

Be'er Efe to Meizad Tamar

Biqat Tzvaim

The Israel National trail Day 2 in the Negev

Closest Town: **Arad**

Difficulty: **Medium**

Length: **18 km**

Duration: **6-7 hours**

Recommended season: **Oct - Apr**

Recommended time: **Early morning**

Getting There:

Be'er Efee CG is accessible by private car, but no bus line arrives here. You may get a cab from the town of Dimona or Arad (less than 100 shekels).

If you are driving a car- from Arad head east along rd 31 for 7km, to Hatorurim intersection. Turn right to rd 258 and drive south for 9.5 km to Nahal Heimar, and the dirt road with INT markers.

*Through-hikers of the Israel trail will arrive on foot.

Hike Description: From North to South

Starting Point: Beer Efee CG.

Finish Point: Meizad Tamar CG.

Head east on the paved road marked green for about 300 meters and then turn right onto the black trail which climbs up the Wadi.

Continue on the black trail for close to 2 KM till you meet up a partially paved road marked green. Head south on it (right turn) slowly descending...

After a bit over 2.5 KM you will reach a red trail. Turn right continuing south. You will find yourself climbing another short mild ascent and then you will start to see Zafit industrial complex to your right.

At the end of the red trail turn right onto the dirt road marked in black.

The trail will turn left after about 300 meters and will continue south another 3 KM till it becomes blue after passing a power line. This stretch is called "Biqat Tzvaim" - "The Deer Valley".

Continue straight on the blue trail, still heading south. Pass under the Potash conveyor belt. (The Potash conveyor belt is 18 KM long and carries Potash (A compound of Potassium) from the Dead Sea factories to the Zafit Industrial complex you passed earlier.

Continue south for about 2. KM till you reach Meizad Tamar - A Roman stronghold.

Attractions: Wide open horizons and vast desert views.