

BIKE ROUTE

BATUMI - MIRVETI - BATUMI

LOCATION:
MUNICIPALITY OF KHELVACHAURI

ROUTE TYPE: CIRCULAR

TOTAL LENGTH: 50 KM

ROAD TYPE: ASPHALT (THE MAJOR PART),
DIRT ROAD (THE SMALL PART)

DIFFICULTY LEVEL: MEDIUM

DISTANCE FROM BATUMI: 27 KM

DISTANCE TO BATUMI: 23 KM

ALTITUDE: AT THE STARTING POINT OF THE
ROUTE - 3 M, AT THE ENDING POINT
OF THE ROUTE - 50 M

**THE NUMBER OF BICYCLE PARKING
LOCATIONS:** 2

SITES FOR PICNIC: 1

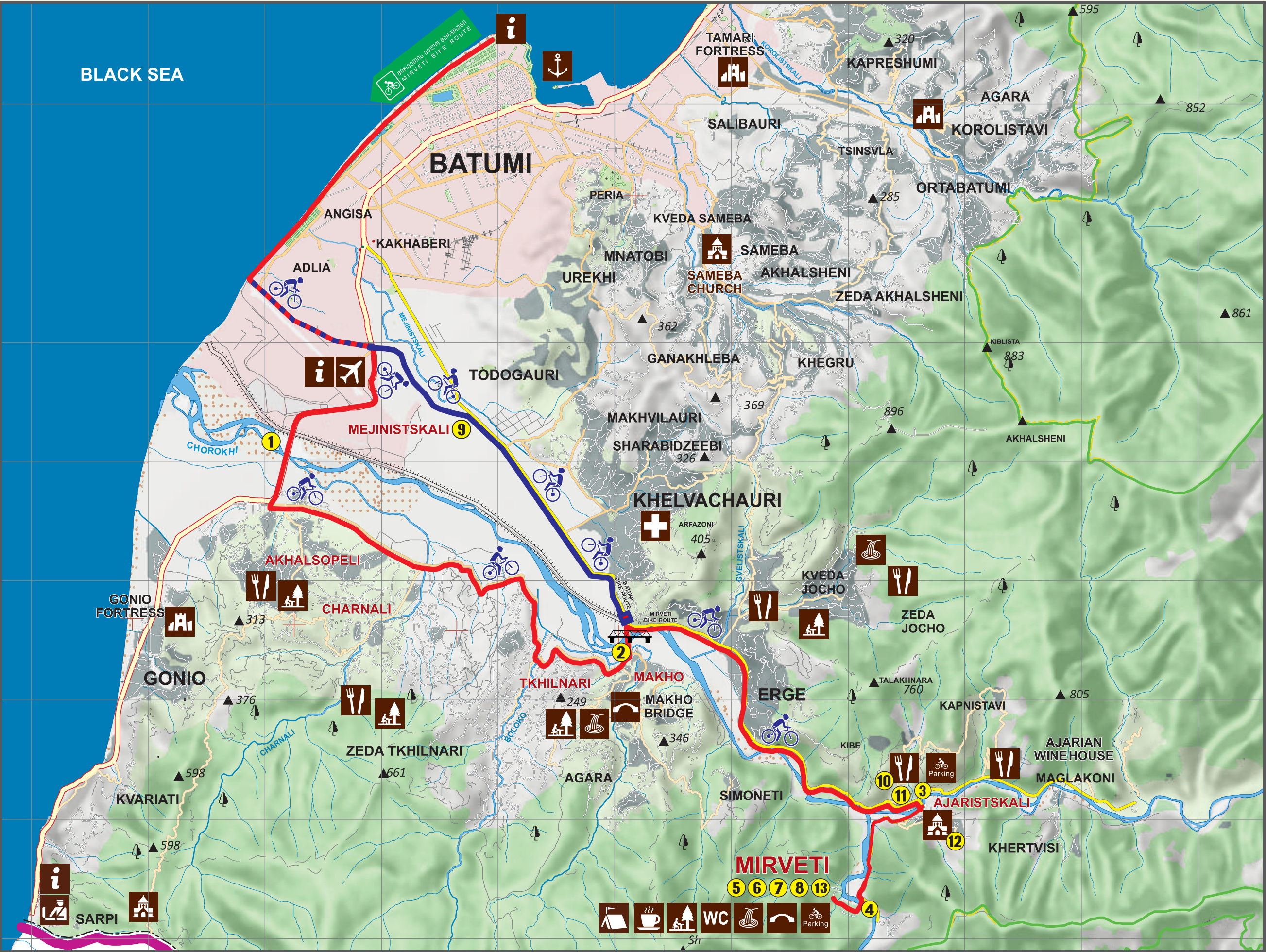
Description

Batumi - Mirveti Village - Batumi cycling route makes it possible to escape the hustle and bustle of the city life and enjoy nature at its best. While travelling along this route, you can see Batumi sights, unforgettable panorama of the sea, authentic local villages, citrus gardens, picturesque waterfalls, rivers, mountain and forest areas.

The route forward starts at the Batumi Boulevard. The bike path runs along the boulevard to the turn to the airport (6 km). Then it leads to the left on the carriageway near the airport towards Akhalsopeli through the road bridge over the Chorokhi river ①. Immediately after passing the bridge, the route turns left at the signs and then runs along the picturesque mountain area, on the left bank of the river and then through the Makho road bridge ②. After the bridge the route turns right, passing along the highway Batumi-Akhalsikhe, and then again turns right to Machakhela Gorge and Mirveti village ⑤ (directional road signs are mounted at the highway). After turning, the route immediately leads to the metal suspension bridge ④ across the Chorokhi River. Then the cyclists ride along the country ground and after 1 km come to the destination, the village of Mirveti. There one can visit Mirveti waterfall ⑦, XII century arched bridge ⑥ and boxwood lane ⑧. It's also possible to camp, enjoy barbecue and swimming in the river.

The route backward runs along the Batumi-Akhalsikhe highway close to the Makho bridge ④ towards Khelvachauri. Halfway along the busy highway, turn left at the sign installed on Medjinistskali ⑨. The trail leads cyclists to the additional (paved) road at the airport intersection and continues along the original route to the destination point.

It's possible to start the route both from Batumi and Ajaristskali village ③⑩⑪⑫ (17 km from Batumi). If you begin a trip from Ajaristsqali village, it's first necessary to deliver bikes using special vehicle and then go biking to the village of Mirveti.



SYMBOLS

- Bike route Batumi - Mirveti
- Bike route
- Mirveti - Batumi

- Information centre
- Hospital
- Arch bridge
- Museum

- Church
- Fortress
- Bike parking
- Camping

- Customs
- Picnic area
- Restaurant
- Bank

- Airport
- Port
- Waterfall

SIGHTS

MIRVETI VILLAGE ⑤

One of the oldest villages of Ajara region located at the banks of Chorokhi river. According to historians, there was a settlement here in the 6th century BC. The village is distinguished by orchards, there are plenty of nut, persimmon, fig, wild plum, apple and nut trees on the road. Mirveti village is small, populated by 24 families.



CHOROKHI RIVER ①

The river originates in neighboring Turkey and forms Ligani gorge in the border region of Ajara. The length of the river is 438 km, only 26 km of which belongs to Georgia. Nice for swimming, fishing and rafting.



AJARISTSKALI RIVER

The main river of the Ajarian region originates on Arsiani ridge. Its length is 90 km. Nice for swimming and fishing. There are arched stone bridges of the 12th century and the Church of Virgin Mary on the river.



MIRVETI WATERFALL ⑦

The height of the waterfall is 20 m. It is located in a beautiful boxwood grove. Close to the waterfall, there is a small table for picnics (for 15 persons) and brazier for barbecue. Tourists can also swim in a small mountain lake under the waterfall. Territory is covered with forest, that's why there is always cool there.



THE ARCH STONE BRIDGE IN MIRVETI ⑥

The arch stone bridge in Mirveti village is one of two dozen bridges of such kind built in Ajara in the 12th century in times of Queen Tamar. It features small length. Bridge is reinforced by natural rocks from the both sides. Length of the bridge is 12 m, width – 2 m, height 5 m above water level. The bridge is still functional.



COLCHIS FOREST ⑧

Flora of Ajara is unique and embraces about 1,700 species of plants. Colchis boxwood is one of the most remarkable plants of local fauna. Boxwood reaches 10-12 meters in height and 16-32 cm in diameter. The path leading to Mirveti waterfall passes through the boxwood lane which also can be passed by bike too.



FOOD

1. There is a nice cafe close to the first parking location at Ajaristskali village ③ (17 km from Batumi), where you can order khachapuri, barbecue or fish for taking at picnic site or use the delivery service.



The average price per person is 10-15 GEL for the menu.
Tel: +995 555 67 24 44

2. It is possible to make barbeque by yourself in the village of Mirveti. There is a BBQ set on site, so you just need to bring supplies and firewood from Batumi or order in food facility of Ajaristskali.
Tel: +995 555 67 24 44



3. You can enjoy a freshly brewed cup of black coffee in the village of Mirveti. You can order it in the house near the picnic area (50 m).
Tel: +995 555 57 06 83



ACTIVITIES



• Open-air picnic by the river in Mirveti village. There is a bike parking, a table, as well as benches, and swings for rest.

• A walk through the village to the waterfall. The waterfall is located 300 meters from the ending point of the route in Mirveti.

• Camping

• Fishing on Chorokhi River

• Swimming in the river

• Visiting historical – cultural monuments

• Rafting



RAFTING

There are rafting routes on the river Chorokhi or Ajaristskali for professionals as well as for amateurs. Rafting is available for 15 persons simultaneously.
Tel: +995 555 701 999
Web-page: www.getur.ru



• Street art on the Mirveti route.

RECOMMENDATIONS



1. The route is completed on mountain bikes, so it's aimed more at experienced cyclists or usual riders accompanied by instructors

2. The most part of the route goes along highways with well-shaped sideways, but a group has to be very careful in narrowing places

3. Riders go one by one at a distance of about 2 meters

4. It is strictly forbidden to stretch to the width of the road

5. Do not ride with headphones

6. Better not forget the helmet

7. It is necessary to take along extra technical devices

8. It is necessary to have a small first aid kit

9. There is no special bike fixing device in the municipal transport so if you decide to travel by municipal transport it's necessary to agree and discuss it with the driver directly.



**DO NOT LEAVE
GARBAGE HERE**

All bridges of the village Mirveti are very narrow and it's impossible for garbage trucks to enter the territory, so the waste must be taken out manually.

The closest recycle bin can be found at the suspension bridge of Mirveti (in a distance of 1 km from the picnic area).



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TRANSPORT

HOW TO REACH MIRVETI VILLAGE?

• By municipal transport (buses). Price - 2 GEL

Schedule:

Kveda Chkhutuneti - Batumi 7:00 a.m.
Batumi - Kveda Chkhutuneti 4:00 p.m.
Zeda Chkhutuneti - Batumi 9:00 a.m.
Batumi - Zeda Chkhutuneti 12:30 a.m.

• As part of an organized or individual tours

• By taxi. Price - about 80 GEL

• By own vehicle



For getting additional information one can call Tourist Information Centers:

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or travel agencies, contacts of which can be found at the official website of the Department of Tourism and Resorts of Ajara - www.gobatumi.com

