

GETIC FORTRESS BUTUCENI 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 in the Butuceni village. It is recommended for an easy hike, along the right bank of the Raut river and the Butuceni village.

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

TRAIL PARAMETERS

Starting point: Orheiul Vechi Exhibition Centre, Butuceni village

Ending point: Orheiul Vechi Exhibition Centre, Butuceni village

Distance: 4 km

Hiking time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Difficulty level: easy

Rest areas: guest house in Butuceni village

ACCESS

- The trail runs along country roads and unpaved paths, use caution as there is a risk of slipping on loose rocks
- The trail includes crossing a wooden bridge over the Raut river and private property of the EcoResort Butuceni guest house. It is necessary to request permission from the EcoResort Butuceni. The wooden bridge is in good condition, but at times can be damaged by the swollen river. In this case, follow the trail only through the Butuceni village.
- This trail is exposed to the sun during summer, especially in the upper part, where there is almost no shade. It is necessary to equip yourself properly with sunglasses, a hat and sunblock.

CULTURAL SIGHTS ON THE TRAIL AND NEARBY

- Assumption Monastery: stone church, dating back to 1904, and Pestera cave complex with its church carved into the rock, where the monks resided since the XVIth c. Accessible for viewing along the trail.
- Butuceni Archaeological Complex: settlement from the IX-II century BC, fortified area of the Traco-Geto-Dacian culture. Conserved.
- Traditional Moldovan Home: dating back to the XIX-XXth century, part of the Exhibition Center of the Orheiul Vechi Reserve. Accessible for visiting based on ticket availability at the main Exhibition Center (10 MDL per person).

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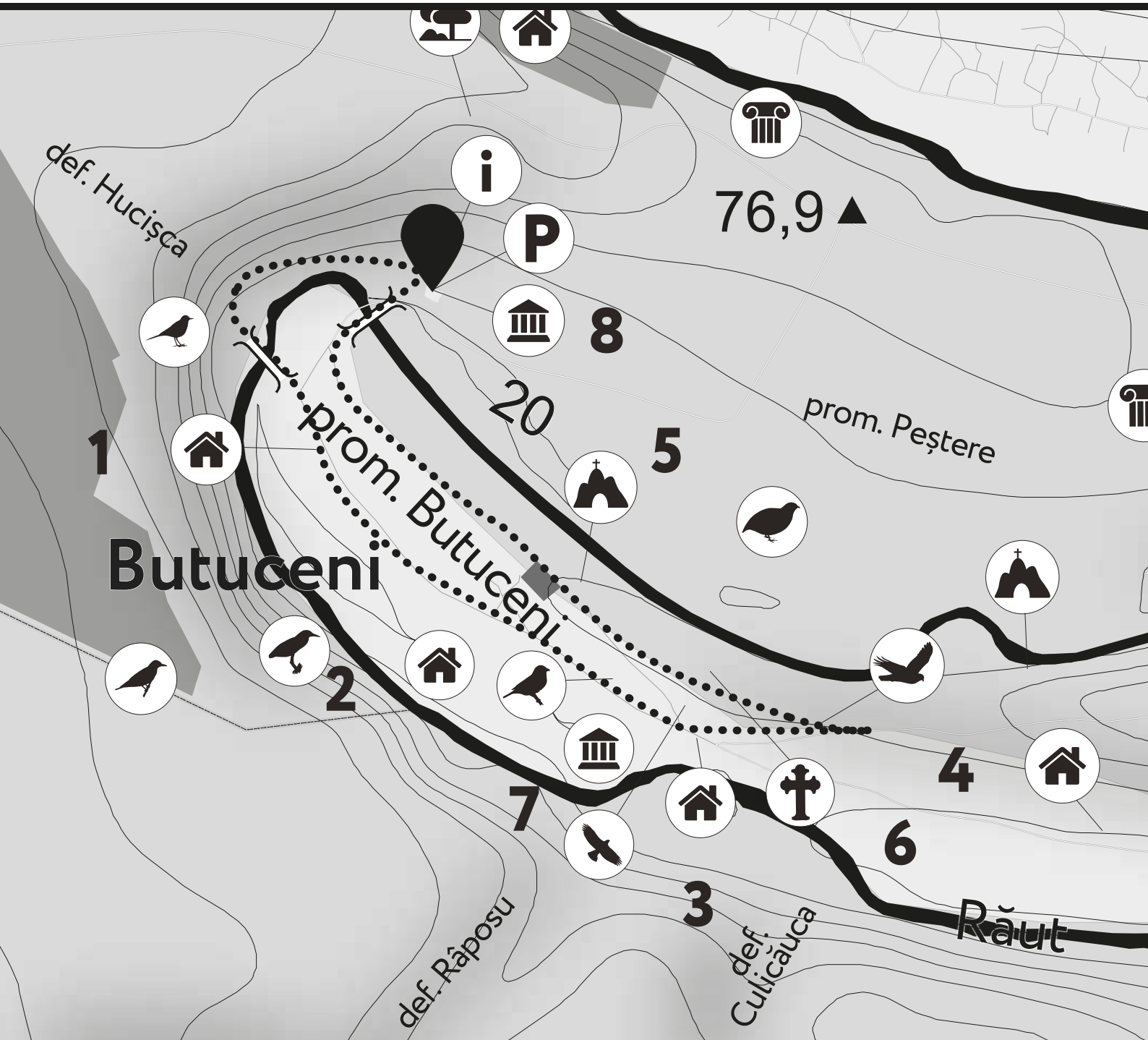
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LEGEND

BOUNDARIES

- Getic fortress
- Butuceni trail
- 4 km
- Starting point
- Ending point
- District
- Village

TRAFFIC ROUTES

- R43 National road
- L311 Local road
- Street
- Secondary road
- Bridge

RESURSE NATURALE

- Level curves
- River
- prom. - promontory
- Forest
- 116.2 altitude (m)
- p. - forest
- def. - gorge

PLACES OF INTEREST

- Tourist attraction
- Guest House
- Viewpoint
- Spring
- Museum, Mansion
- Parking
- Church, Monastery
- Infopoint
- Cave monastery

COMMON SPECIES OF BIRDS

- Forest species
- Anthropic species
- Raptors
- Rock species
- Aquatic species
- Meadow species
- Farmland species

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

- Guest House La Popas
- Guest House Eco Resort Butuceni
- Tourist complex Vila Etnica
- Guest House Reședința Rotundu

MAIN TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

- Assumption Monastery: Pestera cave complex, XVIth c.
- Assumption Monastery, stone church, 1904
- Butuceni House Museum, XIXth c.
- Exhibition center of the Orheiul Vechi cultural-natural Reserve

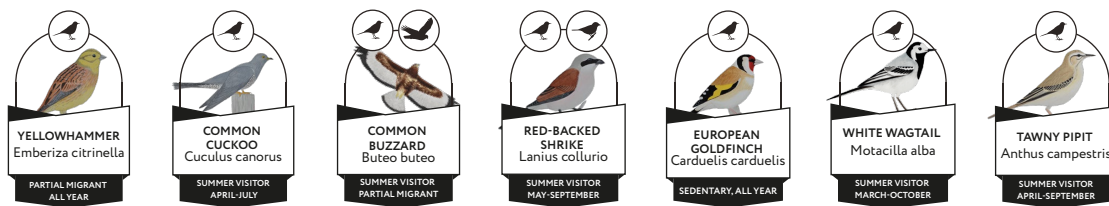
BIRDS TO SEE

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.

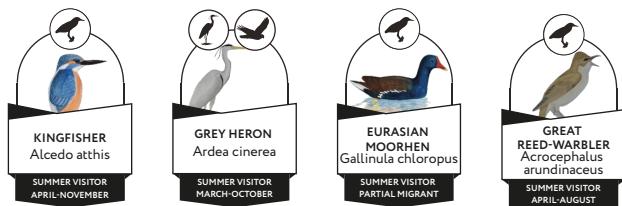
AROUND THE ROCKS OF BUTUCENI AND PESTERA AREAS:



IN THE RAUT RIVER MEADOW FROM THE BUTUCENI AND PESTERA AREAS:



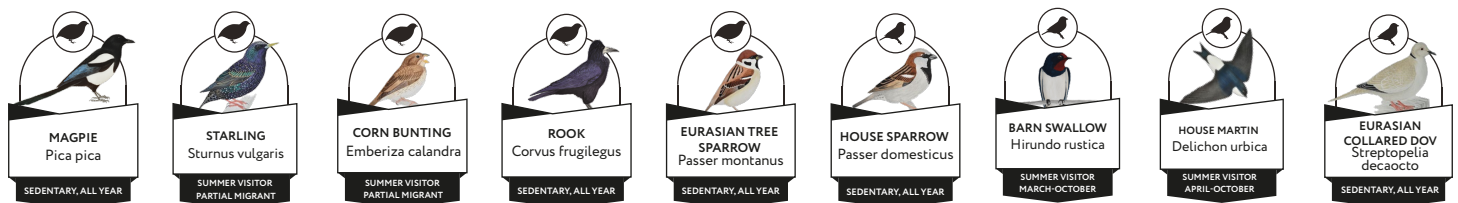
ALONG THE RAUT RIVER:



IN THE FOREST ALONG THE RAUT RIVER BANKS:



IN ORCHARDS, FARMLANDS AND GARDENS:



LEGEND

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- Farmland species
- Aquatic species
- Rock species
- Anthropic species
- Meadow species

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!
- ◆ In the parking lot of the Orheiul Vechi Exhibition Center, you can find a dumpster where you can dispose of trash.

