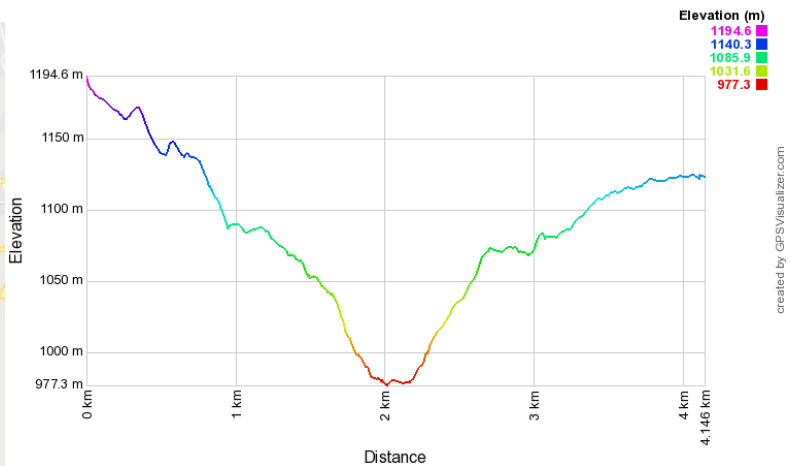
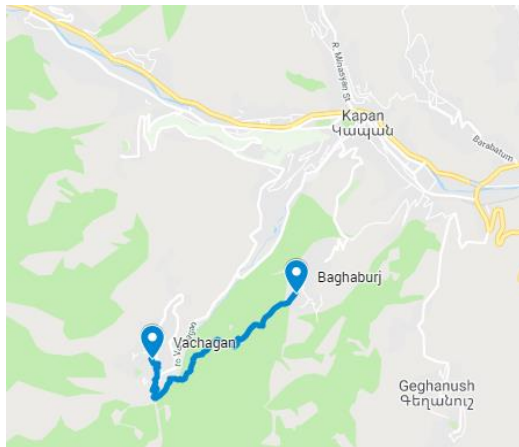


# Section Nine Vachagan Village - Baghaburj Village

**Distance** 4.1 km **Time** 2.5 hours **Difficulty** Easy



**General Description** This segment connects the village of Vachagan to Baghaburj – the start of the trail to Khustup



Coming out of the central church, take the path out to the right, looping around the village and in the same approximate direction where the previous segment left off, but lower down the hill. First in direction of mount Khustup



Towards the edge of the village there is a spot for fresh water on the right-hand side.



When coming through the village, keep a careful watch of the direction of signs. For example, in this picture, the trail take and acute turn to the right.



From this point you will be able to see your destination on the left, on the opposite side of the valley – a radio tower on this hill shows the location of Bahgaborj. To get there the path first descends in the valley, before going back uphill to the left.



When you reach the paved road, turn left and follow the red and white markings on the pipelines. This section is quite exposed to the sun so be prepared to sweat!

After 15m hike on paved road, you take a right according to the sign. In the gorge follow the sign that will bring you to an old bridge where you cross the river. Go left following the signs.



Shortly after reentering the forest at the bottom of the valley there is a shaded area that is suitable for a break. It has a bench and a water source.



After a final 15-minute hike, this section of the trail finished in the village of Bahgaborj. You will notice the sign pointing to the up to left up the hill which signifies the start of the final leg of the journey to Khustup.



Located about 20 minutes down the hill from this intersection, you will find the Kapan Camp, ARK's first ecocamp, constructed in the spring of 2015. The ecocamp sits atop a hill and offers wonderful views of Kapan and the surrounding valley! It offers a proper bathroom, with faucet and toilet, shower, kitchen area with dishes & camping stove, permaculture gardens, four mini cabins and space for 10 tents. It is a 20-minute walk (1.5 km) from the heart of Kapan, but is still far enough removed to feel surrounded by nature. This is next to Kapan's epic war monument.