

Sarytag (2360m) – Iskanderkul (2180m)

Distance: 15km

Ascent: 580m

Descent: 580m

Trail: easy – dirt road and clear path

Transport

Just like Sarytag, Iskanderkul is connected to the road and shared taxis do run from here to the M34, the road between Dushanbe and Khujand/Penjikent. You could also hire a private vehicle.

Accommodation

Iskanderkul 11 Homestay “Khayom”, owner Asliddin, capacity 8, languages Russian, Tajik

It's an easy walk down to Iskanderkul, probably the most famous mountain lake in Tajikistan. It's frequently visited by locals and tourists alike as it's just 2.5hrs from Dushanbe. You wander along the lake shores past the presidential dacha to the homestay on a dirt track. There is a small resort on the eastern shore as well, where you might be able to camp. Or you might want to walk on the southern shore. The south eastern end of the lake has some great spots for camping.