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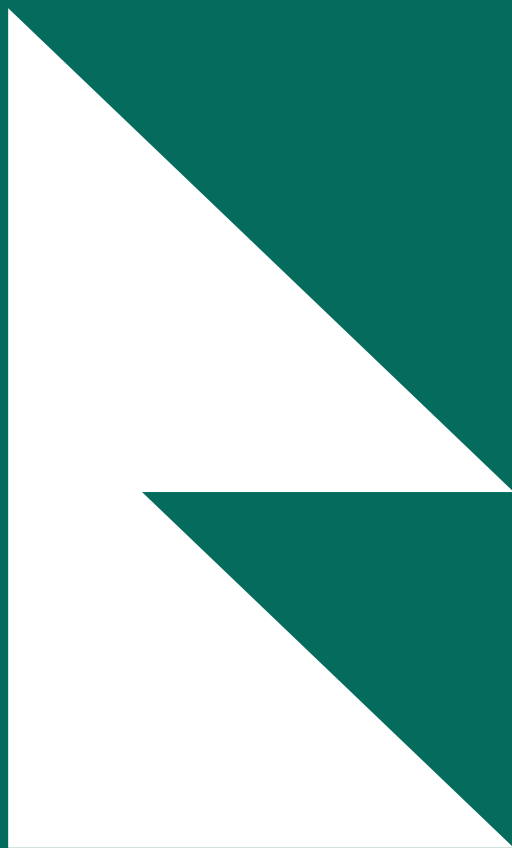
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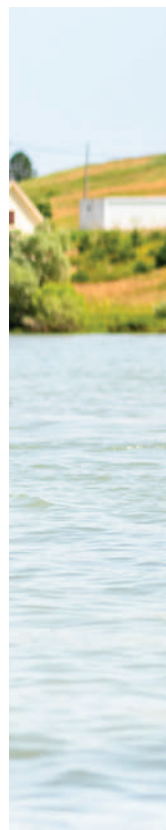
It is located in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the area of the central Dinarides and includes the mountain massifs of Čvrsnica and Vran. Administratively, it is part of the municipalities of Posušje, Tomislavgrad, Prozor-Rama, Jablanica and the city of Mostar. Due to its special geographical, herbal and animal attributes, on 30. March 1995 Blidinje was declared a nature park. In this unique natural area, which contains many endemic species of flora and fauna, around 1,500 plant species have been recorded to date. The park contains the largest habitat of the endemic white-barked munika pine.

SIGNIFICANT SITES AND ATTRACTIONS

Blidinje Lake

Blidinje Lake is the largest mountain lake in Bosnia and Herzegovina and is a geomorphological nature monument after which the park got its name. The surface of the lake is from 3 to 6 km² with a relatively shallow depth of half a meter to a maximum of four meters. The lake itself is located between the Vran and Čvrsnica mountains, at the bottom of Dugo polje, at an altitude of 1184 m. With its unreal natural beauty, Blidinje Lake perfectly complements the landscape of

the Blidinje Nature Park. It is a real lure for nature lovers, both in summer and in winter. During sunny summer days, when the wind calms the restless water of Blidinje Lake, a real fairy tale is staged in the lake because the entire landscape is perfectly reflected in it, which gives the eye of the observer another new dimension of experience. During the winter period, due to low temperatures, most of the lake freezes and an attractive ice surface is created.



Blidinje Lake





Canoes on Blidinje Lake





Hajdučka Vrata

The most recognizable symbol of the Blidinje Nature Park. Placed on Čvrsnica mountain and in 1985 declared as a protected geomorphological nature monument of Bosnia and Herzegovina. In addition to its beauty and position from which there are excellent views of the Diva Grabovica Canyon and the neighboring mountain Prenj, there are many legends associated with Hajdučka Vrata. One of the legends is connected to outlaws

called “hajduci” which are a symbol of the Blidinje region. According to the legend, men who joined the band of hajduk Mijat Tomić had to go through Hajdučka Vrata to make themselves bulletproof. From there the name Hajdučka Vrata originates, and some also call it “Mijatov prolaz”. The circle is made of rocks and has a diameter of five meters. It is located at 2000 m above sea level and has a view down the which descends into Diva Grabovica canyon, an incredible 1800m. The easiest way to get to Hajdučka Vrata is from the direction of Vitlenica/Muharnica. The climb takes about 3.5/4 hours and is characterized as a medium difficulty climb. Near the track is also the mountain lodge

Vilinac and one shelter called Zaglavlje which can be useful in situations when the weather worsens. Hajdučka Vrata is visited by thousands of tourists every year, which results in excellent promotion of this whole region which with its exceptional beauty becomes more and more recognizable around the world. Hajdučka Vrata are very fragile and sensitive, and it is not recommended to stand directly below them, but a few meters in front of them. It is necessary to make sure that everything people bring with them to the mountains, is also brought back to where it came from – leaving no waste in the nature.



Čvrsnica and Vran – Herzegovinian mountain giants

Some call Čvrsnica «the roof of Herzegovina» because of its height. With its highest peak, Pločno, at 2,228 meters above sea level, it represents the highest mountain in the central Dinarides. The massif of Čvrsnica, which has two mountain ranges, four plateaus, and 15 peaks over 2,000 meters above sea level, is protected as part of the Blidinje Nature Park. Its special natural phenomenon – Hajdučka Vrata – has been protected as a natural monument since 1985. Despite all the beauty that can be seen on this mountain, it's worth highlighting why this mountain is a favorite for many. It is home to the Vilinac Mountain Lodge, which is considered the highest mountain lodge in the entire Dinarides. Veliki Kuk is a part of Čvrsnica where the largest vertical drop in the Balkans is located. The cliffs of Veliki Kuk are an incredible 1,300 meters high, and standing on their edges is an unparalleled feeling. Čvrsnica also has its own canyon that it has carved out, known as the Diva Grabovica Canyon, which is 1,800 meters deep. A breathtaking, wild, and powerful mountain of unreal beauty – it attracts a large number of hikers and mountaineers throughout all seasons.

Vran is another stunning mountain of Herzegovina, which forms the backbone of the Blidinje Nature Park. Intertwined with history carved by both nature and human hands, with its highest peak at 2,074 meters above sea level (Veliki Vran), it also belongs to the Herzegovinian mountain giants. Its beauty and uniqueness will inspire you to respectfully traverse through its heights and plateaus. Along with the highest peak, three other peaks exceed the 2,000 meters above sea level mark. Both mountains have very good hiking trails which branch out to their most beautiful and most inaccessible parts.





Risovac, Church of St. John the Baptist - Church in Karst

Tomb of Mijat Tomić, Doljani



MIJAT TOMIĆ
HRVATSKI NARODNI JUNAK
† 1656. GOD. U DOLJANIMA
„PA JA ODOH POTRAŽITI PRAVDE
U BOGAZE I TIJESNE KLANCE...”
PODIŽE HRVATSKI NAROD I
HRV. K.D. „NAPREDAK” U SARAJEVU
O ILIJIN – DANU 1937. GOD.



Hajduk Mijat Tomić's Cave

The Cave of Hajduk Mijat Tomić is located on Dugo Polje, at the foot of the Vran mountain and in close proximity to the restaurant Hajdučke Vrleti. It is interesting both historically and due to the fauna inhabiting it. It has been the subject of numerous speleological explorations and analyses. According to the legend, Mijat Tomić stayed in these parts in the mid-17th century and marked the distant past with his bravery and fearlessness. Legend has it that the cave has an exit to the other side of Vran, towards Rama.

Necropolis of stećci, Dugo Polje





Stećci in the Blidinje Nature Park

In the area of the Blidinje Nature Park, on two large necropolises and several other different locations, there are medieval stone sleepers - Christian tombstones from the period between the 12th and 14th centuries; stećci, which with their beauty and history defy oblivion and testify to us about some other bygone times. The Dugo Polje necropolis is on the list of 30 medieval stećak necropolises that were declared UNESCO World Heritage Sites in 2016. They are located in the municipality of Jablanica, on the way to Kedžara. The necropolis consists of 150 stećci, most of which are slabs and chests, and some stećci are decorated. The stećci are in good condition and are one of the most important cultural landmarks in the Blidinje Nature Park.



Diva Grabovčeva

According to the legend, Diva Grabovčeva was a girl from the Croatian people who lived in the 17th century. She is special because despite pressure, she refused to marry the Turkish Tahir-beg Kopčić. She paid with her life for this decision and thus forever became a symbol of purity, martyrdom, and Catholicism. Every year, a holy mass is held in honor of Diva, always on the first sunday after Petrovdan, attended by several thousand pilgrims from the entire region. The heroine Diva Grabovčeva has been celebrated in numerous songs, books, and films, with one of the most notable works being the opera "Diva Grabovčeva," which is also the first opera in the Croatian language in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Kedžara, memorial of Diva Grabovčeva



Masna Luka

Masna Luka, a mountainous gem at the foot of Čvrsnica, with its beautiful church of St. Elijah seamlessly blending into the natural ambiance, undoubtedly ranks among the most beautiful spots in the Blidinje Nature Park. It is distinguished by its abundant pine and fir forests and is rich in sources of drinking water, with the most famous being the Jasle spring. Managed as a natural reserve, Masna Luka, as the largest European habitat of the endemic Bosnian pine, provides a perfect place for relaxation, fully immersed in nature. Visitors also have the opportunity to explore the Franciscan gallery showcasing rich artworks from this area.





Franciscan House of Prayer

The Franciscan House of Prayer is located in the heart of the Blidinje Nature Park on the slopes of Mount Čvrsnica, in Masna Luka, at an altitude of 1204 meters above sea level. It is the result of centuries-old love of the friars of the Herzegovinian Franciscan Province and their care for these areas and the people who inhabit them. In the past, they were shepherds with their flocks, and in recent decades, they have been mostly individuals who come to the mountains to rest their bodies and find their souls. In 1982, friar Petar Krsić began the construction of a so-called standing house intended for the stay of friars serving in the St. Francis Chaplaincy. The Franciscan House of Prayer in Masna Luka abounds in springs, small lakes, underground waters, and marshes. Among the springs,

the most famous and interesting is the Jasle spring, located in the immediate vicinity of the church and monastery, enriching ponds and marshes below with its water. The Jasle spring serves as a retreat for those brothers who withdraw for their annual spiritual exercises. Over time, friar Petar also built a beautiful church of St. Elijah with a unique bell tower (2005) and a house (2015) that accommodates those in need of spiritual refreshment. The entire complex is a harmonious entity that, with its architecture, perfectly and unobtrusively blends into the natural environment. As part of the Franciscan House of Prayer in Masna Luka, priests organize various spiritual programs throughout the year, combining prayer, socializing, and hiking. Each generation can find something for themselves.



Jasle Spring

The Jasle Spring is among the most famous and interesting springs in Masna Luka, abundant with springs, small lakes, underground waters, and marshes. Located in the immediate vicinity of the church and monastery, the Jasle Spring enriches ponds and marshes below with its water.





Old stone house Blidinje



Muvarnica Forest Park

A vast green oasis adorned with tall spruces, pines, and beech trees towering above mountain gorges and meadows, all within an area of 500 hectares. The Muvarnica park is an ideal spot for those craving silence, wilderness, and mountain tranquility, complemented only by the sounds of the wind rustling through the canopies of ancient trees and the relaxing sounds of forest inhabitants.





Diva Grabovica Canyon

One of the most beautiful parts of Čvrsnica on its southeastern side is represented by Diva Grabovica; a river and a grandiose canyon with a depth of up to 1800 meters and over 6 kilometers in length. Hiking through this part of Čvrsnica will provide you with an unforgettable experience and a true enjoyment of the fairytale-like beauty of the mountain landscapes. Climbing through this canyon will reveal to you entirely new beauties of the Čvrsnica mountain massif and allow you to experience the wilderness of nature. The best choice of route for hiking in this area starts from Grabovica itself, 35 kilometers north of Mostar, along the Neretva Canyon. Your journey also depends on your desires and those of the mountaineers.

The markings in the Diva Grabovica Canyon will lead you to Žlijeb, Tisa, Plasa over Strmenica to Hajdučka Vrata and from there further to Veliki Vilinac, Pločno, or you can decide to cross the entire mountain via Veliki Vilinac and descend to Masna Luka. From the canyon to the high peaks of Čvrsnica, you can climb using Via Ferrata that leads you under the cliffs of Veliki Kuk and whose starting point is next to a place where Bracin Bivak is located. The entire canyon is full of steep ascents, making it an excellent place for mountaineering preparations for major expeditions worldwide. Adding to all this is the fact that the trail from the bottom of the canyon through Strmenica over Veliki Vilinac to Masna Luka is one of the most challenging hiking trails in the Balkans.



Cave above the «Peharovi Stanovi» from where one has a view of the highest peak of Čvrsnica, Pločno

Veliki Kuk

Hiking trails lead to incredible places and beautiful viewpoints. One such trail leads to the highest cliff in the Balkan Peninsula. Veliki Kuk is the most rugged area of Čvrsnica. Its cliffs plunge steeply down an incredible 1300 meters into the valley of Diva Grabovica, creating breathtaking sights that leave no one indifferent. The cliffs of Veliki Kuk stand shoulder to shoulder with the highest cliffs in the world and are a true pride of the Blidinje Nature Park. A marked hiking trail leads to the very edge of the cliffs, and the easiest way to reach this point is by taking the trail to the Vilinac Mountain Lodge. From the mountain hut to the cliffs of Veliki Kuk, it takes an additional hour of hiking, and besides this ascent to the

peaks of the cliffs, you can also reach them directly from the Diva Grabovica Canyon. From the starting point in the canyon, where you head towards Žlijeb, you can also hike to Veliki Kuk. There is a marked trail, and in some parts, it is marked as a Via Ferrata, i.e., a secured mountaineering route. Standard equipment required for Via Ferrata passage is necessary for such an ascent. Veliki Kuk is a special place - standing at the edges of cliffs that seem endless and watching birds fly “below you” is an extraordinary sight. From the same spot, the entire Diva Grabovica Canyon can be viewed as if in the palm of your hand, allowing you to explore every corner. The most isolated part of Čvrsnica, named Peštibrdo, is also very close, so this part can also be experienced.



Crvenjak Lake

Mountain lodge Vilinac, PSD Vilinac







Flora and Fauna

In the Blidinje Nature Park, over 1500 different plant species have been recorded, earning it the title of the Herzegovinian developmental endemic center and making it unique at the European level due to its exceptional richness. The incredible floral richness is the result of the ecological heterogeneity of the area, as well as its climatic, hydrological, and geomorphological diversity. The vast majority of the park is covered by forests, while the rest consists of meadows and pastures. Various plants found here are Illyrian, Balkan, and Dinaric endemics. It is remarkable that 40% of stenoendemics recorded in Bosnia and Herzegovina are found in the park, along with over 200 endemic, subendemic, and relict plant species. Throughout the different seasons, visitors can find an abundance of medicinal and aromatic herbs, allowing them to enjoy the medicinal benefits of the natural wealth of this park every year. Given that the park stretches from 1000 to 2228 meters above sea level, the diversification of flora

is evident, and the vertical stratification of vegetation is clearly visible.

FOREST VEGETATION

In the lower forested area of Blidinje, krš forests of oriental hornbeam (*Carpinus orientalis*) dominate, along with the endemic Tilovina (*Petteria ramentacea*), which holds great biological and economic significance. Tilovina is an endemic species of the karst area, rare in the flora of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and significant in beekeeping due to its nectar-bearing properties. Adjacent to the hornbeam forests are downy oak forests (*Quercus pubescens*), characterized by a high degree of diversity, where we can find endemic species such as *Lilium cattanie* and *Crocus dalmaticus*.

In the mountain forests, beech (*Fagetum montane*) is found, the most economically and floristically significant forest community. A large number of endemic, relict, and sensitive species are recorded within the fir

community (*Avieti fagetum*). In the southern and western parts of Čvrsnica and in the east and southeast of Vran, a distinct system of conifer zonation is found as a result of post-glacial zonation. Among them, it is important to highlight the Bosnian pine (*Pinus heldreichii* var. *leucodermis*), a relict, Balkan-Apennine endemic.

In the montane vegetation belt, beech forests (*Fagetum montane*) are present, one of the most economically important and floristically richest forest communities. In contrast, the subalpine beech forest community (*Fagetum subalpinum*) develops under slightly less favorable habitat conditions and with lower floristic diversity. In the montane vegetation belt, there is also the beech and fir forest community (*Abieti – Fagetum*), also among the richest forest communities, with a large proportion of endemic, relict, and sensitive species of Bosnia and Herzegovina, such as the sensitive species *Lilium martagon*. Black pine (*Pinus nigra*) forest communities develop at slightly higher elevations and represent remnants of old, more widespread, pre-glacial forests. They are characterized by a high proportion of relict species in the floristic composition and, as a result of post-glacial zonation, form a distinct system of conifer zonation on the southern and western slopes of Čvrsnica and on the eastern and southeastern slopes of Vran. Among the

forest species, it is particularly important to highlight the Bosnian pine (*Pinus heldreichii* var. *leucodermis*), a relict, Balkan-Apennine endemic. In the center of the park in Masna Luka, there is a Bosnian pine reserve, which is the largest such complex in Europe.

NON-FOREST VEGETATION

Mountain meadows and rocky outcrops constitute primary natural and secondary anthropogenic communities dominated by grasses and sedges. A large number of plant species inhabiting these habitats of extreme ecological conditions are rare, endemic, and relict species, which constitute an important gene pool of this park. The rich and diverse vegetation of this area has been greatly influenced by its inhabitants. For centuries, they cleared forests, engaged in agricultural activities, and fertilized these areas with their livestock, all of which affect biodiversity. Additionally, new plant varieties have been introduced into the nature park under human influence. In the vegetation of moist meadows located in the lowlands of the park in karst fields, endemic species such as *Chouardia litardierei* and *Edraianthus dalmaticus* can be found. On the other hand, in dry meadows and rocky areas influenced by the sub-Mediterranean climate, an endemic species *Sternbergia colchiciflora* var. *dalmatica* occurs.



GENTIAN

Gentian, also known as yellow gentian (Latin: *Gentiana lutea* L. *Gentianaceae*), is a highly significant plant in the Blidinje Nature Park. It is the most sought-after and popular medicinal plant among the local population. Gentian can be found in mountainous rocky areas on limestone substrates, along forest edges, most commonly in the subalpine vegetation belt. Its flowers are yellow, and the stem is upright, growing to heights ranging from 50 to 150 cm. This plant has a very bitter taste.

ALPINE BEARBERRY

Alpine bearberry (Latin: *Arctostaphylos alpinus*) is a deciduous shrub from the heather family. Its branches are slender and creeping, with dark brown bark, and its fruits are round, fleshy smooth berries that turn red when ripe. It is called bearberry or bear grape because bears allegedly enjoy eating it. Bearberry can be found on the highest peaks on limestone rocks and is very rare in the Dinaric Alps.

FREYN'S CARNATION

Frey's carnation, or Frey's clove (Latin: *Dianthus freynii* Vandas), is a native endemic species of the Herzegovinian karst, belonging to the Caryophyllaceae family. It can be found at altitudes ranging from 1900 to 2228 meters above sea level. This stenoendemic species can be found on Čvrsnica.

EDELWEISS

Edelweiss (Latin: *Leontopodium*) is a perennial genus belonging to the Compositae family, comprising about 60 species. In the Herzegovina region, mountain or karst edelweiss grows. Its habitat includes mountainous rocky areas and crevices in carbonate rocks. It represents a symbol of mountains and is a highly attractive plant.



PRENJSKA OŠTRICA

Oxytropis prenja or Prenjska oštrica (Latin: *Oxytropis prenja*), is a plant of the Papilionaceae family - legumes. This endemic species is generally widespread throughout the Dinaric Alps, particularly in the highest zone of Herzegovinian high mountains built of limestone rocks (from about 1900 to 2228 meters above sea level).

HERZEGOVINA BELLFLOWER

Herzegovina bellflower (Latin: *Campanula hercegovina*) is a plant of the Campanulaceae family - bellflowers. They are found in crevices of vertical shaded limestone rocks, on average from 1150 to 1500 meters above sea level (interestingly, in the Dive Grabovica canyon, it is found at 240 meters above sea level). This endemic species is known from the following locations: the Neretva canyon, Rakitnica, Diva Grabovica, Drežnica, and mountains such as Prenj, Čvrsnica, Čabulja, Plasa, and Velež.

MOUNTAIN YARROW

Mountain yarrow (Latin: *Achillea abrotanoides*) is a herbaceous perennial flower from the Asteraceae family. It is most commonly found in the subalpine region on limestone screes, among rocky blocks or scree slopes. It is found in elevations ranging from 1200 to 2000 meters above sea level. In folk tradition, this plant is also called Hajdučka trava or kunica, and it is a popular medicinal herb used for making teas or brandies.

VELECVJETNI DIVOKOZJAK

Velevjetni divokozjak (Latin: *Doronicum grandiflorum*) is a perennial herbaceous plant from the Asteraceae family. It can grow up to 150cm in height. Its habitat includes rocky terrain around snow patches in sinkholes and in the subalpine and alpine zones.

SPRING CROCUS

Spring Crocus or Saffron (Latin: *Crocus neapolitanus*) is a perennial plant species with underground corms from the Iridaceae family. Saffron was used by ancient Greeks, Egyptians, and Romans as a spice and a dye for textiles and walls. It is found in deciduous and mixed forests, shrubs, along forest edges, and in meadows. It grows in fresh, nutrient-rich locations

ILLYRIAN GLADIOLUS

Illyrian Gladiolus (Latin: *Gladiolus illyricus*) is a bulbous perennial plant from the iris family. Over 280 species grow across parts of Eurasia and Africa. Its habitats

include dry rocky meadows from lowlands to hillside vegetation belts.

IRIS REICHENBACHII

Bosnian Iris (Latin: *Iris reichenbachii*) is a plant from the Iridaceae family (irises) and is an endemic species to Bosnia and Herzegovina. It is a perennial and tall plant. It is found individually or in larger numbers. It commonly inhabits dry meadows and pastures on limestone and serpentine rocks, with shallow skeletal soil.

WILDLIFE

Blidinje Nature Park is not only known for its diverse and rich plant life but also for the wildlife that adorns the mountain peaks, forests, and lakes. It is a sanctuary for various species, and we believe it is crucial to emphasize the importance of respecting and preserving their habitat. The general rule applies that wild animals should not be approached or interacted with, to avoid disturbing them or encouraging dangerous behaviors. It is forbidden to scare, feed, or otherwise disturb the animals. Some animals in the park pose a risk to visitors, and it is the responsibility of everyone to adopt the necessary precautionary measures to mitigate any potential risks. For the safety and protection of the wild inhabitants, it is imperative that no waste or other objects are left in nature within the Blidinje Nature Park.



In the Blidinje Nature Park, there are a large number of plant species recorded, of which 200 are endemic, subendemic, or relict species.

CHAMOIS

The chamois (Latin: *Rupicapra rupicapra*) has been classified as a rare and protected wild animal since the end of the 19th century. It can grow up to 80 cm in height, with a length of about 130 cm, while larger males weigh more than 40 kg. Females are slightly smaller and lighter. Their natural enemy is the wolf, and for the young, danger can also come from eagles. Chamois can live up to 20 years. They adorn the peaks of Čvrsnica in Blidinje.

WESTERN CAPERCAILLIE

The Western capercaillie (Latin: *Tetrao urogallus*) is a species of forest bird belonging to the grouse order. They have a distinctive appearance, with bright black-green feathers. Males and females differ in appearance, with the male's plumage being more striking, especially during the mating season. They can weigh up to 5 kilograms and grow up to 85 centimeters in length.



BROWN BEAR

The brown bear (Latin: *Ursus arctos*), a rare and protected species from the bear family, was almost exterminated from Western Europe. Today, it is found in Central and Eastern Europe as well as Scandinavia. As part of the BEAR IN MIND project, 6 brown bears have been tagged with telemetry collars in Blidinje.

OŠTRULJA

The dace, or Aulopyge (Latin: *Aulopyge huegelli*), is a freshwater fish from the carp family (Latin: *Cyprinidae*). It is endemic to Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia, being the only representative of the *Aulopyge* genus in the world. It lives in karst sinkholes, and in winter, when the surface waters freeze, it migrates to dark





underground habitats. It is named after the hard spine with a serrated inner edge in its dorsal fin. It grows up to 20 cm in length.

▶ MOUNTAIN VIPER

The mountain viper, or *Vipera ursinii macrops* (Latin: *Vipera ursinii macrops*), is the smallest venomous snake found in Europe and is an endemic species of the Dinaric Alps. Like the common adder and the nose-horned viper, it has a zigzag pattern on its back, which can range from pale brown, gray, or yellow with a dark pattern. The venom of this snake is weaker compared to other European vipers, similar to a bee or wasp sting, but sensitive individuals may experience significant pain and dizziness.

▶ PRENJ MOUNTAIN SALAMANDER

The Prenj mountain salamander, or Black salamander (Latin: *Salamandra atra*), is an amphibian from the salamander genus. It has a stout body with four equally short legs and a long tail. Its skin is slimy and monochromatic, usually black, grayish, or brown. They are found in cold, moist mountain habitats.

▶ SHORT-TOED SNAKE EAGLE

The Short-toed snake eagle (Latin: *Circaetus gallicus*) is a medium-sized bird of prey from the hawk family. It can reach up to 67cm in length, with a wingspan between 170-185cm. They weigh from 1.2kg to 2.3kg. They are found in dry rocky scrubland of plains and mountains. Generally, they are very quiet and can live up to 17 years.

▶ BLEAK

The Bleak (Latin: *Leucaspis delineatus*) is a fish from the carp family Cyprinidae. It is also known as the freshwater sprat, the sunbleak, or the blue sprat. Its coloration depends on the characteristics of the water and the bottom; in clearer water, the bleak is lighter, while in lakes and other stagnant waters, it is darker. It has large, well-defined fan-shaped fins. It grows up to 9 cm in length.

▶ TORNJAK

The Tornjak (Latin: *Canis montanus*) is a mountain livestock guardian dog whose role has been to protect herds from raiders and large predators such as wolves and bears since the 11th century. Its name comes from the word "tor," which means an enclosed space for sheep. Adult dogs are 60-75cm tall and weigh between 40 and 60kg. The Tornjak is considered a resident of Blidinje as it has been guarding herds in these areas for centuries.



Visit Blidinje

Visit Blidinje was established in 2014 as a result of joint thinking among entrepreneurs from the Blidinje Nature Park regarding destination tourism that would provide visitors with rich content and quality service. From the very beginning, the goal has been to connect all providers of tourist arrangements and activities, local producers, mountaineering societies, mountain rescue services, local population, park management; all those who in any way operate in this area - into Visit Blidinje,

a unique organization that will promote and enhance all natural and cultural values of this beautiful and untouched nature gem, in the spirit of sustainable tourism development. All activities are aimed at the main goal - positioning the Blidinje Nature Park as a serious tourist destination on the map of the entire region throughout the year. The association supports all green projects and strives solely for sustainable tourism development.



CONTENT AND OFFER

TOUR OF THE NATURE PARK BLIDINJE

**BLIDINJE LAKE - MASNA LUKA - MIJAT
TOMIĆ'S CAVE - STEČAK NECROPOLIS IN
DUGO POLJE - DIVE GRABOVČEVA'S TOMB
ON KEDŽARA - SKI RESORT**

During approximately 2 hours of adventure alongside some of the most interesting and significant points in our Nature Park, you will have the opportunity to get acquainted with the intriguing history of this area, as well as its exceptional beauty. This tour is unique in that, while traveling through the beautiful nature and landscapes, you are also journeying through over 500 years of the history of this region.



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HIKING TOURS IN THE BLIDINJE NATURE PARK

One of the most beautiful ways to connect with nature is through hiking. In this way, you have the opportunity to experience true peace and beauty with the safety of our licensed hiking guides. Visiting mountains like Čvrsnica and Vran, and merging with them as one, will awaken the true spirit of hiking within you. The mountain will never tire you. Its beauty calms and heals. Walks and ascents on the



Rent a bike, Visit Blidinje

most beautifully crafted trails in the Blidinje Nature Park are gaining more and more significance. Thousands of hikers come here every year and return again and again to experience the beauty that this nature park bestows upon them. They carry their impressions further and share them around the world, bringing even more visitors to us in this way. You will be impressed by the breathtaking mountains, undiscovered valleys, several smaller and larger lakes, high and steep cliffs, ridges from which the sea can be seen, and much more. All of this, accompanied by the pleasant company and stories of our experienced guides.

EASIER HIKING TOURS IN THE BLIDINJE NATURE PARK

If you enjoy hiking but for any reason lack the strength or time for longer and more physically demanding hikes, then easier hiking tours in the Blidinje Nature Park are

ideal for you. With our specialized guides, you can experience the beauty offered by the lower slopes of the Vran and Čvrsnica mountains. Additionally, you have the opportunity to explore undiscovered valleys and plateaus, the richness of flora and fauna, refreshing springs, several different smaller and larger lakes, and the beautiful centuries-old pine, spruce, and beech forests. Surrender to the natural beauties of our mountains and enjoy!

CYCLING TOURS

The wealth of untouched natural beauty makes the Blidinje Nature Park a true cycling oasis. Dare to conquer the summit, descend from the mountain, challenge your body on gravel roads at the foothills, ride along the lake shore, and discover untouched corners of nature by choosing different cycling routes. Those more daring who join in will discover a new world and celebrate the taste of their own victory. Our small Herzegovinian Alps are rich with over 300 km of mountain trails and roads, and due to their pristine nature, they are an excellent destination for recreational and mountain biking. Even National Geographic recognized the potential of Bosnia and Herzegovina in adventure tourism, declaring it the most desirable destination for this type of tourism in the world. Here, you can rent bicycles and experience a true cycling adventure in the beautiful Blidinje Nature Park. We offer tours of the nature park through four cycling routes: the Mountain Cycling Trail, the Wolf Cycling Trail, the Hajduk Cycling Trail, and the Fairy Cycling Trail.

ARCHERY AT THE ESTATE IN MASNA LUKA

The bow and arrow are tools used since the earliest beginnings of human civilization, and today their use is mostly recreational. Engaging in archery helps improve coordination and concentration, and



combined with the clean mountain air and beautiful surroundings, it represents a healthy and fun activity for all ages. Upon arrival at the estate, you will be greeted by a professional instructor who provides equipment and instructions and teaches proper archery techniques. You have the opportunity to practice, compete, and have a great time in a relaxed atmosphere.

VISIT TO A RURAL HOMESTEAD IN BLIDINJE NATURE PARK

The perfect combination of nature, tradition, local products, and domestic animals makes a visit to a rural homestead in Blidinje Nature Park special. Stepping away from city life into the rural everyday where there's no stress but plenty of beautiful tastes, smells, and, above all, peace and quiet, is an invaluable experience.

CANOEING ON BLIDINJE LAKE

Visit Blidinje has included panoramic canoe rides on Blidinje Lake in its range of activities and offerings in Blidinje Nature Park, lasting



Visit to rural household, Visit Blidinje


30 or 60 minutes with professional guides. This is a unique way to tour the park as a tourist. It's important to mention that canoeing is a completely green activity. Through such activities, we aim to promote the beauty and value of Blidinje Nature Park in the most beautiful and sustainable way possible.

PICNIC TASTING EXPERIENCE

A picnic in nature is a wonderful experience, but a picnic in Blidinje Nature Park with locally sourced products is an experience you will surely remember for a long time. Your only task is to reach out to us with the



Canoes on Blidinje Lake



desire and willingness, and we will prepare everything needed for the picnic, including all the equipment and products for you to taste in a unique natural setting.

GASTRONOMY IN BLIDINJE NATURE PARK

Blidinje Nature Park is known for its local cuisine. Numerous gastronomic specialties, stemming from the long tradition of this area, cherished recipes, and a unique way of preparing each dish, are available today in our restaurants and taverns, enriching your stay in Blidinje. Whether you opt for the traditional “pura” with “lučinica”, fritters, a selection of homemade cheeses or cured meats, lamb stewed in the pastures of Blidinje, vegetables grown in the fertile soil of our Park, or anything else from our wide range of gastronomic offerings - we are confident that you will be delighted.

VILLAGE OLYMPICS IN BLIDINJE NATURE PARK

In the heart of Masna Luka, under the canopy of white-bark pine trees, which are themselves a treat for the soul and body, you can enjoy the best company with old games forgotten in the world, but preserved in Blidinje, cherished, and organized for visitors. In the organized campsite in front of the Mountaineering Lodge Masna Luka and the Visitor Center, the Village Olympics take place. The campsite has all the necessities for a safe stay in nature. It has a part with dense tree cover that provides shade during summer. There is a source of clear mountain water in the camp, and there are meadows that provide space for various activities. Since the camp is close to these two superb facilities, toilets are always accessible, and there's even a mini zip-line for the youngest. The Village Olympics in Blidinje Nature Park consist of five disciplines in which

competitors try to use strength and speed, as well as skills that require resourcefulness and agility. These are: standing long jump, sack race, tug-of-war, log wrestling, and sack jumping. The Village Olympics bring excitement, laughter, tense finishes, thrilling twists, competitive spirit, and experiences that are long remembered and recounted.

WINTER SEASON IN BLIDINJE NATURE PARK AND SKIING

Within the Blidinje Nature Park, on the slopes of Čvrsnica, the ski and recreational center “Risovac” is located. Spread across an area of 30,000 m², it features several ski slopes and two ski lifts. One of them is a quad chairlift manufactured by Doppelmeyr, with a capacity of 1942 persons/hour and a length of 929 m. Its starting point is at an altitude of 1293 m, and the destination is at 1548 m; the ride takes approximately 6 minutes. In addition to the quad chairlift, there is also a small tow lift, a Doppelmeyr ski lift with a capacity of 563 persons/hour and a length of 262 m. Its starting point is at an altitude of 1290 m, and the destination is at 1346 m; the ride takes about 2 minutes. For the youngest skiers, there is also a small ski lift for beginners, right next to the small tow lift. Apart from the ski slopes, there is also a toboggan run for the little ones. The Risovac Ski Center also offers skiing lessons for beginners and those who want to improve their skills. Skiing on one of the three slopes equipped with ski lifts and quad chairlifts, with a capacity of approximately 2000 people per hour, or simply enjoying nature in your preferred way, will fill your winter day in our Park. Nothing compares to the beautiful whiteness that envelops the Blidinje area during the winter season. It's wonderful to come to this idyllic setting and immerse yourself in the charms of nature; to recreate on the ski slopes or simply take a walk and enjoy the peace and quiet.



Workshop of creating perfumes, Visit Blidinje

HARVESTING MEDICINAL HERBS AND WORKSHOPS ON MAKING OINTMENTS AND PERFUMES IN BLIDINJE NATURE PARK

Blidinje Nature Park is abundant with plant species that are beneficial for human health in numerous ways. With our professional guides, you can enjoy several hours of harvesting medicinal herbs while taking leisurely walks in the beautiful natural surroundings. Additionally, you have the opportunity to learn how to identify medicinal herbs and how to use them in the best possible way for your health or the health of your loved ones. Nature provides us with numerous riches, and our professional guides will teach you how to process herbs for teas or creams, for which your body will be grateful. All of this is a combination of pleasant walks, fresh air, enjoyable learning

about medicinal herbs, and ultimately creating the final product for your health.

TEAM BUILDING IN BLIDINJE NATURE PARK

Communication and teamwork are extremely important for the success and productivity of any company. It is also crucial to take care of the physical and mental health of employees and their level of satisfaction. One of the best ways to achieve cohesion and mutual trust is through various team-building activities. Blidinje Nature Park offers plenty of opportunities for organizing such activities, and the clean mountain air and

untouched nature are additional reasons why this is an ideal location for team building. Our team organizes and conducts all programs, and in addition to the team-building activities themselves, we can also organize accommodation, food, transportation, and anything else you need or desire. This makes organizing such an event

BLIDINJE NATURE PARK IS FULL OF LIFE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, AND THESE ARE SOME OF THE REGULAR EVENTS.

a quick and easy process. We tailor all our programs to your needs. If you have your own idea for a team-building activity that you would like to organize in Blidinje Nature Park and need logistical assistance in organizing the envisioned activities, you can contact us, and our team will ensure that your ideas and plans are realized in the best possible way!

ČVRSNICA TRAIL RUNNING CAMP

During the summer, the unforgettable three-day Čvrstica Trail Running Camp offers all participants the experience of running on the Čvrstica and Vran mountains. The

Čvrsnica Ultra Trail



running is organized into two groups, with the first tailored to trail beginners, covering distances of up to approximately 10 km with a 500 m ascent, offering views of Čvrsnica and its peaks. The second group is designed for more experienced trail runners, with distances of up to approximately 25 km and a 1500 m ascent along the slopes and peaks of Čvrsnica.

SVETKOVINA SVETOG ANTE

Known as one of the most beloved saints in Herzegovina, Saint Anthony of Padua also has a chapel dedicated to his honor and deeds in our Park. The statue of Saint Anthony in this area dates back to ancient times and is especially known as the patron saint of travelers, shepherds, and the popular

Herzegovinian “duvandžije” who carried heavy loads across these lands on long journeys to provide for their families. A Mass is held in the chapel of Saint Anthony in Blidinje on June 13, the day of his feast, and on this occasion, a large number of believers visit this place. The chapel of Saint Anthony is also one of the favorite spots for many visitors to the Blidinje Nature Park.

HIGHLANDER BIH, BLIDINJE

Highlander Hercules Blidinje offers the ultimate mountaineering experience where participants from all over Europe and the world can experience the unreal beauty of this park from an altitude of 2000 meters. The adventure spans 91 kilometers of untouched nature in the Blidinje Nature



Park and lasts for five days. Participants have the opportunity to experience a unique circular tour over Čvrsnica and Vran mountains with a view of Blidinjsko Lake. The starting point and finish line are in Masna Luka, a special forest reserve in the heart of the Park. For those for whom five days is too much, it is possible to join Highlander Orion Blidinje, where the beauty of Čvrsnica can be experienced over two days and 30 kilometers, feeling the spirit of Highlander. Through 91 kilometers and over 150,000 steps, both easy and challenging, all participants can experience the most



beautiful parts of this park firsthand. The Hercules and Orion routes are designed to showcase the best of what Blidinje, Vran, and Čvrsnica have to offer. Checkpoints where participants sleep and witness the sunset, as well as greet the sunrise the next morning, are carefully planned and located in breathtaking locations..

CELEBRATION OF DIVA'S DAY

Legend has it that once in this region lived a girl of exceptional beauty named Diva Grabovčeva. Her beauty was noticed by the Turkish Tahir-beg Kopčić, who proposed to her, but she refused to marry him, which ultimately cost her life. Diva became a symbol of purity, martyrdom, and Catholicism. She was buried on Vran mountain, and in 1998, a bronze monument



was erected on her grave, the work of sculptor Kuzma Kovačić. According to ancient tradition in the region of Rama, the first Sunday after the feast of St. Peter and St. Paul is celebrated as “Divin dan,” a day dedicated to Diva Grabovčeva. On this occasion, a large number of believers from various parts of Bosnia and neighboring Croatia gather at Kedžara.

BLIDINJE BIKE FESTIVAL

A unique sports event held during the summer. The Blidinje Bike Festival brings together competitors, recreational cyclists, as well as entire families for a three-day event that includes educational activities, a children’s playground, the recreational bike ride “Ajduk Trail,” and on the last day, the MTB marathon XCM Herzegovina, which gathers some of the best cyclists from the region. The event is open to all cyclists eager for adventure, socializing, top entertainment, recreational rides with colleagues from



across the region, and even those who live for adrenaline-fueled races on marathon trails.

GATHERING OF MOUNTAINEERS IN MASNA LUKA

The mountain idyll in Masna Luka is the ideal location for one of the largest gatherings of mountaineers in the region. The occasion for this traditional gathering is the anniversary of the death of mountaineer Ivica Plazonić from Kaštela, who was tragically lost on Čvrsnica. The memorial gathering was initiated by the Malačka Mountaineering



Barzonja, Blidinje



Society from Kaštela, and soon after, the HPD Pločno from Posušje joined the organization, leading to this event growing into a respected regional mountaineering gathering. Mountaineers, nature lovers, and recreational enthusiasts from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region come to Blidinje to enjoy various organized mountaineering tours and conquer the peaks of the mountains our Park offers. Friendly gatherings, enjoying the campfire, competing in old sports, a rich communal lunch, and participating in the holy mass in Masna Luka are all part of this gathering of mountaineers in our Park, which traditionally takes place on the second weekend of July.

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

Every year at the beginning of August, the feast of Our Lady of the Snows is celebrated. In our Park, this day is especially celebrated at Barzonja near Blidinje Lake, where a church dedicated to Our Lady of the Snows is built. This beautiful church with artistic mosaics and a tall bell tower was constructed in 1995 and was opened and blessed on the same day, August 5th. The mass traditionally starts at 12 o'clock, and after the holy mass, there is a gathering of all the assembled faithful. The name Our Lady of the Snows comes from the legend according to which snow fell in Rome in the middle of summer, on August 5th, and according to the testimony of local priests - snow also fell on Blidinje on one of the feast days of Our Lady of the Snows.



just as each runner experiences the race in their own way, but what is common to all is the desire to return and experience the race in a unique way. Guaranteed are plenty of fun, laughter, and excellent competitive spirit, so at the end of August every year, you can be a participant in this special race.

Čvrsnica ultra trail



ČVRSNICA ULTRA TRAIL

Mountain race in the Blidinje Nature Park where over 170 participants can enjoy the magnificent views of the Čvrsnica and Vran mountains, as well as the natural phenomenon of the Hajdučka Vrata. Runners can challenge themselves on four trails: the Green trail with its 10 kilometers and 380 meters elevation, the Yellow trail with its 25 kilometers and 1500 meters elevation, the Blue trail with its 34 kilometers and 2300 meters elevation, and the Red trail with its 50 kilometers and 4000 meters elevation. Each trail is unique in its own way,

BLIDINJE GASTRO FESTIVAL

The Blidinje Gastro Festival is an event aimed at showcasing traditional customs and promoting products from local producers in the Posušje municipality and beyond. It also aims to foster collaboration and networking among exhibitors, with the goal of enhancing the tourism potential of the Posušje, Tomislavgrad, Jablanica, Rama, and surrounding areas. The festival takes place in Masna Luka, a beautiful mountain oasis and the center of the Blidinje Nature Park. It offers a rich selection of local products and handicrafts, as well as activities such as horseback riding and axe throwing. The Blidinje Gastro Festival is held in the autumn months in the Blidinje Nature Park.

“LIE WELL AND STAY ALIVE”

Organized by the Hajduk Republic of Mijat Tomić, in the Blidinje Nature Park, specifically at the Hajdučke Vrleti restaurant, for more than 20 years now, a lying competition called “Dobro slaži i ostani živ” (“Lie Well and Stay Alive”) has been held. The “Council of Liars” decides on the winners, and the most successful ones receive valuable prizes and recognition. A wealth of fun and laughter, a rich program with tamburitza music, and a valuable raffle characterize this special event held on the second Saturday of November.



BLIDINJE WINTER FEST

Blidinje becomes the center of the best New Year's Eve entertainment every year. The largest three-day music event, Blidinje Winter Fest, is held here, attracting numerous visitors each year with well-known musical acts. The three-day music festival takes place in a large tent next to the ski slopes in the Blidinje Nature Park, with a richly decorated interior, heating facilities, and top-notch production and hospitality offerings.









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Associations operating in Blidinje Nature Park and making the area more beautiful and safer

Blidinje Nature Park can be proud of the mountaineering societies operating within the park, as well as its collaboration with the Mountain Rescue Service of Bosnia and Herzegovina. All these societies participate in organizing various events, marking hiking trails, serving as guides for numerous hiking tours, contributing to green projects within Blidinje Nature Park, and much more. The Mountain Rescue Service of Bosnia and Herzegovina is always available to ensure the success of all events or in case of any complications or accidents. Additionally, they actively participate in green projects within Blidinje Nature Park.

MOUNTAINEERING SOCIETY “ORLOVA STINA” TOMISLAVGRAD

On the initiative of a group of enthusiasts, mostly young people passionate about nature, the Mountaineering Society “Orlova Stina” Tomislavgrad was founded on August 30, 1999. Today, the society has a large number of members, manages the Mountaineering Lodge on Blidinje, and actively organizes numerous activities for its members as well as the general public. The Mountaineering Lodge “Blidinje” is located on the shores of Blidinje Lake between the mountain massifs of Vran and Čvrsnica in Blidinje Nature Park at an altitude of 1190 meters. In addition to 36 comfortable beds, the lodge has electricity, water, heating, sanitary facilities with showers, a kitchen, and a barbecue area. In the spacious living room, visitors can relax by the crackling fire from the fireplace and enjoy the view of Blidinje Lake and Čvrsnica. Traditional ascents, mountaineering schools, expert lectures, various excursions, and social gatherings are just part of the story that

continues the original idea of showcasing all the beauty and splendor of the local mountains to the world. The society maintains over 170 km of hiking trails, ranging from challenging mountain trails to gentle walking paths. In addition to local trails, which are about 10-15 km long, the area managed by this society is crossed by so-called mega hiking trails such as the Via Dinarica and the Path to the Sinj Virgin. The society is open to all citizens, and more than 500 members have joined through it so far. Since its establishment, membership has been steadily increasing, currently numbering 150 individuals. Through various educational programs, the society works on popularizing an active and healthy lifestyle and raising awareness of the positive impact of nature on humans.

HPD PLOČNO

The Mountaineering Society “Pločno” is open to all citizens who wish to become members. In addition to organizing hiking trips, the society aims to organize various environmental actions and participate in activities of general

importance. They own the Mountain Lodge Masna Luka, equipped with all necessary facilities: water, electricity, internet, a mini kitchen, central heating throughout the facility, 21 toilets, and 11 bathrooms. Once completed, the hut will have a restaurant with 160 seats and a kitchen. There is access for all types of vehicles via an asphalt road leading to the lodge, along with ample parking, camping areas, a playground for children, and even a small Zip Line. The hut is heated using biomass, contributing to the cleaning of forests in the Blidinje Nature Park. Solar panels on the roof provide hot water, while wastewater passes through a state-of-the-art bio wastewater treatment system, ensuring that the water discharged is completely clean. The hut operates in line with the “Green Destination” program and does not harm the environment in any way. Via Dinarica has praised it as a good example of best practices. Situated in an ideal location, the hut serves as the starting point for trails leading to Pločno, Veliki Vilić, and all parts of the Vran Mountain.

HPD PRENJ 1933

The Croatian Mountaineering Society “Prenj 1933” was founded in 1933 in Mostar as a branch of the Mountaineering Association “Matica” Zagreb. The founding assembly consisted of intellectuals from Mostar at that time. During the war years, the society ceased its activities, but at the end of the war, on November 29, 1994, its activities were renewed under its current name. Today, the society has a large number of active members, manages two mountain huts, and actively organizes numerous activities for its members and the wider public. Traditional ascents, mountaineering schools, alpine courses, expert lectures, as well as various excursions and social gatherings, are just part of the story that continues the original idea - to show the world all the beauty and splendor of our mountains. The society also owns the



Mountain hut Munika, HPD Preanj



mountain hut Munika in the Blidinje Nature Park, which serves for accommodation and hosting various courses and lectures in the field of mountaineering.

MOUNTAIN STATION MOSTAR GUIDE

On May 27, 2015. with pleasure received news about the establishment and legal to the registration of the Station of Mountaineering Guides Mostar, non-profit association of citizens of which it is a part of life connected to the mountains. They directed their work towards information and education of mountaineers for guiding activity in mountaineering, protection and preserving the beauty of the mountains, supporting people's lives permanently settled in the mountains, organizing safe access to interesting ones mountain destinations and participation in creation of various projects and publications through which we want to contribute to the opening

of new ones possibilities of insight into the world of mountains.

PSD VILINAC JABLANICA

PSD Vilinac Jablanica is a mountaineering association that nurtures a centuries-old tradition of mountaineering in Bosnia and Herzegovina and is one of the oldest mountaineering associations in the country. They possess their own lodge at an altitude of 1961 meters, which is the only one of its kind in the Balkans inaccessible by vehicle. They provide accommodation and meals for visitors and organize mountaineering tours (both in summer and winter), ski touring trips to the mountains of Preanj and Čvrsnica. The lodge at Vilinac has a capacity of 27 sleeping places and is equipped with electricity. Next to the lodge, there is a source of drinking water, and warm meals and various beverages are available inside. Additionally, the association operates a guiding service with highly trained guides.

THE MOUNTAIN RESCUE SERVICES ASSOCIATION IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA - GSSUBIH

The Mountain Rescue Services Association in Bosnia and Herzegovina is a non-partisan, non-governmental, and non-profit organization. The primary goal of the Association is to create conditions for the development and improvement of organized and continuous work in all areas of rescuing people and property on land, water, underwater, and in inaccessible areas. The Association continuously works according to international recommendations and standards in educating and training rescuers to save human lives and property. The Mountain Rescue Services Association in Bosnia and Herzegovina is a member of:

- the International Commission for Alpine Rescue (ICAR)

- the European Cave Rescue Association (ECRA)

The mission of GSSuBiH is to create conditions for the development of the quality of all categories of rescue operations in inaccessible areas and to raise the level of safety for all citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina. It brings together all rescue services and clubs, non-governmental, and non-profit organizations engaged in rescue operations in inaccessible areas on land, underground, on water, and underwater in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Their desire and intention are to train and equip rescue teams that are ready to respond to all challenges on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. All members of GSSUBIH continuously undergo rigorous and demanding exercises and training to improve their knowledge and skills in assisting their fellow citizens.



Mountain Lodge Masna Luka, HPD Pločno



Chapel of St. Anthony of Padua, Blidinje



Accommodation

The Blidinje Nature Park is a perfect location for a multi-day vacation and relaxation, and due to its favorable position, it can also serve as a base for day trips to other places in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia. Within our park, there is a diverse range of accommodation options that will satisfy various preferences. Whichever option you choose, you will surely enjoy waking up in the unique mountain ambiance, breathing in the fresh air, and being surrounded by untouched nature. It's worth noting that each season in the Blidinje Nature Park is special, and you will enjoy the park's numerous charms at any time of the year.

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Tourist tips

HOW TO DRESS?

Considering that the Blidinje Nature Park is located at 1200 meters above sea level, the weather conditions are often unpredictable, so it can happen that even in the middle of summer, temperatures are quite low. Guided by these facts, we advise you to bring suitable clothing for colder weather conditions alongside your seasonal attire. In autumn and spring, the mountains can also be very changeable and mostly rainy and cold, so long-sleeved clothing is indeed necessary, as well as waterproof footwear. Winter conditions in Blidinje can be extreme, with temperatures generally not rising above freezing, accompanied by strong winds and heavy snowfall. Therefore, it is essential to have appropriate clothing and footwear tailored to such weather conditions.

PARKING IN BLIDINJE NATURE PARK

Parking spaces are available within all hospitality and accommodation facilities in the Blidinje Nature Park, as well as at the Ski Center. There are no fees for the mentioned parking. Within our park, there is no public or any form of paid parking under video surveillance.

PROHIBITIONS IN BLIDINJE NATURE PARK

In the Blidinje Nature Park, it is strictly prohibited to light fires without authorization, engage in illegal dumping of waste, hunt, fish, or misuse natural resources in any way.

HOW TO GET TO THE DESTINATION?

Access roads:

- From the direction of Posušje via Rakitno (asphalt);
- From the direction of Tomislavgrad via Lipa (asphalt);
- From the direction of Mostar via Jablanica and Doljani (asphalt);
- From the direction of Mostar via Goranci and Rosulje (macadam);
- From the direction of Rama via Orašac and Kedžara (macadam);
- From the direction of Široki Brijeg via Posušje (asphalt); or via Izbično, Rakitno (asphalt/ narrow road) or via Ladina and Rosulje (macadam)

SERVICE INFORMATION & ROAD SITUATION

In the winter period, the roads are cleaned across Rakitno, Lipa and Doljani. For daily information about the state of access roads to the Park, quantity of snow and the work of the Ski Center, follow us on our official Facebook and Instagram pages or contact us at the given contact telephones. For engagement of winter service and cleaning access roads to the cottages, you can contact the number +387 63 477 525

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Administrative building of Blidinje Nature Park/Visitor center

The administrative building of Blidinje Nature Park is located in arguably the most beautiful part of the park, in Masna Luka, beneath the stunning Čvrsnica mountain, offering one of the most breathtaking views of this beautiful area. The building serves as a visitor center and has a capacity to accommodate 35 people. It features a restaurant, kitchen, conference hall, offices, and a shop offering local products. Throughout the year, it serves as a place where numerous visitors can obtain all necessary information related to Blidinje

Nature Park and arrange various activities such as hiking, walking, cycling tours, and other offerings. The visitor center is a place for meetings, interaction, and education. Various lectures on topics related to Blidinje Nature Park are regularly held here. Additionally, it serves as a venue for entertainment, for example, for all business teams that choose to conduct their team-building activities in Blidinje Nature Park. For all information and reservations regarding accommodation and other amenities, you can contact us at +387 63 428 308 or via email at info@visit-blidinje.com.





Shop with local products from Blidinje

Inside the Visitor Center of Blidinje Nature Park, there is a shop with numerous useful and beautiful items and products that come from the wider area of Blidinje Nature Park. Blidinje Nature Park is an endless source of resources for creating valuable and unique products. The longstanding experience and work of local producers, the nurturing of tradition and quality, and the nature that offers only the best and most valuable have resulted in some of the most authentic and recognizable products in the Herzegovina market, and the entire region. Each carefully selected product, whose recipes have been crafted by numerous generations of local families since ancient times, brings you a touch of Blidinje, no matter where you are. The uniqueness and distinctiveness of each product lie in the fact that the diligent hands of our local producers have woven love, tradition, and knowledge into each one. Here, you will find pine needle honey, mountain teas, balms, syrups, natural brandies, tinctures, homemade soaps, and various souvenirs featuring motifs from Blidinje Nature Park.







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