

BCHAALEH TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Activities Catalogues 2024



Where
Every Trail
Tells a **STORY**

- ◆ Community-based
- ◆ Adventure Spirit
- ◆ Heritage & Traditions

**Crafting Unforgettable
Journeys in Bchaaleh**



BCHAALEH TRAILS ASSOCIATION WHO WE ARE



Bchaaleh Trails Association stands apart as a beacon of rural tourism, offering a perfect blend of natural wonders, cultural exploration, adventure activities and community engagement. Our commitment to quality, inclusivity, and sustainable practices ensures that your visit not only enriches your personal experiences but also contributes to the growth and prosperity of the local community.

Bchaaleh Trails Association (BTA) journey began in July 2018 with the initiation of the Bchaaleh Hiking Trail Network Project funded by USAID under the LIVCD project in collaboration with Bchaaleh Municipality and Bchaaleh Association for Development.

Over the years, our dedicated team has thrived to create and preserve a meaningful responsible tourism in the village.

In 2021, we achieved two significant milestones. The First is connecting our trails to the Lebanon Mountain Trail (LMT) through the thematic side trail "Noah's Olive Trail". The second is partnering with The Olive Routes one of the cultural routes of the Council of Europe. These steps put Bchaaleh Village on the national and international touristic map and encourage us to further develop and enhance sustainable tourism activities and experiences, creating a positive impact on both guests and the local community members .

Who We Are

BCHAALEH TRAILS ASSOCIATION OUR MISSION



To preserve, develop and promote our natural and cultural heritage, transfer it in a better shape for future generations by developing sustainable tourism businesses and creating job opportunities leading to local circular economy and wellbeing enhancement of local community.

OUR VISION

To make Bchaaleh one of the best rural tourism destination in the region.



Our Mission
Our Vision

BCHAALEH TRAILS ASSOCIATION

OUR SERVICES



ADVENTURE TOURISM

- One day guided hikes
- Full moon hikes with bonfire experience
- Sunset hikes experience

AGRITOURISM

- Olive, Apple and Cherry picking
- Traditional soap making
- Olive wood / seed carving experience
- Harvest picnic experience

CULTURAL TOURISM

- Millennium olive tree tour
- Olive cultural heritage tour
- Religious tour

OUR SERVICES

ACTIVITIES



One Day Guided Hikes



Discover the enchanting landscapes and rich heritage of Bchaaleh village with our “One Day guided hike”. This adventure blends two captivating experiences: the Bchaaleh Trails, offering seven diverse routes through wilderness, agriculture and archaeological sites; and Noah’s Olive Trail, a side trail of the Lebanon Mountain Trail. Follow ancient trade routes and explore the historic village of Bchaaleh. Enjoy panoramic views, tranquil nature, and uncover hidden gems like the Millennial Olive trees. Extend your adventure with a connecting trail to the picturesque village of Douma. Perfect for all fitness levels, this hike promises awe-inspiring moments and a deep connection with Bchaaleh’s natural and cultural heritage.



1 to 6
Hours



Easy to Hard



3+
Years Old



5 to 25
People / Group



**Bchaaleh
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Chatine**



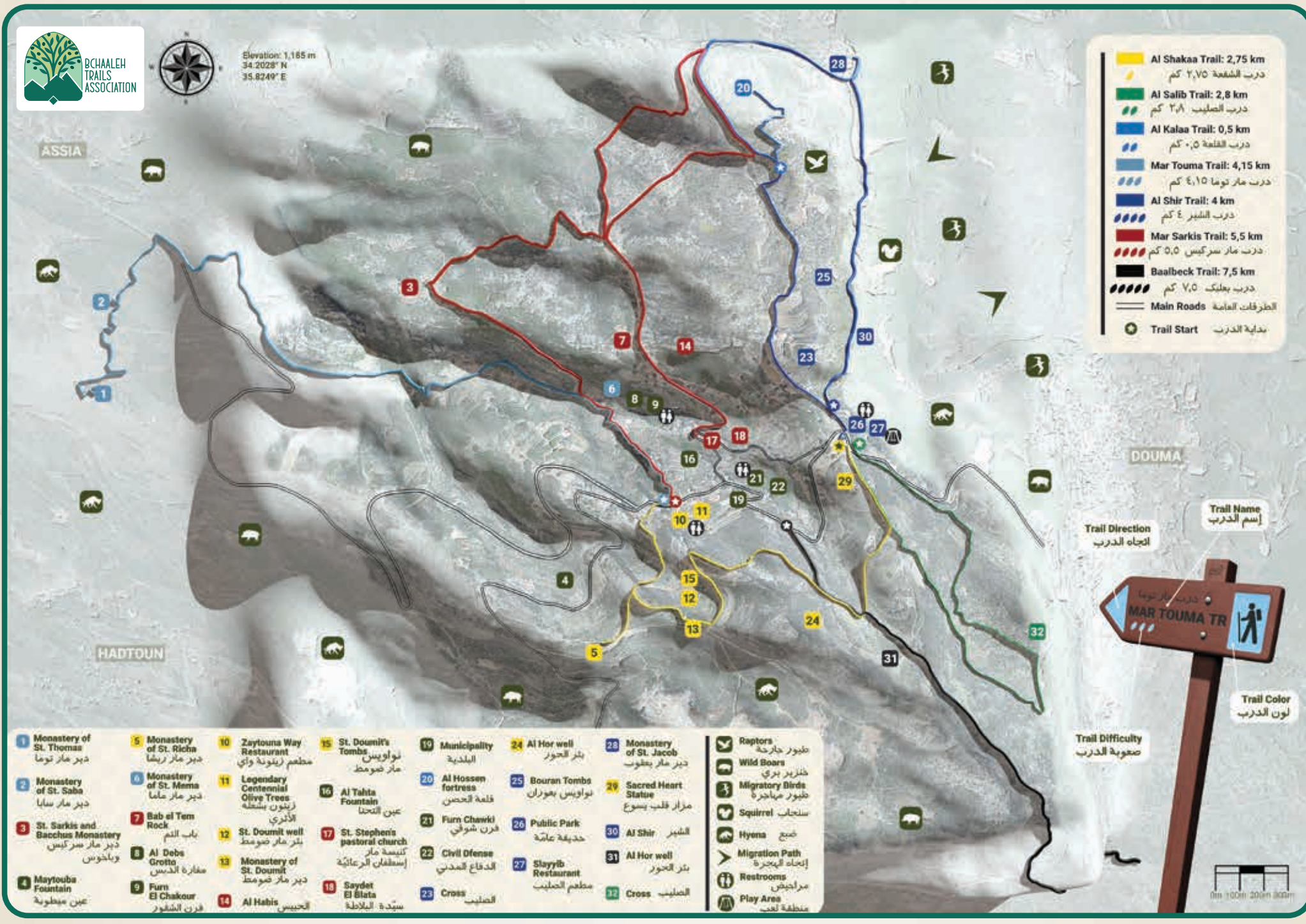
**All Year
Long**





Elevation: 1,165 m
34.2028° N
35.8249° E

- Al Shakaa Trail: 2,75 km
درب الشكاة ٢,٧٥ كم
- Al Salib Trail: 2,8 km
درب الصليب ٢,٨ كم
- Al Kalaa Trail: 0,5 km
درب القلعة ٠,٥ كم
- Mar Touma Trail: 4,15 km
درب مار توما ٤,١٥ كم
- Al Shir Trail: 4 km
درب الشير ٤ كم
- Mar Sarkis Trail: 5,5 km
درب مار سركيس ٥,٥ كم
- Baalbeck Trail: 7,5 km
درب بعلبك ٧,٥ كم
- Main Roads العامة
- + Trail Start بداية الدرب



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|---|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1 Monastery of St. Thomas
دير مار توما | 5 Monastery of St. Richa
دير مار ريشا | 10 Zaytouna Way Restaurant
مطعم زيتونة واي | 15 St. Doumit's Tombs
نواويس نواويس
مار صومط | 20 Municipality
البلدية | 24 Al Hor well
بئر الحور | 28 Monastery of St. Jacob
دير مار يعقوب |
| 2 Monastery of St. Saba
دير مار سابا | 6 Monastery of St. Mema
دير مار ماما | 11 Legendary Centennial Olive Trees
زيتون بشفه
الآنري | 16 Al Tahita Fountain
عين التحتا | 25 Al Hossen fortress
قلعة الحصن | 25 Bouran Tombs
نواويس بعوران | 29 Sacred Heart Statue
مزار قلب يسوع |
| 3 St. Sarkis and Bacchus Monastery
دير مار سركيس
وباخوس | 7 Bab el Tem Rock
باب الدم | 12 St. Doumit well
بئر مار صومط | 17 St. Stephen's pastoral church
كنيسة مار
إسطفان الرعائبة | 21 Furn Charki
فرن شوكي | 26 Public Park
حديقة عامة | 30 Al Shir
الشير |
| 4 Maytoub Fountain
عين ميطوبة | 8 Al Debs Grotto
مغارة الدبس | 13 Monastery of St. Doumit
دير مار صومط | 18 Saydet El Blata
سيّدة البلاطة | 22 Civil Dfense
الدفاع المدني | 27 Slayyib Restaurant
مطعم الصليب | 31 Al Hor well
بئر الحور |
| | 9 Furn El Chakour
فرن الشكور | 14 Al Habis
الحبيس | | 23 Cross
الصليب | | 32 Cross
الصليب |

- Raptors
طيور جارحة
- Wild Boars
خنزير بري
- Migratory Birds
طيور مهاجرة
- Squirrel
سنجاب
- Hyena
ضبع
- Migration Path
إبحاء الهجرة
- Restrooms
مراحيض
- Play Area
منطقة لعب

Trail Name
إسم الدرب

Trail Direction
اتجاه الدرب

Trail Color
لون الدرب

Trail Difficulty
صعوبة الدرب



Full Moon Hike with Bonfire Experience



A hiking adventure under the luminous glow of the full moon of Bchaaleh. Immerse yourself in the captivating history, untouched nature, and open skies vistas that await along our scenic trails. Ends it around a delightful surprise.



4
Hours



Easy



3+
Years Old



5 to 25
People / Group



Bchaaleh



**On Full
Moon**



Sunset Hikes Experience



The hiking activity included in this package offers a medium level challenge, with considerable elevation changes at some points. As you traverse the trail, you'll be immersed in the rich history and raw beauty of the landscape, with breathtaking vistas of the mountains and the Mediterranean Sea.

The hike continues to the millennium olive trees, where guests will have the opportunity to meet with a storyteller. Listen as they share the legends of these majestic trees and the fascinating scientific facts about their age.



4
Hours



Moderate



15+
Years Old



5 to 25
People / Group



Bchaaleh



Every Saturday
of
July and August



Olive, Apple and Cherry Picking



Experience the timeless tradition of fresh fruit harvesting amidst the picturesque landscapes and traditional terraces of Bchaaleh. Join local farmers as they guide you through the gentle art of picking fruits from their orchards. Feel the connection to the land as you work alongside locals, and savour the satisfaction of contributing to this age-old practice. Take home freshly picked fruits to enjoy.



2 to 3
Hours



Easy



1+
Years Old



5 to 25
People / Group



Bchaaleh



Seasonal



Traditional Soap Making

Step into the world of traditional soap making on our immersive tour.

Join local artisans as they guide you through the time-honored process of crafting soap using age-old techniques. From selecting the finest ingredients to mastering the art of mixing and molding, you'll gain hands-on experience in creating your own unique soap.

Immerse yourself in the sights, scents, and sensations of this ancient craft, and leave with a handcrafted souvenir to remember your experience.



1
Hour



Easy



3+
Years Old



5 to 10
People / Group



Bchaaleh



All Year
Long



Olive Wood / Seed Carving Experience



Unleash your creativity with our olive wood carving activity, where ancient traditions meet modern craftsmanship. Under the guidance of skilled artisans, learn the techniques of shaping and sculpting olive seeds or wood into beautiful works of art.

From intricate designs to rustic carvings, discover the versatility and beauty of this natural material. Whether you're a novice or an experienced carver, our workshop offers a welcoming space to explore your artistic talents and create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece to cherish.



2
Hours



Easy



9+
Years Old



5 to 10
People / Group



Bchaaleh



Every
Season



Harvest Picnic Experience



Embark on an unforgettable journey into the heart of Lebanon's culinary heritage with The Famous Farmer's Picnic. This exclusive experience invites you to step back in time and immerse yourself in the traditions of old Lebanese farmers. This tour offers a rare opportunity to connect with the land, the locals, and the rich history of Bchaaleh. From savoring delicious traditional cuisine to exploring the ancient olive groves of Noah, every moment is crafted to delight the senses and inspire the soul.



**2 to 3
Hours**



Very Easy



**3+
Years Old**



**10 to 25
People / Group**



Bchaaleh



**From May
to September**



Millennium Olive Tree Tour



Step back in time with us on the Millennium Olive Tree Tour an experience like no other where you'll live like a true farmer. From exploring ancient olive groves to learning about the age-old techniques of olive cultivation, every moment promises to be a journey of discovery. As part of this unique tour, you'll have the opportunity to participate in cultural and outdoor activities that offer insights into the rich heritage of the region, such as experiencing the authentic "Zouwedeh" farmer's lunch box, enjoying a traditional picnic lunch in nature, embarking on guided visits to the Millennial Olive Trees of Noah, and much more.



Full Day



**Easy to
Medium**



**9+
Years Old**



**10 to 25
People / Group**



Bchaaleh



**From April
to October**



Olive Cultural Heritage Tour



The olive cultural heritage experience features different outdoor and indoor stations and workshops, nested in ancient houses dispersed throughout Bchaaleh Village.

You can choose to visit all or some of these stations which are part of the Ecomuseum of the Olive Tree culture of Bchaaleh recognized by the Olive Tree Routes one of the cultural routes of the Council of Europe. The journey will end by a visit to the gift shop where visitors will have the chance to take souvenirs/local products from Bchaaleh and support the local community.



Full Day



Easy



9+
Years Old



10 to 25
People / Group



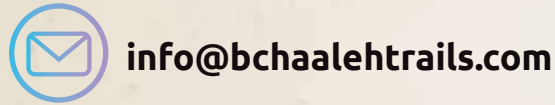
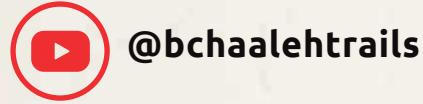
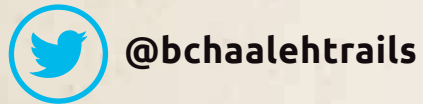
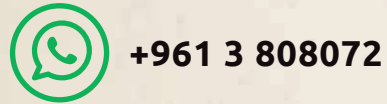
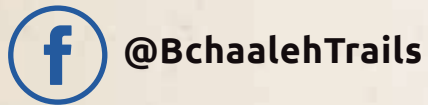
Bchaaleh



From May
to November



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