

The Carpentry

Ha-nagara

A short easy hike into the Ramon crater. Interesting Geological formations at the bottom.

Closest Town **Mitzpe Ramon**

Difficulty **Easy**

Length **5.5 km**

Duration **2-3 hours**

Recommended season **All year**

Recommended time **Morning**

Getting There:

By bus- Take a bus to Mitzpe Ramon and ask to get off at the "camel mountain" bus stop (HAR GAMAL, in Hebrew) in front of The Green Backpackers hostel. Walk southeast along the street to the left turn. Follow the street for 50 meters and go to the cliff on your right, looking for the green markers.

By car- Drive to Mitzpe Ramon. Turn into town on Ben Guryon Blvd. Drive straight to "Zvi Hazan" circle and continue straight. Turn left on Rehavam Zeevi St. Pass a left turn as the street curves right and arrive at a circle. Turn Left at the circle and drive straight for 200 meters to the left turn. Pass the Green Backpackers Hostel. Turn left and drive for another 50 meters. Park on the street, or at the nearby parking lot, and look for the first green markers heading southeast from this point.

Hike Description:

Starting Point: Mitzpe Ramon, Southeast corner of town.

Finish Point: The carpentry, HW 40.

Pick up the Green markers and head down the trail.

You'll be descending 200 meters down into the Makhtesh- dropping through the hard limestone cliffs and into the curved sandstone hills that make up most of the floor-layers. These layers contain the colorful rocks that paint the scenery with patches of orange, red, black and purple.

Once you make it to the bottom you'll see a blue marked trail on your right. Turn left and stay on the Green trail. Markers of the INT are visible from this point as well. Follow the green trail on the side of the black hill and down into a small gorge. There you will see black Basal prisms on your left, and a red trail splitting to the right (South). Remain on the green trail as it crosses numerous small drainages that run rare rainwater down from the cliffs- but are dry most days of the year.

Negev Trails

Our final stop will be at the bottom of prism-hill where a unique sandstone transformation was induced by intense geothermal activity, and left its signature in the shape of the rock fragments.

Continue along the access dirt road to the end of the hike on HW 40. Getting back to Mitzpe Ramon is possible by hitchhiking on HW 40 or with a [pre-arranged pickup](#).

Attractions: Ancient camel trail, breathtaking scenery, Sandstone prisms.