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ISRAEL BIKE TRAIL

Hillel Sussman of the Israel Nature and Parks Authority (INPA) is director and project manager of the [Israel Bike Trail](#), which he is actively promoting as most people don't know that there are plenty of navigable cycle routes crisscrossing the country. Israel Bike Trail is a mountain-biking trail along the entire length of Israel, from Mt. Hermon in the North to Eilat in the South. Those 1,100 km of cycle trails offer spectacular desert riding along single tracks and dirt roads. The first 300-km segment of the route is all sign-posted and designed for smooth cycling. Tourist facilities for cyclists are available along the route.

Eight years ago, Hillel Sussman and his colleague Yuval Peled came up with the idea of creating a long-distance trail for bicycles that not only could connect the cycling community to nature and the environment, but also could serve as a challenging catalyst to infuse geography and travel into the growing interest around the country in mountain biking. They worked out a general route through the most attractive scenery in Israel. In developing the trail, they took its environmental impact and the preservation of nature and heritage sites into account, among other issues [\[source\]](#).

Hillel will give a presentation titled *"Israel Bike Trail - Developing a national MTB Route"* in parallel session C – Communicating the Cycle Tourism Experience (11:15-12:45).

