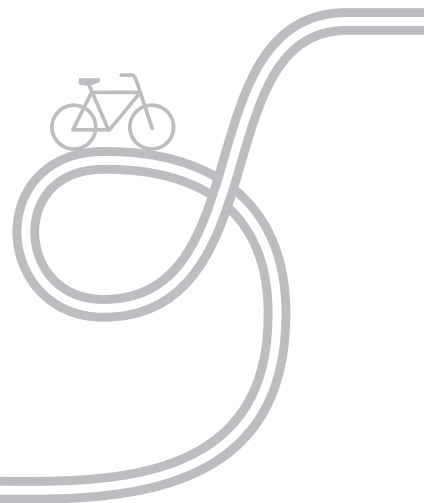


# CYCLING



Lika-Senj Region





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## ACROSS LIKA BY BIKE

### Gacka Valley, Plitvice Lakes, Velebit, Podgorje and Novalja on the island of Pag

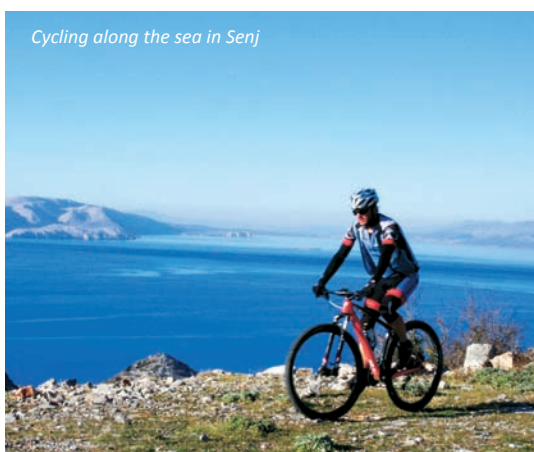
Numerous cycling trails have been marked in the Lika region, across the Velebit to Podgorje and up to Novalja on the island of Pag. Their number is growing bigger each year as well as the interest for cycling in this extraordinary region. This atlas was made to simplify the planning of your activities by choosing an attractive route from an individual area. Every area has information on renting a bike and, if needed, very skilful and trained cycling guides that can lead you around the area you wish to visit and offer all the information you may need on the spot. Such an individual approach is the best way to get to know the surrounding nature, culture, tradition and gastronomy of the region. We have not been able to draw in all the trails in such a small area but we hope that this choice will satisfy your curiosity and fulfill your expectations.

We wish you a pleasant ride  
Lika-Senj County Tourist Board

*Cyclists on the Velebit*



*Cycling along the sea in Senj*





Brinje

## Explore the area of Lika-Senj region

The easiest way to get to know the natural beauty and the excellent gastronomy offer of this region is by cycling. Most of the cycling routes go through rarely inhabited areas with little traffic where the food and beverage offer is original, traditional and ecological. That is one of the reasons for recreation lovers of the outdoor and good food to try something new and interesting.

There are trails for the more demanding adventurers, as for example the Velebit, and the mutual characteristic of all is that you will encounter the courtesy of hosts who will tell you where to best refresh and rest.

More detailed information on the entire region can be found in the brochure and map „10 + 1 reasons for turning off the motorway and getting to know the region“ which can be had at the infocentres in Lika and Novalja on the island of Pag.

### Lika-Senj County Tourist Board

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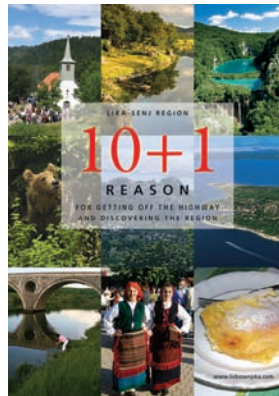
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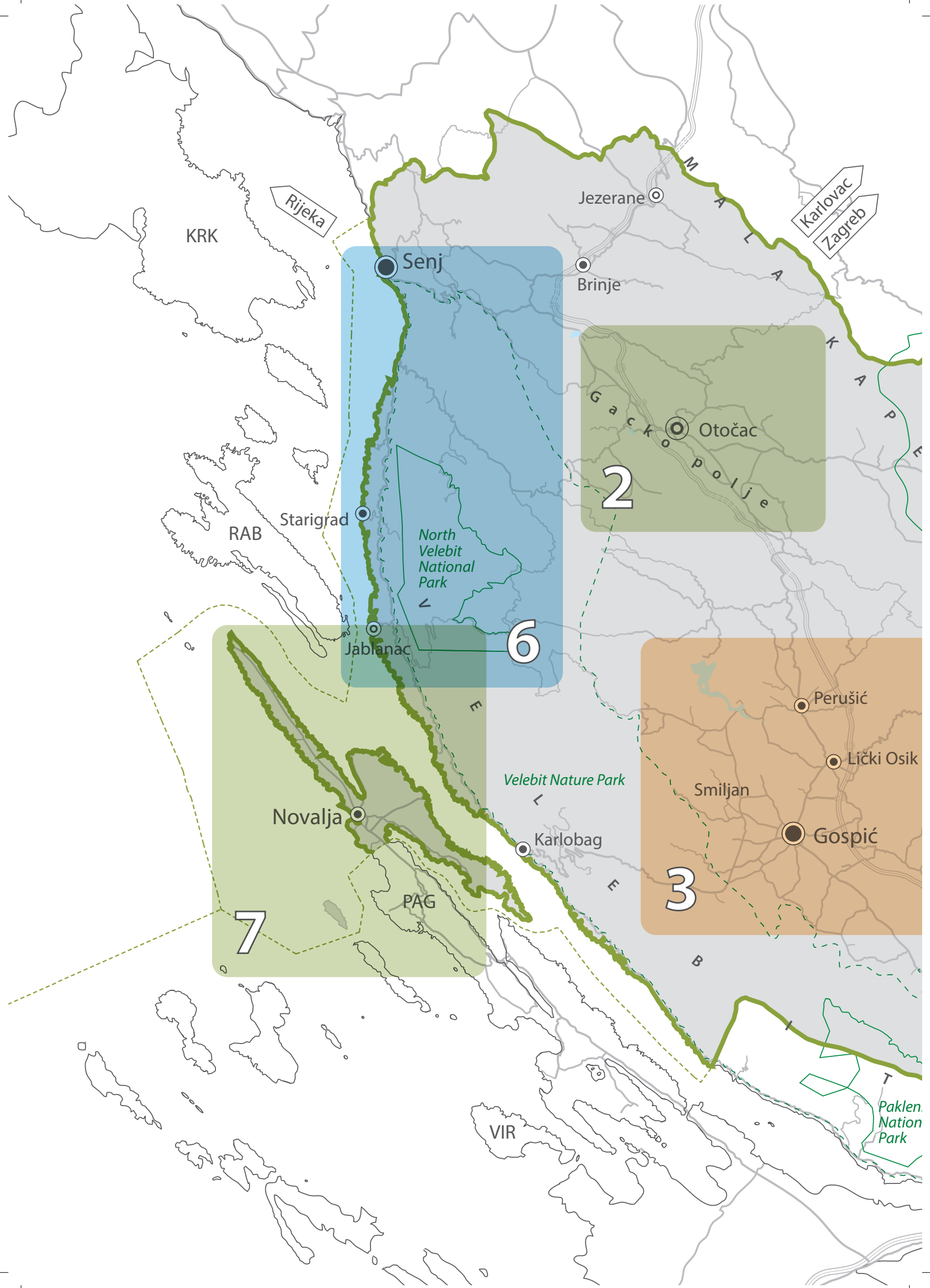
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## Brochure and map







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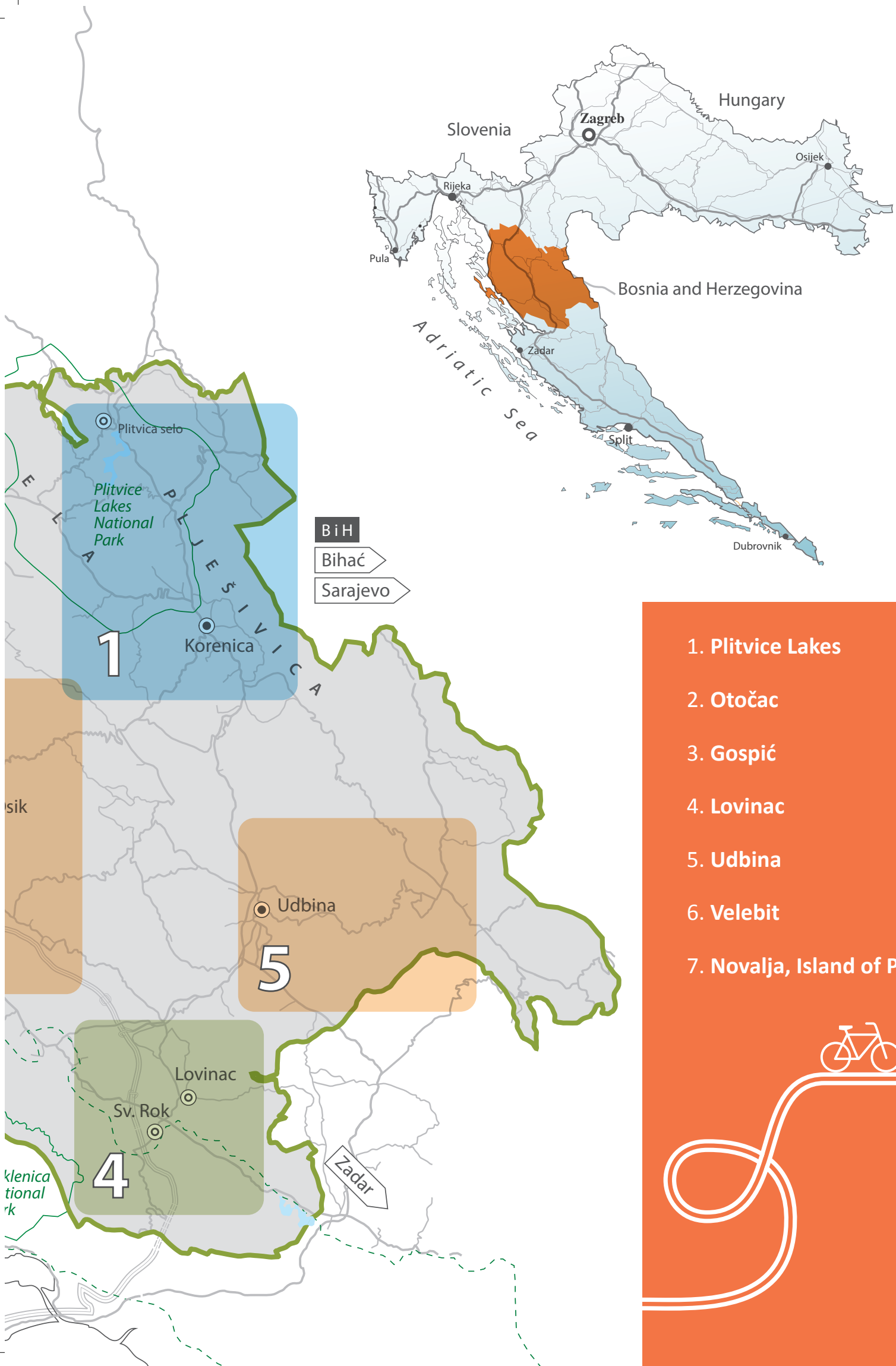
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1. Plitvice Lakes

2. Otočac

3. Gospić

4. Lovinac

5. Udbina

6. Velebit

7. Novalja, Island of Pag



# 1. Plitvice Lakes

An active vacation in Plitvice Lakes includes visiting various natural sights of which Plitvice National Park is one of the most beautiful and certainly unique in the Lika area. While cycling, discover the hidden parts of Plitvice Lakes. Take the easy routes cycling around the lake or master the demanding mountain trails. Everyone can find a trail for himself.

Plitvice Road (3) is a long cycling route from Korenica to the Upper Plitvice Lakes that crosses the hidden jewels of Plitvice – the Black and White Rivers.

The cycling route along the Korenica fields (4) follows the small Matica River to its abyss and then climbs to the belvedere with a grand view of the Korenica fields on one side and

Bijelopolje on the other with Mrsinj and the Plješevica Mountains.

The route around Mrsinj (5) along Matica source crosses the fields and pastures encircling Mrsinj. The ride crosses typical Lika ambience with forests and pastures taking turns. The route along the flanks of Plješevica (6) ascends in some places to reach the altitude of 1,000 metres. That route offers marvellous views of the Korenica fields and Bijelopolje as well as Plješevica peak. The cycling route crosses the flanks of Mrsinj and descends along the old shepherds' path to the Korenica fields (7). The descent is unique along an earth and stone base so be prepared for a ride over rough terrain.



*Trail along the lake in Plitvice Lakes*

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trail difficulty

**■** Points of interest

— macadam road

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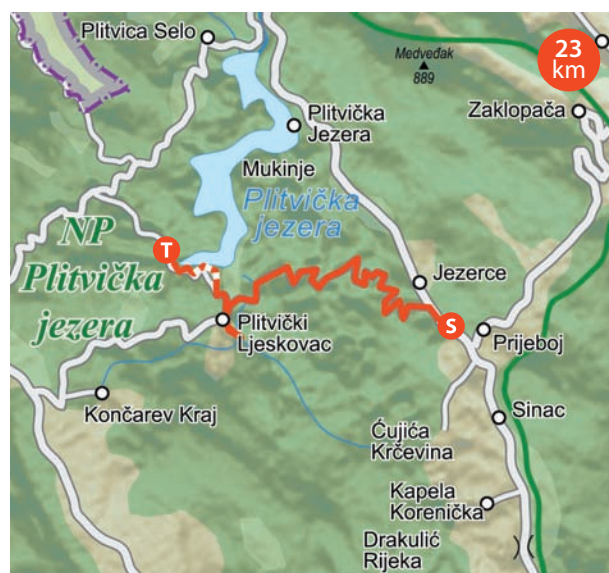
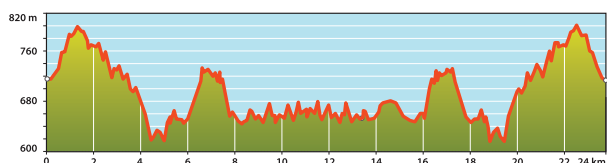




# 1. PLITVICE ACTIVE

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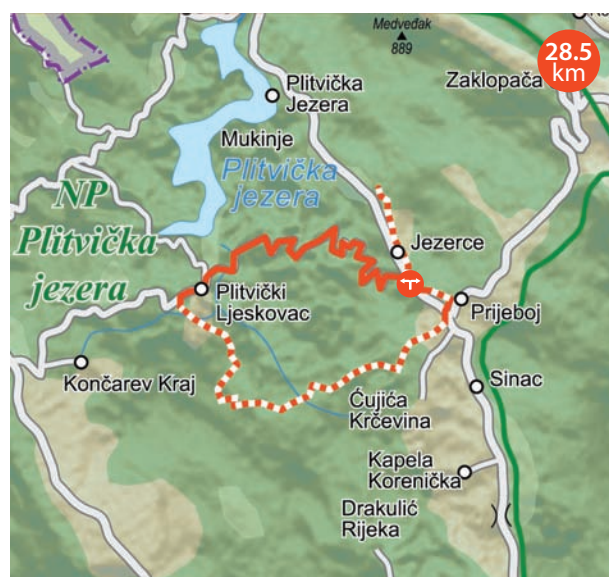
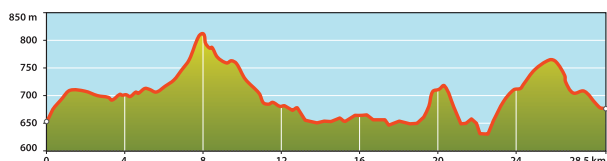
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Base:	asphalt, macadam



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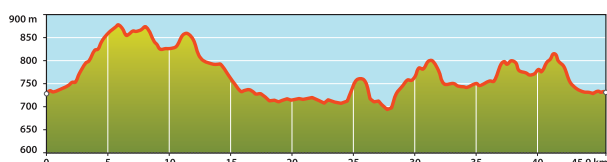
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Base:	asphalt, macadam



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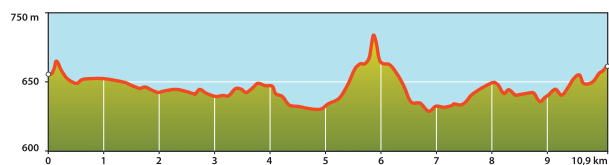
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Base:	asphalt, macadam



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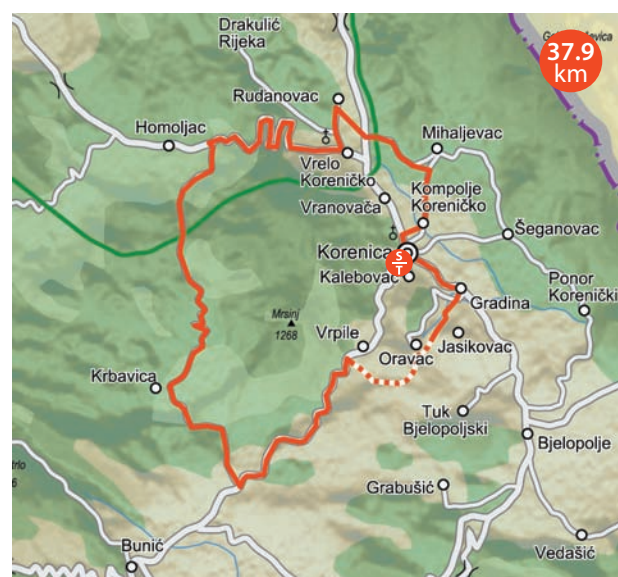
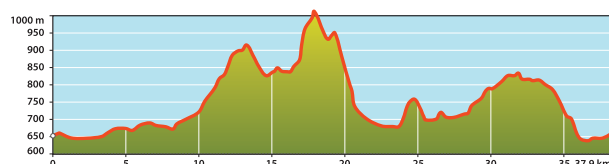
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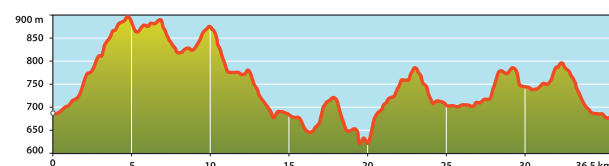
Length:	37.9 km
Altitude:	664 m
Base:	asphalt, macadam



## 6. PLJEŠEVICA FLANKS

Start/Target: KORENICA

Length:	36.5 km
Altitude:	275 m/nm
Base:	asphalt, macadam

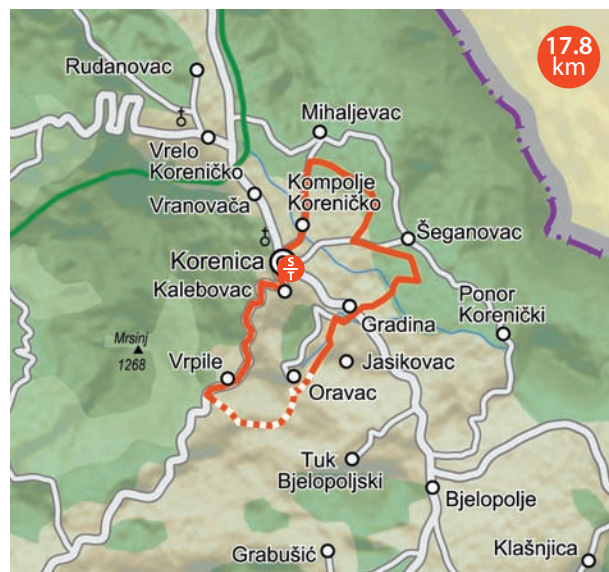
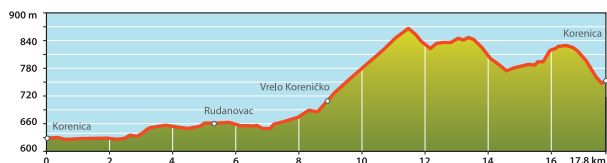




## 7. VRPILE ROCK & ROLL

Start/Target: KORENICA

Length:	17.8 km
Altitude:	189 m
Base:	asphalt, macadam



For all trails you can take over position (KML) on connection: [www.plitvice-active.com](http://www.plitvice-active.com)



### Points of Interest

**Plitvice Lakes National Park,**  
biodynamic phenomenon of karst waters  
Black and White rivers

**Korana village**  
**Plitvice Lakes National Park,**  
traditional mill and sawmill

**Šupljara,**  
a cave in the eastern part of  
the Lower Lakes

### TOURIST INFORMATION

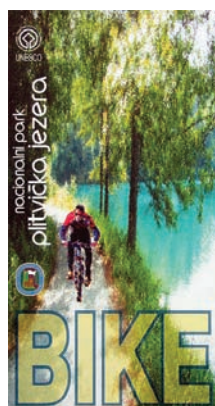
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Lakes National Park, Open until 31  
October

Plitvice Lakes National Park  
[www.np-plitvicka-jezera.hr](http://www.np-plitvicka-jezera.hr)

Plitvice Lakes Municipality Tourist Board  
[www.tzplitvice.hr](http://www.tzplitvice.hr)

Plitvice Lakes and surroundings activities  
[www.plitvice-active.com](http://www.plitvice-active.com)

### Maps



# 2. Otočac Gacka

The cycling trails in the Otočac and Gacka River region are 30 to 50 kilometres long and each one has its own theme and attraction that can be seen and visited along the trail.

The shortest trail is Three Lakes (1) that starts from Vivoški Bridge. It is of average challenge with the highest point being 590 metres above sea level. The trail is partly paved and partly macadam. Dabar Breviary Trail (2) is very demanding. It is more than 37 kilometres in length and climbs up to 7,985 metres above sea level. The trail is paved for about thirty kilometres and the rest is macadam. It acquired its name from the breviary that appeared in Dabar locality, not far from Otočac. The ride is along the least known road direction towards Plitvice Lakes whereby one can see some smaller springs and mills at the entrance to the village dominated by the church of St. Michael dating from 1730. Osman-aga Field is on the way and it acquired its name from the seriously wounded Turkish general Osman-aga. According to legend, after the battle, the Turkish general hid after the

battle in a hollow trunk in the field and died there. Ursa Major (3) cycling trail is dedicated to the European brown bear and leads in the direction of Kuterevo, the Velebit shelter for young bears. Barkanov Trail (4) is long but of average difficulty for cycling and with many points of interest, cultural monuments and natural attractions of Gacka, one of our most beautiful rivers. Jurjeve Rocks (5) are located between Otočac and Vrhovine, and that pass, or gorge, is actually located above Doljani and can be seen from the road that leads to Vrhovine. It is known for the greatest Croatian victory over the Turks back in 1663. The longest cycling trail is Hajdučke drage (6), a total of 52 kilometres that starts from the town park in Otočac. It is a demanding trail that climbs to 871 m above sea level. The ride is on paved road with a remaining third of the trail on macadam. The so-called Kopačka is on that trail, and it is a three-border point of the Velebit localities of Kuterevo, Krasno and Kosinj and the Shelter for Young Bears in Kuterevo.



Mlinice, Gacka – Otočac Town

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— macadam road

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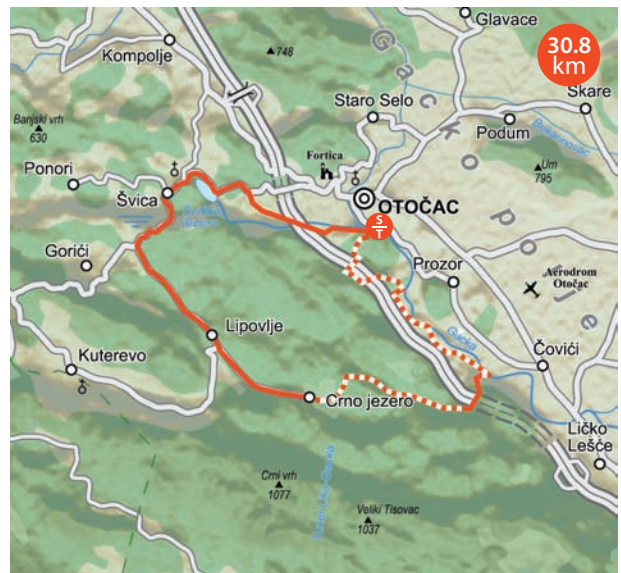




## 1. THREE LAKES TRAIL

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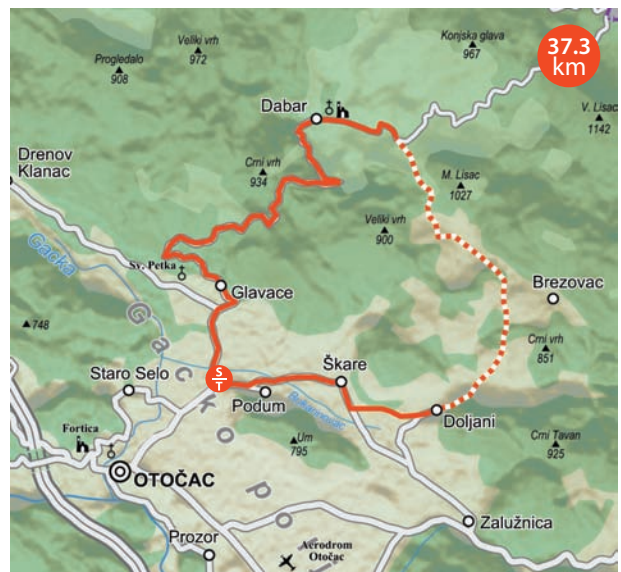
Length:	30.8 km
Altitude:	404 m/nm
Base:	asphalt (19 km), macadam (11.8 km)



## 2. DABAR BREVIARY TRAIL

Start/Target: DABAR–ŠKARE–PODUM CROSSROADS

Length:	37.3 km
Altitude:	795 m/nm
Base:	asphalt (29.2 km), macadam (8.1 km)



## 3. URSA MAJOR TRAIL

Start/Target: VIVOŠKI BRIDGE/VIVOŠKI BRIDGE

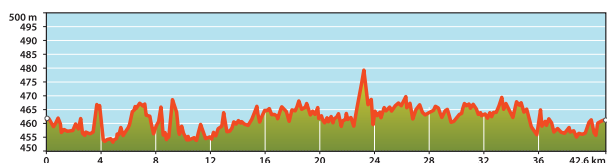
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Altitude:	657 m/nm
Base:	asphalt (34.7 km)



## 4. URSA MAJOR TRAIL

Start/Target: OTOČAC

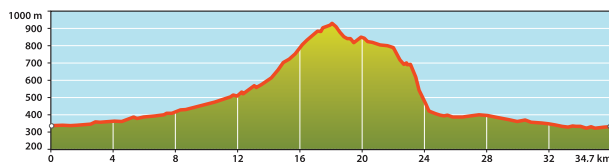
Length:	42.6 km
Altitude:	500 m/nm
Base:	asphalt, macadam, field path



## 5. JURJEVE ROCKS TRAIL

Start/Target: VIVOŠKI BRIDGE/VIVOŠKI BRIDGE

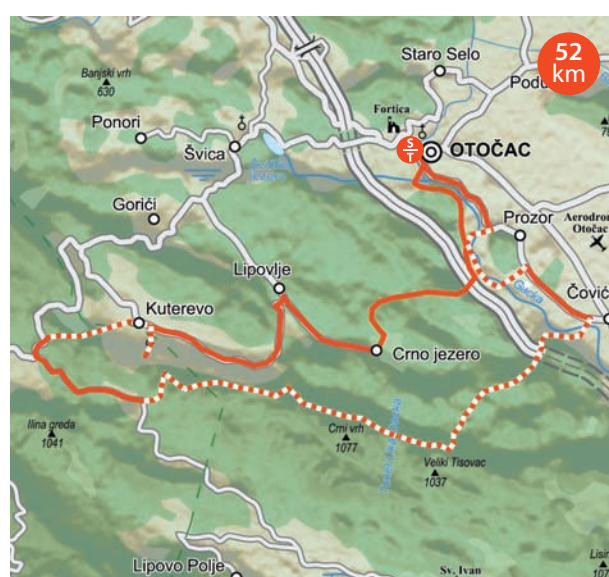
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Altitude:	657 m/nm
Base:	asphalt (34.7 km)



## 6. HAJDUČKE DRAGE TRAIL

Start/Target: OTOČAC – TOWN PARK

Length:	52 km
Altitude:	870 m
Base:	asphalt, macadam





## Points of Interest

Gacka Museum, church of the Most Holy Trinity, church of the Elevation of the Holy Cross, Roman quarry

Stone bridge, source of Jaruga brook, church of St. Michael, Osmanaga Field, Milankovac Belvedere

Carlo's Canal, Lake Gornje Švičko, church of St. John the Baptist, Velebit Shelter for Young Bears– Kuterevo

## TOURIST INFORMATION

Otočac Town Tourist Board, 17 Kralja Zvonimira

[www.tz-otocac.hr](http://www.tz-otocac.hr)

Fishing on the Gacka River

[www.gacka.hr](http://www.gacka.hr)

## Maps



For all trails you can take over position (KML) on connection: <http://barkanbike.wordpress.com/>.





# 3. Gospić

Eight cycling trails, 397 km in length, under the common name “The Trails of the Velebit and Croatian Giants” connect the surrounding localities with Gospić and lead up to Štirovača, a wide valley at the foot of the Velebit.

The first two trails (1 i 2) from Gospić to Smiljan lead to the birthplace of the world known scientist, Nikola Tesla, where the Memorial Centre is located containing some of the works that marked the technological development of future generations. At the end of the trail, at about 26 km from Smiljan, Veliki Žitnik locality is reached and it is the birthplace of the Croatian politician and patriot dr. Ante Starčević.

Jezero Trail (3) leads to the locality Klanac without great effort, and only two kilometres further an imposing view opens to the Lika River Canyon and the artificial Kružica Lake. The very demanding Štirovača Trail (4) is 100

km long and crosses numerous interesting points. One is Pazarište locality where a beer brewery is situated and nearby an Indian village. Štirovača follows, a valley with Kugina House (at a height of 1180m) in its proximity where one can spend the night and drink water from Težakovac source.

Brušane (5) and Rizvanuša (6) trails are more demanding ascents and both lead to the adrenalin park of Rizvanuša, which is a real paradise for adventurers of all ages. Velebit (7) Trail leads along the old Terezijana Road built in 1786 during Austro-Hungarian rule and then to the last village of Baške Oštarije on Velebit. The route Gospić – Jadovno (8) was designed to pass Jadovno village and the marvellous scenery that encircles it. In Jadovno there is an interesting chapel dedicated to Mary the Assistant in the very centre of the village and an inexhaustible source of drinking water is Stojanovo vrillo (spring).



Gospić

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— macadam road

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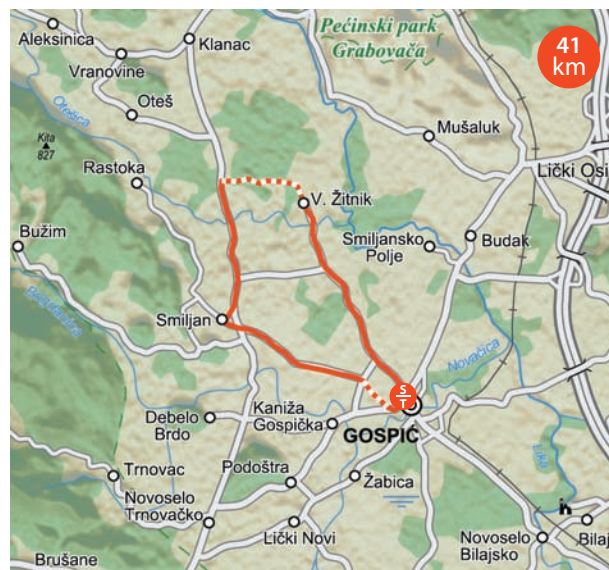
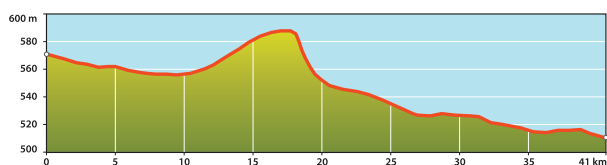




# 1. THE GIANTS I TRAIL

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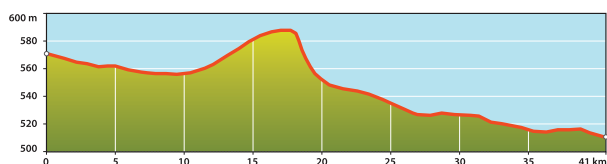
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Base:	asphalt (30 km), macadam (11 km)



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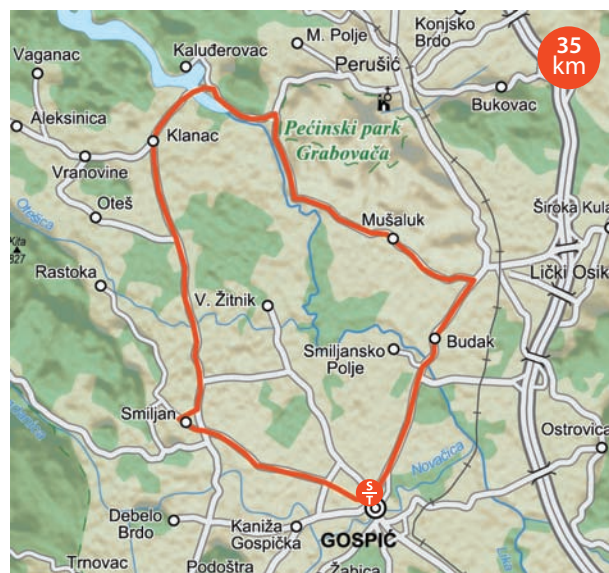
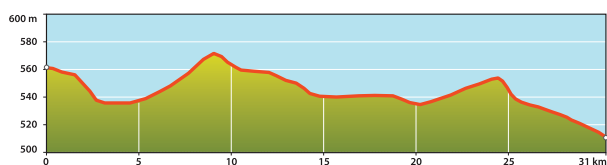
Length:	41 km
Altitude:	89 m
Base:	asphalt (30 km), macadam (11 km)



# 2. LAKE TRAIL

Start/Target: GOSPIĆ

Length:	35 km
Altitude:	37 m
Base:	asphalt (32 km), macadam (3 km)



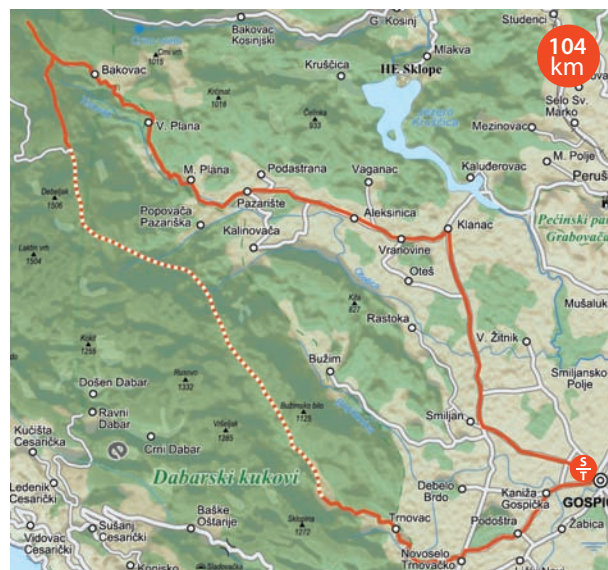
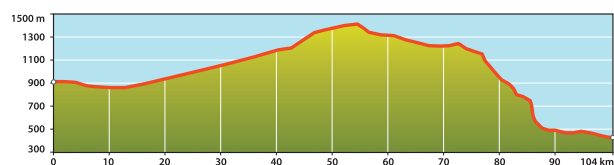
## 4. ŠTIROVAČA TRAIL

Start/Target: GOSPIĆ

Length: 104 km

Altitude: 694 m

Base: asphalt (63 km), macadam (41 km)



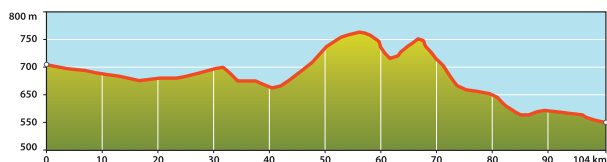
## 5. BRUŠANE TRAIL

Start/Target: GOSPIĆ

Length: 36 km

Altitude: 134 m

Base: asphalt (24 km), macadam (12 km)



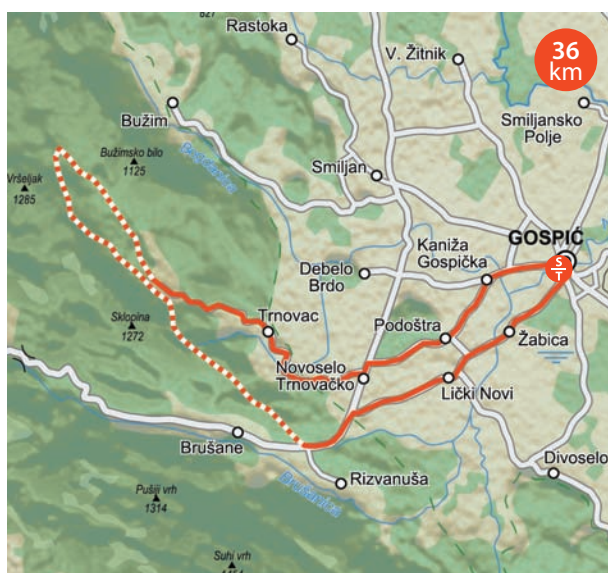
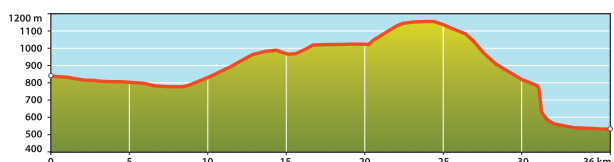
## 6. RIZVANUŠA TRAIL

Start/Target: GOSPIĆ

Length: 36 km

Altitude: 502 m

Base: asphalt (28 km), macadam (25 km)

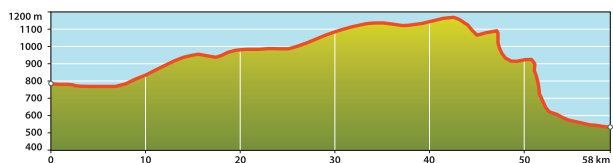




## 7. VELEBIT TRAIL

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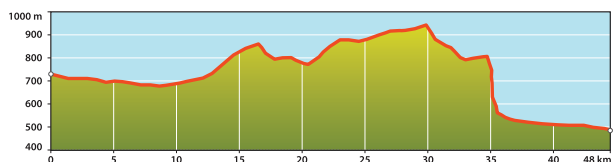
Length:	58 km
Altitude:	625 m
Base:	asphalt (38 km), macadam (20 km)



## 8. STAZA JADOVNO

Start/Target: GOSPIĆ

Length:	48 km
Altitude:	349 m
Base:	asphalt (21 km), macadam (27 km)



For all trails you can take over position (KML) on connection: [http://www.tz-gospic.hr/biciklisticke\\_staze.html](http://www.tz-gospic.hr/biciklisticke_staze.html)



### Points of Interest

#### City of Gospić

Lika Museum and Kolakovac Park

#### Smiljan

Nikola Tesla Memorial Centre

#### Veliki Žitnik

dr. Ante Starčevića Memorial Home, Croatian politician, publicist and writer. (1823 – 1896)

#### Rizvanuša

Adrenalin Park with many attractive and unique adventure activities.

Rizvan City, adventure-excursion centre not far from the city of Gospić in a small and typical Lika

village called Rizvanuša in Velebit Nature Park.

[www.adria-velebitica.hr/adrenalinskipark](http://www.adria-velebitica.hr/adrenalinskipark)

#### TOURIST INFORMATION

##### Gospić Town Tourist Board

[www.tz-gospic.hr](http://www.tz-gospic.hr)

##### Lika Museum in Gospić

[www.muzejlike.hr](http://www.muzejlike.hr)

##### Nikola Tesla Memorial Centre, Smiljan

[www.mcnikolatesla.hr](http://www.mcnikolatesla.hr)

### Map



# 4. Lovinac



Cycling is the best way to visit the Lovinac region. A number of drawn cycling trails along with some trekking routes are ideal for an outdoor recreation vacation.

The Lovinac-Smokrić Trail (1) starts at the old mill and leads to Vraničko Field following the course of the Suvaja River. The trail further leads by Vrijace Well to the bridge and the cistern from the 18th century, a protected cultural heritage. Keeping on the trail and slowly cycling across the old bridge we reach Sedlo viewpoint. It is possible to turn towards Kizića Cave (with prior announcement to Lito Tourist Agency to ensure the guides and the lighting). The descent to Lovinac follows the course of the Savuja River and passes by two springs, Virine and Studenac.

Cycling Trail (2) starts from Lovinac to St. Rocco on a drawn trail around Mount Cvituša and then to Lake St. Rocco with a well-arranged beach. Passing by the locality, the famous Spring of Wisdom is reached. It is a source of clean karst water for which this region is widely known. On the way to Balenove Plane, there are several viewpoints where one can relax and enjoy the panorama of the entire Lovinac region. On the way back to Lovinac there are several interesting places where one can stop and see Japunčići ethno house, Old Town Lovinac and the church of St. Rocco. The trail is marked completely with signs indicating significant locations and directions so one cannot get lost.



Zir near Lovinac

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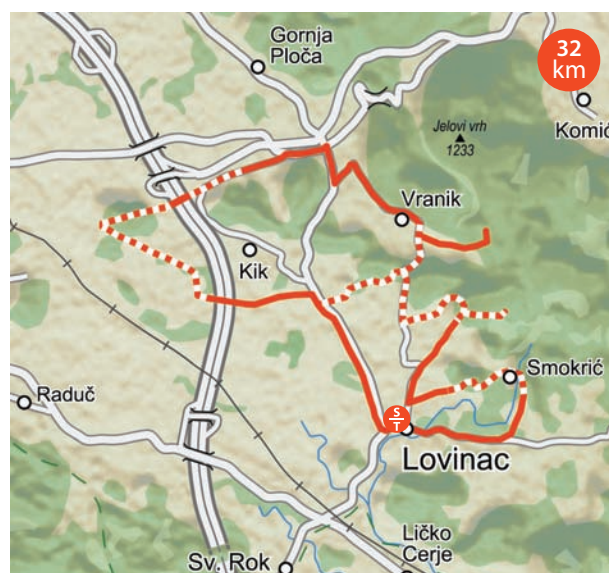
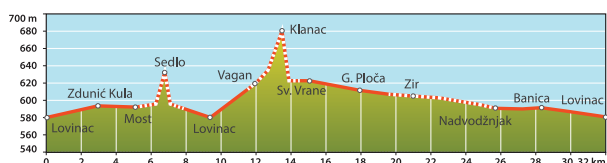




# 1. LOVINAC – SMOKRIĆ TRAIL

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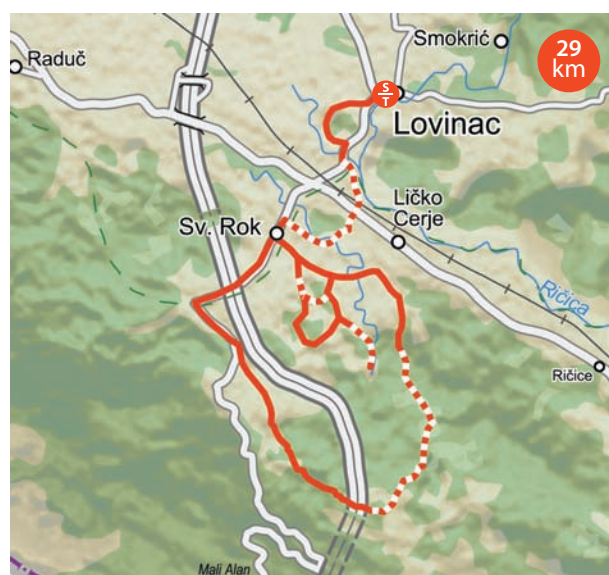
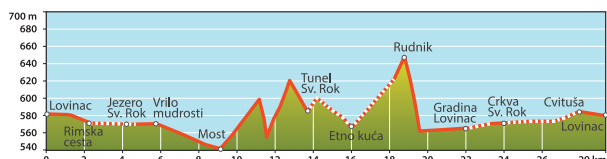
Length:	32 km
Altitude:	55 m
Base:	asphalt, macadam



# 2. SV. ROK – BALENOVA PLANA TRAIL

Start/Target: LOVINAC

Length:	29 km
Altitude:	80 m
Base:	asphalt, macadam



## Points of Interest

**Lovinac**, parish church of St. Michael the Archangel erected in 1704 and is among the most beautiful Romanesque churches in Croatia

**Vranik**, ruins of Zdunić-tower from the 18<sup>th</sup> century and the small church of St. Francis

**Vranička Cave**, archaeological site from the period when the old Japode tribe settled in this area more than 2,000 years ago

**Rocco's Cave** (visit with prior announcement through Lito Agency) Archaeological site of the Japode settlement on Mount Piplica

**Kizići**, in the proximity of Vrijace – an exceptionally interesting well in live rock

**Zir**, rock and cave bearing the same name

**Smokrić – Cistern** made out of carved stone. Near the cistern there is an old 18th cent. stone bridge over Savuja River, and both have been inserted in the World Heritage Site

## Map



# 5. Udbina

The circular Mountain Cycling Trail (1) crosses the Međugorje Plateau and Sarajevo Valley, and during the ride offers a continuous change in scenery, from forests and groves to meadows. Besides the beauty of its scenery, the trail is diverse in the configuration of the terrain and therefore interesting for demanding cyclists. The trail is an interchange of descents and ascents (cross country) with macadam base up to the single track. Said briefly, this itinerary offers original experiences of pedalling along the real Lika wilderness. The second trail is unique in the height of its ascent to 1,550 m above sea level, one of the highest roads in Croatia. The base (only macadam) is technically simpler but the difficulty is in the quite big height difference. Combining mountain cycling and mountaineering (30 min. walk) one can climb to the highest peak Plješevica – Ozeblin (1657

m), from which a grand view extends on the Lika panorama, Una Canyon, Velebit, Dinara up to the peaks of western Bosnia. After a continuous climb, a long descent follows leading through the spectacular Kozja draga deeply carved between the mountains, and finally the open area of Visučko Field to the starting point. This circular cycling trail is intended for advanced recreation lovers and athletes.

Note: There are no permanent springs on this track so sufficient water is to be taken along during the summer months. The trail is excellent for riding even during the summer heat for the forest and the sea altitude render pleasant even the hottest days. The trail is impassable in the winter and very often even in the spring for its great quantities of snow in the top parts.



Easy outdoor ride in the proximity of Udbina

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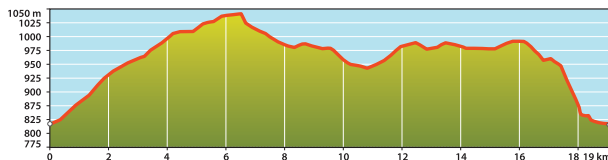
asphalt road	start	start/target	trail difficulty	Points of interest
macadam road	target	crossroads		



# 1. MOUNTAIN CYCLING TRAIL 1

Start/Target: FOREST HUT VISUĆ/PODKUK

Length:	19 km
Altitude:	222 m
Base:	asphalt (19 km), macadam (11.8 km)



# 2. MOUNTAIN CYCLING TRAIL 2

Start/Target: FOREST HUT VISUĆ/PODKUK

Length:	36 km + 3km (Ozeblin ascent and descent)
Altitude:	862 m
Base:	asphalt (19 km), macadam (11.8 km)



## Points of Interest

### Church of Croatian Martyrs

It was built according to the medieval church of the Holy Cross in Nin, known as the smallest cathedral in the world, but enriched with historical shapes of Croatian architecture. The date of the feast of the Croatian martyrs is the last Saturday in August.

**Gradina** is situated above the church of the Croatian Martyrs. It consists of a tower and defence complex dating from the 15<sup>th</sup> century. It stands at 840 m above seas level from which the entire Krbavsko Field can be seen.

**The way of the Cross** starts from the church of St Mark up to the church of the Croatian Martyrs, 2,100 metres in length, the last stop, the 14<sup>th</sup> one, being in front of the entrance to the shrine museum.

Near Udbina are:

- Plitvice Lakes National Park** (45 km),
- North Velebit National Park** (50 km)
- Una National Park** (40 km)
- Velebit Nature Park** (40 km)

### TOURIST INFORMATION

#### Udbina Municipality

Stjepana Radića 6, 53234 Udbina  
tel. + 0385 (0)53 778 070  
e-mail: [opcina.udbina@gs.t-com.hr](mailto:opcina.udbina@gs.t-com.hr)  
[www.udbina.hr](http://www.udbina.hr)

## Map



# 6. Velebit Senj










The cycling trails from the town of Senj towards the Velebit lead along the western Velebit flanks overlooking the sea with views of Kvarner Bay and the islands. Trails (1) and (2) are very steep for the first 8 km, and later, passing onto macadam the climb is very demanding in places for which recreational fitness is required. The trail (3) starts at 700 m above sea level and all three trails can be combined so as to make a circular tour and continue towards Oltari Trails (4) and (5). The trail from Oltari and through the forest up to Dulibe and Krasno locality is attractive for it covers all the points of interest of the mountain locality of Krasno with its 450 inhabitants dispersed in 13 hamlets perched at the edges of Krasnarsko Field in the proximity of North Velebit National Park. Four circular cycling trails are marked in Krasno and the signs can be seen in segment numbers 4 a, b, c, and d. The trail from Oltari to Alan (5) initially traced on paved road until

the entrance to the national park at Babić Sići, continues further on macadam to reach Zavižan and Mali Lom where it connects onto a paved road (ŽC 5126). The trail continues in southern direction and after 3 km at Careva kuća Mountain Lodge, it turns right onto macadam to continue across Lubenovac, up to Alan where there is a mountain lodge with accommodation. The trail from Alan Mountain Lodge extends to the east overlapping with Trail 4 for 2 km, and continues straight on towards Mrkvište where it joins the paved road and then descends in hairpin bends for 3 km to reach Štirovača Valley. Trail (6) is traced for pleasant cycling along one of the oldest preserved roads on the Velebit. It was built in 1860 and served for transport of wood from Štirovača to Jablanac. Upon arriving at your destination, a completely different picture of the Velebit is in store, the vast Štirovača Valley with black oak forests across which meander rapid brooks.



*Cyclist on the Velebit*

## LEGEND:

 asphalt road	 start	 start/target	 trail difficulty	 Points of interest
 macadam road	 target	 crossroads		



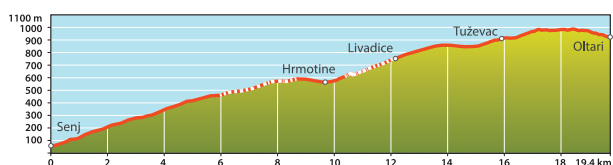
## 1. SENJ – OLTARI TRAIL

Start/Target: SENJ (TRBUŠNJAK)/OLTARI

Length: 19.4 km

Altitude: 970 m

Base: asphalt (10.5 km), macadam (8.9 km)



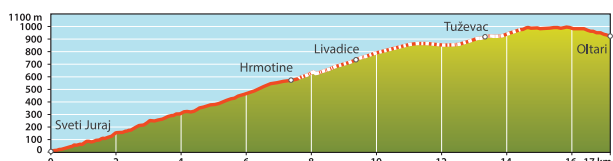
## 2. SV. JURAJ – OLTARI TRAIL

Start/Target: SVETI JURAJ/OLTARI

Length: 17 km

Altitude: 1014 m

Base: asphalt (10.5 km), macadam (6.5 km)



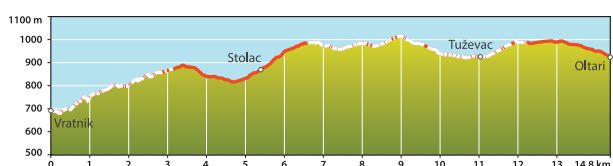
## 3. VRATNIK – OLTARI TRAIL

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Length: 14.8 km

Altitude: 343 m

Base: asphalt (6.4 km), macadam (8.4 km)



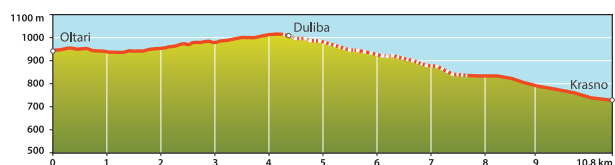
## 4. OLTARI – KRASNO TRAIL

Start/Target: OLTARI/KRASNO

Length: 10.8 km

Altitude: 276 m

Base: asphalt (7,7 km), macadam (3,1km)

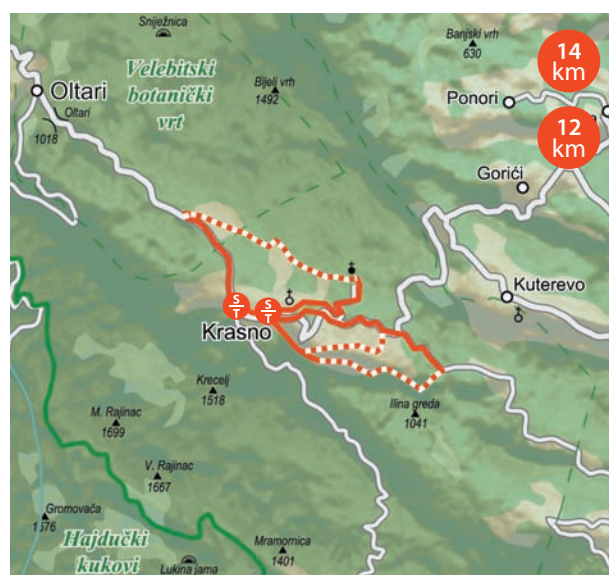
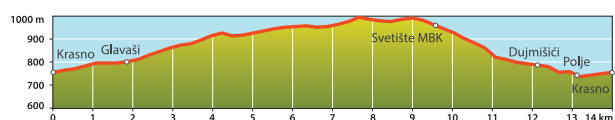
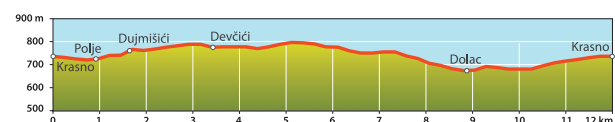


## 4(a,b). KRASNO TRAILS

Start/Target: KRASNO

TRAIL a / length: 14 km

TRAIL b / length: 12 km

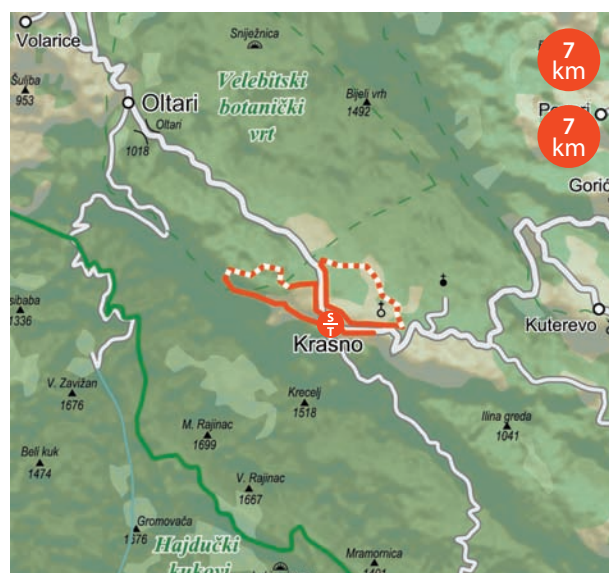
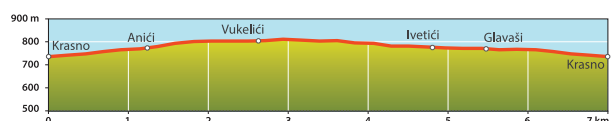
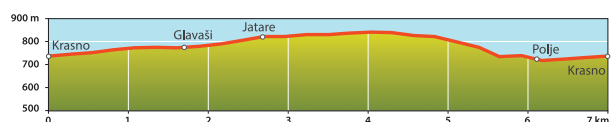


## 4(c,d). KRASNO TRAILS

Start/Target: GOSPIĆ

TRAIL c / length: 7 km

TRAIL d / length: 7 km

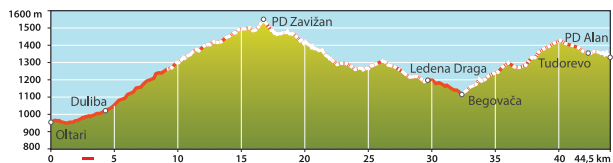




## 5. OLTARI – ALAN TRAIL

Start/Target: OLTARI/KRASNO

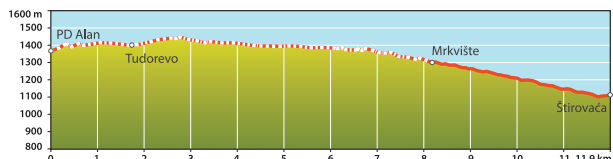
Length:	44.5 km
Altitude:	853 m
Base:	asphalt (14.2 km), macadam (30.3 km)



## 6. ALAN – ŠTIROVAČA TRAIL

Start/Target: PD ALAN/ ŠTIROVAČA

Length:	11.9 km
Altitude:	300 m
Base:	asphalt (3.6 km), macadam (8.3 km)



### Points of Interest

**Senj, Fortress Nehaj** from the 16<sup>th</sup> century  
**Cathedral of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary** dating from the 12<sup>th</sup>  
**Krasno, , church of the Mother of God** from Krasno from the 17<sup>th</sup> century  
 The parish church of **St. Anthony** can be seen in the field and the newly opened **forestry museum** can be visited – the only one of its kind in Croatia.  
**«Krasnarski park»** and Glavaši with planted autochthonous plants, arranged paths and benches.  
**The Velebit**, the highest mountain chain in Croatia, Vaganski vrh peak, 1,757 m  
**North Velebit National Park**, founded in 1999  
**Zavižan** is at 1,676 m above sea level, with a

meteorological station and mountain lodge and a nearby botanical garden.

**Premužić Trail** which starts from Zavižan across the Veliki Alan Saddle and back to Zavižan was built in 1933 according to the project made by Ante Premužić and thus bearing his name.

### TOURIST INFORMATION

**Velebit Nature Park Public Institution**

[www.pp-velebit.hr](http://www.pp-velebit.hr)

[www.np-sjeverni-velebit.hr](http://www.np-sjeverni-velebit.hr)

[www.tz-senj.hr](http://www.tz-senj.hr)

### Map





# 7. Island of Pag Novalja



Most of the cycling trails on the island of Pag have been arranged and their length now totals to 115 km. The Novalja area, with all its surrounding localities of Lun, Metajna, Stara Novalja and Gajac, disposes of six attractive and distinctively marked routes.

The cycling tourist routes on the island of Pag are suitable for all types of bikes, while the trails are intended for bikes with larger tires for the base is macadam or earth often with sharp stones. Single trails need to be crossed on foot carrying a bike on one's shoulder for cycling can be very demanding there. Each route is singular for its points of interest and most of the trails lead to the most attractive beach in the surroundings of Novalja.

Trail (1) connects Novalja with the locality of Lun to the northwestern end of the island of Pag and is unique for its olive trees that are more than 1,000 years old.

Caske Trail to Metajne Trail (2) is not attractive at first due to cycling on paved road but the

traffic is poor and the facilities along the road are made up of an extraordinary catering offer.

The third trail, Novalja – Stara Novalja (3) is not too demanding and full of facilities for every family. Most deserving for this is Planjka – Trinčel Beach in Stara Novalja, one of the loveliest sandy beaches in the area.

Trail (4) through Novalja Field is also suitable for family excursions. A slow ride along the 7 km network of trodden earthen paths and roads offers the delight of scenty greenery and aromatic plants. Route (5) starts from the locality of Kolan to the seashore and beach in the locality of Mandre. Kolan is well-known for its production of cheese, world known under the name of Pag cheese which can also be bought from some of the producers after having been tasted. Trail (6) connects the locality of Šimuni situated in a naturally protected cove with a marina and the most active campsite on this side of the Adriatic coast.



*Cycling along the sea in Novalja*

## LEGEND:

— asphalt road

**S** start

**S/T** start/target

trail difficulty

**P** Points of interest

— macadam road

**T** target

**T** crossroads

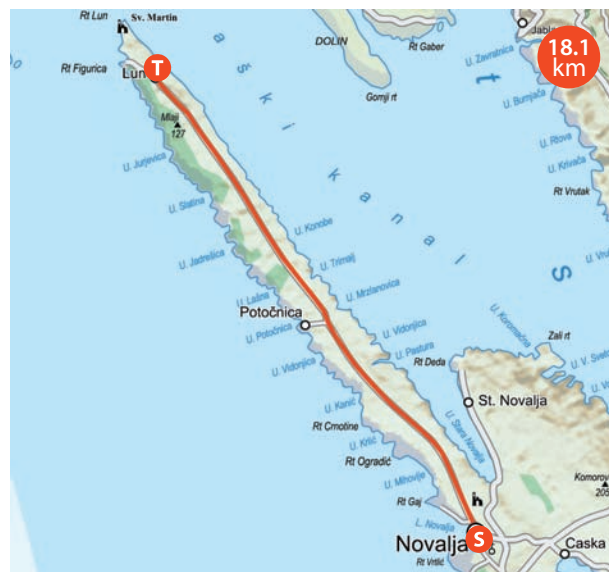
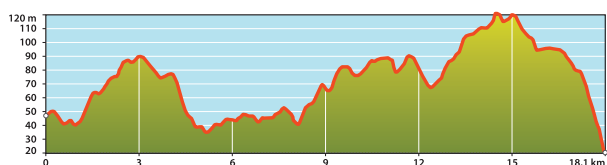




# 1. NOVALJA - LUN

Start/Target: NOVALJA/LUN

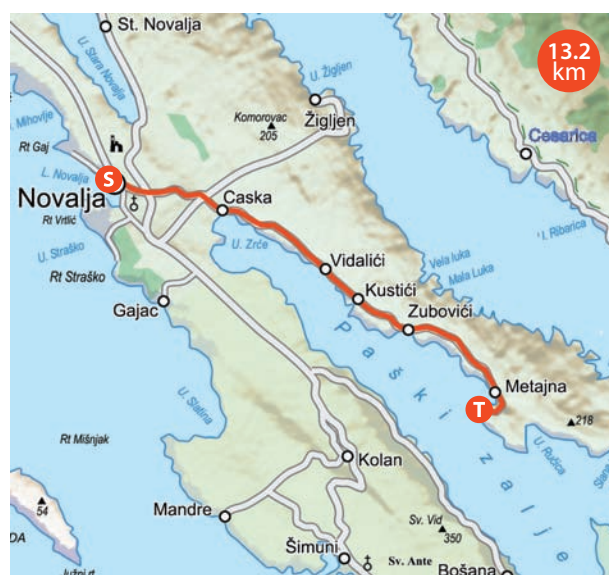
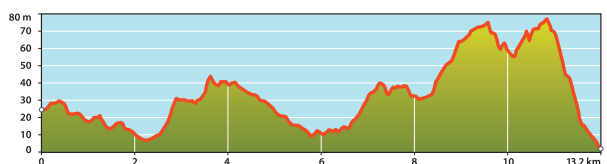
Length:	18.1 km
Altitude:	96 m
Base:	asphalt (18 km)



# 2. NOVALJA - METAJNA

Start/Target: NOVALJA/METAJNA

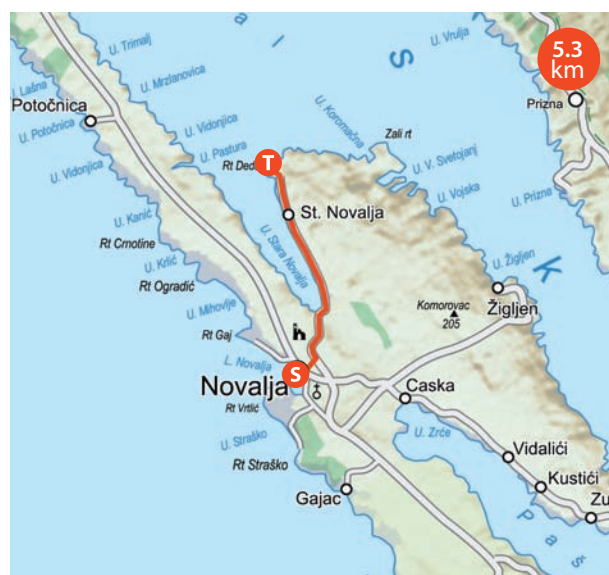
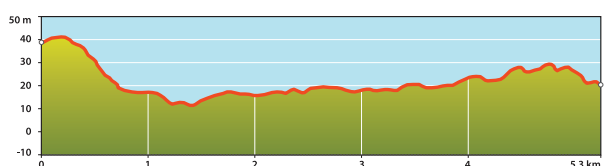
Length:	13.2 km
Altitude:	72 m
Base:	asphalt (12 km), macadam (1.2 km)



# 3. NOVALJA-OLD NOVALJA, PORT

Start/Target: NOVALJA/OLD NOVALJA, PORT

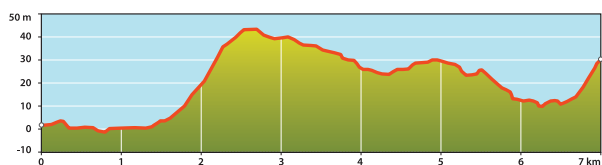
Length:	5.3 km
Altitude:	41 m
Base:	asphalt (5.3 km)



## 4. NOVALJSKO FIELD

Start/Target: NOVALJSKO FIELD

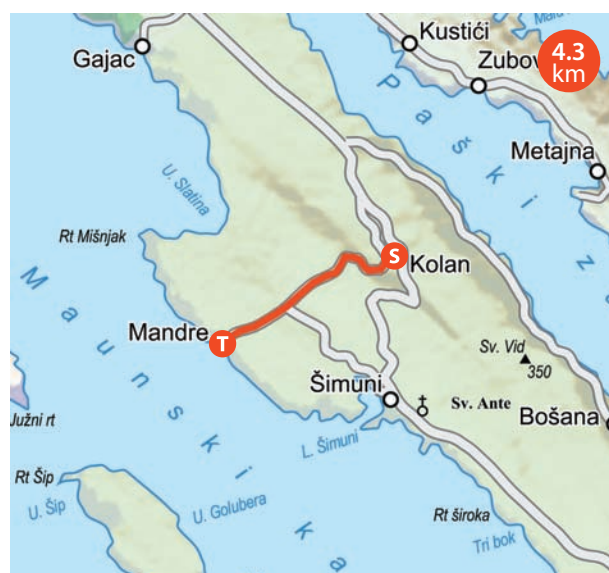
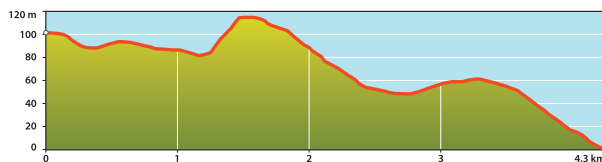
Length:	7 km
Altitude:	41 m
Base:	asphalt (7 km)



## 5. KOLAN-MANDRE

Start/Target: KOLAN/MANDRE

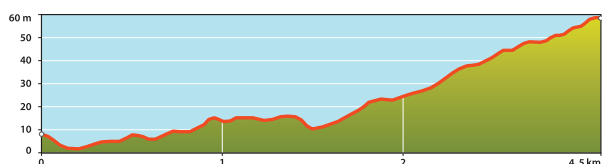
Length:	4.3 km
Altitude:	114 m
Base:	asphalt (4.3 km)



## 6. ŠIMUNI-KOLAN/MANDRE

Start/Target: ŠIMUNI-KOLAN/MANDRE

Length:	4.5 km
Altitude:	43 m
Base:	asphalt (2,6 km), macadam (1.9 km)





## Points of Interest

**Antique water system dating from the 1<sup>st</sup> century** (Talian's Hole)

**Town Museum**

**Church of the Mother of God from Ružarije**

**Stomorica archaeological collection**

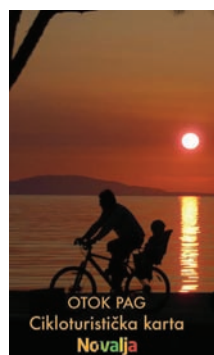
**Pag Triangle**

**In the proximity of Novalja:** numerous beaches besides the town beach such as Caska, Planjka (Trinčel), and near Old Novalja, Babe, Straško, Kanjon, Braničevica and other beaches.

**The Straško** area has one of the most beautiful campsites on the Adriatic which, together with its entertainment and sports centre, can accommodate more than 8,000 guests.

The most famous beach **Zrće**, is more than 1,000 m in length with numerous sports facilities on the sea. Zrće is the Croatian centre of club entertainment. The famous Aquarius, Papaya and Calypso clubs host the most famous DJ names of club electronic music.

## Maps



## TOURIST INFORMATION

[www.visitnovalja.hr](http://www.visitnovalja.hr)

[www.zrcspringbreak.com](http://www.zrcspringbreak.com)

[www.kampstrasko.com](http://www.kampstrasko.com)



*Bicycles in Novalja*



*Air view of Novalja*



# Cycling races

## PLITVICE LAKES

**ADRIA BIKE-MARATHON** - two-day cycling festival.



**Time of the race:** mid July

**First day:**

bike-festival exhibition of famous MTB brands, test ride of exhibited models

**Drugi dan:** početak utrke - start: Korenica

**Marathon category:** three tracks in four categories

Easy route 36.5 km long, classic route 49 km long, and epic 69 km long

The length can be chosen according to one's capacities

**More information at:**  
[www.adriabike.hr](http://www.adriabike.hr)

## GACKA – OTOČAC

### MEMORIAL BARKAN CYCLING EVENT



**Time and place of the race, and registration:**

end of July, main town park in Otočac, in front of the Otočac Radio building

**Organizer:** BK BARKAN – OTOČAC Cycling Club  
[bk.barkan@gmail.com](mailto:bk.barkan@gmail.com)  
[barkanbike.wordpress.com](http://barkanbike.wordpress.com)

**More information on the route at:**  
<http://www.bikemap.net/en/route/858934-barkanova-biciklijada-otocac/>

## GOSPIĆ

### CYCLING RACE MARKING THE DAY OF THE TOWN OF GOSPIĆ

Traditional cycling race under the motto „We are all winners”  
In three age categories.

**Time of event:** mid July

**Organizer:** Gospić Sport Association under the auspices of the town of Gospić

## THE VELEBIT

### CLIMB ON ZAVIŽAN

(from 0 to 1594 m above sea level)

**Time of event:** end of July

**Organizers:** North Velebit National Park Public Institution

**contacts:** [npsv@np-sjeverni-velebit.hr](mailto:npsv@np-sjeverni-velebit.hr)  
[bbk-senj@net.hr](mailto:bbk-senj@net.hr)

**More information at:**  
[www.biciklijade.com](http://www.biciklijade.com)

### VELEBIT MTB MARATHON – Following the paths of Winnetou



During the 60s and 70s of the past century a German-French co-production serial was filmed with seven episodes of the cult western „Winnetou”, according to the legendary novels of Karl May. The western is one of the most watched European films of all time which inspired the organizers to turn the story of Winnetou into an interesting tourist offer.

**Time of event:** end of September

**Organizator:** Multisport Adventure Sports Club  
[velebit\\_mtb@adventurerace.hr](mailto:velebit_mtb@adventurerace.hr)

**Category:** ULTRA: 85km/2500m+ ;  
CHALLENGER: 45km/1350m+  
RECREATIONAL: 22km/400m+

**More information at:**  
[www.adventurerace.hr](http://www.adventurerace.hr) i [www.treking-liga.com](http://www.treking-liga.com)

## NOVALJA, THE ISLAND OF PAG

### PAG TOURISM AND CYCLING

International race

**Time of event:** end of July

**Age group** 10 – 90 years

**Length of marathon:** 43 km

**Organizers:** Moj bicikl Association and Pag Town Tourist Board  
[info@mojbicikl.hr](mailto:info@mojbicikl.hr)

**More information at:**  
[www.mojbicikl.hr](http://www.mojbicikl.hr)

### NOVALJA – LUN – NOVALJA CYCLING TOUR

Novalja – Lun – Novalja Cycling Tour is a mini marathon around Novalja which is regularly marked in the annual calendar of sport events in the Novalja region.

**Time of the event:** end of July

**More information:**  
[www.tz-novalja.hr](http://www.tz-novalja.hr)  
[www.novaljatourist.com](http://www.novaljatourist.com)

### PAG LACE CYCLING RACE

(Prezid – Jasenica – Pag – Novalja – Lun)

**Time of event:** end of October

**Organizer:** Sports Recreation Club PEDALA LAGANINI  
[www.pedala-laganini.hr](http://www.pedala-laganini.hr)





# Practical information

## Behavioral regulations in riding on traffic roads

Cycling trails that you will find in this atlas mostly go along side roads with very little traffic or no traffic at all. One part of the trail goes along traffic roads where one must abide by the security regulations:

- before starting your ride, evaluate the difficulty of the trail and your physical readiness
- check the weather forecast and do not start the ride in adverse weather conditions— heavy rain and strong sun with high daily temperatures
- keep to the traffic regulations and signs for motorbike riders
- always ride on the right edge of the road, one behind the other, never one next to the other thus covering less road surface and enabling undisturbed passage for all vehicles.
- at the left turn, always give a glance behind you and give a clear sign with your arm that you intend to turn
- upon riding downhill, never cut the bends but keep to the right edge of the road
- always keep sufficient water with you or some other refreshing drinks
- be visible on the road, wear light-coloured clothes when cycling and put on a vibrant colored headguard so as to be well visible.

## Climate and meteorological conditions for cycling

The best time for riding a bike is from April to October.

**Continental part of Lika:** average temperature 18 °C, lowers as the relief gets higher. Continental part: littoral-Mediterranean climate, summer temperature up to 30 °C

**Mountainous part of Lika:** continental climate with temperatures up to 20 °C, and during the night up to 10 °C. Climatic conditions in this area are mostly determined by winds of which the most famous are the south wind and the north wind bora.

**Island of Pag:** Mediterranean climate and the highest temperature can rise to over 30 °C.

### Smartphone applications



Lika Apps

### Other information:

[www.lika-gastro.com](http://www.lika-gastro.com)  
[www.lika-active.com](http://www.lika-active.com)



### BIKE RENTING:

Otočac, Barkan Cycling Club  
Tel. +385 98 768 276

E-address: [bk.barkan@gmail.com](mailto:bk.barkan@gmail.com)  
<http://barkanbike.wordpress.com>

Novalja, Otok Pag, Hotel Loža, 1 Trg Loža  
Tel. +385 53 663 380  
Straško Campsite, Novalja, Zeleni put 7  
Tel. +385 53 661 226  
[www.kampstrasko.com](http://www.kampstrasko.com)

Park prirode Grabovača,  
Tel. +385 53 679 233,  
[www.pp-grabovaca.hr](http://www.pp-grabovaca.hr)

### LICENCED CYCLING GUIDES:

Excellent physical condition, skilful in cycling, well acquainted with the region, and in case of accident skilful in offering assistance and in simple bike service.

Contact and information at numbers:  
Otočac, Barkan Cycling Club, information at numbers: +385 98 768 276;  
Gospić: +385 53 574 687  
+385 99 8199 282

### IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

International area code for Croatia

00385

Area code for Lika-Senj County

053

In case of accident on sea and land call

112

Ambulance service

194

Police

192

Fire brigade

193

Weather forecast

01 3832 182 [www.meteo.hr](http://www.meteo.hr)

Road traffic

072 777 777 [www.hak.hr](http://www.hak.hr)

Croatian auto club

01 6611 999 [www.hak.hr/info/](http://www.hak.hr/info/)

### Gospić Town Tourist Board

Bana Ivana Karlovića 1  
53 000 Gospić  
[t.z.gospica@gs.t-com.hr](mailto:t.z.gospica@gs.t-com.hr)  
385 (0)53 560 752  
385 (0)53 574 784  
[www.tz-gospic.hr](http://www.tz-gospic.hr)

### Otočac Town Tourist Board

Trg popa Marka Mesića bb  
53 220 Otočac  
[tzg-otocca@gs.t-com.hr](mailto:tzg-otocca@gs.t-com.hr)  
385 (0)53 771 603  
385 (0)53 773 655  
[www.tz-otocac.hr](http://www.tz-otocac.hr)

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