

# Mt. Ramon

Har Ramon

A short hike along the western tip of the crater

Closest Town **Mitzpe Ramon**

Difficulty **Easy**

Length **3 km**

Duration **2 hours**

Recommended season **All year**

Recommended time **Any time**

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## Getting There:

**By Car-** From Mitzpe Ramon drive 6km north to Ruhot junction and turn left (west) on to road 171. Drive for 28 km along this narrow road passing "Ramon ascent" and "Hemet Cistern" until you reach the sign "Mt. Ramon" on your left side. Turn left onto the dirt road and drive for 1.2 km to the parking area. Note this dirt road is accessible to regular vehicles, but you will have to drive carefully as there are some areas of gravel.

## Hike Description:

**Starting point:** mt. Ramon parking area

**Finish point:** mt. Ramon parking area

Head out on the red trail as it climbs to the peak of mt. Ramon. Congratulations! you have reached the highest point in the Negev, and the third highest mountain in Israel- 1038 meters above sea level. Continue on the red trail along several Tumuli- piles of rocks which are, in fact, ancient burial sites, and next to the K-line (look at the sign on the ground). This 4000 year old structure has baffled archaeologists as to its use and origin, stretching for 4km completely straight from mt. Romem to mt. Ramon.

From here the trail will climb down into a ravine and up along tilted layers of lime stone. You'll walk along the cliff with the magnificent view of the western tip of Maktesh Ramon and arrive at the memorial site for the Astronauts of the Columbia space shuttle which crashed in 2003. Connect to the black trail and follow it southwest back to the peak and down to your car.

**Attractions:** Majestic view, Ancient stone structures, Historical memorial site.