

Vayots Dzor



Territory	- 2308 sq. km
Population	- 80 th
Center	- Yeghegnadzor
Sights	- Areni, Arkazi, Boloraberd (Proshaberd), Gladzor university, Noravank, Shatinvank, Smbataberd, Spitakavor, Surb Zorats, Tanade, Tsaghats Kar, Yeghegis.

Noravank

The Noravank monastery is situated on a ledge of a deep winding gorge of a tributary of the Arpa River near the village of Amaghu, Vayots Dzor district. Noravank ensemble stands amidst the bizarre-shaped precipitous red cliffs. Built in place of an ancient monastery, it grew in the reign of Princes Orbelyan of Syunik. In the 13th-14th centuries the monastery became a residence of Syunik's bishops and, consequently, a major religious and, later, cultural center of Armenia.

Of great interest are the vestibule of St.Karapet church and the church of St.Astvatatzin, built by Momik.

The church of St.Karapet (the 9th-10th cc.), which has come down to us in ruins, is the most ancient monument of Noravank. To the north of it, there is the main temple, also dedicated to St.Karapet. Erected in 1216-1223, it belongs to the widespread cross-winged domed type with two-storey side-chapels in the corners.

Smbataberd

The Smbataberd defense complex of the 10-11th centuries is located in the Vayots Dzor, to the east of the Artabyunk village. It has high and wide (2-3 m) pyramid type fort-walls built with large basalt stones, and protected by the Artabuni and the Yeghegis Rivers and deep canyons. The fort is divided by a wall on both the northern and southern sides, where the ruins of the middle-fort dwellings and water-pools have been preserved. The water originated from the natural springs and canals of the Tsaghats Kar' monastery nearby.

Information about the schools proposed to renovation by “AEF” in 2008

Region Vayots Dzor, village Hermon

1. Construction estimate exists. It has been made up by construction agency of the region (at the moment it is under construction by me).
2. I have seen the school and have closely reviewed the estimate.
3. All the works are intended in the estimate.
4. The school consists of 1 building. Art of the school is one-storied, and part is two-storied.
5. Our suggestion was to renovate the whole school.
6. The roof is from black tin and is entirely corrupted. It needs to be changed and zinc-plated.
7. The school's electricity is in normal state. There is need for partial repairing.:
8. The school is intended for heating with electricity.
9. The floors are intended for being partly repaired and partly covered with oil-cloth.
10. The toilets are still outdoors. 2 toilets indoors need to be renovated. There is water around the school.
11. The doors need being repaired, and some must be changed.
12. The windows are from aluminum. Only second glasses must be settled.
13. The school was built in 1979.
14. 290 people live in the village.
15. 40 pupils study in the school.
16. 10 teachers and 6 executive personals work in the school.
17. It is 135 km from Yerevan to Hermon.

To my mind the school must be immediately renovated. The school headmaster is Mr. Jora Khachatryan. To my mind after the renovation it will be normally kept. Money intended by us is enough for entirely renovating the building.

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