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**REHAN FOREST** 

## SCENIC SITES IN SHOMRON A very partial list Lookouts

LOOKOUTS Israel's Balcony (Israel Lookout) O/3

This exceptional lookout west of

Peduel offers a view of the inland

on regular days, and from the

skylines of Ashkelon to Haifa on

eally clear days. The skyscrapers of

the entire Dan region and the blue

of the Mediterranean Sea are also an

Har Kabir (Mt. Kabir) K/11

The summit of this mountain (745

northeast of Shechem and on the

southern edge of Wadi Far'a (Nahal

Firtsa) offers a breathtaking view of

many biblical sites such as the Yabok

Crossing, Tirtsa Valley, Mt. Gerizim

around, from large ancient oak trees

benches make this site a pure delight

On the summit of Mt. Gerizim, facing

north toward Shechem and Yosef's

Tomb, which gives this site its name

and is the closest location in sight of

Yosef's Tomb. The view also includes

Mt. Eval, Joshua's altar and three of

Israel's borders: the Mediterranean

signposts and maps of the landscape

Matan Lookout N/13

On the Gidonim ridge above Itamar

Built in memory of Matan Zagron, a

resident of Itamar. You can sit on one

of the benches or the swing to enjoy

to the east.

A popular tourist site that is freely

accessible during daylight hours

Yosef Lookout L/10

and Mt. Eval. Lush greenery all

Ilan Lookout K/12

meters above sea level) to the

to Deir Qala. See enlarged map for further details.

to tiny alkanet flowers. The summit is also the site of the tomb of Sheikh

On the southeast edge of Elon More. Built in 2007 and named after Ilan

Gabbai, who was killed in the Second Lebanon War in 2006. The view to

Valley. An easy trail, lights for evening strolls, picnic tables and swinging

Sea to the west, the Jordanian mountains to the east, and on clear days.

Mt. Hermon to the north. The site is surrounded by a guard rail and has

the northwest includes northern Shomron, Mt. Kabir ridge and the Jezre'el

Bilal. Access is via Elon More. See enlarged map for further details.

plain and the coastline, from Ashdod

n the south to Hadera in the north

A man-made spring at the entrance to the Gidonim ridge, in the center of the 🔤 largest habitat of the rare flower that rom all over the world. There is a amazing sight. There is an easy access trail to the lookout, telescopes and a Ma'ayan Moshe M/12 shaded area for more comfortable viewing. A marked trail from there leads

gives this site its name. In the spring, the beautiful blossoms attract tourist large shallow pool, shaded areas and a gorgeous view. From here you can continue along the ridge by car or to the Al-Orma Fortress on foot. This spring flows into a large wading pool surrounded by shaded picnic areas and overlooks the breathtaking

landscape. The site can be reached by car via Yitshar Ma'ayan Amsha M/10 At the foot of Mt Gerizim, surrounded by orchards, Amsha spring flows into three separate wading pools all year round. The pools are large and shallow and can be enjoyed by the whole family. Named in memory of Amsha Meshulami who was killed in Lebanon, the spring is very popular

and has a large parking area, shaded picnic tables and barbecue grills. Ma'ayan Eyal in Rehelim This artificial spring, named in memory of Eyal Yifrach, overlooks the green hills of Shomron and is built in the shape of a deer. Located to the right of the entrance to Rehelim this site has picnic tables and shaded

grassy areas Nahal Kana N.O/1-11 This is the northernmost tributary of the Yarkon River. Its source is near Agraba, east of Itamar in eastern Shomron and it flows through the valley and under the main roads. until it emerges onto the plain at Jalgulya and flows into the Yarkon River near Pardes Behariya. You can find water at various points along the stream all year long. See enlarged map for further details.

En Kfir L/11,12

At the foot of Mt. Kabir, near Elon

Tsenirim Park L/7

geological formations, contains a

series of ancient quarries and pools,

apparently from the Byzantine era.

Brekhat Havot Ya'ir N/5

This recently upgraded swimming

an agricultural and tourist farm.

site is at the entrance to Havot Ya'ir,

Tourists come here to be near Naha

Kana and the Shhada ruins and to

enjoy the pools themselves and the

There are two shallow pools, shaded

picnic tables and a beautiful view in the large parking area that can

amazing view from every corner.

It has ornamental pools, children's

wading pools and shaded areas.

Access is via Kedumim.

accommodate buses.

MOUNT GERIZIM NATIONAL PARK

More, this beautiful spring gushes the breathtaking view of the Jordan out of the depths of the mountain. Valley and the Jordanian mountains A wading pool with shaded areas, picnic tables and parking space Hadar Lookout K/3 were built here in memory of Kfir At the entrance to Sal'it. Named in memory of Hadar Goldin. In the Roman Hezi of Elon More, who was killed in period this hilltop (263 meters) was a command post that controlled the Lebanon. A unique activity at this site road below, which stretched from the coastal city of Apollonia to Shechem. is a walk through the water to the Archeological findings include olive and wine presses – typical agricultural spring via an ancient aqueduct on the other side of the road. installations that are common in this region. The many terraces along the hillside are also evidence of the farming life of the people who lived here This park, named after its fascinating

in the distant past. Revava Lookout 0/16 Built in 2017, this site offers a panoramic view of the Sharon region to the west, all the way to the sea, and Mt. Gerizim to the northeast. Directly below is a wonderful orchard of Mediterranean trees and plants, tended by local resident Amir Shemesh. Beside the lookout is a small but constantly growing zoo that is popular among families with small children. A new oath leads from the lookout to Havot Ya'ir, with several water cisterns, shaded areas and rest spots along the way. See the trails table for further

Benyo Lookout M/12 A small park (1/4 acre) beside Elon More, with a lookout in its center, surrounded by picnic tables, a telescope mounted on a stone stand and an audio explanation of the view in Hebrew and English. Named after Ben-Yosef ("Benyo") Livnat, who was killed by PA policemen during a visit Avne Hefets Lookout J/4

Above Avne Hefets. The first site in Shomron that offers a breathtaking view of the coastal plain region to visitors driving from the Netanya area. Accessible by car from the road through Avne Hefe

### FOREST AND NATURE RESERVES SPRINGS AND STREAMS Ma'ayan Irus Hashomron

Ya'ar Rehan Nature Reserve C/6 One of the most important nature eserves in Shomron, which has very Thanks to rocky slopes that are difficult to farm and the distance

few forests. Located near Rehan and Tal Menashe in northern Shomron from surrounding villages, the dense Ya'ar Shaked C/6

natural forest was saved from grazing sheep. Hikers must keep to the marked trails. The reserve has two small seasonal pools, one of which is near the forest ranger's house. See enlarged map for further details. This natural forest near Rehan and Shaked was planted by the British during the Mandate period. It is not a declared nature reserve, but is

HaElot Reserve (Atlantic Pistacia) M,N/9,10 Located near Amsha, this reserve has dozens of Atlantic pistacia trees and a few olive trees around Maqam prayer site dedicated to Nabi Ismail (Abraham's son Ishmael). There is parking at the foot of Givat Ronen and a brown sign directs visitors to the reserve. There is also a short hiking trail from Ma'ayan Amsha to the reserve Sheikh Salman al Farisi - Alone Yitshar Reserve N/9

A Muslim tomb in a nature reserve inside Yitshar. According to Muslim tradition Salman was Mohammed's barber. One of the most impressive ookouts in Shomron, with a 360-degree view of the Shomron and Binyamin hills, the coastal plain and the Jordan Valley. Narbata - El Hammam Ruins F/6 Archaeology Professor Adam Zertal identified this area as Arubot

during the First Temple period and as the town of Narbata during the Second Temple. The northern side of the hill has four enormous cisterns, built in the same style as those in Herod's palaces. This town was also known as Arbata and the surrounding walls that we can see are from the Hellenist-Roman period. The town was deserted and surrendered during the Great Revolt (66-70 CE). The ruins of many buildings were ound at top of the tel and the remains of a large pit show us the geological nature of this area, specifically the layer of chalk that forms the top layer. The hike to this is via the road from Hermesh and requires coordination with the IDF.

**ARCHAEOLOGY** 

Al Orm Fortress N/11 On the summit of a hill south of Itamar. Apparently built by King Alexander Yanai (a descendant of the Maccabees) on the ruins of a biblical fortress. Alexander also built Alexandrion (Sartaba), part of the fortifications built to defend the northern border of Judea Archaeological findings include 11 enormous cisterns, similar to those found at Masada and Sartaba. The largest cistern could hold 3,000 cubic meters of water. Access to the fortress is via a marked trail from Ma'ayan

Gatot Barkan (Barkan Press) P/5 Ruins of the ancient industrial zone of Barkan. Impressive archeologica findings hewn into the pale bedrock: three large water pools and one smaller one, and a huge pressing floor considered one of the largest and most beautiful in Israel. Pools hewn into the rock are typical of the western Shomron, due mainly to the hard bedrock that is suitable for quarrying, on the one hand, and the shortage of flowing springs, on the other

Deir Sam'an 0/3,4 Inside the community of Leshem. Ruins mainly from the Byzantine period (4th-7th century CE) apart from the arched structure at the top of the tel. A veritable paradise for archeology enthusiasts, with a huge threshing floor, impressive pressing floors, cisterns, a church, large olive press, and most beautiful of all - though hidden from plain

sight – is a pool of arches that is full of clear water until the end of the summer. You'd never find it if you didn't know it was there. Deir Qala Q/3 A Byzantine archeological site at the foot of Israel's Balcony, near Peduel. Remains of a church with an apse and an agricultural farm on the ancient road from Antipater to Sabastiya. The watch tower found here is evidence that the ancient residents also guarded the road below. The strategic location of this site affords a view of the coastal plain and Dan

region. Nahal Shilo flows through the valley below. See enlarged map for further details. **Mount Gerizim National Park M/10** An antiquities site at the summit of Mt. Gerizim in Shomron, with impressive remains of Samaritan temples from the Persian and Hellenist periods. After the construction of the Second Temple in Jerusalem, this compound became the

temple that was an exact replica of the one in Jerusalem. National Park entrance fee and opening hours. Horvat Shhada N/5 Second Temple period site near Nofim and Havot Ya'ir. Panoramic view. from the top of the site, with the coastal plain from Hadera to Gedera The broken pottery found here shows continuous habitation from

Clearly visible from the Trans-Shomron Highway. Impressive Byzantine burial caves, including some hewn out of the bedrock and with reliefs carved in the walls. There are also five cisterns and the remains of a Byzantine church with columns and mosaics. Access via Brukhin. Hurvat Tsreda Q/4 At the end of a marked trail that starts in Peduel are the ruins of a city dated to the Israelite Kingdom period, with cisterns and a water drainage system that brings

the rain from the surrounding cliffs into the cisterns. This was apparently the city of Yerovam ben Navat, the first king of the divided kingdom (late 10th century BCE).

Mt. Eval Altar K/10

Khurkush Ruins P/5

Samara Ruins J/5

Ruins of the ancient capital of

the kingdom of Israel and the

magnificent remains of Sabastiva

the city established by Herod

(late 1st century BCE) and which

became one of the most important

cities in Israel in the Roman period.

Shomron (Sabastiva) is a national

A site of national importance,

place - the return to Sabastiya

and the renewed settlement

on the mountain, alongside the

Zionist history from before the

establishment of the State: the

Turkish era rail line, World War I

and the British Mandate period

09-8841359. See also enlarged map.

Hamad Ruins P/5

where historic Zionist events took

Located on the northeastern shoulder of the mountain. First discovered

expedition headed by Prof. Adam Zertal, who identified the altar as the

one used by Joshua. Scattered all around the compound and the pile of

stones were potsherds that experts dated to the Israelite Period (12th

century BCE). The site was identified as having only one layer and its

location is exceptional. Entrance to the site requires coordination with

South of the Barkan Industrial Zone. This site has many Second Temple

period tombs. The ancient name of this site is unknown, but the

indings show that the community was well-established and quite

wealthy. Many of the tombs are very elaborate, with columns, carved

The picture-perfect beauty of Dotan Valley in northern Shomron was

the stage for many fascinating events that changed the history of the

War. A visit to this area requires coordination with the IDF.

The remains of a Samaritan village (built on Roman ruins), with

Jewish People, from the sale of Joseph to the battles during the Six Day

impressive findings showing Samaritan customs. The synagogue faces

Mt. Gerizim and still has the original benches built into the walls. There

are also the remains of a mosaic floor and two columns, a cistern and a

caves, the city gate – with its prominent lintel – and other public and

private buildings. Most of the mosaics have been removed and taken

turning north from the main road between Enav and Avne Hefets.

park covering about 180 acres. Visit require coordination with the IDF

The train station has become a symbol of determination and Zionist

For details and to coordinate a visit - Shomron Tour and Study Center

Sabastiya Train Station (Masudiya) J/7

Ancient Shomron - Sabastiya J/7

mikve (separate from the cistern, unlike in Jewish custom), several burial

to the Good Samaritan Museum. Access is by car, to the foot of the site,

the IDF. See the trails table for further details.

reliefs and even a bench hewn out of the rock.

Tel Dotan and Bor Yosef E,F/9

on 6 April, 1980, during a systematic archeological survey by an

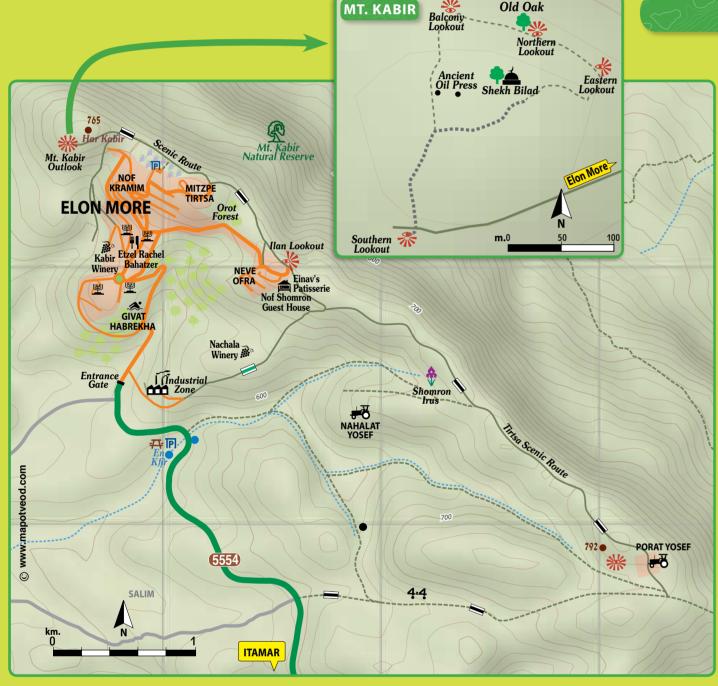
holiest site for Samaritans who built a

visible to the west on a clear day. Homesh ridge is to the north, Mt. Hresha is to the south, and the Itshar ridge and Ariel are to the east. This site is surrounded by many Jewish communities: Ma'ele Shomron, Karne Shomron, Imanuel, Yakir, Nofim, Hayot Yair, Revaya and Kirvat Netafim. the Second Temple period until the Early Muslim period. The ruins of the olive press have been dated to the Byzantine and Farly Muslim periods (5th-9th century CE). There are also remains of residential

SPECIAL SITES Birds Nest Reserve M/9 A large pit on a hillside just to the north of Yitshar. Home to hundreds of birds of various species, including pigeons, crows and rock sparrows. The official name of this site is Kamin Hasif, and the most amazing sight here is the return of the many birds to their nests during the hour before sunset, as they seem to free-fall into the pit. Havat Ma'oz Tsvi E/7 Agricultural farm north of Mevo Dotan. Popular tourist site thanks to the breathtaking lookouts in various directions: east toward Bor Yosef and

Emek Dotan, and west toward the coastal plain, and thanks to the artist gallery that displays the works of the local artists. Access is via Mevo Dotan. Gidonim Range N/11,12 Also called Itamar Range; a series of hills extending some 13 kilometers above and east of Itamar. Several tourist sites have been built along the range, as part of the upper Givat Yanuah, Har Gidon, Alumot and Givat Arnon. The scenic lookouts include: Three Seas Lookout, Matan Lookout, named after

Matan Zagron and Gidonim Lookout. A tomb marker in the center of the range is identified with the judge Gideon. The eastern part of the range overlooks Sartaba to the southeast, in the Jordan Valley. This part of the range also has many outcroppings of basalt rock, leading researchers to believe this site was once an active volcano. Ma'ayan Iris Hashomron a man-made spring at the eastern exit of the lower neighborhoods of Itamar, attracts many tourists who enjoy the water and the view.



## city of Shechem (Nablus). The name Kabir is derived from summit, where there are several telescopes for our viewing above and dominates the area.

**MOUNT KABIR NATURE RESERVE** 

the Arabic, and means mighty, and the ridge indeed rises pleasure. The structure in the center is called Sheikh Bilal, Let's start with the southern lookout point. From here we Down the trail to the north is the Luntz lookout. Yosef Luntz, can see the outskirts of Shechem and the surrounding the military governor of the Shechem region in the 1970s. ridges and valleys. Below us is the community of Elon More, The ceremony dedicating this site was attended by both whose founding settlers called their group Elon More- Jews and Arabs. Shechem. The source of this name is from Genesis (12:6), On clear days the amazing view of the landscape below "And Abraham passed through the land until he came to the place Shechem, to the terebinth of More," meaning the plateau that shows the way. The settlers' vision was to renew city of Tsfat and Nahal Amud, the Lower Galilee hills and the Jewish settlement of this region. After many attempts at various sites, the community settled on the Kabir ridge.

Behind us is the Arab village of Salim, which perhaps preserves the name Shalem that is mentioned in the verse, "And Jacob came to Shalem, a city of Shechem" (Genesis grain," and is reminiscent of the surrounding crops. Shomron (940m) and the city of Shechem in the valley.

the Mediterranean Sea to the west, we can actually see vast areas of Israel from one border to the other. 33:18). Beside Salim is a round dome called Ras Tabur, and Directly below us is the fertile Tirtsa Valley, where Nahal could be the site mentioned in the story of Avimelech, "Here Tirtsa flows. Tel el-Far'a (North) is the site of the biblical city the people are coming down from Tabur in the land (Judges of Tirtsa, which served as the capital during the reign of 9:37). Behind us is Bet Dagan, whose name means "house of Yeravam ben Navat and was mentioned by King Solomon in Song of Songs (6:1), "You are as beautiful, my love, as Tirtsa; Above Salim is the Itamar ridge, where several settlements as lovely as Jerusalem." Just north of Far'a is Tubas, which have been built, and to the west is the Grizim ridge. Too its preserves the biblical town of Tevets, where the rebellious right is Eval ridge, with Mt. Eval, the highest point in the Avimelech, the son of Gideon, died after a woman through a millstone at him (Judges 9:53).

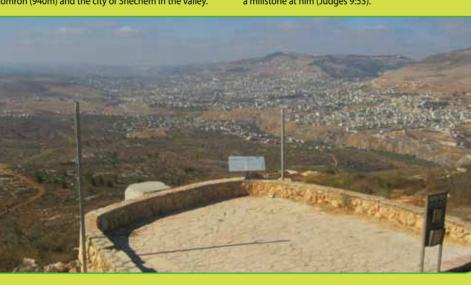
Mohammed's muezzin, according to Muslim tradition.

gives you the feeling of being a bird in flight. The Hermon

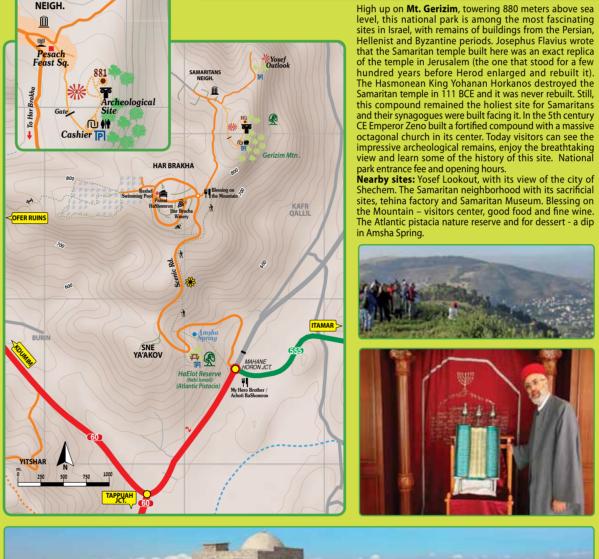
ridge, the rows of hills in the Golan Heights, Mt. Cnaan, the

Nazareth, Mt. Tabor and the Gilboa ridge are a veritable feast

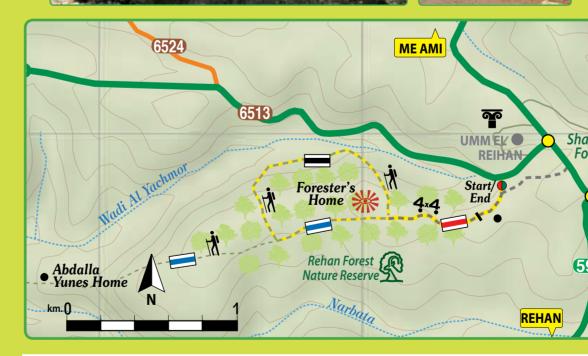
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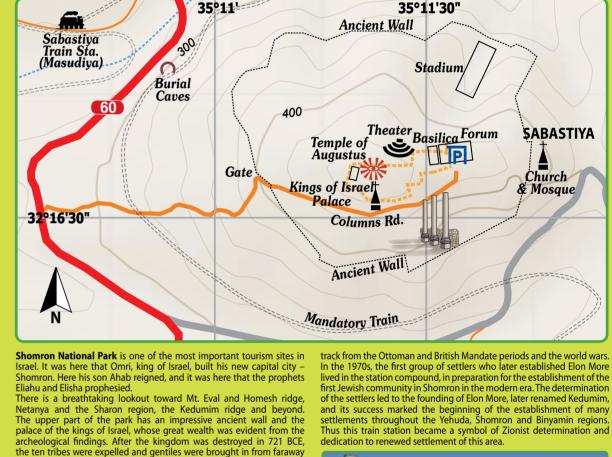


The Kabir ridge is one of four ridges that surround the We walk northward on a wide path until we reach the









SABASTIYA – ANCIENT SHOMRON AND THE TRAIN STATION Location on ma

archeological findings. After the kingdom was destroyed in 721 BCE, the ten tribes were expelled and gentiles were brought in from faraway places to resettle the land. These newcomers adopted some of the Jewish istoms and today their descendants are known as the Samaritans. King Herod rebuilt the city and changed its name to Sabastiya (the Greek equivalent of Augustus), in honor of Caesar Augustus. The remains of the tadium, the temple to Augustus and other buildings from that period are still visible today. In 200 CE Sabastiva became a regional capital and a Roman forum, basilica and colonnaded street were added. Today the earby Arab village of Sabastiya preserves the name of the ancient city. Visits to the site require coordination with the IDF. About once a week groups can come here and private vehicles are permitted to enter free o narge during the intermediate days of Pesach and Sukkot. For further details, and to confirm arra homron Tour and Study Center – 09-8841359 learby is the historic Sabastiya (Masudiya) train station The Shomron train station at Sabastiya is an important historical site, as it is a unique showcase of chapters from modern Zionist history: the return

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to Sabastiya, the new settlement on the mountain, and the historic train

## Nahal Kana is one of the largest rivers in Shomron, flows westward Many animals live in the forest, and you might see flocks of gazelles, out of Mt. Gerizim and, like Nahal Shilo, is one of the tributaries of wild boars and common foxes. Recently martens, a rare rodent in

NAHAL KANA NATURE RESERVE

the Yarkon River. The deep valley here became the natural boundary between the tribal dragonshawk eagle and circaetus hawk nest in the trees.

Arabic name, which is Wadi Kana even today. springs along the riverbed all year long (En al-Nawitar, En el-Makudiya, En al-Jusa, En Hawara, En al-Betsa, En Hawar and En Tanur).

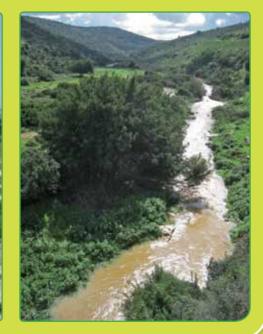
The water flows along the riverbed and alternately disappears under British Mandate days, and the dense groves of trees and shrubs can be

Lush vegetation grows along the banks of the riverbed, with abundant water plants and Mediterranean shrubbery, common oak and Israeli the road between Yakir and Imanuel. pistacia, although these trees are gradually being replaces by park trees such as common carob and mastic (pistacia lentiscus).

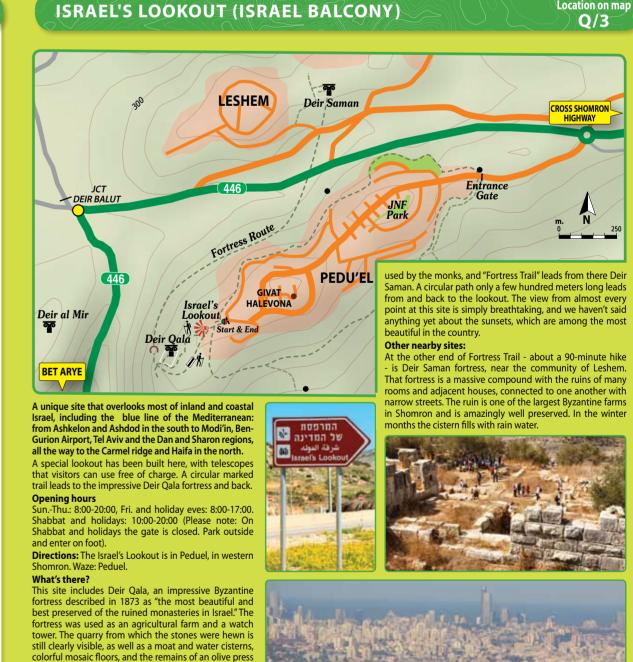
these parts, have also been spotted. Birds of prey such as the rare lands of Efrayim and Menashe – "The border goes south from Nahal Near the springs along the riverbed are the ruins of ancient villages and Kana...Efrayim to the south and Menashe to the north" (Joshua 17:9- fortresses, as well as cultivated fields and orchards. 10). Interestingly, the ancient Hebrew name was preserved in the Until not long ago Nahal Kana was very polluted, as the sewage from nearby villages was untreated. Recently, however, following a Unique geological and geomorphological phenomena also make this

layers of gravel and silt or collects in small, deep pools, even in the All along Nahal Kana are blue trail markings. The path starts at the Karne Shomron cemetery and goes through the nature reserve gate down to Large tracts of the Nahal Kana reserve have been protected forests since the riverbed. Follow the blue markings to the large spring – En Fuara. There are grassy areas under eucalyptus trees where you can sit and enjoy the clear water. A gently sloping trail leads up to Yakir. There is also a gravel road alongside the riverbed with an entrance from The trail is easy and suitable for families with young children. **Nearby sites** include the Shehada ruins and Havot Yair farm.













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and wine-pressing floor. The walls of the fortress rise t a height of 8 meters. Beneath the fortress is the cave

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	Trail Name	Location on Map	Starting Point	Ending Point	Length of Trail	Color Of Markings Along the Trail	Notes
	Mt. Kabir to Kfir Spring	K,L/11,12	Yeshivat Elon More	Elon More gate	2 km	Black and green	Breathtaking view toward Tirtsa Valley
	Peduel to Deir Qala	Q/3	Western gate of Peduel	Western gate of Peduel	1 km	Black	Breathtaking view of coastal plain and Dan region
	Atlantic Pistacia (HaElaot) Reserve	M/10	Sne Ya'akov Hill	Amasa Spring	3 km	None	Wading pool for children. Ancient Atlantic Pistachia trees
	Shave Shomron to Sebastiya train station	J/7	Shave Shomron gate	Masudiya train station in Sabastiya	0.5 km	Black	Remains of old Turkish train station.
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112	Nahal Kana	Q/5	Revava gate	Karnei Shomron cem- etery	8 km	Green and red	Along the trail: springs, ancient ruins and breathtaking landscape
	Arnon Hill circular trail	N/12	Arnon Hill entrance, Itamar	Arnon Hill entrance, Itamar	6 km	Black	Part of trail passes through firing range
A ACCOUNT OF THE PARTY OF THE P	HaTsreda	Q/3	Peduel gate	Route 446 (Nahal Shilo)	5 km	Red	Breathtaking view of Nahal Shilo. Ruins of Yeravam ben Navat's city
	Tel Aroma	N/11	Eastern gate of Itamar	Alumot Hill, Itamar	6 km	Black	Interesting archeological site. Ruins of Hasmonean fortress and Avimelech's city.
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	Elon More - Itamar	K/11	Elon More gate	Itamar gate	18 km	Blue until Alon Hwy. Red from Alon Hwy. to Itamar	Trail goes through firing range. Requires coordination with IDF Shomron region brigade.
15	Nahal Kana	N/5	Havat Yair gate	Tel Dotan	12 km	Black and blue	Highly recommended in the spring. Flowing springs and beautiful landscapes.
	Tel Dotan	E/7	Mevo Dotan gate	Tel Dotan	3 km	None	Requires coordination with IDF Menashe region brigade.