

Güvende Highlands

"Clouds pass from
The outsets of Güvende
'I can't take you,' you said,
I keep my hopes anyway"

Güvende is an essential stop of highlands tourism with its cool weather, unique view and cold waters, which is visited by thousands of people every summer. The highlands, 57 km away from Gümüşhane city center and 2260 meters high, is accessed by passing through Örümcek Ormanları, another wonder of nature. It is rumored that the highlands are named after the symbolic tomb of Güvenç Abdal, pupil of Hacı Bektaş-ı Veli and the spiritual leader of Turkmens.

In Güvende Highlands, where bazaars are opened every Sunday in the summer, the festivals organized in the 3rd week of July every year and attended by many domestic and foreign tourists are the meeting point for the locals of the Black Sea Region.

Kazıkbeli Highlands

Kazıkbeli Highlands, located within the boundaries of Söğüteli Village of Kürtün County, is 100 km away from the central county. The last 50 km of the road from the county to the highlands is stabilized. The highlands include facilities such as market, grocery shop, rural coffee shop, restaurant, hotel and hostels. The natural grass areas within the highlands area are very convenient for camping and caravan tourism. It has grass areas suitable to create tracks for grass skiing and snow skiing. The highlands are also suitable for mountaineering sports. The highlands festivals that start on the first Wednesday of July and continues during the summer and highlands market have socioeconomic importance.

Erikbeli Highlands

Erikbeli Highlands, 1800 meters high, possesses exceptional beauties. It is within the boundaries of Kürtün County. Known to be used as a place of accommodation since 1500s, the highlands are at the junction where the roads to Kadirga, Sazalanı, Çatma, Oğuz and Ören highlands interject and one with the mountain. Quite suitable for grass skiing in the summer with natural grass tracks and snow skiing in the winter, the highlands are also suitable for activities such as mountaineering, nature walks and riding. Therefore, it was declared a tourism center by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism in 1991. Camping gear should be brought for accommodation in the highlands that include places to buy food such as organic meat, milk, eggs and bread.

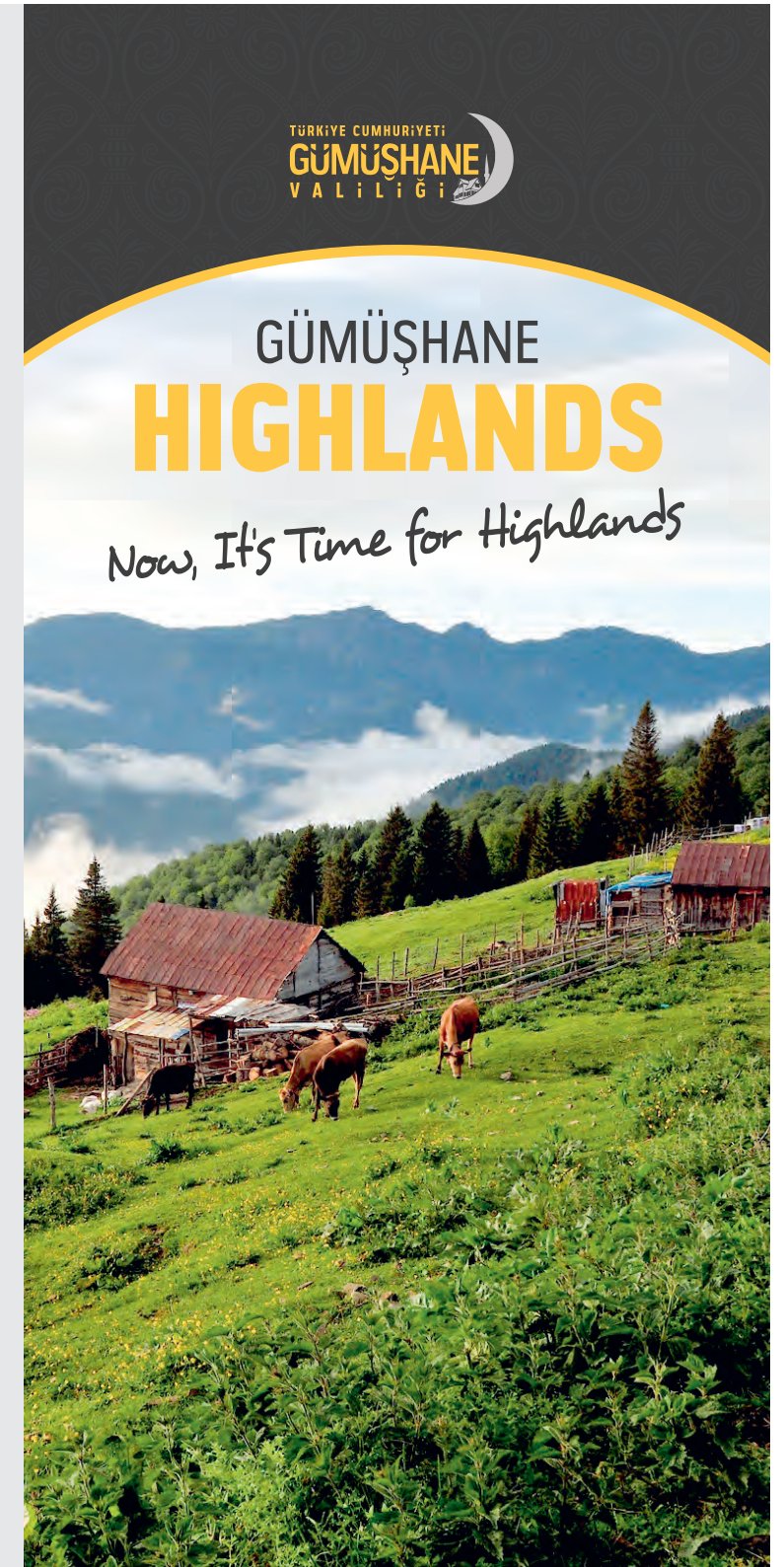


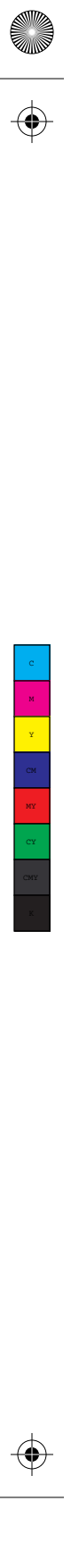
Taşköprü Highlands

Hosting its guests with the slogan 'No food will be left on the dinner table' and a home to natural food, Taşköprü Highlands locates at 2140 meters high and within the boundaries of Dumanlı Village. Named after the stone bridge on Yanbolu Brook rumored to have been built from cut stones by Mehmet the Conqueror who had gone to conquer Trabzon in 1461, the highlands are 50 km away from Gümüşhane city center.

There are accommodation facilities of hotels and bungalow type houses in the highlands, which are visited many domestic and foreign tourists during summer in particular. There are facilities such as trout restaurants, markets, butchers, coffee shops, bakers, restaurants, grocery shops, tea gardens, PTT branch, mosque, car park, fuel station, football pitch and repair-shop in the highlands that is suitable for daily tourism.

The highlands, which offers locations that can be used as tracks for grass and snow skiing within, and surrounding natural beauties, historical ruins, rich flora and fauna are valuable assets for photo safari, video safari and botanic tourism.





Now, It's Time for Highlands

The big hearts of the people of Gümüşhane come from highlands and their mystery come from the mists in the highlands.

Kadırga Highlands

Kadırga Highlands, located within the boundaries of Özkürtün Town of Kürtün County in Gümüşhane, is at the interjection point of Gümüşhane and Trabzon boundaries. It has an appealing view for salaat prayers. With the sky as its dome and the stars as its candles, what stands out as a place for salaat prayers in Kadırgah is that it's an open-air salaat prayer place with two minarets. Legend has it that Mehmet the Conqueror visited the tomb of Kadir Ağa and performed his Friday prayers with those who were with him. It is also rumored that the name Kadırga derives from "Kadir Ağa"

"Oh Kadırga, Kadırga / Is it your time yet?
It kills the man / The way you dance the horon.
The festivals of Kadırga / are made in Kadırga
Which offers the Black Sea / with all the beautiful things"

Kadırga affected the poems and songs like this, which is also applicable to conversations. Because Kadırga is a place-to-go for thousands of domestic and foreign tourists running away from sultry summer heat. It is a place of conversations brewed with tea and beautiful photos taken to immortalize the moments.

In the highlands, which is located at 2200 meters where trees do not grow, legendary festivals are made on the third Friday of July every year. These festivals turn into a fair within the palms of the mountains. Regional folk dances are danced, competitions are made and people are entertained with a flourish of trumpets in these festivals attended by thousands. If the appetizing highland air makes you hungry, you will get your fill with the unique tastes of ayran, bread and meat. If you want to accommodate in the highlands, 25 km away from Kürtün County center, do not forget to bring your camping gear.

