TREBUJENI-FURCENI TRAIL



ORHEIUL VECHI CULTURAL-NATURE RESERVE

Orheiul Vechi reserve is a natural, cultural landmark of national significance in Moldova. It is located in the center of the country, along the Raut river's gorge. It covers an area of 11k km2.

- The reserve is categorized as Category IV through the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), for the protection of the reserves natural habitat.
- Due to its uniqueness, the Orheiul Vechi Archaeological Landscape is included in the UNESCO Indicative List.
- The reserve is part of the Orhei National Park.
- Home to about one-third of Moldova's bird population, the reserve provides shelter for more than 100 species of birds.

THE TRAIL

The trail is located between Trebujeni and Furceni villages. It's recomended for an easy walk along the Raut Gorge. You can start the route from both localities.

ACCESS

Proceed with caution along the rocky area around Trebujeni as there is a high amount of erosion and loose rocks along the trail.

TRAIL PARAMETERS

Starting point: the edge of the Trebujeni village/ the edge of the Furceni village Ending point: the edge of the Furceni village/ the edge of the Trebujeni village Distance: 8 km Hiking time: 3 hour Difficulty level: easy Rest areas: Trebujeni village guest houses and anywhere along the trail

Public transport to Chisinau and Orhei is available from Trebujeni and Furceni villages. More details can be found on <u>https://autogara.md</u>



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CULTURAL SIGHTS ON THE TRAIL AND NEARBY

• Trebujeni-Scoc & Piscul Ciobanului Archaeological sites: Conserved.

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BIRDS TO SEE

Habitats: The trail provides an opportunity to observe birds in their natural habitats nestled in the rocks, meadows, water and agricultural fields. While the trail goes along the forest, you can view birds in their natural habitat.

AROUND THE ROCKS AND CAVES OF THE TREBUJENI AND MIHAILASA AREAS:



IN THE RAUT RIVER MEADOW, NEAR THE TREBUJENI AND MIHAILASA AREAS, AS WELL AS IN THE RIPA CIOBANULUI AND SELITRA GORGES:



IN THE TREBUJENI-PODIS FOREST AND THE FOREST ALONG THE RAUT RIVER BANKS:



IN ORCHARDS, FARMLANDS AND GARDENS:

YELLOW WAGTAIL Motacilla flava	CORN BUNTING Emberiza calandra	STARLING Sturnus vulgaris	EURASIAN HOOPOE Upupa epops	MAGPIE Pica pica	ROOK Corvus frugilegus	SKYLARK Alauda arvensis	EURASIAN TREE SPARROW Passer montanus	HOUSE SPARROW Passer domesticus
SUMMER VISITOR APRIL-OCTOBER	SUMMER VISITOR PARTIAL MIGRANT	SUMMER VISITOR PARTIAL MIGRANT	SUMMER VISITOR MARCH-OCTOBER	SEDENTARY, ALL YEAR	SEDENTARY, ALL YEAR	SUMMER VISITOR APRIL-OCTOBER	SEDENTARY, ALL YEAR	SEDENTARY, ALL YEAR
			LEGEND	LEGEND S Raptors		Meadow species	Anthropic spe	ecies
EURASIAN COLLARED DOV Streptopelia decaocto	BARN SWALLOW Hirundo rustica	HOUSE MARTIN Delichon urbica	🕜 Forest sp	pecies 🕜 🌏 Ad	quatic species 🛛 🚫	Rock species	🥑 Farmland spec	cies
SEDENTARY, ALL YEAR	SUMMER VISITOR MARCH-OCTOBER	SUMMER VISITOR APRIL-OCTOBER						

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following gear is recommended for use while on the trail:

- Cap or bandana in the warm seasons.
- Hat and gloves in the cold season.
- Loose and comfortable clothes; dressing in layers is recommended: shirt, blouse, sweater, vest, jacket, depending on the season.
- Long hiking pants.

- Waterproof clothing.
- Field shoes (hiking boots or hiking sandals, depending on the season).
- Backpack.
- Water.
- Sunglasses.
- Sunblock.

EQUIPMENT

- Binoculars. Orheiul Vechi Reserve, as well as the Butuceni and Trebujeni village guest houses have binoculars for rent.
 Contact the reception desk for details.
- Riflescope.

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Binoculars: https://sppn.md/cum-alegem-binoclul-potrivit-pentru-birdwatching/ Tent camping tips: https://sppn.md/camparea-cu-cortul/ Field equipment tips: https://sppn.md/cum-ne-echipam-de-o-iesire-teren/ Other birdwatching trails: https://sppn.md/primul-traseu-de-birdwatching-din-republica-moldova/

REMINDER

• Protect nature! Don't leave your trash behind - keep the trail clean!

