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Visiting the Rupnik Line fortification at Goli Vrh, starting at the entrance to the fortress, is possible **every first Saturday of the month at 10 a.m.** (in Slovenian). You can arrange your own appointment with the Poljanska Dolina Institute or a local guide. Headlamps, suitable clothing and footwear are recommended. The price is according to the current price list.

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**THE MYSTERIOUS
WORLD OF THE
RUPNIK LINE
FORTIFICATIONS**

THE RUPNIK LINE IN THE POLJANSKA DOLINA VALLEY

When visiting the strikingly beautiful Poljane area, one cannot help but be amazed at the magnificent natural sights on display. Despite the impressive surroundings, however, one's gaze often comes to rest on features that seem out of place in this otherwise harmonious setting. In the middle of a forest, on a meadow or a hilltop, unusual concrete structures can be seen. What exactly are they? What were they used for? The answers to these questions lie nearly a century back, in the past that was less than favourable to this area.

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THE RAPALLO BORDER THE RUPNIK LINE

The Treaty of Rapallo was a treaty signed by the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes and the Kingdom of Italy on 12 November 1920 in the Italian town of Rapallo, thus determining the border between the states, i.e. the Rapallo Border. The new border cut off a third of the Slovenian ethnic territory from its home country. As a result, Italy succeeded in having the demarcation line drawn along areas Peč - Jalovec - Triglav - Črna prst - Porezen - Špehovše - Krnice pri Novakih - Nova Oselica - Mrzli vrh - Hotedršica - Planina pri Rakeku - Snežnik - Rijeka, and also received the isles of Srakane, Unije, Cres, Lošinj, Lastovo and Palagruza, as well as the town of Zadar. In 1947, the Rapallo Border underwent changes through the Paris Peace Treaty, but it was only in 1975 with the Treaty of Osimo that the border with Italy was finally determined.



Goli vrh fortification entrance



Event in the fortification

The Rupnik Line is a fortification system built by the Kingdom of Yugoslavia in the period leading up to World War II. Situated on the territory of western Slovenia right by the Rapallo Border, it was intended to serve as a defence line against potential attacks by the Italians. Fortifications located in our parts held a special strategic significance as the Poljane Valley served as an easy access route to Ljubljana. The underground fortifications at Goli vrh, Hrastov grič and Hlavče Njive are three of the largest and best preserved within the entire Rupnik Line. From 1940 to 1941, fortifications along the western line were built by 60,000 people, soldiers and civilians alike. The construction work was expected to be completed in 1947, but the beginning of WWII put a stop to it and the defence line never served its intended purpose.



Tunnel passage



Outdoor activities

ATTRACTION - UNDERGROUND FORTIFICATION ON THE RIDGE OF GOLI VRH

The Goli vrh fortification is one of the largest fortifications within the entire Rupnik Line. It consists of two tall bunkers, erected above ground on hilltop, and underground galleries, approximately 25 m deep. The main gallery measures 200 m in length and features a branched system of smaller galleries and halls which were designed to be used as an army barracks with a hospital, storage facilities, machinery space, etc.



Silhouette of a worker

The fortification houses a permanent exhibition displaying remains that date back to the time of its construction, while the spacious halls host various events through the year; the game of boules played with wooden balls is surely one of the highlights.



Game of boules in the fortification



Permanent exhibition in the fortification

THEME TRAILS:

THE RUPNIK LINE CONSTRUCTION

SHORTER THEME TRAIL (CIRCULAR)

This trail is suitable for all types of hikers, including children and the elderly. It starts at the cemetery in Gorenja vas where hikers will see a large info panel placed alongside two anti-tank obstacles. The route leads past the former army barracks, numerous bunkers and a former barracks settlement, up to the impressive Škofov bunker and back to the starting point. Panels along the route offer insights into the operation of the fortifications and their construction process with a slightly humorous take.

The shorter route classifies as easy, measuring 4.5 km in length and with the altitude difference of 180 m, it takes about two hours to hike.

LONGER THEME TRAIL (IN ONE DIRECTION)

The beginning and the first part of the trail are the same as with the shorter route. After approximately two kilometres, the routes diverge; the directional sign will lead hikers to the left, while the shorter route continues to the right. Follow the markings past a large sandpit and the Ferjančeva kmetija farm to the largest underground fortification within the Rupnik Line defence system, which is situated at Hrastov grič. The fortification may only be entered when accompanied by a guide. Along the route, visitors will encounter theme boards that contain brief descriptions of the fortification building methods and life from that period. The trail leads past numerous fortifications and enables the hikers to stop and take in the stunning views of the Škofja Loka Hills and the Alps. After viewing the fortification, a delicious venison goulash and other delicacies are available upon prior arrangement at the Hunting Lodge at Javorč (Saturdays and Sundays).

The longer route measures 6 km in length (in one direction) and features the altitude difference of 480 m. In total, the hike takes about five hours.