

# Three blueberry days and nights

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*A Blueberry Festival is being organized for the third time near the “Ambaritsa” Hut in the Troyan Balkan.*

The festival starts this evening (29 July) and will continue until Sunday evening (31 July). It is the only high-mountain blueberry celebration of its kind in the “Central Balkan” National Park. The event is held on a voluntary basis and its aim is both to promote the sweet forest fruits and to provide financial support for the Ambaritsa Hut.

In addition to wild blueberries, the organizers have planned many games, workshops, music, preparation of the traditional Ambaritsa fritters with the most delicious wild blueberry jam, and great entertainment.

**How to get there:** All options include a 4-hour hike in the mountains, along a marked and well-trodden tourist trail starting from the “Smesite” area, village of Cherni Osam, Troyan Municipality.

By car: The easiest way to reach the festival is by car. Travel to the village of Cherni Osam, Troyan Municipality, with the final point for cars being the “Smesite” area. When you reach the “Smesite” area, it is time to park your cars and continue on foot. From there begins the marked tourist trail which, after approximately a 4-hour walk through the ancient Troyan forests, will lead you to the Ambaritsa Hut. The trail will be additionally marked with signs for the “Blueberry Festival”. Coordinates and additional information about the hike to the Ambaritsa Hut will be published additionally.

By bus: You can travel by bus – first to the town of Troyan, and from there by a second bus to the village of Cherni Osam. From the village of Cherni Osam to the “Smesite” area there is a 3 km asphalt road. From there begins the marked trail which, after approximately 4 hours, will lead you to the Ambaritsa Hut.

Bus timetable from the town of Troyan to the village of Cherni Osam from Troyan Bus Station:

On working days: 05:40; 06:05; 07:10; 08:10; 10:10; 12:10; 13:10; 14:20; 17:10; 18:30

On Saturdays and Sundays: 07:10; 11:10; 16:15; 18:10

By hitchhiking: To the town of Troyan and from there to the village of Cherni Osam and the “Smesite” area.