

VIROVITICA - PODRAVINA COUNTY

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# ALONG THE DRAVA **BY BIKE**



More than 60 million years ago, the region of Podravina and Slavonia was covered by the Pannonian Sea, thanks to which Papuk, Bilogora and the Drava are an area of natural beauty today. What used to be islands and sea depths are the Pannonian bike routes today.

Enjoy riding Natural World Heritage sites in the Bilogora and Papuk hills, along the Drava river, brooks and lakes, and leave only tyre tracks behind you!

In front of you is a map of selected bike routes with the information necessary to plan your cycling adventures. At present, five routes are marked with the directional signs of the Pannonian bike route; a part is marked with the cycling club signs, while the remainder is marked with cycling signals.

## INFORMATION

Plan your bike rides by means of the following website [www.panonske-staze.com](http://www.panonske-staze.com) where you can find:

- An overview of routes and their description
- GPX and KML route format
- Tourist information
- Service information
- News on cycling
- Announcements of cycling events

## LEGEND

Pannonian bike routes are marked with the directional signs giving moving instructions at any important section.



## TYPES OF ROUTES



ROAD BIKE ROUTE



HILL BIKE ROUTE



TREKKING BIKE ROUTE



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

- TAKE YOUR WASTE AND MEMORIES WITH YOU
- DO NOT DISTURB ANIMALS AND DO NOT DAMAGE PLANTS
- DO NOT LIGHT FIRE



- RESPECT OTHER TRAFFIC PARTICIPANTS
- LEAVE ONLY TYRE TRACKS BEHIND
- SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH OTHERS
- VISIT US AGAIN





## VIROVITICA CIRCLE

Location	Virovitica
Length	32 km
Difficulty	Easy
Total ascent	32 m
Highest peak	138 m
Lowest peak	110 m
Base of the route	Asphalt
Duration of the ride	1,5-2 h
Marked	Yes (blue signals)

Virovitica circle is a 32 km long circular route, entirely flat and asphalted in its entire length. This is a route where you will see the most beautiful castles of the Virovitica-Podravina County. Start your ride in the town of Virovitica in front of the baroque Pejačević castle and take a break in front of the Janković castle. In both castles, you will find interesting tourist facilities that will show you how counts used to live.

## DRAVA ROUTE – EUROVELO 13 – WESTERN PART

Location	Kladare - Terezino Polje
Length	43 km
Difficulty	Easy
Total ascent	0 m
Highest peak	116 m
Lowest peak	103 m
Base of the route	Asphalt
Duration of the ride	2-3 h
Marked	Yes (blue signals)

This long flat route will take you from the pristine fields of Podravina and the extraordinary places such as Križnica in the West of the county, though the remainders of the old Slavonian forests, all the way to the border crossing with Hungary in Terezino Polje, where the route ends. The route is 43 km long and is asphalted in its entire length; there are also no major ascents.

## STAZA KUNE ZLATICE (MARTEN ROUTE)

Location	Slatina
Length	24 km
Difficulty	Medium
Total ascent	377 m
Highest peak	246 m
Lowest peak	130 m
Base of the route	Land and asphalt
Duration of the ride	1,5 h
Marked	Yes / route designation 200

The Kuna zlatica route starts at the lookout above the town of Slatina revealing hidden forests trails, hills and vineyards. Before continuing your journey towards your destination, have some rest beside the Javorica lake. Do not miss to do some sightseeing in Slatina and taste the first Croatian 'Slatinski biser' (Slatina pearl) champagne and take it home as an original souvenir.

## VJEVERIČJA STAZA (SQUIRREL ROUTE)

Location	Orahovica
Length	36 km
Difficulty	Severe
Total ascent	717 m
Highest peak	699 m
Lowest peak	230 m
Base of the route	Land and asphalt
Duration of the ride	3-4 h
Marked	Yes / route designation 300

At the foothills of the Papuk mountain, there is the small town of Orahovica priding in the rich natural and cultural heritage. Vjeveričja staza (Squirrel route) starts at the 'Orah' (Walnut) excursion site where there is a bathing area surrounded by hospitality facilities. On this route, Papuk has prepared two demanding ascents, a challenge and satisfaction for trained cyclists. After the bike ride following the organised routes, visit the largest

preserved mediaeval fortification, Ružica grad, and find out about its numerous legends. Not far from the lake, there are XC and enduro bike routes for those in search of additional adrenaline, recommended to experienced cyclists.





## ALONG THE MEDIAEVAL ROUTES

Location	Orahovica
Length	5 km
Difficulty	Medium
Total ascent	377 m
Highest peak	352 m
Lowest peak	219 m
Base of the route	Land
Duration of the ride	1 h
Marked	Yes

Orahovica lake and Ružica grad. It is an ideal starting point to research the surrounding forest trails.

Along the Mediaeval routes, there is a mountaineering bike route taken care of by the Lood Bike Club from Orahovica, ideal for experienced cyclists looking for adrenaline. Bike races take place on the route several times a year. The route is an organised one-track road and, in a smaller part, a wide macadam. The very route is amidst the beautiful nature of Papuk, a UNESCO Global Geopark, passing beside the



# DRAVA ROUTE – EUROVELO 13 – EASTERN PART

Location	Terezino Polje - Čadavica
Length	67 km
Difficulty	Easy
Total ascent	10 m
Highest peak	21 m
Lowest peak	18 m
Base of the route	Land and asphalt
Duration of the ride	3 h
Marked	Yes (blue signals)

Drava-Danube. An important point on the route is the Information and Education Centre, the Dravska priča hostel (Drava story), where you must stop by all means.

The Eastern part of the Drava route, i.e. EuroVelo 13, is an integral part of the same-named European routes. In the entire length of the route, there are no significant ascents; however, due to the base that is made of soil in more than 60%, it is categorised among the routes that are to be taken by a mountain or trekking bike. The Drava route passes along the river embankment, through the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Mura-

# JELENOVA STAZA (BUCK ROUTE)

Location	Jankovac / Papuk Nature Park
Length	67 km
Difficulty	Medium
Total ascent	717 m
Highest peak	699 m
Lowest peak	230 m
Base of the route	Asphalt
Duration of the ride	2-3 h
Marked	Yes / route designation 500

Jelenova staza starts in the Nature Park Papuk at the Jankovac excursion site, which has the reputation of a pearl of the Slavonian mountains. Jankovac is located at an altitude of 475 m and represents the starting point of the road routes and mountain biking and mountaineering routes. Riding along Jelenova staza, you will pass the UNESCO protected area since the Nature Park Papuk is a UNESCO Global Geopark. There is a parking lot available at Jankovac, a

mountain hut providing accommodation and a restaurant where you can end your ride.





# ŠOJKINA STAZA (JAY ROUTE)

Location	Otrovanec / Pitomača
Length	43 km
Difficulty	Easy
Total ascent	115 m
Highest peak	165 m
Lowest peak	115 m
Base of the route	Asphalt
Duration of the ride	2-3 h
Marked	Yes / route designation 400

small isolated town of Križnica as well as the recreational site of the same name is located. On Šojkina staza (Jay route), in one of the restaurants you can taste numerous delicacies of Podravina, which you must not miss. At the bridge for Križnica, there is a resting place for cyclers and a bike service station.

## SLATINA CIRCLE

Location	Slatina
Length	38 km
Difficulty	Easy
Total ascent	30 m
Highest peak	140 m
Lowest peak	109 m
Base of the route	Asphalt
Duration of the ride	2-3 h
Marked	Yes (blue signals)

Riding through Podravina, you will experience the beauty of the hills of Bilogora and the Drava river, a UNESCO's Cross-Border Biosphere Reserve Mura-Drava-Danube. While riding through Bilogora, you will pass through a winegrowing terrain where you must not reject a glass of good wine from the merry Podravinians. Passing the river Drava on a suspension bridge or taking the wherry is the only way to get to the peninsula where the

This circular route is 38 km long; it is asphalted in its entire length and there are no ascents. The Slatina circular bike route starts from the centre of Slatina and continues through a part of the Sopje municipality. Take a ride on the long flat roads of this route and get to know Slavonia first-hand, i.e. from a bicycle.





## VIROVITICA CIRCLE

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Total ascent	0 m
Highest peak	116 m
Lowest peak	103 m
Base of the route	Asphalt
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## NORTHERN PART OF THE EUROVELO 13 ROUTE - BARCS – VEJTI SECTION (HUNGARY)

Route	Barča (Barcs) – Vejtiba (Vejtí)
Length	57,64 km
Dirt road	20,8 km
Asphalt	37 km
Terrain features	Lowlands
Traffic	None, low frequency

Barča (Barcs) is a town with 11,000 inhabitants known for its thermal bath. The route takes you along the Drava riverbank promenade, then continuing through the forest towards Tomašín (Drávatamási). This is a small village on the Drava riverbank, in which there is an educational centre of the Danube-Drava National Park and a river ship



















port. The route then continues to pass Starin (Drávasztára), Gardonja (Drávagárdony), Dombol (Kastélyosdombó), Potonja (Potony), Novo Selo (Tótújfalu) and Brlobaš (Szentborbás). In Potonja (Potony) there is a resting place. You can find accommodation on the Drava riverbank near Brlobaš (Szentborbás) managed by the Danube-Drava National Park. In the centre of Novo Selo (Tótújfalu), there is a sign pointing to an alternative route along the embankment through the most wonderful nature towards Martinci (Felsőszentmárton). Martinci (Felsőszentmárton) is a village with a majority Croatian population. The patron saint of the village is St. Martin and the village is a part of the European pilgrimage route of St. Martin. In the village, there are several stores and cafés; you can stay in private accommodation. The route from Martinci (Felsőszentmárton) continues on the asphalted Drava embankment towards Starin (Drávasztára). To the South of the embankment, there is Drljanci (Révfa), once an inhabited village in the floodplain, while now it is a part of the Danube-Drava National Park. In the summer, the place is visited by artists and walkers, the main reason for that being the rests of the traditional local architecture. Starin (Drávasztára) is another village with a majority Croatian population. In the central square, there is a monumental neo-Gothic Catholic church built in 1948. On the Drava riverbank, there is an excursion site with a small dock for boats and toilettes. The town of Šeljín (Sellye) is 7 km North of Starin (Drávasztára). The town offers stores, restaurants, an outdoor swimming pool, a thermal bath, a bank and a railway station. The main monument in Šeljín (Sellye) is the baroque Drašković castle with an arboretum. We leave Starin (Drávasztára) on a Drava embankment dirt road towards Vejtiba (Vejtí). On the route, we notice watchtowers from the Cold War period and the pretty lake of Vájási. There is also a rest stop in the area.

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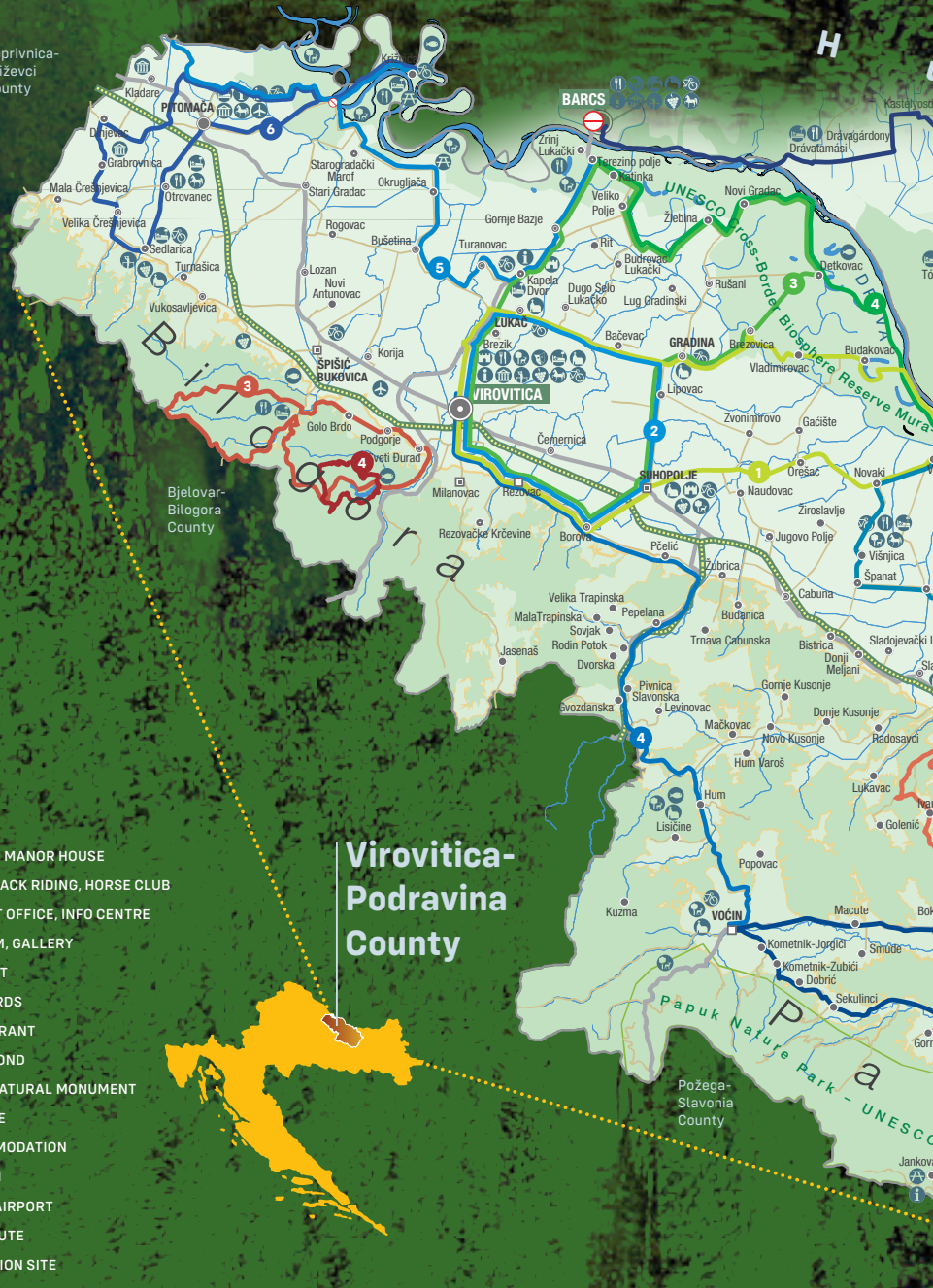
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-  HORSEBACK RIDING, HORSE CLUB
-  TOURIST OFFICE, INFO CENTRE
-  MUSEUM, GALLERY
-  LOOKOUT
-  VINEYARDS
-  RESTAURANT
-  LAKE, POND
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