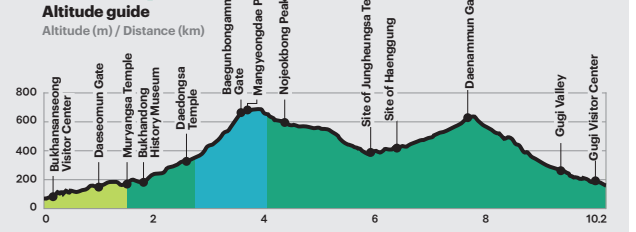
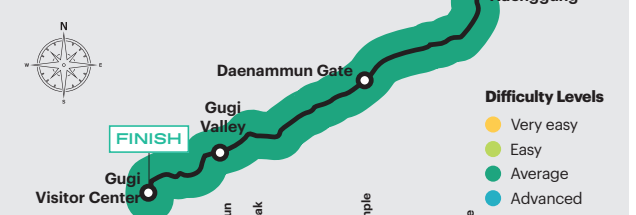
Transportation

Take bus No. 7723 at the bus stop behind Exit 3 of Gupabal Station, Seoul Metro Line 3. Get off after seven stops at Hana High School, Samcheonsa, and Jingwansa and turn right toward Samcheonsa. Samcheon Visitor Center is about a nine-minute walk up the road.

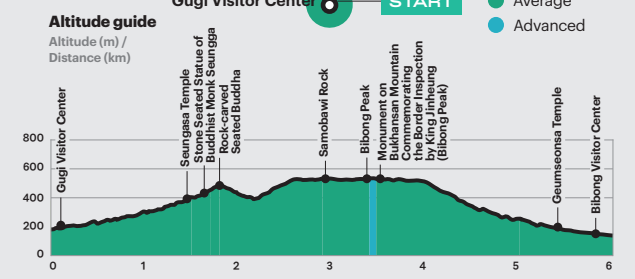
Hike route Seoul Hiking Tourism Center(Bukhansan) → Chanunbong Peak → Baegun Visitor Center → Harujae Pass → Yeongbong Peak → Harujae Pass → Baegundae Peak → Yongamun Gate → Doseonsa Temple → Seoul Hiking Tourism Center(Bukhansan)



Hike route Bukhansanseong Visitor Center → Daeseomun Gate → Muryangsa Temple → Bukhandong History Museum → Daedongsa Temple → Baegunbongamun Gate → Mangyeongdae Peak → Nojeokbong Peak → Site of Jungheungsa Temple → Site of Haenggung → Daenamun Gate → Gugi Visitor Center



Hike route Gugi Visitor Center → Seungasa Temple → Stone Seated Statue of Buddhist Monk Seungga → Rock-carved Seated Buddha → Samobawi Rock → Bibong Peak → Monument on Bukhansan Mountain Commemorating the Border Inspection by King Jinheung (Bibong Peak) → Geumseonsa Temple → Bibong Visitor Center



Hike route Samcheon Visitor Center → Samcheonsa Temple (Rock-carved Standing Buddha) → Seungbong Peak → Samobawi Rock → Jingwansa Temple

