Intermediate 2

**Vihren hut – Banderishki lakes – Vihren hut**

**Duration:** 5hrs (incl. transportation)

**Ascent:** 328m

**Starting point:** *Vihren hut*

*To Vihren hut you can go by car or take the shuttle bus from Bansko (it operates only in summer July-September - check the time table at railway station in Bansko or call +359 887 96 86 08).*

**100 – 103** Opposite the hut entrance and across the parking lot there are few stone steps and yellow signs. Take the path up following the yellow and blue marks along the way.
This path goes on the right (west) river bank. Walk until you reach a small wooden bridge across the river and yellow signs. Cross the river and follow the path and the red and green marks along the way.

You’ll reach an yellow sign “Езеро Окото ОКОТО LAKE 3min”. Just pass by and continue on the path marked with red and green marks. You’ll see the Okoto lake on the way back.

The next yellow sign “Ribno banderishko ezero 5 min” will take you to the 1st lake on the way.
When you reach the lake, take left, walk a few meters and take the uphill on the left. In a while, you'll see a path and some small piles of stones aside. Follow this path and soon you'll reach another path marked with red and green marks. Take right and uphill, just follow the marks.
On your way you’ll see “Zhabeshkoto ezero” – the next lake.

Continue following the red and green marks, but be careful, very soon (after ~5min walking) the path splits, as well as the marks. Follow the path marked with red paint.
You'll reach the next and the last from the Banderishki lakes – Dalgoto ezero.

Then just take the same path back, following the red, then red and green marks.
After you have walked 2/3 of the way back, note to find on your right a yellow sign “Езеро Окото ОКОТО LAKE” – follow the direction and you’ll reach the lake.

Continue following the red and green marks all the way to Vihren hut. The path takes you to the back of the hut.