



**ŽUMBERAK
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GORJE** Park prirode
Nature Park

biciklističke rute

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UVOD INTRODUCTION

 Park prirode „Žumberak-Samoborsko gorje“ područje je od 342 km². Bicikliranje je idealan način za upoznavanje ovako prostranog parka - zdravo je, doseg je znatno veći nego hodanjem, parkirno mjesto za bicikl je - svugdje, vidik je 360°, nemate auspuh pa ne zagađujete zrak, u neposrednome ste kontaktu s zvukovima, mirisima, šumskim povjetarcem i vizurama okolne prirode. Odaberite od ponuđenih jedanaest ruta onu koja vam najviše odgovara i uživajte u upoznavanju Parka na dva kotača!

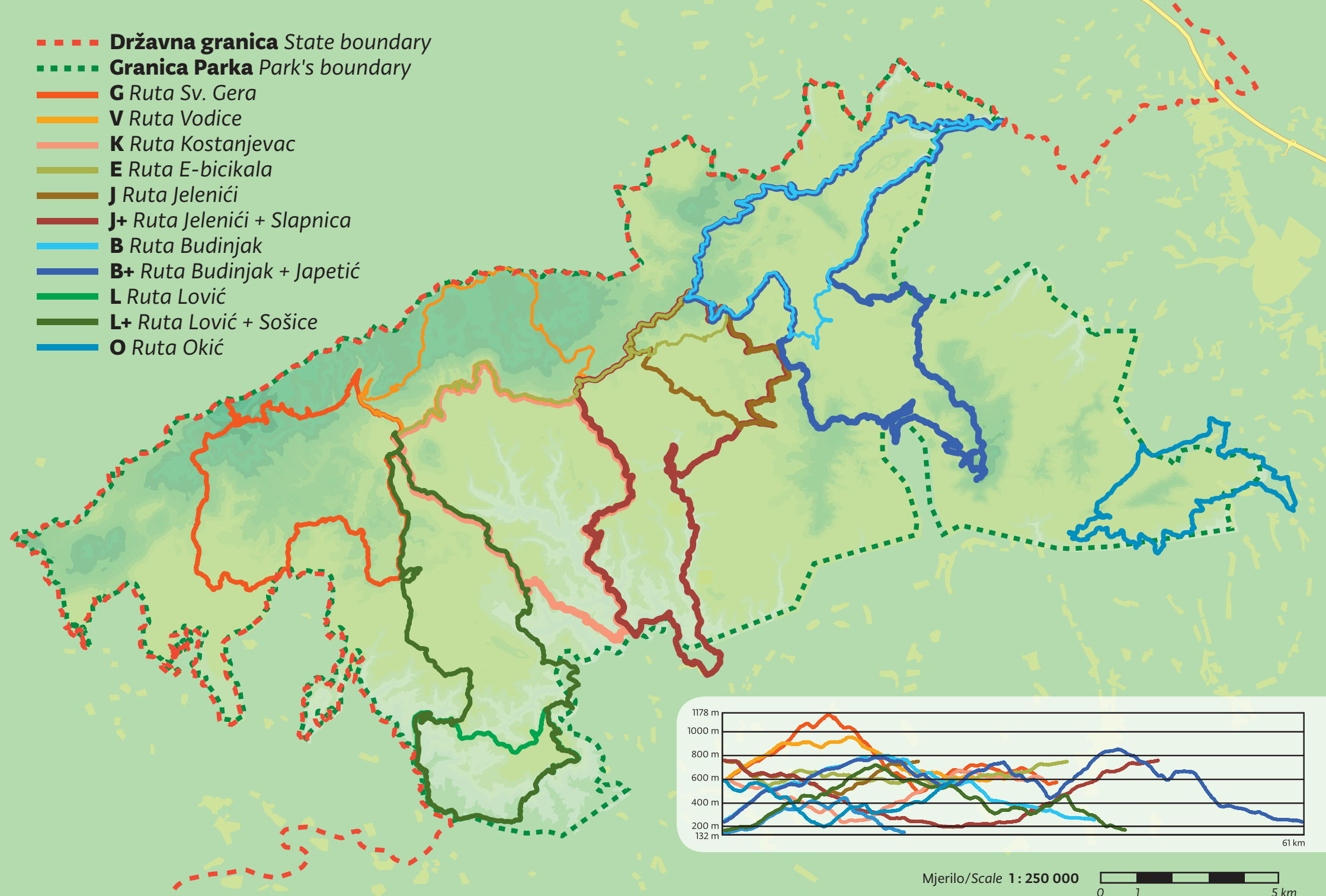
„Bicikl je neobično vozilo. Vozač mu je ujedno i motor.“ John Howard

 The Žumberak-Samoborsko gorje Nature Park covers 342 km². Cycling is an ideal way to get to know such an area - it is healthy, you can cover more distance than on foot, while the parking spaces for bicycles are just... everywhere. In addition to that, it offers 360° views, there are no exhaust pipes to pollute the air, and you'll be in close contact with all the sounds, smells, forest breezes and the surrounding natural vistas. Pick one of the 11 routes on offer, the one that best suits you, and enjoy the Park on two wheels!

„The bicycle is a curious vehicle. Its passenger is its engine.“ John Howard



- - - **Državna granica** State boundary
- - - **Granica Parka** Park's boundary
- **G** Ruta Sv. Gera
- **V** Ruta Vodice
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- **O** Ruta Okić



G Ruta Sv. Gera



Sošice - Cret Jarak - Sv. Gera - Sekulići - Radatovići - Malinci - Kordići Žumberački - Sošice

Želite li zamijeniti nekoliko kapi znoja za mir bukove šume, žubor gorskog potočića, mirisne gorske livade, najviši vrh Parka i vizure slikovitih tradicionalnih sela – ovo je ruta za vas.

Biciklistička ruta počinje u Sošicama te ubrzo asfalt ostavljate iza sebe. Uskoro ćete biti nagrađeni žuborom gorskog potoka Jarak te dolazite do lokaliteta Cret Jarak, gdje ćete doznati više o važnosti ovog staništa. Sljedeća četiri kilometra stalnog uspona testirat će vašu izdržljivost - to je cijena uspona na najviši vrh Parka. Sa Svete Gere pogled se pruža na slovensku stranu sve do Alpa, a na hrvatskoj strani preko gorskih livada i Žumberačkog gorja prema Pokuplju. Na povratku prolazite kroz nekoliko slikovitih tradicionalnih sela te se bez značajnijih uspona vraćate na ishodište u Sošice.

Za one koji žele vidjeti više, preporučamo odvojiti još malo vremena za obilazak gorskih livada i pašnjaka istočno od Sv. Gere i vodopad Zeleni vir (lijevo skretanje kod Kuljaja).

Zanimljivost

- Sveta Gera (1178 m) najviši je vrh Parka, ali i cijele sjeverozapadne Hrvatske.
- Iako je hrvatsko ime za taj vrh Sveti Ilija, naziv je gotovo zaboravljen te se češće koristi stari slovenski naziv Sveta Gera. Slovenci vrh zovu Trdinovim vrhom prema svom književniku Janezu Trdini.
- S hrvatske se strane nalazi grkokatolička kapela sv. Ilije, a sa slovenske stoje ostaci crkvice sv. Jere. Državna granica prolazi između dviju crkvice.
- U danima kad je atmosfera čista, s obližnjeg vidikovca na slovenskoj strani pogled se pruža do Triglava (2864 m), 80 km udaljenog najvišeg vrha Slovenije.

DULJINA LENGTH: 34 km
ASFALT PAVED ROADS: 45%
VRIJEME TIME: 3 - 5 h

TEŽINA DIFFICULTY: 4/5

USPON ASCENT - UKUPNI TOTAL: 964 m
- DULJINA LENGTH: 9,6 km

VISINA ELEVATION:
POČETNA START: 565 m
MIN: 476 m
MAX: 1178 m
PROSJEČNA AVERAGE: 747 m

G The Sv. Gera Route



Sošice - Fen Jarak - Sv. Gera - Sekulići - Radatovići - Malinci - Kordići Žumberački - Sošice

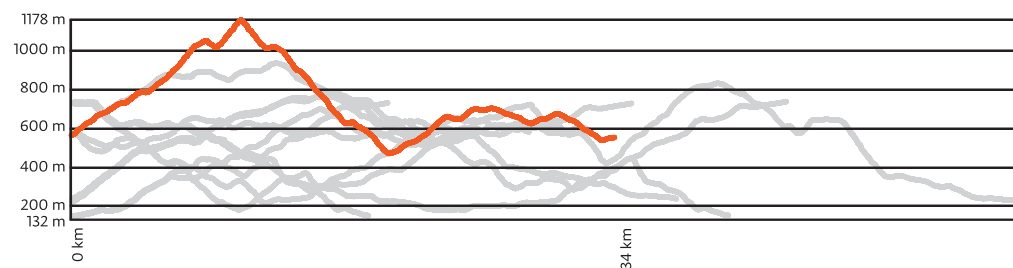
If you'd like to exchange a few drops of sweat for some perfect peace of a beech forest, a mountain stream murmur, a fragrant mountain meadow, the Park's highest peak and the views of picturesque traditional villages – this is the route for you.

The cycling trail starts in Sošice and very soon you'll leave the paved roads behind. Not long after that, you'll be rewarded by the burbling sound of the Jarak mountain stream, and reach Fen Jarak, where you'll get to know the importance of this habitat. The next 4 km of constant ascent will test your perseverance – that is the price of reaching the Park's highest point. Sv. Gera (St Gertrude in English) offers the view of Slovenia, towards the Alps, while from its Croatian side you'll see the Žumberak mountain with its meadows towards the Pokuplje region the Žumberak mountain meadows and the Pokuplje region. The final part of the circular route will take you through a number of picturesque traditional villages and thus, without any major ascents you'll reach Sošice again.

For those who wish to see more, we recommend spending a bit more time touring the mountain meadows and pastures east of Sv. Gera and visiting the Zeleni vir waterfall (turn left at Kuljaj).

Additional info

- Sveta Gera (1178 m) is the Park's, but also north-western Croatia's highest point.
- Although the Croatian name for the peak is Sveti Ilija, it has been largely forgotten and the old Slovene name, Sveta Gera, is in much more frequent use. The Slovenes call the peak Trdinov vrh (Trdina Peak), after the Slovene writer Janez Trdina.
- The Croatian side features a Greek Catholic chapel of St Elijah, while the Slovene side has the remnants of the little St Gertrude church. The state border runs between the two churches.
- When the air is clear, from the nearby viewing platform on the Slovene side visitors can see Triglav (2864 m), the highest Slovene peak, some 80 km away.





V Ruta Vodice



Sošice - Cret Jarak - PD Vodice - Petričko Selo - Tomaševci - Sopotski slap - Sošice

Želite li osjetiti mir duboke šume, uživati u panoramama tradicionalnog mozaičnog krajobraza i vidjeti najviši slap Parka – ovo je ruta za vas.

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Za one koji žele vidjeti više, a u dobroj su formi, preporučamo posjet Starom gradu Žumberku udaljenom 2,5 km. Želite li doznati više o bremenitoj povijesti poraća 2. svjetskog rata, posjetite stratište Jazovka neposredno prije Sošica.

Zanimljivost

• U predjelu Kuti, kod Blaževog brda, raste primjerak bukve s najravnijim stablom u Europi. Kada šumari na određenom velikom šumskom području pronađu primjerak stabla impozantnih dimenzija ili izrazite pravilnosti debla, dodijele joj titulu kraljice, zato je i ova bukva poznata kao - Kraljica bukva.

DULJINA LENGTH: 29 km

ASFALT PAVED ROADS: 40%

VRIJEME TIME: 2,5 - 3,5 h

TEŽINA DIFFICULTY: 3/5

USPON ASCENT - UKUPNI TOTAL: 513 m

- DULJINA LENGTH: 6,4 km

VISINA ELEVATION:

POČETNA START: 565 m

MIN: 530 m

MAX: 923 m

PROSJEČNA AVERAGE: 715 m

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V The Vodice Route



Sošice - Fen Jarak - PD Vodice - Petričko Selo - Tomaševci - Sopotski slap - Sošice

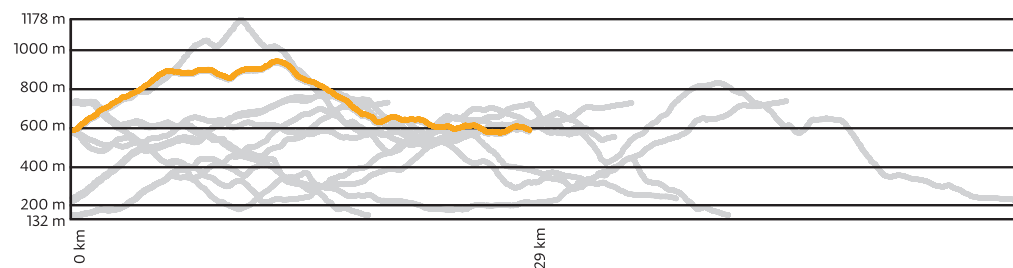
If you'd like to feel the peace of a dense forest, enjoy the traditionally mosaic-like panoramas and see the Park's highest waterfall – this is the route for you.

The cycling trail begins at Sošice and very soon it leaves the paved roads behind. Not long after that, you'll be rewarded by the burbling sound of the Jarak mountain stream, and reach the site of fen Jarak and find out more about the importance of this habitat. A short ascent will take you to the Vodice mountain lodge. The trail then takes you through a series of dense Žumberak woods, and it is only occasionally that you'll be rewarded by sudden open spaces of idyllic meadows and pastures. After descending to the paved roads again, take a moment to stop by the Tomaševci chapel and enjoy the view. A winding road will then take you to the 40 m high Sopot waterfall cascades. After that refreshing spot, you'll go through the picturesque Sopote and come back to the Sošice starting point.

For those who wish to see more, and are in good shape, we recommend a visit to the Old Town of Žumberak, 2.5 km away. And if you'd like to learn more about the troubled history of the WWII aftermath, visit Jazovka, the scaffold on the outskirts of Sošice.

Additional info

• The Kuta area, near Blaževo brdo, features a beech with the straightest trunk in Europe. When forest rangers discover a huge tree or an exceptionally straight trunk, they declare it to be the queen of the forest and that is why this tree is known as the Queen Beech.





K Ruta Kostanjevac



Sošice - Tupčina - Kostanjevac - Željezno Žumberačko - Hartje - Tomaševci - Sopotski slap - Sošice

Želite li ravniju podlogu, iskusiti žumberačku kulinarsku ponudu, uživati u panoramama tradicionalnoga mozaičnog krajobraza i vidjeti najviši slap Parka – ovo je ruta za vas.

Biciklistička ruta počinje u Sošicama. Osobitost je ove rute da prolazi pokraj svih lokacija na kojima se pruža žumberačka kulinarska ponuda – Sošice, Kostanjevac, Jurkovo Selo i Žamarija. Prvih deset kilometara provest ćete u pretežno blagom spustu koji će krasiti brojni otvoreni pogledi na očuvani tradicionalni žumberački krajobraz. Nakon kraće vožnje uz rijeku Kupčinu slijedi dulji uspon prema Hartju, te nakon sela Tomaševci bez značajnijih uspona u nastavku rute. Nedugo kasnije otvara se pogled na ostatke srednjovjekovnoga Staroga grada Žumberka. Zavojita cesta dovest će vas do 40-metarskih kaskada Sopotskog slapa. Nakon ovog osvježjenja očekuje vas još prolazak kroz slikovite Sopote te se vraćate na ishodište u Sošice.

Za one koji žele vidjeti više preporučamo očuvanu ruralnu cjelinu sela Cernik (2 km od prvog lijevog cestovnog odvojka nakon Sošica), ostatke Novog grada Žumberačkog (4 km od skretanja za Žamariju), a ako su u dobroj formi preporučamo posjet Starom gradu Žumberku udaljenome 2,5 km. Želite li doznati više o bremenitoj povijesti poraća 2. svjetskog rata posjetite stratište Jazovka, neposredno prije Sošica.

Zanimljivost

- Tradicionalna žumberačka kulinarska ponuda obuhvaća žumberačku pogaču, žumberačko varivo, pastrve iz lokalnog uzgoja, divljač, janjetinu i poviticu. Svaki od pružatelja kulinarske ponude poznat je po nekom od ovih specijaliteta, pa se prije polaska raspitajte za preporuku tko u čemu prednjači.

DULJINA LENGTH: 33 km

ASFALT PAVED ROADS: 100%

VRJEME TIME: 2,5 - 3,5 h

TEŽINA DIFFICULTY: 3/5

USPON ASCENT - UKUPNI TOTAL: 586 m

- DULJINA LENGTH: 6,2 km

VISINA ELEVATION

POČETNA START: 565 m

MIN: 201 m

MAX: 638 m

PROSJEČNA AVERAGE: 444 m

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K The Kostanjevac Route



Sošice - Tupčina - Kostanjevac - Željezno Žumberačko - Hartje - Tomaševci - Sopotski slap - Sošice

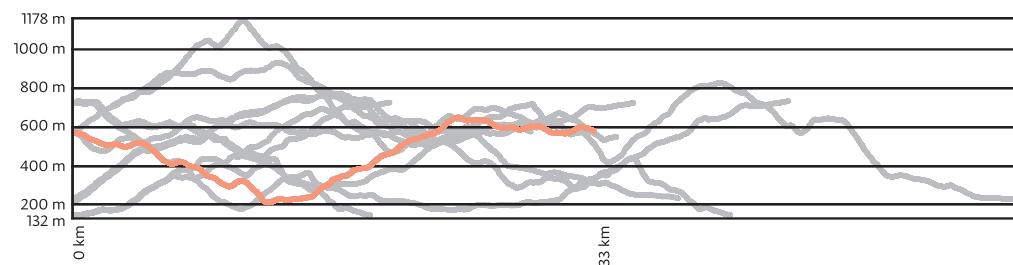
If you prefer less elevation differences and want to taste the Žumberak cuisine, enjoy the traditionally mosaic-like panoramas and see the Park's highest waterfall – this is the route for you.

The cycling trail starts in Sošice. The main feature of this route is that it takes you along all the locations offering the Žumberak cuisine – Sošice, Kostanjevac, Jurkovo Selo and Žamarija. The first 10 km take you along a gentle descent offering many open views of the preserved and traditional Žumberak vistas. After a short ride along the Kupčina river, the trail is going to take you along a longer ascent towards Hartje, with no major ascents after the Tomaševci village. Soon after that, you'll see the remains of the Old Town of Žumberak. A winding road will take you to the 40m high cascades of the Sopot waterfall. After this refreshing break, you'll go through the picturesque Sopot and come back to the starting point in Sošice.

For those who would like to see more, we recommend the preserved rural setting of the Cernik village (2 km from the first turn left after Sošice), the remains of the New Town of Žumberak (4 km from the Žamarija crossroads), and if you are in good shape, we recommend visiting the Old Town of Žumberak, 2.5 km away. And if you'd like to learn more about the troubled history of the WWII aftermath, visit Jazovka, the scaffold on the outskirts of Sošice.

Additional info

- The traditional Žumberak cuisine includes the Žumberak pie, the Žumberak stew, locally grown trout, game, lamb and povitica (rolled sweet or savoury pastry). Each culinary host is famous for one of those specialties, so try to find out the best combinations before you go.





E Ruta E-bicikala



Budinjak - Mrzlo Polje Žumberačko - Petričko Selo - Tomaševci - Sopotski slap - Sošice - Petričko Selo - Budinjak

Ako baš niste u kondiciji ili želite iskustvo vožnje električnim biciklom, a ujedno i uživati u panoramama tradicionalnog mozaičnog krajobraza i vidjeti najviši slap Parka – ovo je ruta za vas.

Park ima ponudu jednodnevnog najma električnih bicikala u Budinjaku i Sošicama, tako da za ovu rutu možete birati između dvije polazišne točke. Opis se odnosi na početnu točku Budinjak. Biciklistička ruta počinje u Budinjaku. Nakon kratkog spusta makadamskim putem kroz šumu, asfalt ponovo počinje u selu Dane i nastaviti će vas pratiti do kraja rute. Kad skrenete za Mrzlo Polje Žumberačko pred vama će se izmjenjivati nekoliko slikovitih zaselaka i otvorene panorame preko mrzlopoljske zaravni i žumberačkih gora sve do Pokuplja.

Nakon kraćeg uspona do Gornje Vasi, put dalje vodi kroz selo Tomaševci, a nedugo zatim otvara se pogled na ostatke srednjovjekovnog Staroga grada Žumberka. Zavojita cesta dovest će vas do 40-metarskih kaskada Sopotskog slapa. Nakon ovog osvježanja očekuje vas još prolazak kroz slikovite Sopote te dolazite u Sošice. Povratak je istim putem do Gornje Vasi, no ondje se ne skreće za Mrzlo Polje Žumberačko nego se nastavlja ravno do ishodišta u Budinjaku.

Za one koji žele vidjeti više, ako su u dobroj formi, preporučamo posjet Starom gradu Žumberku udaljenome 2,5 km. Želite li doznati više o bremenitoj povijesti poraća 2. svjetskog rata, posjetite stratište Jazovka neposredno prije Sošica.

Zanimljivost

- Zahvaljujući položaju u najprostranijem krškom polju Žumberačke gore, Sošice su od davnih povijesnih vremena bile ne samo jedno od najvećih žumberačkih naselja, već i najizrazitije žumberačko središte, dok su danas jedno od turistički najposjećenijih mjesta na Žumberku. U Sošicama i okolici vrijedi posjetiti dvije mjesne crkve podignute jedna pokraj druge, Samostan časnih sestara bazilijanki s etnografskom zbirkom, stratište Jazovku te Sopotski slap. Sošice su ujedno i ishodište za uspone prema planinarskoj kući Vodice i najvišem vrhu Žumberka Svetoj Geri (1178 m).

DULJINA LENGTH: 35 km

ASFALT PAVED ROADS: 95%

VRIJEME TIME: 3 - 4 h

TEŽINA DIFFICULTY: 1/5

USPON ASCENT - UKUPNI TOTAL: 514 m

- DULJINA LENGTH: 5,9 km

VISINA ELEVATION:

POČETNA START: 740 m

MIN: 537 m

MAX: 740 m

PROSJEČNA AVERAGE: 615 m

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E The E-bike Route



Budinjak - Mrzlo Polje Žumberačko - Petričko Selo - Tomaševci - Sopotski slap - Sošice - Petričko Selo - Budinjak

If you're not in the best of shapes or you'd like to experience the electric bike ride, enjoy the traditionally mosaic-like panoramas and see the Park's highest waterfall – this is the route for you.

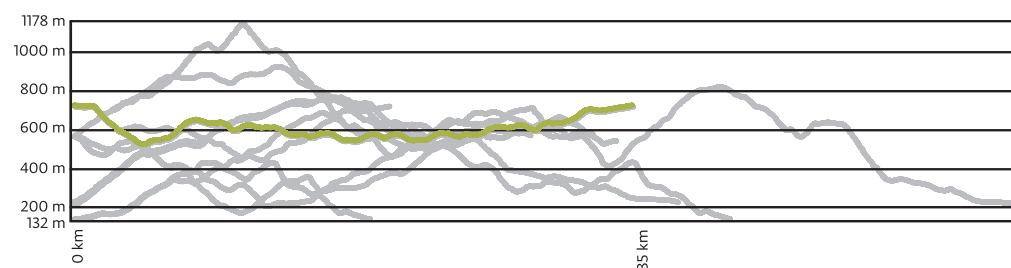
The Park offers daily electric bike rentals in Budinjak and Sošice, so that this route can have two starting points. The description here refers to Budinjak as your start. The cycling trail begins in Budinjak. After a short descent over a gravel road through the woods, you reach the paved road again in Dane, taking you all the way to your final destination. When you turn to Mrzlo Polje Žumberačko, you'll see a succession of picturesque hamlets and panoramic vistas of the Mrzlo Polje plains, all the way to Pokuplje.

After a short ascending stretch to Gornja Vas, you'll continue through Tomaševci and very soon you'll see the remains of the medieval Old Town of Žumberak. A winding road is then going to take you to the 40 m high Sopot waterfall cascades. After that refreshing spot, you'll go through the picturesque Sopot and come to Sošice. You'll then take the same road back to Gornja Vas, but will not turn to Mrzlo Polje Žumberačko: you'll continue straight on to your starting point in Budinjak.

For those who wish to see more, and are in good shape, we recommend a visit to the Old Town of Žumberak, 2.5 km away. And if you'd like to learn more about the troubled history of the WWII aftermath, visit Jazovka, the site of mass killings on the outskirts of Sošice.

Additional info

- Thanks to its location in the largest karst field in Žumberak, the village of Sošice has always been not only one of the largest Žumberak settlements, but also the most characteristic of all Žumberak centers. Today, it is one of the most attractive tourist destinations in the Žumberak area. Sošice and its immediate surroundings feature two local churches situated alongside each other, a Basilian convent with its ethnographic collection, the Jazovka scaffold and the Sopot waterfall. At the same time, Sošice serves as the starting point for a hiking trail leading to the Vodice mountain lodge and the tallest Žumberak point, Sv. Gera (1178 m).





J Ruta Jelenići



Budinjak - Dane - Jelenići - Višći Vrh - Javor - Gornja Vas - Budinjak

Želite li mir makadamskih šumskih putova, podsjetiti se o važnosti vode u krškom području i upoznati sela u koja rijetko koji posjetitelj kroči – ovo je ruta za vas.

Biciklistička ruta počinje u Budinjaku. Nakon kratkog spusta makadamskim putem kroz šumu, dolazite u selo Dane gdje se, u krškoj udolini, nalazi poučna staza „Izvori života“. Nastavljaju vas pratiti šum vožnje po makadamu, šumski svod i zvuci duboke šume. Mala tradicionalna sela Jelenići i Višći Vrh nakratko izranjaju iz šumskoga zelenila, da bi ih ubrzo zamijenile vizure pašnjaka i polja. U Javoru ponovno počinje asfalt. Na prvom zavoju pruža vam se panoramski pogled na mrzlopoljsku zaravan te vas nakon uspona do Gornje Vasi cesta vodi do ishodišta u Budinjaku.

Za one koji žele vidjeti više, preporučamo obilazak poučne staze „Izvori života“ u selu Dane.

Zanimljivost

• Područje Parka krajnja je sjeverna granica pružanja krškoga reljefa u Hrvatskoj. Na cijelome krškom području, od Savudrije i Prevlake pa sve do ovdje, postojanje vode na površini predstavlja rijetkost te samim time i veliko bogatstvo. Odvojite li dvadesetak minuta i prošetate poučnom stazom „Izvori života“ otkrit ćete što se događa u krškom podzemlju te zašto je ono toliko osjetljivo na zagađenje i doznati kako su se o „bogatstvu“ skrivenome u ovoj krškoj udolini skrbili stanovnici sela i zašto su ga zapustili.

DULJINA LENGTH: 20 km

ASFALT PAVED ROADS: 30%

VRIJEME TIME: 2 - 3 h

TEŽINA DIFFICULTY: 2/5

USPON ASCENT - UKUPNI TOTAL: 350 m

- DULJINA LENGTH: 4,1 km

VISINA ELEVATION:

POČETNA START: 740 m

MIN: 460 m

MAX: 740 m

PROSJEČNA AVERAGE: 616 m

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J The Jelenići Route



Budinjak - Dane - Jelenići - Višći Vrh - Javor - Gornja Vas - Budinjak

If you crave for the peace of wood gravel roads, or wish to be reminded of the importance of water in the karst environment and get to know the villages rarely visited by tourists – this is the route for you.

The cycling trail starts in Budinjak. After a short descent over a gravel road through the woods, you'll reach Dane, a village in a karst valley featuring the educational "Springs of Life" trail. Further on, you'll be accompanied by the murmur of your tires on the gravel trail, the wood canopy and the sounds of the dense forest. The traditional hamlets of Jelenići and Višći Vrh appear briefly from the forest greenery, soon to be replaced by pastures and fields. In Javor, you're back on the paved roads again. The very first curve features a panoramic view of the entire Mrzlo Polje plain, and after an ascending stretch to Gornja Vas, the road will take you to the starting point in Budinjak.

For those who wish to see more, we recommend visiting the educational "Springs of Life" trail in Dane village.

Addition info

• The Park includes the northernmost border of the karst area in Croatia. The whole area, from Savudrija and Prevlaka, all the way to here, has few instances of surface waters, so such places are a great asset. Invest some 20 minutes of your time and take a walk along the educational "Springs of Life" trail. You'll find out what's going on in the karst underground, why it is so susceptible to pollution and how the villagers of this karst valley used to 'take care' of it, as well as why they abandoned it.





J+S Ruta Jelenići + Slapnica



Budinjak - Dane - Jelenići - Slapnica - Medven Draga - Kostanjevac - Želježno Žumberačko - Hartje - Gornja Vas - Budinjak

Ako vam ruta Jelenići (J) izgleda samo kao biciklističko zagrijavanje, a osim onog što ona nudi još želite uživati u kaskadama gorskog potoka Slapnica, žamoru slapova te uživati u panoramama tradicionalnoga mozaičnog krajobraza - ovo je ruta+ za vas.

Biciklistička ruta počinje u Budinjaku. Nakon kratkog spusta makadamskim putem, kroz šumu dolazite u selo Dane gdje se, u krškoj udolini, nalazi poučna staza „Izvori života“. Nastavljaju vas pratiti šum okretanja guma po makadamu, šumski svod i zvuci duboke šume. Poslije sela Jelenići makadamskim putem, koji ponegdje zbog grubosti ne dozvoljava brzu vožnju, spuštate se do potoka Slapnica. Njegov šum bit će vam pratitelj sljedećih desetak kilometara. Zbog divlje ljepote i prirodnih bogatstava dolina potoka Slapnica zakonom je zaštićena kao značajan krajobraz od 1964. godine. Povratkom na asfalt nakratko izlazite iz Parka kod Medven Drage. Nakon Kostanjevca i kraće vožnje uz rijeku Kupčinu slijedi dulji uspon prema Hartju, a dalje, preko Gornje Vasi, ruta vas vodi do ishodišta u Budinjaku.

Za one koji žele vidjeti više, preporučamo obilazak poučne staze „Izvori života“ u selu Dane. Nezaobilazne točke trebali bi biti i slapovi u dolini Slapnice – slap Brisalo i Vranjački slap slap, udaljeni od rute pet minuta hoda.

Zanimljivost

- Ovako Josip Pasarić prije jednog stoljeća opisuje prilaz slapu Brisalo:

„... planinar mora da udari lijevo uz maleni pokrajnji potočić, sad preskakujući s jedne na drugu obalu, sad verući se tik potočića uz stablje i kamenje, a onda opet gazeći do gležnja po koritu brzice. Tako se napokon prikućić uskom kutu jaruge, iz kojega na daleko dopire mukli šum slapa Brisala. Kad ga ugledaš, imaš čemu da se diviš! Istječući kao iz podzemne pećine ruši se voda u krupnim mlazovima niz vrletne pećine od 50 metara po širokom žlijebu sunovratice u dubinu. Slap pada uz bučni šum okomito u potok, a kako je donji dio pećine uleknut, može planinar da zadje pod njezin svod i da stoji iza vodena mlaza i tako motri sjajni slap.“

DULJINA LENGTH: 45 km

ASFALT PAVED ROADS: 50%

VRIJEME TIME: 4 - 6 h

TEŽINA DIFFICULTY: 4/5

USPON ASCENT - UKUPNI TOTAL: 658 m

- DULJINA LENGTH: 7,2 km

VISINA ELEVATION:

POČETNA START: 740 m

MIN: 177 m

MAX: 740 m

PROSJEČNA AVERAGE: 431 m

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J+S The Jelenići + Slapnica Route



Budinjak - Dane - Jelenići - Slapnica - Medven Draga - Kostanjevac - Želježno Žumberačko - Hartje - Gornja Vas - Budinjak

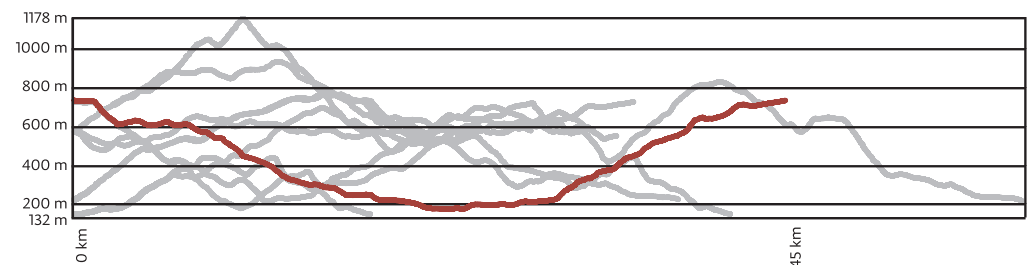
If the Jelenići route (J) looks just like a form of a cycling warm-up and if, apart from its offer, you'd like to enjoy the cascades of the Slapnica mountain stream, the murmur of the waterfalls and also the traditionally mosaic-like panoramas of the countryside – this is the route for you.

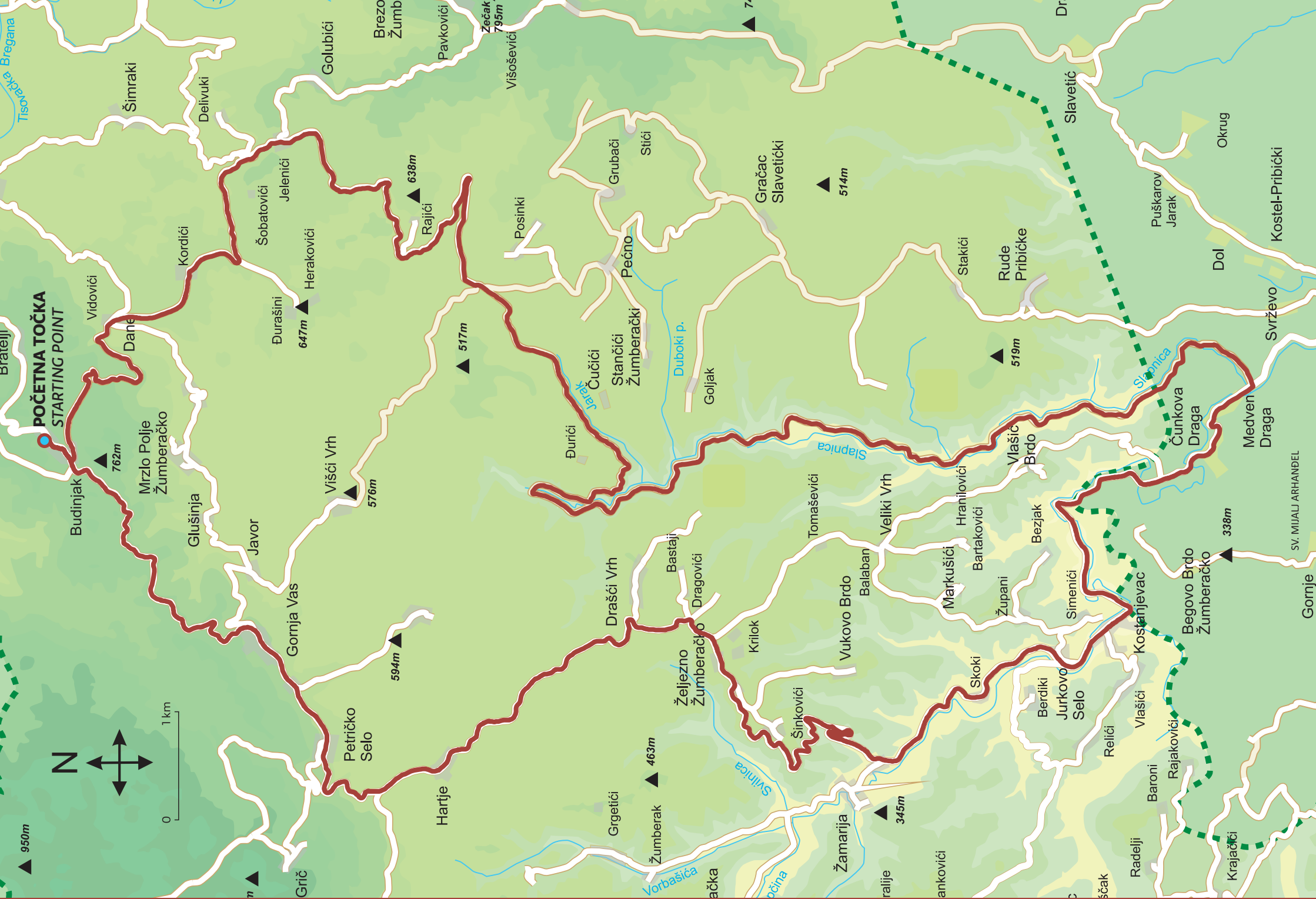
The cycling route starts in Budinjak. After a short descent over a gravel road through the woods, you'll reach Dane, a village in a karst valley featuring the educational "Springs of Life" trail. Further on, you'll be accompanied by the murmur of your tires on the gravel trail, the canopy of trees and the sounds of the dense forest. Beyond Jelenići, a gravel road, limiting greater speed at some places due to its ruggedness, you'll descend to the Slapnica stream. Its murmur will follow you for the next 10 km or so. Thanks to its rugged beauty and natural resources, the Slapnica valley has been a protected area since 1964. Returning to the paved road, you'll temporarily exit the park at Medven Draga. After Kostanjevac and a short stretch along the Kupčina river, there's a longer ascent towards Hartje, and that is how you'll reach, going through Gornja Vas, your starting point in Budinjak.

For those who wish to see more, we recommend visiting the educational "Springs of Life" trail in Dane village. Things you should not miss are the waterfalls in the Slapnica valley – Brisalo and Vrnjački slap... just a five minute walk from the trail.

Additional info

- This is how Josip Pasarić, a century ago, describes the approach to the Brisalo waterfall: „...a hiker needs to go left, along a small stream, hopping from one of its banks to the other from time to time, climbing the rocks and trees, and then again, wading the rapid waters. Thus comes he to the narrowest corner of the pass, resounding with the mighty, though muted, roar of the waterfall. And when you see it, there's something to behold and admire! Flowing almost as if from an underground cavern, the water bursts in great torrents over the craggy 50 m rocks, along a wide groove, dashing into the depths. It falls booming, vertically into the stream, and as the lower part of the cliff is set back, a hiker can enter under its vault, stand behind the waterfall and admire its brilliance.“





B Ruta Budinjak



Gabrovica - Stojdraga - Novo Selo Žumberačko - Budinjak - Dane - Koretići - Gabrovica

Želite li zavojite gorske ceste, vizure slikovitih tradicionalnih sela, upoznati se sa žumberačkom poviješću i imati gorsku rječicu za suputnika – ovo je ruta za vas.

Biciklistička ruta počinje u Gabrovici. Ujednačeni uspon vas vodi do prvog sela – Stojdrage u kojoj je smješten Žumberački uskočki muzej s vrijednom zbirkom etnografskih predmeta kojima su se sve do nedavno Žumberčani svakodnevno služili. Ruta nastavlja kroz sela Poklek i Novo Selo Žumberačko prije nego stignete na budinjačku visoravan. Ondje je posjetiteljski centar Parka te početak poučne „Staze kneževa“. Staza vas vodi kroz bogatu budinjačku prošlost, u krajoliku što su ga ljudi tisućljećima stvarali i održavali živeći u suglasju s prirodom. U Budinjaku napuštate asfalt i slijedi gotovo neprekinuti spust kroz šumski krajolik koji prekidaju sela Dane, Tisovac Žumberački, Šimraki i Koretići. Zadnju četvrtinu rute vizurama brze gorske tekućice ukrašava rječica Bregana. Posljednjih nekoliko kilometara ponovo ste na asfaltu i ubrzo dolazite do ishodišta u Gabrovicu.

Za one koji žele vidjeti više, preporučamo obilazak poučnih „Staze kneževa“ (oko 1,5 h) u Budinjaku.

Zanimljivost

• Nekoliko je legendi o postanku Stojdrage, a ova je najromantičnija: Na dva susjedna brda bijahu naseljena dva sela. Među njima desetljećima je vladalo neprijateljstvo. Jednoga dana sretnu se djevojka i mladić na potoku, a ljubav između njih plane u trenu – ne pitavši odakle je koji! Tajna njihove ljubavi brzo se dozna. Sela podigoše sa svake strane potoka plotove od šiblja, jer za ljubav nema mjesta među zavađenim selima. Uz plotove je stajala i straža - prijeći granicu značilo je ići u smrt. Djevojka, ne mareći za opasnost, potrči momku u zagrljaj. Momak povikne: „Stoj, draga!“, no prekasno. Puška puče, a djevojka se sruši mrtva. Vidjevši mrtvu djevojku i kakvo su zlo napravili, seljani maknu plotove i prekinu svađu. Mjesto gdje djevojka pade na tlo nazvaše Stojdraga.

DULJINA LENGTH: 38 km
ASFALT PAVED ROADS: 55%
VRIJEME TIME: 3 -4 h

TEŽINA DIFFICULTY: 3/5

USPON ASCENT - UKUPNI TOTAL: 650 m
- DULJINA LENGTH: 8,1 km

VISINA ELEVATION:
POČETNA START: 224 m
MIN: 224 m
MAX: 768 m
PROSJEČNA AVERAGE: 495 m

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B The Budinjak Route



Gabrovica - Stojdraga - Novo Selo Žumberačko - Budinjak - Dane - Koretići - Gabrovica

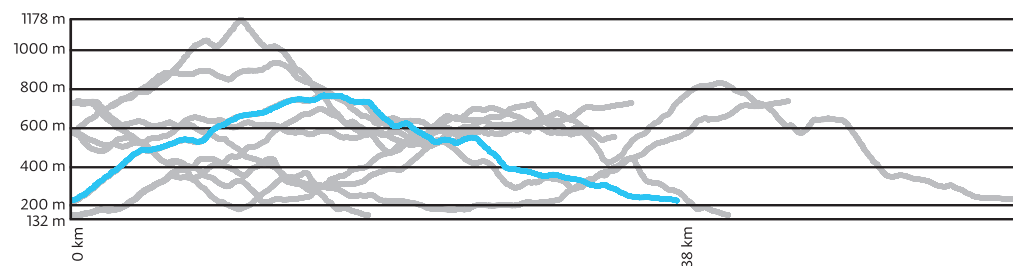
If you like winding mountain roads, panoramas of picturesque traditional villages, and would like to get to know the area's history and have a mountain stream as a companion – this is the route for you.

The cycling trail begins in Gabrovica. A gradual ascent will take you to the first village – Stojdraga – with its Žumberak Uskoks Museum with its valuable ethnographic collection of everyday items the locals used until recently. The route continues through Poklek and Novo Selo Žumberačko villages, and takes you to the Budinjak plain. There you'll find the Park's Visitors Center and the start of the educational "The Trail of the Princes". After that, it will take you through the area's rich past, surrounded by the countryside formed by the locals who, for thousands of years, maintained it in harmony with nature. At Budinjak, you'll leave the paved road behind and will enjoy an almost unbroken descent through the woods, cycling also through the villages of Dane, Tisovac Žumberački, Šimraki and Koretići. The last quarter of the route features the vistas around the rapid mountain stream called the Bregana. The last few kilometers are paved again and very soon you'll reach your starting point of Gabrovica.

For those who wish to see more, we recommend visiting the educational "The Trail of the Princes" in Budinjak.

Additional info

• There are several legends regarding the Stojdraga origins, but this one is the most romantic: There were two villages on two neighboring hills. For decades, there was bad blood between them. One day a young man and a girl met at the stream between the hills and fell in love at first sight – not even thinking about where they were from! Their secret love soon became obvious to everybody. The villages erected wicker fences on either sides of the stream, for there's no place for love between the warring villages. They had guards, too – crossing the border meant meeting one's death. Not heeding the warnings, the girl rushed to her boyfriend's embrace. The young man called: "Stop, darling!" (Stoj, draga, in Croatian), but it was too late. A shot was fired and the girl fell down. Seeing the dead girl, knowing there was too much bad blood, the villagers from both sides removed the fences and lived on in peace. The place where the girl was killed was from that time called Stojdraga.





B+J Ruta Budinjak + Japetić



Gabrovica - Stojdraga - Novo Selo Žumberačko - Budinjak - Dane - Jelenići - Japetić - Dragonoš - Noršić Selo - Koretići - Gabrovica

Ako vam ruta Budinjak (B) izgleda samo kao biciklističko zagrijavanje, a osim onog što ona nudi još želite uživati u pogledu s planinarskog doma Žitnica – ovo je ruta+ za vas.

Biciklistička ruta počinje u Gabrovici. Ujednačeni uspon vodi vas do prvog sela - Stojdrage u kojoj je smješten Žumberački uskočki muzej s vrijednom zbirkom etnografskih predmeta kojima su se sve do nedavno Žumberčani svakodnevno služili. Ruta nastavlja kroz sela Poklek i Novo Selo Žumberačko, prije nego stignete na budinjačku visoravan. Ondje je posjetiteljski centar Parka te početak poučne „Staze kneževa“. Staza vas vodi kroz bogatu budinjačku prošlost, u krajobrazu što su ga ljudi tisućljećima stvarali i održavali živeći u suglasju s prirodom. U Budinjaku napuštate asfalt i slijedi vožnja kroz šumski krajolik koji prekidaju malena tradicionalna sela. S planinarskog doma Žitnica na Japetiću otvara se pogled na nizinski prostor Pokuplja. Kroz Dragonoš i Noršić Selo podloga je asfalt, nakon čega slijedi spust makadamom do planinarske kuće Scout. Rutu odande vizurama brze gorske tekućice ukrašava rječica Bregana. Posljednjih nekoliko kilometra ponovo ste na asfaltu i ubrzo dolazite do ishodišta u Gabrovicu.

Za one koji žele vidjeti više, preporučamo obilazak poučnih „Staze kneževa“ (oko 1,5 h) u Budinjaku te „Izvora života“ (oko 20 min) u selu Dane ili se na Japetiću zaputiti do obližnje razgledne piramide.

Zanimljivost

- Japetić (879 m) najviši je vrh Samoborskog gorja. Omiljeno je odredište izletnika i planinara. Nedaleko od vrha nalazi se Planinarski dom Žitnica. Na vrhu je postavljena 12 metara visoka piramida koja je do 1960. bila na Sljemenu. S nje se pruža lijep pogled na gorsku i sjeverozapadnu Hrvatsku te Sloveniju sve do Alpa.
- Japetić je omiljeno okupljalište ljubitelja parajedrenja. Na livadi ispod Planinarskog doma održavaju se natjecanja.

DULJINA LENGTH: 61 km

ASFALT PAVED ROADS: 50%

VRIJEME TIME: 5 - 7 h

TEŽINA DIFFICULTY: 5/5

USPON ASCENT - UKUPNI TOTAL: 1349 m

- DULJINA LENGTH: 16,6 km

VISINA ELEVATION:

POČETNA START: 224 m

MIN: 224 m

MAX: 835 m

PROSJEČNA AVERAGE: 562 m

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B+J The Budinjak + Japetić Route



Gabrovica - Stojdraga - Novo Selo Žumberačko - Budinjak - Dane - Jelenići - Japetić - Dragonoš - Noršić Selo - Koretići - Gabrovica

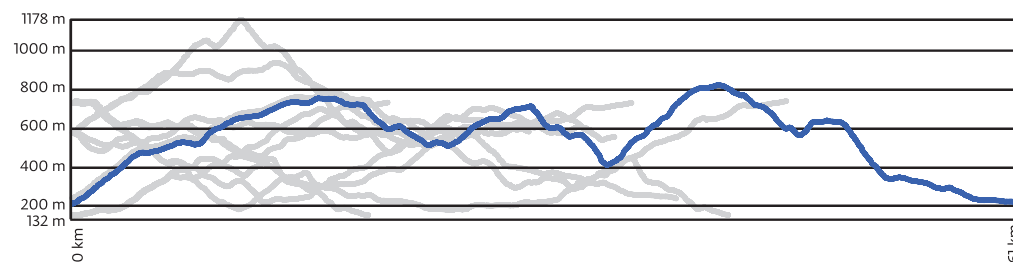
If the Budinjak route (B) looks just like a form of a cycling warm-up and if, apart from its offer, you'd like to enjoy the view from the Žitnica mountain lodge – this is the route for you.

The cycling trail begins in Grabovica. A gradual ascent will take you to the first village – Stojdrage – with its Žumberak Uskoks Museum with its valuable ethnographic collection of everyday items the locals used until recently. The route continues through Poklek and Novo Selo Žumberačko villages, and takes you to the Budinjak plain. There you'll find the Park's Visitors Center and the start of the educational "The Trail of the Princes". After that, it will take you through the area's rich past, surrounded by the countryside formed by the locals who, for thousands of years, maintained it in harmony with nature. At Budinjak, you'll leave the paved road behind and cycle through the wooded areas and small traditional villages. From the Žitnica mountain lodge on Japetić, you'll see the Pokuplje plain. A paved road will take you through Dragonoš and Noršić Selo, while a gravel road descent then leads to the Scout mountain lodge. After that the route features the vistas around the rapid mountain stream called Bregana. The last few kilometers are paved again and very soon you'll reach your starting point of Gabrovica.

For those who wish to see more, we recommend visiting the educational "The Trail of the Princes" (around 1.5 h) in Budinjak, and the "Springs of Life" (around 20 min) in Dane, or climbing the nearby Japetić observation pyramid.

Additional info

• Japetić (879 m) is the highest point of the Samoborsko gorje range. It is a favorite destination for family trips and hiking. Not far from the peak, there's the Žitnica mountain lodge. The peak itself features a 12 m high observation pyramid that until 1960 stood on Zagreb's Sljeme. It offers a beautiful view of the mountainous part of the country, its north-western part, as well as of Slovenia, all the way to the Alps. Japetić also attracts many paragliding enthusiasts, who organize their competitions on the meadow below the lodge.



L Ruta Lović



Kamanje - Vivodina - Dvorište Vivodinsko - Lović Prekriški - Gorniki Vivodinski - Kamanje

Želite li kraću, pitomiju rutu koja će vas provesti brežuljkastim vinogradarskim krajem te dovesti do jedne od najljepših panoramskih točaka u Parku – ovo je ruta za vas.

Biciklistička ruta počinje u Kamanju, nakon prelaska mosta. Vijugava cestica dovest će vas pred slikovitu vizuru Vivodine. Nastavljate, malo kroz vinorodne brežuljke, a malo kroz šumu, do Dvorišta Vivodinskog i Lovića Prekriškog. Bivšu područnu školu Grad Ozalj preuredio je u Posjetiteljski centar Lović Prekriški. Ondje je i početak poučne staze „Gdje voće zri”. Nastavljate kroz Gornike Vivodinske te prateći rijeku Kupu dolazite do ishodišta u Kamanju.

Za one koji žele vidjeti više, preporučamo obilazak poučne staze „Gdje voće zri” (oko 45 min) u Loviću Prekriškom.

Zanimljivost

• Podno kapele sv. Križa otvara se nezaboravan pogled na Pokuplje. Za lijepa vremena s ovog se mjesta može pogledom obujmiti oko 40 % hrvatskog teritorija. Hrvatski pedagog i književnik Davorin Trstenjak zadivljen ljepotom pogleda uskliknuo je: "Tko nije bio na Loviću, taj se nije nagledao hrvatske domovine!"

DULJINA LENGTH: 19 km

ASFALT PAVED ROADS: 100%

VRIJEME TIME: 1,5 - 2,5 h

TEŽINA DIFFICULTY: 1/5

USPON ASCENT - UKUPNI TOTAL: 382 m

- DULJINA LENGTH: 4,4 km

VISINA ELEVATION:

POČETNA START: 130 m

MIN: 130 m

MAX: 425 m

PROSJEČNA AVERAGE: 271 m

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L The Lović Route



Kamanje - Vivodina - Dvorište Vivodinsko - Lović Prekriški - Gorniki Vivodinski - Kamanje

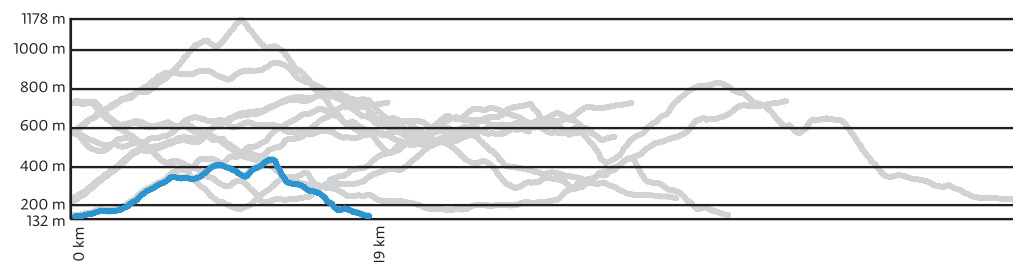
If you are interested in a shorter and less demanding route taking you through a hilly area full of vineyards and to one of the Park's most beautiful scenic points – this is the route for you.

The cycling trail begins in Kamanje, after you have crossed the bridge. A narrow winding road will take you to the picturesque Vivodina area. Further on, partly through vineyards, and partly through woods, you'll reach Dvorište Vivodinsko and Lović Prekriški. A former village school there has been transformed into the Lović Prekriški Visitors Center. That is the starting point of the "Where the Fruits Ripen" educational trail. The cycling trail then takes you to Gornik Vivodinski and, along the Kupa river, back to your starting point in Kamanje.

For those who wish to see more, we recommend visiting the "Where the Fruits Ripen" educational trail (45 min) in Lović Prekriški.

Additional info

• Standing below the St Cross Chapel, you'll have an unforgettable view of the Pokuplje plain. In perfect weather conditions, you can see around 40% of the Croatian territory from that spot. The Croatian educator and writer Davorin Trstenjak, marveling the beauty of the panoramic view, exclaimed: "Those who have never been to Lović, have not seen enough of their Croatian homeland!"





L+S Ruta Lović + Sošice



Kamanje - Vivodina - Radina Vas - Kordići Žumberački - Sošice - Donji Oštrc - Dugi Vrh - Lović Prekriški - Gorniki Vivodinski - Kamanje

Ako vam ruta Lović (L) izgleda samo kao biciklističko zagrijavanje, a osim onoga što ona nudi još želite uživati u tradicionalnome mozaičnom krajobrazu, u kojem se nepregledna šumska prostranstva izmjenjuju s malim selima i livadama, i posjetiti Sošice – ovo je ruta+ za vas.

Biciklistička ruta počinje u Kamanju, nakon prelaska mosta. Vijugava cestica dovest će vas pred slikovitu vizuru Vivodine. U nastavku prolazite kroz nekoliko sela, a tri kilometara prije Sošica prelazite najvišu točku rute te se spuštate i bivate nagrađeni pogledom na sošičko polje. Od Sošica pratite glavnu prometnicu do skretanja za Donji Oštrc. Vijugava cesta postaje uža, a svaki zavoj nagrađuje vas novim vizurama tradicionalnog krajobraza Parka. Nastavljate do Lovića Prekriškog. Bivšu područnu školu Grad Ozalj preuredio je u Posjetiteljski centar Lović Prekriški. Ondje je i početak poučne staze „Gdje voće zri“. Nastavivši kroz Gornike Vivodinske te prateći rijeku Kupu, dolazite do ishodišta u Kamanju.

Za one koji žele vidjeti više, preporučamo obilazak poučne staze „Gdje voće zri“ (oko 45 min) u Loviću Prekriškom, Samostan časnih sestara bazilijanki s etnografskom zbirkom u Sošicama te očuvanu ruralnu cjelinu sela Cernik (2 km od prvog lijevog cestovnog odvojkja nakon Sošica).

Zanimljivost

- Gorsko-planinski masiv Žumberačkog i Samoborskog gorja jedan je od najrjeđe naseljenih prostora u Hrvatskoj. Život ovdje nikad nije bio lagan. Jedini način bilo je živjeti u skladu sa zakonima prirode. Kroz tisućljeća prisutnosti, ljudi su ovdje uspjeli očuvati tu ravnotežu. Otimajući od šume prostor za sela, pašnjake i livade, čovjek je osigurao prostor raznim nešumskim staništima, što je uvelike pridonijelo današnjem bogatstvu biljnih i životinjskih vrsta.
- Upravo ovakav mozaik očuvanog tradicionalnog krajobraza kakav vidite pred sobom, uz veliko bogatstvo flore i faune, glavni je razlog zbog kojeg je 1999. ovo područje zaštićeno na državnoj razini, u kategoriji parka prirode.

DULJINA LENGTH: 41 km

ASFALT PAVED ROADS: 100%

VRIJEME TIME: 4 - 7 h

TEŽINA DIFFICULTY: 4/5

USPON ASCENT - UKUPNI TOTAL: 863 m

- DULJINA LENGTH: 8,4 km

VISINA ELEVATION:

POČETNA START: 130 m

MIN: 130 m

MAX: 681 m

PROSJEČNA AVERAGE: 377 m

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L+S Lović + Sošice Route



Kamanje - Vivodina - Radina Vas - Kordići Žumberački - Sošice - Donji Oštrc - Dugi Vrh - Lović Prekriški - Gorniki Vivodinski - Kamanje

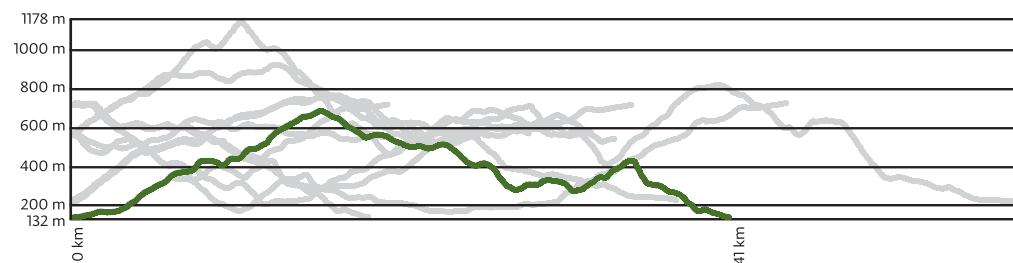
If the Lović route (L) looks just like a form of a cycling warm-up and if, apart from its offer, you'd like to enjoy the traditionally mosaic-like panoramas of the countryside, the patchwork of immense woods and small villages and meadows, and also visit Sošice – this is the route for you.

The cycling trail begins in Kamanje, after you have crossed the bridge. A narrow winding road will take you to the picturesque Vivodina area. After that, the trail will take you through several villages, and 3 km before Sošice you'll reach the trail's highest point. While descending after that, you'll be able to enjoy the views of the Sošice valley. After Sošice, you follow the main road and then turn towards Donji Oštrc. A winding road then becomes more and more narrow, while every new turn offers a new panorama of the Park's traditional countryside. The route then takes you to Lović Prekriški. A former local village school has been transformed into the Lović Prekriški Visitors Center. That is the starting point of the "Where the Fruits Ripen" educational trail. The cycling trail then takes you to Gornik Vivodinski and, along the Kupa river, back to your starting point in Kamanje.

For those who wish to see more, we recommend visiting the "Where the Fruits Ripen" educational trail (45 min) in Lović Prekriški, a Basilian convent with its ethnographic collection in Sošice, and the Cernik preserved rural settlement (2 km from the first left turn after Sošice).

Additional info

- Žumberačko and Samoborsko gorje ranges are one of the most sparsely populated parts of Croatia. Life has never been easy here, so that the only way was to live in harmony with the laws of nature. During thousands of years of living here, local people have managed to preserve that balance. Claiming parts of the wooded areas for their villages, pastures and meadows, people have secured new space for other habitats, too, and thanks to that, today we have a rich variety of both flora and fauna.
- That very mosaic of the preserved traditional countryside you can see here, with numerous and varied plants and animals, is the main reason this area has had the state-protected status of a nature park since 1999.



O Ruta Okić



Poljanice - Kotari - Stari grad Okić - Novo Selo Okičko - Plešivica - Poljanice

Želite li kraću, pitomiju rutu koja će vas provesti brežuljkastim vinogradarskim krajem te dovesti do jedne od najljepših panoramskih točaka u Parku – ovo je ruta za vas.

Biciklistička ruta počinje na prijevoju Poljanice – najvišoj točki rute. Put se spušta prema Kotarima i franjevačkom samostanu i crkvi sv. Leonarda. U sljedećem dijelu rute napuštate Park dok vas put ne dovede do njegove same granice i planinarskog doma Maks Plotnikov podno Okića. Ondje je i početak poučne staze „Okićnica“. Neposredno poslije doma skrenete lijevo na seoski puteljak koji ulazi u šumu. Tih pola kilometra testirat će vašu toleranciju na grbave puteve – ali dionica je barem kratka. Dolaskom u Novo Selo Okičko ponovo ste u Parku. Nad rutom dominira Plešivica, a cesta vas vodi kroz vinorodni plešivički kraj, gdje će se često otvarati lijepi vidici prema nizini. Poslije sela Plešivica ulazite u šumu i ubrzo dolazite do ishodišta u Poljanicama.

Za one koji žele vidjeti više, preporučamo obilazak poučne staze „Okićnica“ (oko 1 h) gdje ćete upoznati povijest i značaj Okića, a preporučamo i uspon do Starog grada Okića – jedne od najljepših panoramskih točaka u Parku.

Zanimljivost

"Dalki su oblaki,
A visoki jaki
Zidi Okića;
Jata vran tam peva,
Gorku viku zleva
Da se glasi dolica."

Ljudevit Farkaš Vukotinović, 1835.

Kad se uspnete do Starog grada Okića, otvara se pogled na istok od Ivanšćice i Hrvatskog zagorja, Medvednice, Posavine, Pokuplja pa sve do Kleka na zapadu i postaje vam jasno je zašto je na ovako strateški preglednom položaju bilo potrebno podići utvrdu.

DULJINA LENGTH: 24 km

ASFALT PAVED ROADS: 90%

VRIJEME TIME: 2 - 3,5 h

TEŽINA DIFFICULTY: 2/5

USPON ASCENT - UKUPNI TOTAL: 556 m

- DULJINA LENGTH: 7,2 km

VISINA ELEVATION:

POČETNA START: 575 m

MIN: 186 m

MAX: 575 m

PROSJEČNA AVERAGE: 401 m

PREUZIMANJE DOWNLOAD GPX (.gpx)

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O The Okić Route



Poljanice - Kotari - Stari grad Okić - Novo Selo Okičko - Plešivica - Poljanice

If you are interested in a shorter and less demanding route taking you through a hilly area full of vineyards and to one of the Park's most beautiful scenic points – this is the route for you.

The cycling route begins at the Poljanice pass - its highest point. It takes you down, towards Kotari and the St Leonard Franciscan monastery and church. The next stretch takes you out of the Park, and then leads you to its very border and the Maks Plotnikov mountain lodge right below Okić. This is the start of the "Okićnica" educational trail. Right after the lodge, you should turn left, to a dirt road going into the woods. This 500 m stretch is going to test your tolerance for rugged trails – but it really is short. Having arrived in Novo Selo Okičko, you're back in the Park again. The route is dominated by Mt Plešivica, and the trail takes you through the famous vineyards of this area, with frequent and beautiful views of the valley below. After Plešivica village, you'll enter the woods and, after an ascending stretch, reach your starting point in Poljanice.

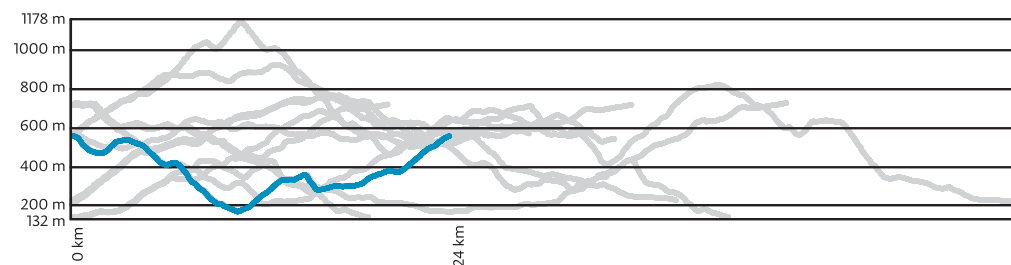
For those who wish to see more, we recommend visiting the "Okićnica" educational trail (around 1 h) and thus getting to know Okić's history and importance, and we also recommend climbing to the remains of the Old Town of Okić - one of the Park's most beautiful panoramic spots.

Additional info

"Faraway clouds,
Tall and strong
Okić walls;
Flocks of crows
Bitter din grows
The valley resounds."

Ljudevit Farkaš Vukotinović, 1835

If you climb to the remnants of the Old Town of Okić, you'll be able to see far to the east, to Mt Ivanščica and Hrvatsko zagorje, Mt Medvednica, Posavina and Pokuplje, all the way to Mt Klek in the west and soon realize why this strategic point needed a strong fortification.



Kako bi vam vožnja bila užitak, nudimo i nekoliko savjeta:



- Odaberite put koji odgovara vašim fizičkim sposobnostima. Provjerite ispravnost bicikla, pogotovo gume, kočnice i mjenjače.
- Ako bicikl nije ispravan, NE krećite na vožnju, već ga najprije sami popravite ili odvezite na servis.
- Ponesite dovoljno tekućine (najbolje običnu vodu) i malo hrane (energetske pločice).
- Ponesite rezervnu odjeću kako biste se mogli presvući u slučaju kiše ili zbog znojenja.
- Ponesite rezervnu i vodonepropusnu odjeću.
- Ponesite fotoaparat kako biste mogli snimiti uspomenu na lijepe krajolike, biljke, životinje i gljive.
- Držite se postojećih cesta i označenih biciklističkih staza. Neki dijelovi staza vrlo su strmi i zahtjevni, pa ih koristite samo ako ste potpuno sigurni u svoju vještinu vožnje i izdržljivost bicikla.
- Uživajte u prirodi, ali vas molimo da poštujete način života, rad i običaje lokalnog stanovništva.
- Na području Parka živi mnogo životinja, biljaka i gljiva koje su ugrožene i zaštićene, stoga ih ne uništavajte i ne uznemiravajte.

Here are a few tips, so that cycling can bring you even more joy:



- Choose a route best suited for your physical abilities. Check your bike, especially the tires, brakes and gears.
- If your bike is not fully functional, DO NOT go cycling, but repair it yourself or take it to bike shop.
- Take enough liquids (water is the best for you) and some food (energy bars).
- Take a change of clothes, so you can change in case of rain or profuse sweating.
- Take spare and waterproof clothes.
- Take a camera, so you can take pictures of beautiful views, plants, animals and mushrooms.
- Stick to existing roads and marked cycling trails. Some parts of the routes are very steep and demanding, so opt for them only if you are sure of your skills and your bike.
- Enjoy the nature, but, please, also respect the locals' way of life, their work and customs.
- The Park is inhabited by numerous animals, plants and mushrooms that are endangered and protected, so do not disturb or damage them.



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