

Ein Akev Via Avdat Ruins

Avdat Le-Ein Akev Tachtan

A great hike along limestone ridge-lines, steep canyons and cool springs.

Closest Town **Midreshet Ben Guryon**

Difficulty **Medium-Difficult**

Length **16 km**

Duration **6-7 hours**

Recommended season **Sep - June**

Recommended time **Early Morning**

Getting There:

By Car-

From Mitzpe Ramon Catch a bus to Avdat National Park (64,65,55).

The stop is right next to the entrance to the park, alongside a gas station and a McDonalds. The trail starts from the North-West corner of the Gas station compound.

Hike Description:

Starting Point: Avdat NP bus stop.

Finish Point: Midreshet Ben Guryon.

This hike is most suitable with public transportation. If you are travelling with a car check out the [Ein Akev Loop](#) to get back to your car at the end.

Start out at the bus stop next to the Avdat Gas station. Follow the Blue markers as they circle the park fence on the north side.

If you wish to visit the city first, a green trail will take you from the top of the hill (next to the legion-camp) down to the blue trail.

Follow the blue trail over two shallow valleys and down a short steep descent to the trail crossing at upper Akev Spring EIN AKEV ELYON. You'll notice a large area covered with vegetation, with water occasionally visible under the plants. Do not harm the vegetation in an attempt to clear an opening.

Switch to the Black Markers and walk north, down canyon, about 3 km to the large waterfall and pool of lower Ein Akev. The water here is deep enough to swim year-round. Diving from the ledges is forbidden and dangerous.

You can hike north along the blue markers and connect to the jeep trail- and hope to get a ride out, or climb along the green markers, on the west side of the canyon, to follow the Divshon Pass- MAALE DIVSHON. This will take you 6km along the plateau and down a steep windy trail (caution advised) to the paved entrance road to Ein Avdat National Park. Climb along the road to Ben Guryon Campus (MIDRESHET BEN GURYON) and to the bus stop at the traffic circle (64,55,60).

Attractions: Ancient trail, desert vegetation, amazing spring, majestic views.