

BATAK · RHODOPE MOUNTAINS · BULGARIA



GUEST LEAFLET

Serviceberry House

*A place to learn. A place to belong.
Garden · Craft · Play · Quiet joy*



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Why Serviceberry House exists

We're still young — a seed planted in good ground, growing a little more with every guest who stays.

Everything here — the breakfast, the garden, the quiet, the handwork, woodcrafting and natural shelters — is built slowly and with care rather than all at once. You're not staying at a finished project; you're stepping into something still taking shape, and we're glad to have you be part of it.



This valley carries old memory. Some six thousand years ago, not far from here, people of the Pazardzhik plain shaped a clay Mother Goddess at the ancient settlement mound of Yunatsite — one of Europe's oldest continuously inhabited grounds. We like to think she still watches over this land's fertility — the same fertility that feeds the serviceberry bush growing just outside, the one we borrowed our name from.

MAKE IT YOURS TOO

Suggestions from guests are always welcome — new trails, recipes, small fixes, or bigger ideas for how we can improve. Nothing here is fixed in stone. Tell us in person, or leave a note on the board by the bathroom, and we'll take it from there.

STAY CONNECTED

Wi-Fi

Scan to join — no typing required.



POINT YOUR PHONE CAMERA AT THE CODE

NETWORK

RisingFUN

PASSWORD

12345678

SERVICEBERRY HOUSE

HOUSE MENU

Simple. Local. Delicious.

BREAKFAST

Yoghurt with honey & walnuts	4.50 €
Homemade jam & bread	4.50 €
Omelette, cheese or vegetables	6.00 €
Boiled eggs (2 pcs)	3.00 €
Banana pancakes with honey	6.50 €
Fried eggs with ham	6.50 €

LOCAL FAVOURITES

Rhodope patatnik	7.50 €
Homemade Rhodope kebapche (2 pcs) with bread	6.50 €
Kebapche with fried potatoes	9.50 €
Grilled seasonal vegetables	6.00 €

COLD STARTERS

Tarator — cold yoghurt, cucumber & dill	4.50 €
Shopska salad	6.00 €
Fresh garden salad	5.50 €

SEASONAL SPECIAL

Wild Rhodope mushrooms, when available

market price

The Serviceberry Shop

A small honesty shop by the kitchen, for anything you need during your stay — or want to take home with you.

FROM THE HOUSE

Forest honey, 350g jar

from our own hives

7.00 €

Homemade jam

seasonal fruit, 250g

5.00 €

Batak mountain herbal tea

hand-picked blend, 50g

4.50 €

Rhodope wine, local grower

750ml bottle

9.00 €

Handmade soap bar

herbs from the garden

3.50 €

FOR THE TRAIL & THE ROAD

Trail snack pack

nuts, dried fruit, banitsa

12.50 €

Reusable water bottle

Serviceberry House

6.00 €

Insect repellent, natural

travel size

6.00 €

Sunscreen, travel size

3.50 €

Printed area map

trails & road trips marked

2.00 €

A poem for the mountain mornings

*Wake with the light
that kisses the mountain's crest,
and greet the day
with gratitude in your chest.*

*Savor the taste
of land, of hands, of heart —
local and fresh,
where true nourishment starts.*

*Let the silence of valleys
and the song of the streams
remind you of something ancient:
you are part of more than your dreams.*

*So take your breath, tie your shoes,
and follow the paths
that the Rhodope chooses.*

*After a breakfast
made with care and soul,
the mountains are calling —
let your spirit be whole.*

EAT LOCAL. LIVE SIMPLY. EXPLORE DEEPLY.

Bike & boat rental

Available right from the house — just ask us in the morning. Or hire a personal guide for tours by car or mountain bike.

Mountain bike rental

1 hour	9.00 €
2 hours	15.00 €
Half day (4 hrs)	26.00 €
Full day	37.50 €
Helmet included	

Inflatable boat rental

1 hour	12.00 €
2 hours	20.00 €
Half day (4 hrs)	35.00 €
Full day	50.00 €
Life jackets included	

Personal guide

Car tour (half day)	from 45 €
Mountain bike tour	from 35 €
Full day guided	on request
Local knowledge · trails · waterfalls · wildlife · villages	

COME HOME TO YOURSELF

Personal Retreat

Realign with the natural rhythm of the Rhodope Mountains.

Here you recreate your inner knowing, spark authentic interests, and awaken the loving, caring capacity that improves and regenerates your molecules, your sensibilities, and the surrounding world.

Through quiet mornings, hands in the soil, woodcrafting, the building of natural shelters, and the simple work of the garden, you remember what it means to belong to a place — and to leave it better than you found it.

Retreat slogan

Always leave a place better behind by sharing a piece of your loving heart.

WHAT YOU MAY DO HERE

Handwork · Woodcrafting · Construction of natural shelters · Gardening · Slow walks by lakes, rivers and waterfalls · Listening for wild animals in the fresh mountain air

Ask us to shape a day, a few days, or a longer stay around what your spirit needs.

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Hiking & road trips nearby

HIKING

Batak Reservoir walk

right from the house · easy · 1-2 hrs

A gentle out-and-back along the water — good for a first evening, or coffee at first light.

Natural pools & waterfalls

nearby · easy to moderate · dog-friendly



Sunny summer days are perfect for a swim in clear mountain pools under small waterfalls. The house dogs (West Siberian Laika and a friendly brown potcake) often join the adventure.

Devil's Throat Cave & Trigrad Gorge

~45 min drive · easy inside, sturdy shoes for the gorge

One of Bulgaria's most dramatic caves — an underground waterfall with its own legends, paired with a walk through the gorge above.

Devil's Bridge, Buynovsko Gorge

~1 hr drive, near Borino · moderate

A striking natural rock arch reached along a forest trail through the gorge — one of the best short hikes in the region.

STAY IN TOUCH

Thank you for your stay

Thank you for being here and for the authentic piece of peace you brought with you.

Your presence, your care, and the quiet ways you shared this place help it grow. We are grateful.

WEBSITE



serviceberryhouse.netlify.app

WIKILOC TRAILS



Local hikes & MTB

Scan Wikiloc for local hiking trails and mountain-bike routes around Batak and the Rhodope Mountains.

Together we grow.

BEFORE YOU GO

What the owl knows



*The owl does not chase the dark —
she lets it come, and finds
the small sounds underneath the silence.*

*A river does not hurry the sea.
A root does not force the season.
What grows well, grows slow.*

*So let your breath fall low and even.
Let the night finish its sentence.
Morning was never in a rush to reach you.*

*Thank you for being part of this seed.
Together we grow.*



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