

The Chamois path

The Chamois path that starts at the log cabin of the tourism society TD Bašelj, passes the hamlet Laško to the house under the hill Lovrenc (Dom pod Lovrencem) and the church of St. Lawrence (Sv. Lovrenc) and continues to Gradišče and then descends into the valley Belca. The path refers to the walking-educational trail "Path under Storžcem" (Pot pod Storžcem), which takes place between St. Lawrence, the field Babni vrt and Povelje. The Chamois trail offers beautiful views and connects the important values of natural and cultural heritage in the area.

• the church of St. Lawrence (sv. Lovrenc) above Bašelj

The first mention of the church in written sources dates in 1154. It is also mentioned in a medieval folk song called "Galyot." The church was built back in the 1142. The Turks burned it, but it was later re-built and extended several times. In the years 1682 and 1688 it has been restored. After the lightning burnt bell tower was renovated in 1933, the last significant renovation of the church was in 1994.

• the archaeological site Gradišče above Bašelj

In Gradišče there are the ruins of a late antique settlement. Most of the findings are of the military and equine equipment; among the crowd of iron, often tinned items of this kind, there are also some bronze and gold objects. The fort was already in the 12th century a wreck.

• upper flow of the stream Belca

The stream Belca springs on the slopes of the mountain Storžič in a shape of several smaller springs. The first spring is visible below the mountain pass between Kališče and Storžič, but later repeatedly disappears. Between Kališče and Gradišče the water flows through a narrow, impassable gorge called Pekel (the Hell). In the gorge there are jumpings, pools, rapids, potholes and other erosional forms of water activity.



The path of four castles in Preddvor

The town of Preddvor boasts with four castles with their stories and history, and in the surrounding area there are also many archeological sites from different periods of history, especially from the ancient times. For the walk through the history in our municipality you can be helped by our guides who will guide you and teach you about the past of Preddvor. The castles can be accessed by vehicles, but it is also a nice walk from one to another for all of you, who would want to visit the castles and in addition to it make a little walk along the hills that surround the village. The tour is suitable for the groups of all ages and the presentation level is adjusted depending on the group.

• The Castle Dvor

Today's image of the 17th century. First mentioned in 1447 under the name "the New Castle" (Novi grad). The settlement in front of the court was given a simple composite name - PRED (in front) DVOR (court), i.e. PREDDVOR (in front of the court). Throughout its history, the castle Dvor was a monastery, a sanatorium, a resort, an educational institution ...

• The Castle Hrib

It was built in the 16th century. It stood on a hill above the river Kokra, near the stream Bistrica, today the Lake Črnava. The castle has an inn, a hunting room, a wedding hall ... Near the castle is a beautiful park, and wedding avenue of ash trees.

• The Castle Turn

In written sources from 1408 the castle was known as the Castle Turn under the New Castle. It was built in the 14th century, owned by the Counts of Celje. In the castle there is a memorial room of Josipina Turnograjska. In front of the castle stands a stony obelisk in a shape of the pyramid, which is also dedicated to Josipina Turnograjska. In the 19th century a park was designed around the castle. On the lookout hill stands the pergola of Josipina. In the chapel there are frescoes by L. Layer.

• The New Castle or the Castle Pusti grad

This is the oldest castle from the beginning of 12th century. The locals named the ruins by the name "Pusti grad" i.e. "the deserted castle". It had a strategic position: it closed the access to the valley of the River Kokra. It is not known when the castle was demolished, already in times of Valvasor it was depicted as a wreck.



The short educational path through the woods in Preddvor

The path through the avenue of ash trees by the lake Črnava on the former castle estate is characterized by giant sequoias, hemlocks, cedars, cypresses, thuja trees and douglasies ...

The short forest learning trail can be taken as a pleasant walk and you look at individual trees by the way. However, if you want to spread your knowledge about them, take a walk to the center of Preddvor, where the office of the Tourist Information Centre (TIC) stands, Dvorski trg 10, Preddvor. Here you can buy a guide to the forest educational trail. By the trees along the learning path are the panels on which the Slovenian and Latin names with a serial number are written. With the book in your hand or without it, direct yourself from the starting point towards the east into the forest. When you get to the villa Slančeva vila, the walking path turns left towards the lake Črnava. After only a few steps take a look at the Canadian tsuga tree (Tsuga canadensis). On the right side of the road shouldn't be overlooked for this part of Slovenia unusually beautiful specimen of Lebanese cedar (Cedrus libani). Continue along the main road to the foot of the hill, then turn left towards the stream Bistrica which we cross before we come to the barrier. After the Castle Hrib enter into a few tens of meters long avenue of American white ash trees. The avenue has the shape of a tunnel as it branches in the upper part interlace. People call this avenue "the wedding avenue" for a long time, as it is very popular among newlyweds. Supposedly it guarantees them 50 years of loyalty, if they walk through.

Continuation of the learning path leads us from below to a group of mighty trees, among which are in addition to the giant sequoia trees also some beautiful examples of cypress alike trees, the Thuja trees. At the Hotel Bor grow the red and black pine trees. Before we reach the hotel, we turn right on a circular route around the lake. Here you can see - among the others - the other very interesting Douglas fir (Pseudotsuga Menzies). We follow the signpost that directs us towards the shooting range in Draga. By the large ash tree we have to cross the bridge over the stream Bistrica and continue towards the village Nova vas where the forest educational trail ends. Through the village descend back to the lake and the parking lot next to it.



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The path to St. Jacob (Sv. Jakob)

A hiking trail, a family walking path, the path of cultural heritage, the bicycle path, the path of natural attractions, the educational path, a pilgrimage route - here you can select more options for each route.

Starting point: parking space in front of the castle Turn in Podak.

Final point: the church of St. Jacob (Sv. Jakob)

Difficulty: medium light path through the woods, with a moderate climb.

Physical condition: one has to be fit and in shape.

Views: view in fine weather allover through the field of Kranjsko all the way to the mountain Šmarna gora, the hills of Škofja Loka, Jelovica and the Julian Alps with the mount Triglav.



Old Transport Route

The hiking trail of the Old Transport Route represents the restoration of the part of the former connection between Preddvor and Jezersko. The trail was in several places in disrepair and overgrown. The main transport route from Kranj over Tupaliče past Preddvor along the Valley of the River Kokra and Jezersko to the Železna Kapla (Eisenkappel) was known as early as in the 14th century. It was mainly iron and salt that had been transported over it.

The path that in the past was mainly used to transport the goods and on certain sections (e.g. Davovec - Kokra) as a pilgrimage road and a connection road between the locals, leads today through the unspoiled nature with many natural and cultural attractions.

The hiking trail runs from Možjanca, under the mountain Veliki Vrh to the mountain Štefanja gora and over the mountain pass Davovec into the valley of the River Kokra to the parish church. Thence continues along the eastern slope of the valley past the isolated farms to Jezersko. In the first phase the trail is marked and equipped up to the farm Suhadolnik, where it descends into the valley and ends at the bridge Celarjev most.



Bicycle resting places in the municipality of Preddvor

Visit the bicycle resting places in a picturesque valley of the River Kokra on the way through the longest Slovenian village Kokra, which is rich in natural and cultural-historical sights. There are 4 bicycle resting places settled:

P1 Resting place Preddvor

POINTS OF INTEREST (access by bike):

Because of the important freight road passing by the town Preddvor over the mountain pass Jezerski vrh to the Carinthia, four castles have been built in the area since the Middle Ages: the Manor of Preddvor, the Castle Turn, the Castle Hrib and the New Castle (Novi grad) or the so called Pusti grad.

P2 Resting place Kokra - the confluence

POINTS OF INTEREST (access by bike):

The Valley of the River Kokra, one of the most picturesque alpine valleys, has a deep cut between high mountain ridges, among which dominates Kočna (2540 m). The road passes through picturesque gorges and numerous bridges, and after some heavy rain they are coming rustling the streams, waterfalls and water spray from all sides.

P3 Resting place Spodnje Fužine -the Bunker

POINTS OF INTEREST (access by bike or on foot):

In the valley between Preddvor and Jezersko there has been preserved several German military bunkers from World War 2. Similar to the castles of Preddvor, the bunkers protected an important path over the mountain pass Jezerski vrh to the Carinthia.

P4 Resting place Spodnje Fužine -the Bridge

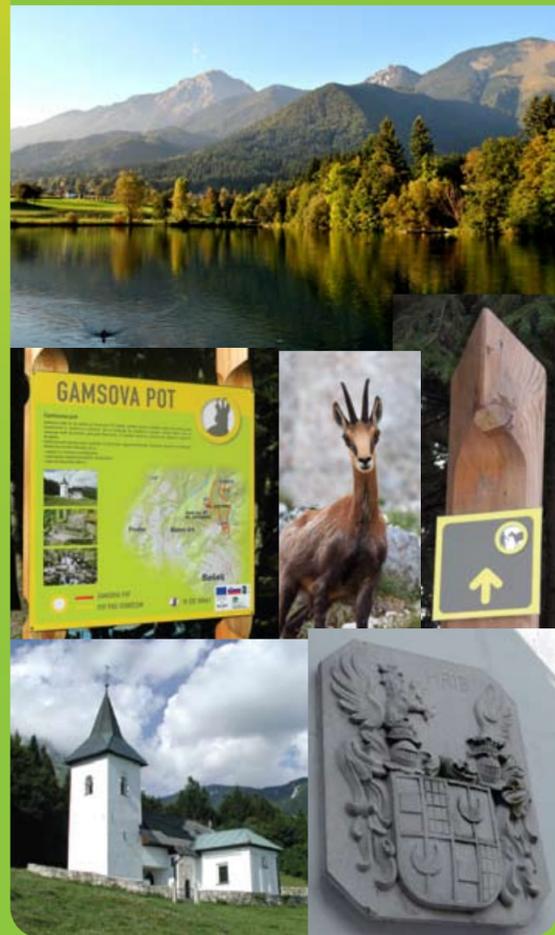
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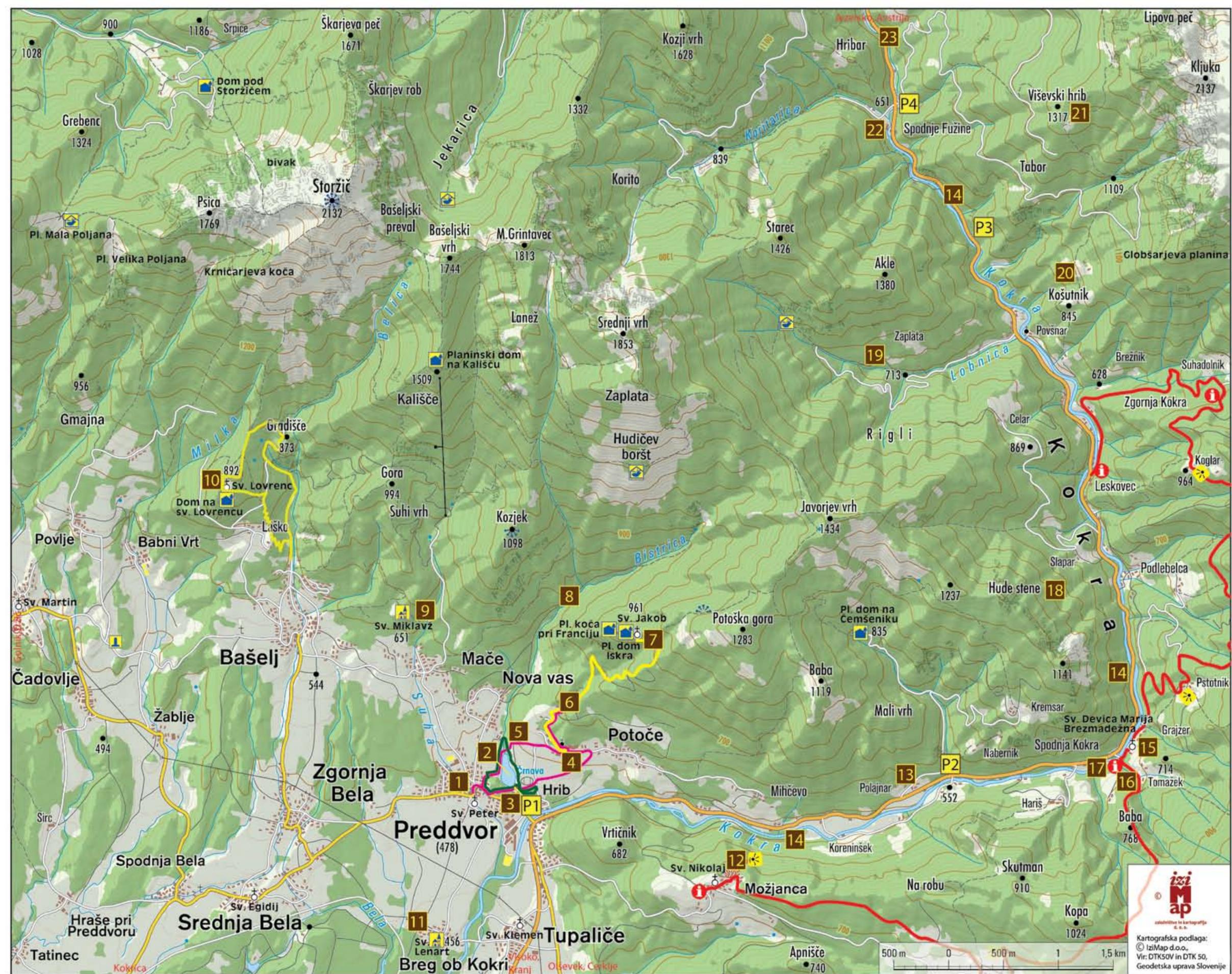
The hamlet of Spodnje Fužine originates from the 16th century, when they started digging and then in ironworks melting the iron ore. The homes here are different than in the lower part of the valley, as it is already noticeable the Carinthia architectural influence.

Resting places are the part of the popular cycling route Kranj-Preddvor - Jezersko or further over the mountain pass Jezerski vrh (border crossing) to Austrian Carinthia or over the pass Pavličevo sedlo to the Valley of Logar (Logarska dolina).

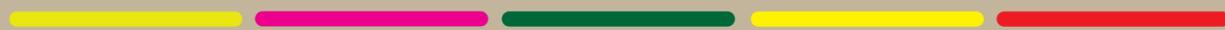


Routes of Preddvor





Colours of paths:



Chamois path

Starting point: in the valley of the stream Belce stream at the cabin of the tourism society TD Bašelj
 Final point: at the cabin TD Bašelj
 Difficulty: Medium
 Path length: 6.4 Km
 Altitude difference: 300 m
 Walking time: 2 hours.

The path of four castles

Starting point: tourism society TIC Preddvor, Dvorski trg, Preddvor
 Final point: TIC Preddvor
 Difficulty: Easy
 Path length: 4.8 Km
 Altitude difference: 270 m
 Walking time: 1.5 hour tour, with a guide 2 - 3 hours.

Short educational path through the woods

Starting point: tourism society TIC Preddvor, Dvorni trg 10, Preddvor
 Final point: TIC Preddvor
 Difficulty: Easy
 Length: 5 Km
 Altitude difference: 100 m
 Walking time: 2-3 hours

The path to St. Jacob (Sv. Jakob)

Starting point: parking in front of the castle Turn or in Podak.
 Final point: the church of St. Jacob
 Difficulty: Medium
 Path length: 7.5 km
 Altitude difference: 100 m
 Walking time: 1 to 1.5 hours

Old transport route

Starting point: in Možjanca
 Part 1: to the church in Kokra
 Difficulty: Medium
 Length: 7 Km
 Altitude difference: 500 m
 Walking time: 2.5 hours
 Part 2: to the bridge called Celarjev most - the end of the road
 Difficulty: Medium
 Length: 8 Km

- 1** Castle Grad Dvor
- 2** Lake Črnava
- 3** Castle Grad Hrib
- 4** Castle Grad Turn
- 5** Educational path through the woods
- 6** Castle Novi grad/ Pusti Grad
- 7** Church of St. Jacob (Sv. Jakob)
- 8** Natural climbing area

- 9** Church of St. Nicklaus (Sv. Miklavž)
- 10** Church of St. Lawrence (Sv. Lovrenc)
- 11** Church of St. Lenart, Breg
- 12** Church of St. Nicolay, Možjanca
- 13** Vineyard cottage in Poljana
- 14** Valley of the River Kokra
- 15** Church Sv. Devica Marija Brezmadežna
- 16** Church - Camp - Villa

- 17** A monument to the fallen soldiers
- 18** Forest reserve of Huda stena
- 19** Waterfall Skok in Vobenca
- 20** Beech tree with a perimeter of 6,10 m
- 21** Hill Višenski hrib
- 22** Baroque ironworks mansion - Fuchs' Villa
- 23** Provincial boundary stone
- P1** Bicycle resting place