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Hwacheon-gun

화천군 · Hwacheon-gun

You left your plans at home, right? Then you're all set.



Hi there!
I'm **Dokko**, your guide at Amudena.
I'm actually a burr seed, the kind that hitches a ride on passersby's clothes and travels.
This time, I'm sticking to you!

"Amudena" is Korean for "anywhere." Wherever the wheel lands, that's where you're going.



백암산케이블카 *Baegamsan Keibeulka · Mt. Baegamsan Cable Car* · Photos: Korea Tourism Organization (KOGL Type 1)

Amudena travel rules



Just four promises before we go!

NO apps
Phone for calls and camera only! Let the rest take a nap.

NO reservations
Pick your stay and your meals when you get there. Kinda exciting, right?

NO GPS
Find your way with a paper map and by asking the locals.

NO expressways
National and local roads only. You see more when you go slow.

How to use this book



Stay 1 **Eat 1** **Café 1** **See 1** Stay 1, Eat 3, Café 1, See 2...
calling things by number is handy.
Like "Call Stay 3!"

- We haven't been there ourselves. But you can call and judge for yourself. So what will you choose?
- We left out prices on purpose. If you're curious... yep, call them.
- As of October 2026. Different from what you see? That's travel too!
- Bring your own paper map. I'm a seed, so I don't have one. I just stick on and go.

In a hurry? Start here

112	119	1330
Police	Fire & Ambulance	Tourist Info

Your embassy

U.S. Embassy (24h for emergencies)	02-397-4114
British Embassy	02-3210-5500
Embassy of Canada	02-3783-6000
Australian Embassy	02-2003-0100

Local tourist info centers

화천군 관광안내소(터미널) *Hwacheon-gun Tourist Info (Terminal)*	033-440-2575

What's Hwacheon-gun like?



I'll tell you just a little of what I know.

A county at the northern tip of Gangwon, where the Bukhangang River flows through. Paroho Lake and the Peace Dam are both here.

In winter, it's the Sancheoneo Festival: fishing for mountain trout on the ice! In 2027 it runs Jan 9 to 31, they say.

Even the food takes after the water. Makguksu, chogyetang, and spicy mandarin fish stew!

#Paroho Lake #Sancheoneo Festival #Peace Dam

This year's festival calendar

1.9 – 1.31	얼음나라화천 산천어축제 *Eoreumnara Hwacheon Sancheoneo Chukje · Hwacheon Sancheoneo (Mountain Trout) Ice Festival*

💡 **TIP!** Dates change every year. Quietly check with 1330 before you go.

Where to sleep?



I only picked places with phone numbers.
Whether there's a free room...
you'll have to call to find out!

💡 **TIP!** Addresses are kept in Korean so you can show them to locals.

Stay 1

향기나라 사랑이 펜션 *Hyanggi Nara Sarang-i Pensyeon · Land of Scents Sarang-i Pension*

A pension on Hwaaksan-ro in Sanae-myeon. The rooms are named Sarang-i Room, Lily of the Valley, and Lily Scent, they say.

Tel	**010-3834-3476**
Rooms	Sarang-i Room · Eunbangulkkot (lily of the valley) · Baekhap Hyanggi (lily scent), etc.
Check-in	14:00
Address	강원특별자치도 화천군 사내면 화악산로 938-14

Stay 2

아쿠아틱리조트 *Akwatik Rijoteu · Aquatic Resort*

It's on Hosu-gil in Hanam-myeon. You can choose between a combined type and a private house type, they say.

Tel	**033-441-3880**
Rooms	Combined type · Private house type
Check-in	14:00
Address	강원특별자치도 화천군 하남면 호수길 254

Stay 3

여울목펜션 *Yeoulmok Pensyeon · Rapids Pension*

On Hwaaksan-ro in Sanae-myeon, close to Hwaeumdong Jeongsaji. The rooms are named Wild Rose and Evening Primrose!

Tel	**010-7147-2285**
Rooms	Jjillekkot (wild rose) · Dalmajikkot (evening primrose) · 2nd floor, etc.
Check-in	14:00
Address	강원특별자치도 화천군 사내면 화악산로 618-3

Stay 4

마음이머무는곳 *Maeum-i Meomuneun Got · Where the Heart Stays*

It's on Pohwa-ro in Sanae-myeon. Check-in is 1 p.m. in the off-season, 2 p.m. in peak season.

Tel	**033-441-6066**
Check-in	Off-season 13:00 · Peak season 14:00
Address	강원특별자치도 화천군 사내면 포화로 653-76

Where to sleep? (cont.)

Stay 5

만산고을펜션(구 만산수목원펜션) *Mansan Goeul Pensyeon (formerly Mansan Sumogwon Pensyeon) · Mansan Village Pension (formerly Mansan Arboretum Pension)*

Right by Mansandong Valley in Sangseo-myeon. The rooms are named after flowers: Korean bellflower, bleeding heart, dandelion, and Korean chrysanthemum!

Tel	**033-441-3149**
Rooms	Geumgang Chorong (Korean bellflower) · Geumnanghwa (bleeding heart) · Mindeulle (dandelion) · Gujeolcho (Korean chrysanthemum)
Check-in	14:00
Address	강원특별자치도 화천군 상서면 만산동로 898-16

What to eat?



I can't tell if they're famous, either.
Just remember one signature dish and go!
This guide also includes 1 cafés.

Eat 1

신천일막국수 *Sincheonil Makguksu · Sincheonil Buckwheat Noodles*

A makguksu shop in Hwacheon-eup. They have pyeonyuk and bindae-tteok too. They close early when ingredients run out, so call first in the afternoon!

Tel	**033-442-2127**
Signature	막국수 *Makguksu · buckwheat noodles*
Also	Pyeonyuk (sliced boiled pork) · Bindae-tteok (mung bean pancake), etc.
Hours	Weekdays: 11:00~15:00 Weekends: 11:00~17:00
Closed	Open year-round
Address	강원특별자치도 화천군 화천읍 중앙로 34-9

Eat 2

강변횟집 *Gangbyeon Hoetjip · Riverside Raw Fish House*

A raw fish place on Baeteo-gil in Gandong-myeon. Signature is spicy mandarin fish stew, and they have raw mountain trout and raw trout too.

Tel	**033-442-5007**
Signature	쏘가리 매운탕 *Ssogari Maeuntang · spicy mandarin fish stew*
Also	Ssogari-hoe (raw mandarin fish) · Sancheoneo-hoe (raw mountain trout) · Hyangeo-hoe (raw Israeli carp) · Songeo-hoe (raw trout), etc.
Hours	10:00~20:00
Closed	Open year-round
Address	강원특별자치도 화천군 간동면 배터길 45

Eat 3

광덕고개쉼터 *Gwangdeok Gogae Swimteo · Gwangdeok Pass Rest Stop*

An eatery on Gwangdeok Pass in Sanae-myeon. Gamja-jeon is the signature, and they have handmade tofu and acorn jelly too. Call to ask about hours.

Tel	**033-441-1666**
Signature	감자전 *Gamja-jeon · potato pancake*
Also	Son-dubu (handmade tofu) · Dotori-muk (acorn jelly) · Memil-kimchi-jeon (buckwheat kimchi pancake), etc.
Hours	Please call before visiting
Closed	Open year-round
Address	강원특별자치도 화천군 사내면 포화로 2

Eat 4

신풍루 *Sinpungnu*

A Chinese restaurant in Sangseo-myeon. Jjajangmyeon is the signature. It closes at 4 p.m. and is closed Saturdays.

Tel	**033-441-9105**
Signature	짜장면 *Jjajangmyeon · black bean noodles*
Also	Jjamppong (spicy seafood noodle soup) · Udong (udon) · Gochu-japchae (pepper stir-fry), etc.
Hours	10:00~16:00 · Last order 15:30
Closed	Closed Saturdays
Address	강원특별자치도 화천군 상서면 영서로 6445

What to eat? (cont.)

Eat 5

평양막국수초계탕 *Pyeongyang Makguksu Chogyetang · Pyongyang Buckwheat Noodles & Chilled Chicken Soup*

Just like the name, chogyetang is the signature. They have mul-makguksu and bibim-makguksu too.

Tel	**033-442-1112**
Signature	초계탕 *Chogyetang · chilled chicken soup*
Also	Mul-makguksu (cold buckwheat noodles in broth) · Bibim-makguksu (spicy mixed buckwheat noodles) · Dak-muchim (spicy chicken salad), etc.
Hours	11:00~21:30
Closed	Open year-round (call before visiting)
Address	강원특별자치도 화천군 화천읍 평화로 406

Café 1

광덕 별아래 *Gwangdeok Byeol-arae · Under the Stars in Gwangdeok*

A café on Cheonmundae-gil, the road to Jo Kyung-chul Observatory. Dalgona cake is the signature! Closed Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

Tel	**033-442-7778**
Signature	달고나 케이크, 눈꽃 인절미 팥빙수 *Dalgona Keikeu, Nunkkot Injeolmi Patbingsu · dalgona (honeycomb toffee) cake, snowflake injeolmi red-bean shaved ice*
Also	Brewed fermented coffee · Espresso · Homemade fruit-syrup tea · Ade · Woodcutter cake
Hours	12:00~19:00 (Fri & Sat 10:30~21:00)
Closed	Closed Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays
Address	강원특별자치도 화천군 천문대길 8

Where to go?



I picked just 5 spots.
We'll meet the rest on the road.

See 1

평화의 댐(화천) *Pyeonghwa-ui Daem (Hwacheon) · Peace Dam*

A huge dam on the upper Bukhangang River. It's open whenever you go.

Time	**Open anytime**
Closed	Open year-round
Address	강원특별자치도 화천군 화천읍 평화로 3481-18

See 2



백암산케이블카 *Baegamsan Keibeulka · Mt. Baegamsan Cable Car*

A cable car you board in Hwacheon-eup. It ends at 1:30 p.m., so go in the morning! Closed Mondays.

Time	**09:00~13:30**
Closed	Closed Mondays (if Monday is a public holiday, closed the next weekday) · Scheduled maintenance days
Address	강원특별자치도 화천군 화천읍 상승로 38-5

See 3

조경철천문대 *Jo Gyeong-cheol Cheonmundae · Jo Kyung-chul Observatory*

An observatory open until 10 p.m. The café 'Gwangdeok Byeol-arae' is on the same road! Closed Mondays.

Time	**14:00~22:00**
Closed	Closed Mondays (if Monday is a public holiday, closed the next day) · Jan 1 · Seollal & Chuseok days
Address	강원특별자치도 화천군 사내면 천문대길 431

See 4



거례리사랑나무 *Georye-ri Sarang Namu · Georye-ri Love Tree*

The 'Love Tree' that lives in Georye-ri, Hanam-myeon. Drop by and meet it anytime.

Time	**Open anytime**
Closed	Open year-round
Address	강원특별자치도 화천군 하남면 거례리 484-2

Where to go? (cont.)

See 5



파로호전망대 *Paroho Jeonmangdae · Paroho Lake Observatory*

An observatory looking down over Paroho Lake. It's open anytime. 'Gangbyeon Hoetjip' is in Gandong-myeon too.

Time	**Open anytime**
Closed	Open year-round
Address	강원특별자치도 화천군 간동면 파로호로 208

Don't miss it on market day



Markets are the best way to see the neighborhood.
For Hwacheon Market, remember the days with a 3 or an 8!

화천시장 *Hwacheon Sijang · Hwacheon Market*

Market days	**Every month on the 3·8·13·18·23·28**
Type	Permanent market + 5-day market
Sells	Produce, processed foods, restaurants
Stalls	99
Address	강원특별자치도 화천군 화천읍 중앙로 24

💡 **TIP!** There may be markets not listed here. Ask a local, "여기 장 언제 서요? (yeo-gi jang eon-je seo-yo?)"

Ask the locals



The answers aren't in this book.
The locals know the real ones.

💡 **TIP!** Show the Korean sentence as is, or read it out loud.

Q1 **산천어축제 말고도 겨울에 화천에서 해 볼 만한 게 있어요?**
san-cheo-neo-chuk-je mal-go-do gyeo-u-re hwa-cheo-ne-seo hae bol man-han ge i-sseo-yo?
Besides the Sancheoneo Festival, is there anything worth doing in Hwacheon in winter?

Q2 **쏘가리 매운탕은 어디가 제일 맛있어요?**
sso-ga-ri mae-un-tang-eun eo-di-ga je-il ma-si-sseo-yo?
Where's the best spicy mandarin fish stew?

Q3 **막국수랑 초계탕, 화천에서는 뭘 먼저 먹어야 돼요?**
mak-guk-su-rang cho-gye-tang, hwa-cheo-ne-seo-neun mwol meon-jeo meo-geo-ya dwae-yo?
Makguksu or chogyetang: which should I eat first in Hwacheon?

Q4 **화천시장에서 꼭 먹어야 하는 게 뭐예요?**
hwa-cheon-si-jang-e-seo kkok meo-geo-ya ha-neun ge mwo-ye-yo?
What must I eat at Hwacheon Market?

Q5 **파로호는 어디서 봐야 제일 예뻐요?**
pa-ro-ho-neun eo-di-seo bwa-ya je-il ye-ppeo-yo?
Where's the prettiest place to see Paroho Lake?

Q6 **여기 사람들만 아는 별 잘 보이는 자리가 있어요?**
yeo-gi sa-ram-deul-man a-neun byeol jal bo-i-neun ja-ri-ga i-sseo-yo?
Is there a stargazing spot only locals know?

Dues ledger



Keep money talk tidy!
Treasurer, we're counting on you.

Treasurer _____ Members ____ Dues per person _____ KRW

Date	Details	Money in	Money out	Balance

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