

TAKHT-E SOLEYMAN
 West Azarbaijan Province, Iran
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Takht-e Soleyman was registered on 20 December 1937 under no. 308 as a historical site. On this plan, its oval fortified core zone is marked with a continuous line (no. 1), its specific buffer zone with a dashed and dotted line (A) and its landscape buffer zone (B) with a dashed line. B includes six other units each provided with its own specific buffer zones (2 to 7; in 6, the core and buffer zones coincide). An enclave C is allocated to Nosratabad village and its restricted expansion.

I- The main core zone 1 as well as the core zones numbered 2 to 7 are subjected to following rules:

1. No alteration is permitted. Constructions, digging wells or subterranean canals, tree plantations, excavations, earth fillings or civil engineering operations are strictly prohibited. 2. The Iranian Cultural Heritage Organization (ICHO) leads restoration works, archaeological excavations and investigations. It may proceed to the establishment of the necessary installations for these purposes within the core zone.

II- The specific buffer zones are subject to the following rules:

1. It is permitted to carry out traditional farming in existing farms and on agricultural lands within their boundaries at surface level.
 2. In the event of need to set up Installations such as electricity posts etc along the road which crosses southern parts of the specific buffer zones A.1 and 2, to connect Takab to Zanjan, ICHO's permission must be requested. The existing road, which is 25 meters wide, cannot be widened under any circumstances.

III- The Landscape buffer zone is subject to the following rules:

1. It is permitted to continue to carry out agricultural or gardening activities.
 2. Industrial installations causing environmental pollution, mining or any activities altering the structure of the mountains or damaging the general landscape is forbidden.

IV- The expansion zone (the enclave C) is subjected to the following restrictions:

1. The enclave is allocated to the future expansion of Nosratabad (Lazekand) village only.
 2. It is highly recommended that all constructions in this area be carried out in respect to local traditional architecture.

The limits of the sites and the protected areas of Takht-e Soleyman were fixed by :

Mr. Mohammad Mehryar and Mr. Mahmoud Mousavi's studies and reports as well as those submitted to the ICHO by its Office in the West Azarbaijan Province.
 Mr. Mousavi's report was registered on the 18 April 1993 under no. 83.

- Limits of the landscape buffer zone
 - Limits of the core zones of the main architectural and cultural remains
 - Limits of site specific buffer zone
 - Limits of Nosratabad extension zone (enclave C)
 - Stone - Paved road
 - Main road
- A.** Main Takht-e Soleyman core zone
1. Oval fortified main core zone (Fire Temple Palace, lake etc.)
 - B.** Landscape buffer zone and its units:
2. Zendan-e Soleyman
3. Tepe Majid (Majid Mound)
4. Belqeys Citadel
5. Brick baking kiln
6. Sassanian extracting quarry mine (the core and the buffer zones coincide)
7. Ahmadabad tumulus.
 - C.** Enclave allocated to Nosratabad village and its future restricted expansion

0 8 km
 Scale: 1/50000

