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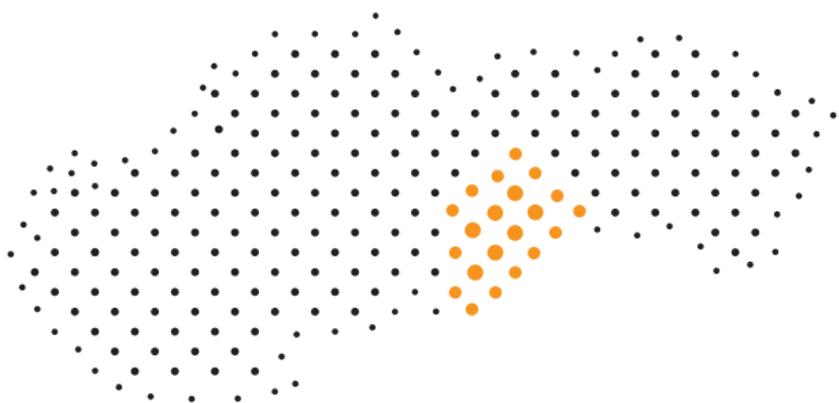
Worth seeing!

**Tourist guide through
the most beautiful tours
IN THE GEMER-MALOHONT REGION**



Come with us and with this tourist guide to discover the beautiful places of the region. We will take you through enchanting river valleys, majestic hills with beautiful views a region of former volcanoes, gorge with waterfalls, the highest located castle, along the bandit paths, to the Gemer's "Paradise Garden."





From the Diathrema in Stará Bašta to the Pohanský hrad

PROTECTED LANDSCAPE AREA CEROVÁ VRCHOVINA

START



Stará Bašta, námestie

FINISH



Pohanský hrad



ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Stará Bašta, námestie – Baštianska diatréma – Pohanský hrad – Stará Bašta, námestie



HIKE RATING

slightly difficult route

7,6 km

TOTAL ROUTE
LENGTH

2:20 h

TIME
REQUIRED

307 m

ELEVATION
GAIN



OUR TIP

South of the village of Stará Bašta, above the village of Tachty, there is an 11 meter high lookout tower Tomášov vrch. It offers beautiful views of the surrounding area, the Cerová vrchovina, neighboring Hungary and with good visibility to Kráľova Hoľa, which up to 80 kilometers away.



The sidewalk has seven educational boards. The length of the route is 3.8 km with an elevation gain of 307 m. The nature trail route starts at the info panel on the square in Stará Bašta. Impressive is his second stop, which is Baštianska diatréma - uncovered remains of a volcano Maar-type volcano, on the outskirts of the village. From here we choose the path on the right, which, accompanied by other information panels, will lead us first through a meadow, later through the forest to the top of Pohanský hrad. The local nature reserve with an area of 224 ha is the most valuable area in the Gemer part of the Cerová vrchovina. This place is rich in unique fauna and flora or rocky formations that were created thousands of years ago. Many rare animals have also found their home here, such as the raptor, the green lizard and others. Remains of a stone wall of ancient Celts and a rock town with 31 pseudo-karst caves, which were once inhabited by our prehistoric ancestors, are hidden on the edges of the top plateau. The route to Pohanský hrad can also be completed with a start in the village Hajnáčka, from where you can reach the top in about 70 minutes along the green tourist route. After about 50 minutes of walking, be sure not to miss the small turnoff to the short promontory - the volcanic mountain Tilič [475 m above sea level] providing photogenic views of Hajnáčka.

Across the three volcanoes of the Cerová vrchovina

PROTECTED LANDSCAPE AREA CEROVÁ VRCHOVINA

START



Hajnáčka

FINISH



Ragáč



ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Hajnáčka – Zaboda – Steblová skala – Ragáč – Hajnáčka



HIKE RATING

slightly difficult route

13,2 km

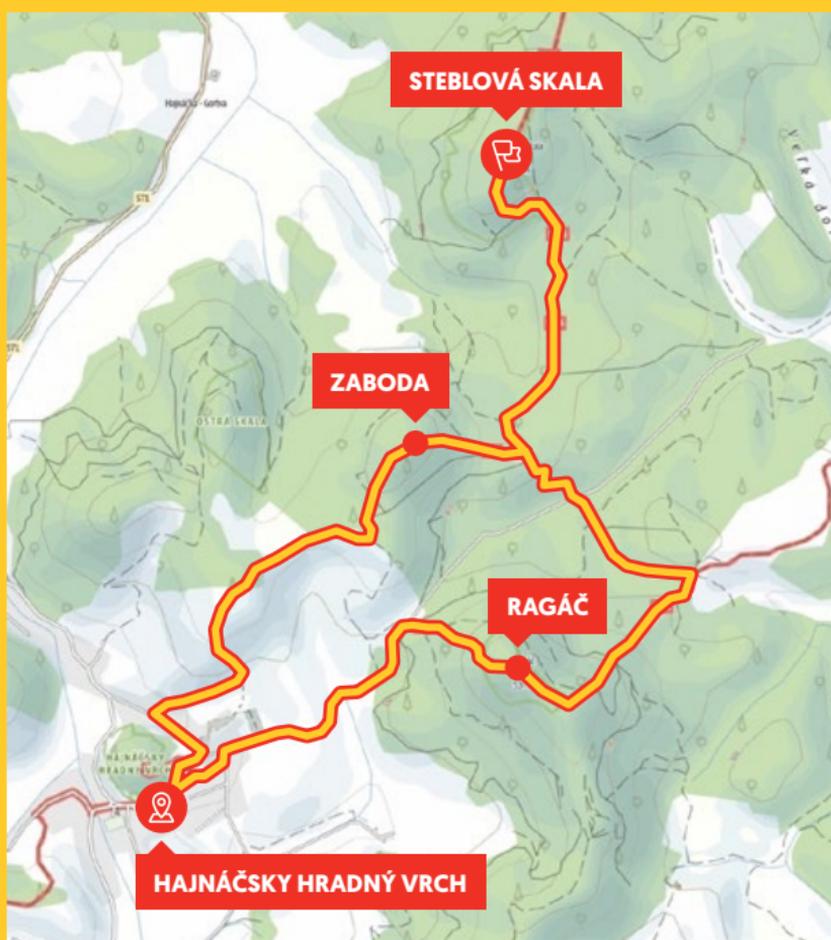
TOTAL ROUTE
LENGTH

4:35 h

TIME
REQUIRED

701 m

ELEVATION
GAIN





From the center of village Hajnáčka we walk along a yellow marked tourist route around the castle hill to the first of today's three peaks, Zaboda hill (469 m above sea level). The natural monument Zaboda represents a remnant of a lava flow from Ostrá skala. At the end of this lava flow, the rest of a small plateau has been preserved, the edges of which form 10 m high steep rocky slopes with thick basalt columns. The whole area with more than 100 years of forest is included in the highest, fifth degree of natural protection. From the top we continue for about 700 m to the tourist signpost Pod Zabodou, from which we continue to the left along the green sign.

First, a gentle, later steeper ascent, we reach the rocky peak of Steblová skala, which provides us with nice southwestern views of the Cerová Highlands. Its western wall is one of the most representative natural basalt outcrops with columnar separation in Slovakia. Around 35 - 60 cm thick columns are exposed to a height of up to 50 m and are arranged in the form of an inverted fan. At the top they are almost vertical, while the lower ones are inclined at an angle of 40 ° - 60 °. When ascending and descending from Steblová skala, care must be taken due to erosion and the formation of rubble. Following the same route, we return to the crossroads Pod Zabodou, from where we continue straight along the green sign to the opposite bank to the tourist guide Pod Deravou skalou.



OUR TIP

Definitely do not miss a visit to Hajnáčka Castle Hill, the dominant feature of the village. Beautiful views and crannies will be as reward for you after a short climb.

Here we feed on the blue tourist route, which we continue to the right. A steeper ascent to the Ragáč hill [537 m above sea level], which is the second youngest volcano in Slovakia, awaits us. It is one of the unique examples of neovolcanism in the Cerová vrchovina. Its top is a debris cone with volcanic bombs, debris and lava fragments. Accompanying features of volcanic activity are also volcanic-exhalation caves below the peak [Ragáčska studňa, Ragáčsky komín and Ebeczkého jaskyňa]. We are ending our journey with a 3 km long descent along the green sign from Ragáč to the starting point of today's tour, the center of the village Hajnáčka. The whole tour is 13 km long and takes about 5 hours, depending on the your condition.



Drienčany Karst nature trail

START



Rekreačný areál Drieňok,
Teplý Vrch

FINISH



Drienčany



ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Rekreačný areál Drieňok – Hikóriový porast –
Drienčany – Malá Drienčanska jaskyňa – krasové
jazierka – Drienčany – Rekreačný areál Drieňok



HIKE RATING

slightly difficult route

7,5 km

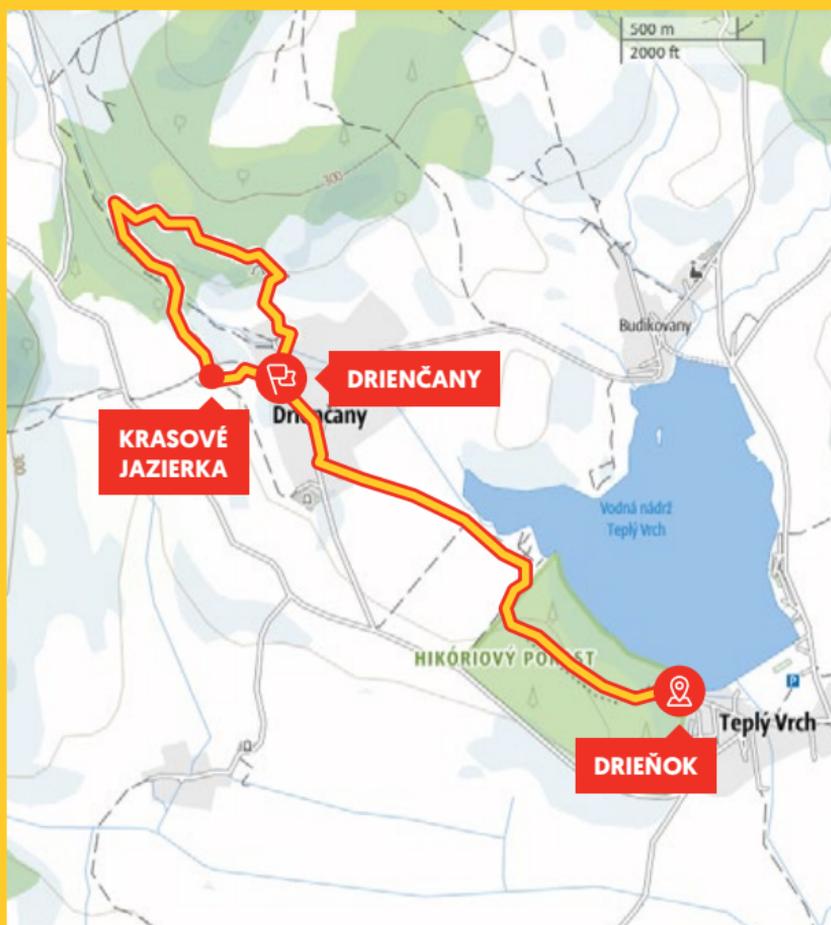
TOTAL ROUTE
LENGTH

4:00 h

TIME
REQUIRED

98 m

ELEVATION
GAIN





The nature trail starts in the area of the Drieňok recreational facility in the village of Teplý Vrch, from where the protected area of Hikóriový porast leads to Drienčany. It was artificially created at the end of the 19th century, when North American woody plants were planted here - hickory, which successfully acclimatized. Next we walk around the bay of the Teplý Vrch reservoir, on the bank of which there is a bird lookout tower.

The nature trail can also be reached in Drienčany itself, where from stop no. 4 continues as a circuit. It consists total of 15 stops with information panels, which acquaint with the most characteristic natural conditions of the karst. The first interesting stop is a small part of the former castle above the village. After crossing the meadow and forest, we gradually come to the more attractive ones. At first it is an impressive deep hole in the forest, later another on the rocky edge of the valley. It was created by the overflow of a part of the ceiling of the Great Drienčany Cave, to the entrance of which the nature trail enters, but we will not get inside, entry into it is forbidden. A short descent takes us to the valley of the Blh river, which is lined with alders and hundreds of ferns. [*Matteuccia struthiopteris*] Here you will find educational panels informing about the fauna and flora of the valley. The following alerts us to three strange holes in the rock. These are the entrances to the Malá Drienčanská Cave, which is one of the



OUR TIP

The Museum of the Slovak Fairy Tale has been established in the memorial parish next to the church. Book a visit in advance on phone number : +421 918 828 164, evangelical priest Štefan Gabčan.

most attractive places on the nature trail. Crossing the footbridge, we reach the other bank of the river and take a break at a resting place with a table and benches. A short uphill climb the forest stairs, the crossing of a country road and the last educational panel await us. He informs us that we are standing by occasional karst lakes, which are created by clogging of cracks, which retains rainwater in karst pits. Behind him, in the distance, we are attracted by wooden figures. When we come to them, we see that they are part of the sundial. And they are not ordinary, they are fabulous. We are entering the village of Drienčany, the place of work of the well-known fairy tale collector Pavel E. Dobšinský. A few tens of meters below we find a fairytale maze, a shelter for rest, grilling and the construction of a bowling alley. We end the circular part of the educational trail at the nice bell tower and tomb of Pavel Dobšinský in the immediate vicinity of the church, where he worked as an evangelical priest for 23 years.



Explore the peat bogs at the top of Trstie

START



Tisovec

FINISH



Trstie



ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Tisovec – pomník botanika Václava Vraného – chata Trstie – Trstie – Tisovec



HIKE RATING

slightly difficult route

14,4 km

TOTAL ROUTE
LENGTH

4:25 h

TIME
REQUIRED

740 m

ELEVATION
GAIN



OUR TIP

After the tour, you can refresh your energy at Pizza Caffè Darijan or at the Café and Restaurant Centrál. You will find them in the center of Tisovec near the Evangelical Church. Behind it, in the bookstore INFO Kníhkupectvo, there is also the Tourist information center, where you can buy books, maps or souvenirs.



The educational route that leads from Tisovec to the top of Tŕstie is 6 km long. It copies the yellow marked hiking trail. The signpost and the beginning of the educational trail are located next to the orientation map of the city, between the Evangelical Church and the City office. On the route, we will find five information boards, which are focused on the content of the Tŕstie mountain massif and its natural wealth. The journey to the top takes about three hours with an elevation gain of 740 m.

From the square we are heading over the railway bridge, after which we turn right and continue along the dirt road. We get to the overgrown spring, where there is a yellow sign, which leads a steeper ascent to the top. At the top we will find rare peat bogs and a monument to botanist Václav Vraný. From the crossroads of hiking trails, the green marked path will lead us to the cottage Tŕstie, red directly to the highest point of the eponymous hill, which is connected to the cottage by a yellow route. From the ridge poles and from the cottage we have nice views of the Muránska plain and the Low and High Tatras. Therefore, this area of Stolické vrchy is extremely attractive and interesting for tourism. On the route of the old historical road, today called the path of Mária Széchy, Tŕstie is an important tourist destination.

From Jovice to Dievčenská and Brzotínska skala

SLOVAK KARST NATIONAL PARK

START



Jovice

FINISH



Brzotínska skala



ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Jovice – Lukáčova bučina – Dievčenská skala –
Lukáčova bučina – Brzotínska skala – Jovice



HIKE RATING

slightly difficult route

14 km

TOTAL ROUTE
LENGTH

4:45 h

TIME
REQUIRED

585 m

ELEVATION
GAIN



OUR TIP

If you have a little extra energy we recommend that you take a short walk along the blue sign in the direction of Silica from the Lukáčova bučina crossroads. After about 1 kilometer you will reach the entrance of the deepest vertical abyss in the underground of Slovakia. Malá Žomboj is 142 meters deep. From the viewing platform, one can look directly into her spooky black throat.



The beginning of hiking from Jovice to Dievčenská skala is marked by a steeper climb, which lasts about 1.5 km. After climbing this section, we will get straight to Silica plateau. From there, the road is already relatively flat, without so much elevation. The blue sign accompanies us to a signpost called Lukáčova bučina. At this point, we turn left and follow the green sign. After a few minutes we come to a large meadow, where we find a signpost called Odbočka na Dievčenskú skalu. A slight climb awaits us here, at the end of which there is already a viewing platform. From Dievčenská skala cliffs we have the opportunity to see the Rožňava valley, Volovské vrchy, Turecká, Krásna Hôrka Castle and the High Tatras. We take the same route back to the Lukáčova bučina signpost. From there we continue straight along the green tourist sign towards Brzotínske skaly. After a short walk among the deciduous trees, we come to the tourist signpost Odbočka na Brzotínsku skalu. After about 15 minutes walk beautiful views of Rožňava and the surrounding villages await for us. In good weather we can see the peaks of the High Tatras or Kráľova hoľa.

Across the Plešivec plateau to Gerlašská skála

SLOVAK KARST NATIONAL PARK

START



Plešivec, aut. zastávka

FINISH



Gerlašská skála



ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Plešivec – Serényiho cisterna – Gerlašská skála – Serényiho cisterna – Plešivec



HIKE RATING

challenging route

30,8 km

TOTAL ROUTE
LENGTH

8:30 h

TIME
REQUIRED

702 m

ELEVATION
GAIN



OUR TIP

You will not find any sources of drinking water on the plain. Therefore, supply a sufficient amount of fluids before the hiking tour. The official cycle route No. 5711 also leads through the plain. You can speed up the journey to Gerlašská skála by bicycle.



The blue marked hiking trail starts in Plešivec at the bus stop, near the Fresh supermarket. After crossing the busy main road, the bridge over the river Slaná and the railway crossing near the railway station, we continue to the foot of the plain, from where the asphalt road leads us 4 km long ascent straight to the plain. After more than an hour we reach the Ďulová signpost, from where a blue tourist sign leads across the Plešivec plateau to Gerlašská skala. Approximately in the middle of the route, we come across a unique technical monument from 1913 – Serényiho cisterna, which in the past was used to feed grazing cattle. The round concrete structure with a diameter of 16 meters and a depth of 4 meters has the ability to hold water with a volume of 960 thousand liters. After about 2,5 hours of walking the relatively flat route will take us to the Gerlašská skala signpost [752 m above sea level]. From there, it is less than 5 minutes to the lookout of the same name. From it you can see the hill Turecká, Volovské and Stolické mountains, under favorable conditions of High Tatras and Kráľova hoľa. We will take the same route back.

The hike can be shortened by 9 km. From Gerlašská skala you can descend in about 1.5 hours to the village of Štítnik, from where the bus connections is back to Plešivec or Rožňava.

In case of emergency a shorter descent can be chosen by turning from the blue route to the village Honce.

From Gombasek to Silica plateau

SLOVAK KARST NATIONAL PARK

START



Gombasek

FINISH



Silica



ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Gombasek – Silická ľadnica – Silica – Farárova jama – Jašteričie jazierko – Gombasek



HIKE RATING

slightly difficult route

18,3 km

TOTAL ROUTE
LENGTH

5:15 h

TIME
REQUIRED

496 m

ELEVATION
GAIN





We start the route in the season by visiting the unique Gombasecká Cave with more than two meters long thin stalagmites, called “brčká”. Enchanted by its splendor, we set out from the bottom of the Slaná canyon to the Silica plateau. We will overcome the initial 225 altitude meters in 40-60 minutes. After 1.3 km of steeper ascent, we reach the crossroads Závozná, horáreň, from where it is exactly 2.5 km to Silická ľadnica without further elevations.

Silická ľadnica is the lowest situated ice cave in the temperate climate zone. From the viewing platform of its magnificent estuary, you can admire several meters long ice cubicles from spring to autumn. On the way back we continue from the crossroads Odbočka na Silickú ľadnicu to the right. After 10 minutes we turn left at the crossroads Bukový vršok to the village Silica.



OUR TIP

The introductory steeper section of the ascent to the plain can also be replaced by car or bus transport to the Závozná, horáreň stop. For an even closer approach to the Silická ľadnica, there is a parking lot on the way to Silica about 2 km away.

Here you can follow the yellow sign to the Farárova jama lake, about 5 minutes away, or follow the red sign across the village to the cemetery at its upper end. From here, its continuation will lead us in about 20 minutes to the extinct lake Jašteričie jazierko, once the largest karst lake in Slovakia. Its symbol is a rockery well preserved to this day. The Fabiánka hill above it provides views across Slovakia to the High Tatras in good weather.



We recommend a walk from the Gombasecká Cave area to the archeological site of the Paulin Monastery, where there is a modern bell tower that also serves as a lookout tower. Behind the road opposite the gate to the complex you will find a hidden karst spring Biela vyvieračka.

Through the wild Martinova valley to Voniaca meadow

MURÁNSKA PLANINA NATIONAL PARK

START



Paseky

FINISH



Voniaca



ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Paseky – Voniaca - Paseky



HIKE RATING

slightly difficult route

6,8 km

TOTAL ROUTE
LENGTH

2:45 h

TIME
REQUIRED

559 m

ELEVATION
GAIN





We invite you to one of the most valuable and best-preserved national reservation in the Muránska planina National Park. Wild, quiet or mysterious, it is still possible to mark this gorge, the bottom of which covered by forests, is lined on the sides by high, in places almost perpendicular rocky slopes and the gorge Strelnica and Šarkanice. The valley of decades left to self-development is a real bear paradise today. Bear mothers raise their young almost undisturbed here on steep slopes in the shade of the forest. Therefore, caution is warned throughout the tour.

The road through Martinova dolina begins near the hut in Paseky, which can be found on the right side of the road from Muráň to Tisovec, just before climbing to the Dielik saddle. In addition to the tourist board, there is also a small area next to the road suitable for parking a car. From there, the yellow tourist sign will take us through a short concrete tunnel to enter the 3 km long valley. After overcoming 559 altitude meters, in about 100 minutes we reach our destination, a mountain meadow with a hunting lodge in the middle, where we relax and enjoy the surrounding nature. Numerous species of plants that grow on the meadow during its flowering give it color and a characteristic scent, for which it also got its name – Voniaca [1113 m above sea level].



OUR TIP

In the Dielik saddle you will find one of the stops of the SNP (Slovak National Uprising) Gemer-Malohont route - the Dielik battlefield. The forest behind the monument hides restored military trenches built on the real site of the former fighting.

At the edge we see an educational panel that will teach us about the plants and animals that live here. We also read about the history of the hunting lodge. It is also up to us whether we will continue along the Šarkanice ridge, deeper into the heart of the plain through Ostrica and Siváková, whether we will return along the same route or take the sidewalk to the Rimava valley and end our wanderings in Tisovec. Hiking on the Voniaca mountain meadow can also be completed as a circuit that begins and ends in the town of Tisovec. The length of the circular route is 14 km with a total elevation gain of 775 m and a time requirement of approximately 5 hours. In part, it passes along the main road, where it is appropriate to be visible and careful.



From Muránska Huta to the third highest castle in Slovakia

MURÁNSKA PLANINA NATIONAL PARK

START



Muránska Huta

FINISH



Muránsky hrad



ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Muránska Huta – Veľká lúka – Muránsky hrad – sedlo Predná Hora – Muránska Huta



HIKE RATING

slightly difficult route

11,4 km

TOTAL ROUTE
LENGTH

4:00 h

TIME
REQUIRED

565 m

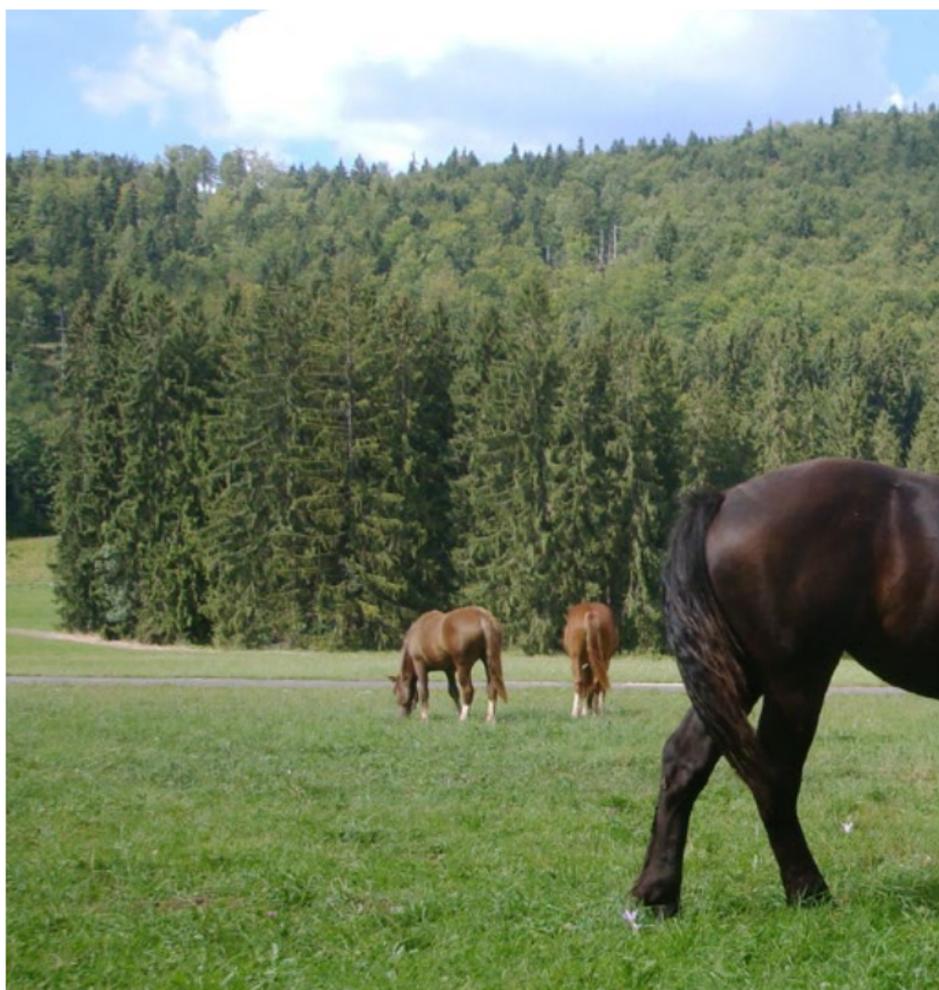
ELEVATION
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The route starts at the Bobačka [Hutnícky waterfall] hidden at the bus stop above the village of Muránska Huta. From there we walk a few meters along the road towards Muráň, from which we turn right into the forest following the red markings. In the initial half hour, we overcome an elevation gain of 200 meters until we reach the asphalt road, which we continue to the left. After one kilometer we go out to a large plateau. With a little luck, we get a view known from westerns - running or free-grazing semi-wild horses, Noric horses.

We walk through the beautiful natural scenery of Veľká lúka to its opposite end. Here, at the Piesky crossroads, we choose the blue route, which will take us to the cottage under Castle of Muráň in about half an hour. From there, it is only a 10-minute steeper ascent to the castle gate, through which we enter the area of the third highest castle in Slovakia (930 m above sea level). Our steps lead to the southwestern viewpoint, from which the well-known rock cliff Cigánka obscures the view of the village of Muráň. But the view on the right replaces it, on the steep slopes of the southern edge of the plain. In the area of the castle, you can enjoy two more viewpoints, from which we can



OUR TIP

You can also go to the castle on electric bikes from the village of Muráň. They will be happy to lend them to you in the municipal bicycle rental. A red tourist sign will take you to the castle on foot. The ascent with an elevation of 555 m takes 80-100 minutes, depending on the condition.

see the town of Revúca, the eastern part of the plain and the majestic Kráľova Hoľa. We return back around the hut Chata pod Hradom, from where after 200 meters we change direction to the right and follow the yellow markings. In the introduction we look into the bowels of Wesselényi Cave. During the next 3500 m, the footpath traverses the ridge almost along the contour, without the numerous limestone promontories that need to be went around up and down. After about 70 minutes we leave the forest in the saddle Predná Hora. From here, it is only a short section leading to our road and finish today, mostly on the road. Therefore, take care of your safety.



Accommodation and great relaxation after tours are provided in the nearby Predná Hora by the modern Apartments Planina with a private wellness and the Predná Hora Recreation Area with a home brewery and fantastic wellness world.

Jakub Surovec's bandit trail through Čertova dolina

MURÁNSKA PLANINA NATIONAL PARK

START



Sedlo Zbojská

FINISH



Čertova dolina



ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Sedlo Zbojská – rozhľadňa – Remetisko –
Čertova dolina – Salaš Zbojská – sedlo Zbojská



HIKE RATING

slightly difficult route

5 km

TOTAL ROUTE
LENGTH

2:00 h

TIME
REQUIRED

239 m

ELEVATION
GAIN



OUR TIP

About 100 meters before the finish, is worth to visit the Legendárne buchy store. In the Salaš Zbojská - Zbojnicky dvor you can enjoy traditional Slovak dishes and dishes from the mutton meat. There is also the possibility of buying homemade cheeses and meat products, accommodation, or renting electric bikes to get to know the area better.



The circular route begins and ends at the Zbojnicky dvor farm in the Zbojská saddle. First, it heads next to a lookout tower resembling a mill from the “Perinbaba” fairytale, later to the left through a forest under the Remetisko hill with the cave of the same name, whose narrow entrance lies directly at the sidewalk. After a short descent through the valley, an underpass under the main road and the unique Čertov viadukt (Devil’s viaduct), which is part of the cog railway line from Tisovec to Pohronská Polhora, passes through the underpass. Not far from this place, it offers a short detour to the entrance of the Čertova jaskyňa (Devil’s Cave). A few meters upstream of the Furmanec stream, the most attractive part of the nature trail begins. Crossing Čertova dolina (Devil’s Valley) reminiscent of the gorges of the Slovak Paradise. With the help of a secured road in the form of fixed ropes, iron risers and a steel footbridge, we cross the riverbed, which can be quite flooded during the rainy season. The narrowest and most beautiful place of the gorge is called Surovcov stisk. He was named after the legendary bandit, who allegedly once ran through the gorge, fleeing from the ravages. After a short ascent at the end of the secured route, we walk through the pastures to the destination of the route, which was also its start. The route is approximately 5 km long, with a transition time of 2-3 hours.

From Tisovec to Hradová

MURÁNSKA PLANINA NATIONAL PARK

START



Tisovec

FINISH



Tisovská Hradová



ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Tisovec – Kopeneč – Tisovská Hradová – Tisovec



HIKE RATING

slightly difficult route

6,6 km

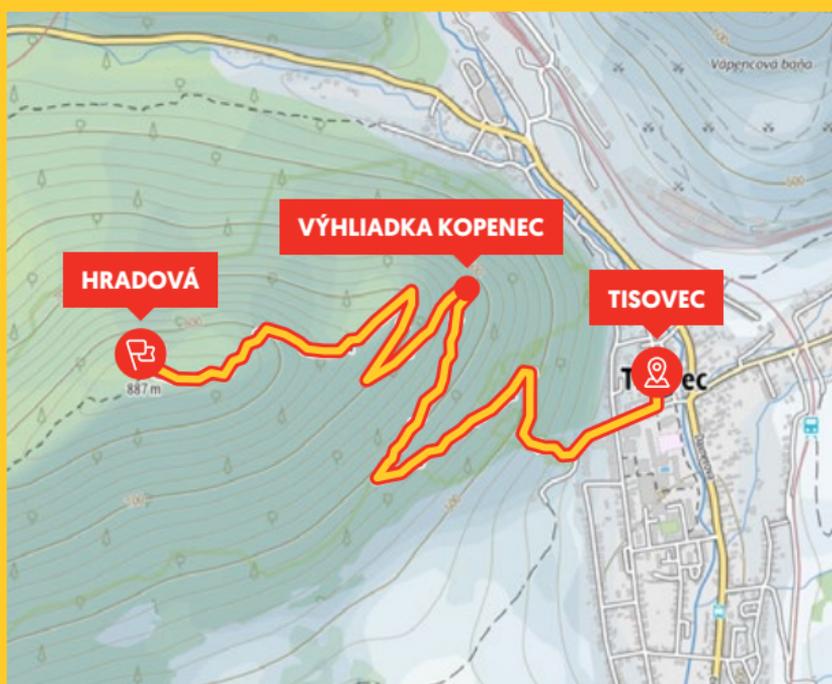
TOTAL ROUTE
LENGTH

3:00 h

TIME
REQUIRED

467 m

ELEVATION
GAIN



OUR TIP

In case of good weather, you can continue along the yellow marked route, which will take you to an exposed rocky ridge with beautiful views of the surrounding area. This downhill route measures 6 km and lasts about 2 hours.

You will need a considerable amount of courage to cross the section along the ridge. It is marked as dangerous, so be careful. It is definitely not suitable for people who are afraid of heights or dizziness.



The nature trail leads from the center of Tisovec and is 3 kilometers long. There are 9 stops on the sidewalk, the first of which is the information point located next to the building of the Secondary Vocational School in Tisovec. The introductory part of the nature trail runs parallel to the blue marked hiking trail and heads below the foot of Hradová. Here we will find the second stop, where we will learn about the protected area we are passing through. From this moment on, the route begins to rise significantly. The yellow tourist sign will assure us of the direction of our journey. The reward during the ascent is the lookout point Kopenec, from where there is a view of the whole town Tisovec. The path ends at a small peak meadow, where in the younger and later Bronze Age stood a settlement from the period of Kyjatice culture. This high and extensive limestone hill with several caves provided people with safe living in the early Stone Age. The top of Hradová hides the visible remains of a medieval castle, full of legends and myths. You can climb to Hradová with an elevation gain of 467 m in two hours. In winter or in wet weather is possible to return at the same route.

From Čučma to Volovec – Skalisko

START

Čučma

FINISH

Volovec – Skalisko



ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Čučma – Chata Volovec – Skalisko –
Chata Volovec – Čučma



HIKE RATING

challenging route

12 km

TOTAL ROUTE
LENGTH

5:00 h

TIME
REQUIRED

821 m

ELEVATION
GAIN



OUR TIP

In the village of Čučma there is the Nature Trail on Železná cesta, which will take you through the history of mining and metallurgy in the region.

Hiking trails lead to the top of Skalisko from various directions: from Čučma green, from Betliar yellow, from Úhornianske sedlo and from the Súľová saddle a red marked hiking trail, also called the SNP- Cesta hrdinov [Slovak national uprising - Heroes' Road]. It is the longest tourist route in Slovakia.



The route to the top of Volovec-Skalisko leads from the end of the village Čučma. A green tourist sign will accompany us throughout the trip. Pleasant hiking with alternating climbs through deciduous forests later turns into a route with an alpine touch. Before the final ascent to the top, we will have an intermediate stop at the Volovec cottage. This cottage is open 24 hours a day during the summer months and only on weekends in the winter. There is a large gazebo next to it, which has attracted many groups of tourists. The last climb from the cottage to the top is steeper. The path is intertwined with tree roots and rocks. After overcoming these obstacles, we arrive at a smaller clearing, where we find the tourist board. The highest point of Volovec is Skalisko on the right side. After short climbing we reached a height of 1,293 m above sea level. We have a unique circular view, which is one of the most beautiful in Slovakia. In the case of good weather we can see the High Tatras, Kráľova hoľa, Spiš Castle, Levočské vrchy and a large part of the Ore Mountains. On the way, in addition to the mentioned cottage, we will find various resting places in the form of wooden seats. The ascent to Skalisko along this approximately 8 km route takes approximately 3 hours.

From Rudná to the Turecká lookout tower

START



Rudná

FINISH



Turecká



ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Rudná – Skalica – Turecká – Rudná



HIKE RATING

slightly difficult route

8,6 km

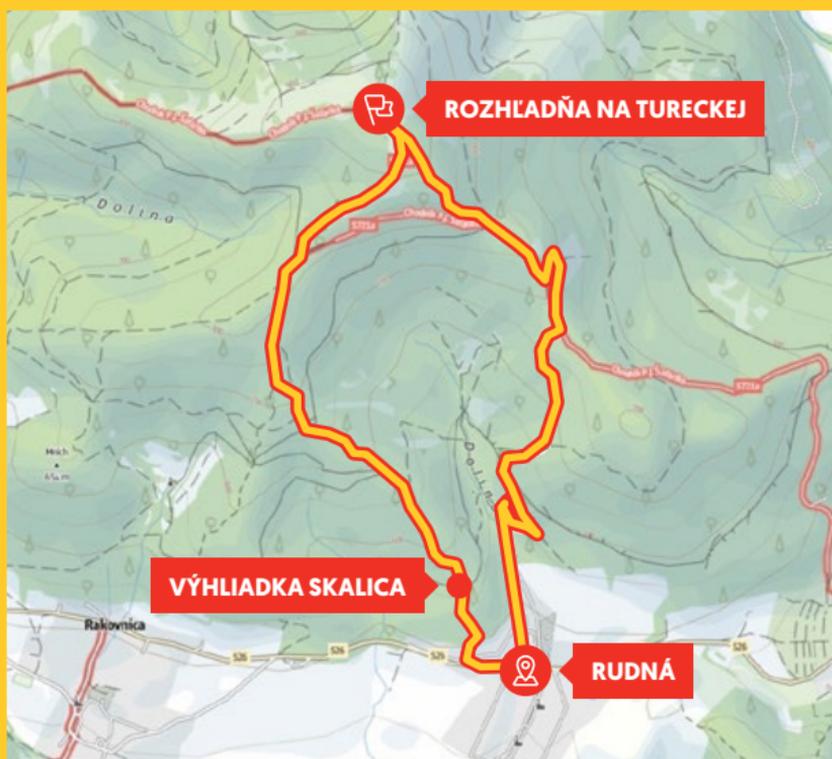
TOTAL ROUTE
LENGTH

4:00 h

TIME
REQUIRED

584 m

ELEVATION
GAIN



OUR TIP

At the educational board number three, there is a turnoff to the lookout point called Skalica. This beautiful, even romantic, place offers views of the Silica and Plešivec plateau, the town of Rožňava, or Rudná, located directly below you. If you turn here while exploring the nature trail, be sure to find time for this little lookout.



The introductory board of the Turecká nature trail can be found at the municipal office in the village of Rudná. We will get the first information about the village, mining and nature trail. From there, a marked path will lead us to a forest path above the village, which we will continue on. The gradual ascent route is 8.6 km long with an elevation gain of about 600 m. The nature trail deals with mining and forestry topics. There are 26 educational boards and 2 gazebos, which are used for relaxation. The highest point is Turecká hill with an altitude of 954 m above sea level. In 2012, they built a 15 m high metal tourist lookout tower Turecká, from which you can see the High Tatras, Volovské vrchy or the Slovak Karst in case of good weather. There is a room on the brick ground floor of the lookout tower, which can be used as a shelter in bad weather. At the lookout tower there is a tourist signpost of P. J. Šafárik trail and an information panel of educational trail Turecká with further information about the locality. The whole route forms a circuit that begins and ends in the village of Rudná.

From Bretka via Muráň river breakthrough to the Meliata profile

START



Bretka

FINISH



Meliatsky profil



ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Bretka – Prielom Muráňa – Meliata –
Meliatsky profil – Meliata – Prielom Muráňa – Bretka



HIKE RATING

slightly difficult route

11 km

TOTAL ROUTE
LENGTH

3:00 h

TIME
REQUIRED

73 m

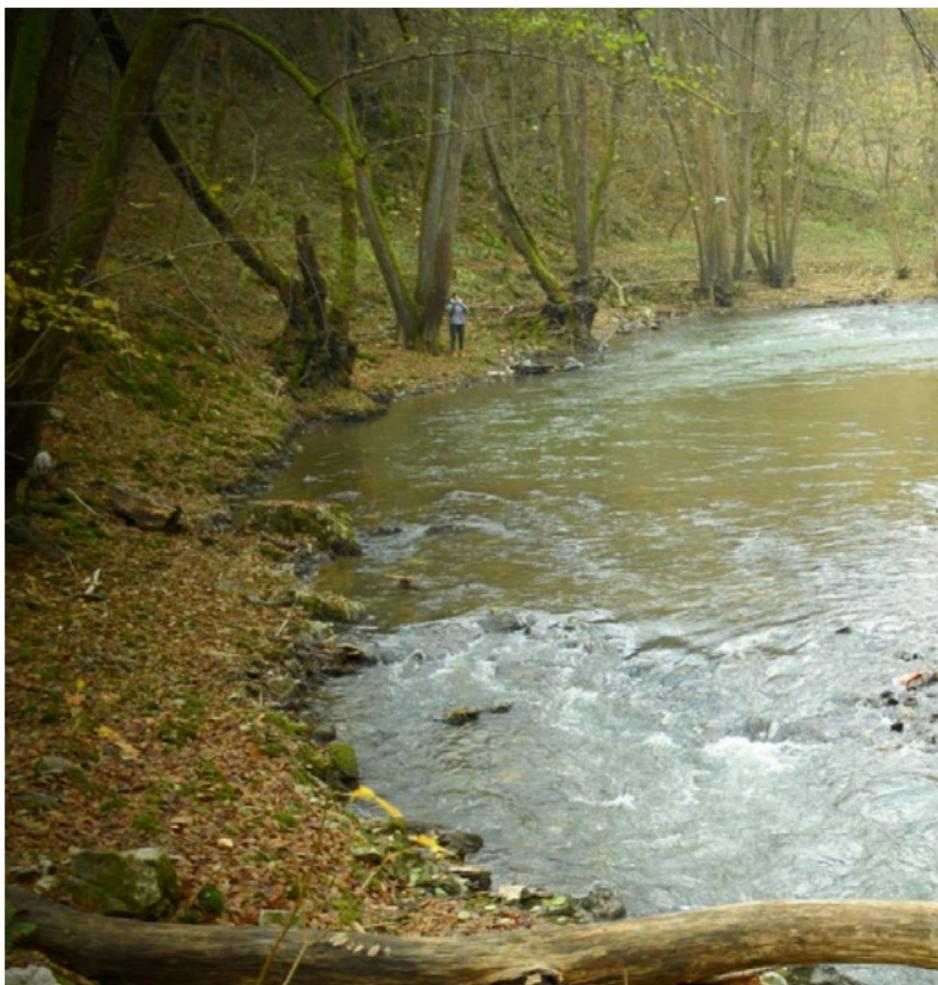
ELEVATION
GAIN





The starting point of our trip is the center of the village Bretka near Tornaľa. From the wooden information panel, we turn right along the sidewalk uphill towards the church. We will soon discover the reinforced concrete military bunker hidden between the houses. There were once seven of them in the cadastre of the village, to this day only this one has been preserved, as one of the few in the region. Our next steps are guided by a wooden sign with the inscription Peškó. We pass the last house until the path leads us to the stairs in the middle of the forest after a few minutes.

We descend them to the entrance of the Peškó cave, which we can see the whole even without lighting. We descend below, where we cross the iron bridge to the valley floodplain of the river Muráň, called Muránka by the locals. It cuts into the limestone and created a breakthrough over 3 km long with a unique fauna, flora and several caves. Hutnianska cave served during the war as a command shelter for the Germans. As its name suggests, in the past there was a smelter, a nail factory and one of the oldest blast furnaces in Slovakia. Their ruins can be seen on the other side of the river. We continue along the river to the nearby village of Meliata. In addition to the beautiful village architecture, it is known mainly for its important geological locality Meliatsky



OUR TIP

In Bretka there is a mini open-air museum in the form of a beautiful cottage from the 18th century, which houses a beekeeping museum, a historic folk room and "Fairytale office".

profil. At this place, for the firsttime geologists managed to prove the occurrence of deep sea sediments in Slovakia. According to the village, the tectonic superunit of the Western Carpathians - Meliatikum is also named. On the way to this rocky outcrop we will encounter the rest of the old mill and test our courage on a wooden bridge over the river Muráň. To return to Bretka, you can use the nature trail or the cycle path over the Okrúhly kopec hill. At the end of the tour we come across a meadow to the old farm, where has to count on a deeper mud in rainy weather. This section can be passed by crossing the river on a metal footbridge. After turning right, the sidewalk will lead us past the cemetery straight to the village center.



From Gemer's "Paradise Garden" to Velký Radzim

START



Brdárka

FINISH



Velký Radzim



ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Brdárka – sedlo Hora – Vdovčíkovo kreslo –
Velký Radzim – Malý Radzim – Brdárka



HIKE RATING

slightly difficult route

7,2 km

TOTAL ROUTE
LENGTH

2:55 h

TIME
REQUIRED

571 m

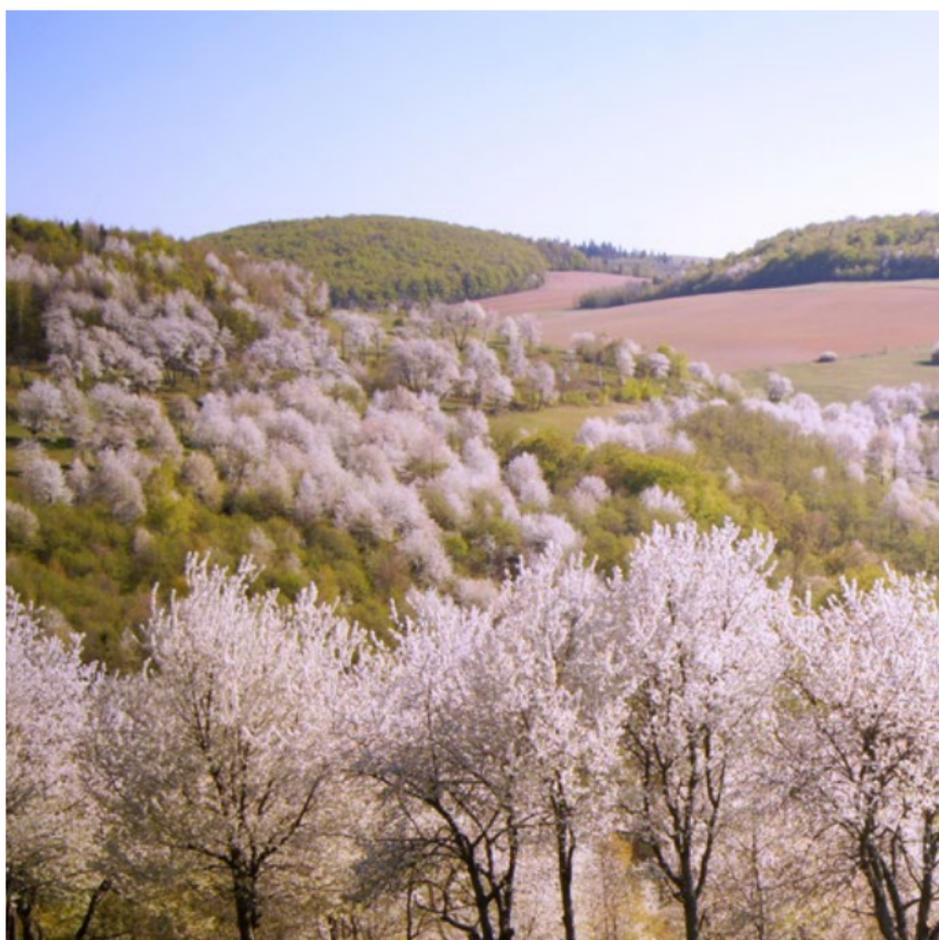
ELEVATION
GAIN





We start hiking on Veľký Radzim in the picturesque mountain village of Brdárka, which is unique in Slovakia. It lies in the so-called sun trap, thanks to which about 4,000 cherry trees grow here even at an altitude of 600 meters about sea level. In the spring months, the local flowering orchards attract hundreds of visitors. Above them, the Veľký and Malý Radzim stand out as guardians, offering breathtaking views of this Gemer's paradise garden.

From the upper end of the village we head to the left, parallel to the green tourist sign. After a few meters, the tourist signpost will direct us to the right. Following the yellow sign, we climb through beautiful meadows to the Hora saddle. From this moment on, the road changes into a sidewalk. After half an hour we go to the rocky cliffs of Velký Radzim [991 m above sea level]. The most famous lookout point on it is the Vdovčikovo sedlo, which resembles a limestone throne. We sit comfortably in it and enjoy the views of the Bükk Mountains in Hungary, 70 km away, and the 300 meter deep situated Brdárka. The well-known Gemer robber Michal Vdovčík, who was seeking refuge from the Guards, also allegedly sat in it. Nature has endowed this place with a rich



OUR TIP

Enthusiasts of the sacral monuments can recommend a visit to the Gothic churches with unique frescoes in nearby Koceľovce, Ochtiná and Štítnik on the way from Brdárka.

flora of thermophilic plant species. There is also a critically yellow-flowering endemic *Ligularia glauca* in danger, which does not occur anywhere else in Central Europe. We continue to the top from Vdovčíkovo sedlo. From the lookout points on its northern side we can see the peaks of the High Tatras. We descend along the ridge to the meadow saddle between Malý and Veľký Radzim, where we find a sitting area and an information panel. From here, before the trip to Brdárka, we will take about 1000 metres walk in a westerly direction, over the top of Malý Radzim, to its southern rocky lookout. In addition to the majestic Kráľova hoľa, we enjoy the view of Stolické vrchy or the plains of the Slovak Karst. The descent to the village will take us about an hour.





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