



Questions and answers for visitors – the Mt Hiriya site (FAQs)

1. What are the visiting hours at Mt Hiriya?

Daily from 9 am to 3:30 pm, including Fridays, Saturdays and holidays, **other than special events, which are updated on the Park website.**

2. Is there an entrance fee for Mt Hiriya?

Visits are self-guided, and there is no entrance fee.

3. How do we get to Mt Hiriya?

Reaching the site involves:

- a. Parking in the lower parking lot (after the guard post)**
- b. Taking the shuttle bus (minibus) which brings visitors to the starting point of the Mt Hiriya site and back to the parking lot throughout visiting hours.**

Coming from the north via Road 4, Geha Road

Cross Messubim intersection (Ramat Efal / Safari) over the bridge. Immediately after, keep to the right-hand lane. After about 1 km, turn right into Ariel Sharon Park. Park just after the guard post, on the right.

Coming from the south via Road 4, Geha Road

Leave Geha Road at Messubim intersection (Or Yehuda) and keep to the left-hand lane. At the traffic light, turn left towards Lod Road (Road 461). At the next traffic light (a distance of about 50 m), turn left again towards Geha Road South (Road 4). Keep to the right-hand lane. After about 1 km, turn right into Ariel Sharon Park. Park just after the guard post, on the right.

Coming from Ayalon Highway

Follow Ayalon Highway to the Kibbutz Galuyot exit. At Kibbutz Galuyot, turn left towards Lod Road (Road 461). Continue straight ahead for approximately 4 km to Messubim intersection. At Messubim intersection, turn right towards Geha Road South (Road 4), keeping in the right-hand lane. After about 1 km, turn right into Ariel Sharon Park. Park just after the guard post, on the right.

4. What does a visit to Mt Hiriya include?

- Accessible walking trails
- Information signs at a number of points of interest along the trails - coming soon



- Breathtaking lookout points with views of metropolitan Gush Dan, the riverbeds, and the open countryside.
- Unique ecological lake
- Expansive lawns
- Café in the Oasis (Heart of the Hill)
- Visitors center with an innovative multi-media display: "The story of a mountain" - entrance fee of NIS 10 per person (over 3). Tickets can be purchased on the website, or for cash only at the site. **It is recommended to buy tickets in advance.**
- On Fridays and Saturdays only - guided tours for the general public, free of charge - at: 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm
- It is important to note that from the set-down point for visitors there is a walk of approximately 500 m uphill to the summit and the lookout points.

5. Is there entrance for organized groups?

Organized groups must arrange a guided tour of Mt Hiriya and other parts of Ariel Sharon Park in advance, for a fee, at 03-7398999 (ext. 306) or by email: atar@parksharon.co.il

6. How much do tickets cost for the visitors center, and where can they be purchased?

Tickets cost NIS 10 per person (over 3). Tickets can be purchased on the website, or for cash only at the site. **It is recommended to buy tickets in advance.**

7. What are the opening hours of the visitors center?

The visitors center is open from 9 am to 3 pm; the show lasts 15 minutes, and is screened approximately every half hour.

8. Are there still guided tours on the shuttle bus?

No. Tours of Mt Hiriya today are self-guided. The shuttle takes visitors to and from the starting point. Guided tours for the public are held on Fridays and Saturdays only, at 9:30 am, 11:30 am, and 1:30 pm, departing from the shuttle bus set-down point.



9. How do we get to the hill?

Mt Hiriya can only be reached by private vehicle. A shuttle bus (minibus) takes visitors from the lower parking lot to the starting point on the hill and back again, throughout opening hours.

10. May dogs be brought to the park?

Dogs may be brought to the park, on a leash.

11. Is there access for people with disabilities or who have difficulty walking?

There is a parking lot for vehicles with a disabled sticker, at the top of the hill. The trails in the park are accessible for people with disabilities, and there is access from the parking lot to the top of the hill and to the main points of interest. Vehicles without a disabled sticker must park in the general parking lot. It is important to note that from the parking lot, there is a walk of approximately 500 m uphill to the summit and the lookout points.

12. Are there special activities on the hill?

Special activities taking place on the hill are updated on the Ariel Sharon Park website: www.parksharon.co.il

13. Can we bring a baby buggy or Kalno'it (mobility scooter)?

Yes, you can bring a baby buggy or Kalno'it (mobility scooter). Mt Hiriya has accessible trails. It is important to note that from the set-down point for visitors, there is a walk of approximately 500 m uphill to the summit and the lookout points.

14. Is there public transport to Mt Hiriya?

There is no public transport to Mt Hiriya. It can only be reached by private vehicle.

15. Is there a playground for children?

At this stage, there is not yet a playground at the Mt Hiriya site.

16. Can we have a picnic and/or a barbecue at the site?

Lighting fires of any kind (including grills, all kinds of frying or cooking devices, and camping stoves) is absolutely prohibited. Family picnics may be held on the



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lawns during visiting hours. Visitors may not erect sunshades, tables, or any kind of heavy equipment.

17. Are there toilet facilities in the park?

Toilet facilities are available at a number of locations on the hill, including for people with disabilities.

18. Is it permitted to swim in the lake?

Swimming in the lake, or entering the water at any point is absolutely prohibited.

19. Is it possible to hold private events at Mt Hiriya (such as birthday parties)?

At this stage, it is not possible to hold private events at Mt Hiriya.

20. May we come with bicycles / roller blades?

You can bring bicycles. Because of the incline, it is not recommended to bring roller blades.

Enjoy your visit!