Advanced 1

1 Bansko – Demyanitsa hut – Vasilashki lakes – Vihren hut

Duration: 7hrs walking and 40 min travelling by car
Ascent: 1700m
Starting point: Bansko

Transportation is necessary from Bansko to the half way to Demyanitsa hut and on the way back from Vihren hut to Bansko. Check the time table for the shuttle bus (Bansko-Vihren hut-Bansko) at the Bansko railway station or call +359 887 968608. It operates from 1st July to 15th September.

The asphalt road ends at hotel Bistritza (not operating). From there a tarmac road continues to the hut. The first half of it is OK for cars. All the way from Bansko to Demianitza hut is marked with blue paint.

010 – 103 Pass Demyanitsa hut and walk until you see 4 yellow signs pointing various directions. Take the path to Vihren hut marked with green paint.
104 – 107 It goes uphill through the forest, reaches the Dolno Vasilashko lake and goes along its bank.
108 – 111 Passes above the Gorno Vasilashko lake and along the Todorini Ochi lakes.
Next is climbing to the saddle Todorina porta. From there you will see the Dulgoto Banderishko lake.
115–117 Continue following the path with the green marks. It passes by the Zhabeshkoto lake. There, two routs come together and the marks all the way to Vihren hut are green and red.

From Vihren hut to Bansko you need a transport (shuttle bus / taxi) – it is 16 km asphalt road or 4.30hrs on a walking path.