

PROTECT TO PROTECT
DARAKEH IN MOUNTAIN ROUTE

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LSIT OF DRAWINGS

1. MASTER PLAN

- Longitudinal section through the route
- Master plan
- Transversal sections
- Rout analysis and solutions
- Main points and pictures of them

2. Master plan of Part one

- Master plan
- Sections
- Views

3. Projecting presentation (without movie)

4. Movie of existing situation

5. Point one design

- Plan
- Section

ABSTRACT

Darakeh is the name of a village, river, valley and mountain route at northern edge of Tehran, among Alborz Mountains. This project develops a master plan for the whole zone specially the mountain route from starting to the end.

It was tried to make a zoning based on people needs and nature face, which is manipulated in different ways. There is a popular custom in Tehran to go hiking in mountain routes. And the presence of people in the nature has caused an excessive change, without appropriate management. Due to this matter and people usage, the plan is divided into three parts, and evaluated of each part's services and facilities in quality and quantity. However, each part has its own characteristics which contribute a specific way for solving the problems and future expansion planning.

The first part is inside Darakeh Village. In fact, this village is attached to the city, during last decades of Tehran expansions. Fortunately, the village has kept the essence of its old and natural environment. I suggested relocating most of scattered "Ghahveh-khaneh"¹s around Darakeh main square to part one and opening the starting part of route inside the valley, adjacent to the river and segregating residential and touristic zone to regulate the space usage.

The second part is a route in the valley sometimes passing by private gardens and Ghahveh-khanehs. This part has numerous Ghahveh-khanehs in response to large number of visitors. From another point of view, along the route, there are several points or stations where hikers take short breaks. Accordingly, other activities such as vendor selling appear in these points. There are six main points determined and one of them is designed.

Third part is comparatively natural one with low number of hikers pass it to Palangchal, the end point of Darakeh route. I suggested minimum manipulation for this part and only evaluation of necessary facilities and services.

In the end, the main strategy of project is to protect, improve and manage each zone, so that it has its own specific activity inside. As a result the social forces on this old and natural land are regulated in a way not to interrupt other parts.

¹ Ghahve-khaneh is a kind of traditional restaurant with specific Persian foods where you can also smoke hookah and drink tea while seating on specific beds.

