

KOLERSKI KROG OBČINE GORENJA VAS - POLJANE THE GORENJA VAS - POLJANE MUNICIPALITY CYCLING CIRCLE

Kolesarski krog Občine Gorenja vas - Poljane poteka približno po mejah naše občine in išče naprej, saj načrnatujejo točke in točke z najlepšim razgledom, kjer se kolesar lahko ustavi, razgleda, spočije in okrepi.

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NAMIG: Če načrnatujete večnečno potepanje, si v izogib neviščnostim prej rezervirajte tudi prenočišče!

PRIPOROČILO: Po polnetih mesecih pričnite zgodaj, ker je pot v poletnih vročini bolj utrudljiva in boli naporna kot sicer.

OPOMBA: Kolesarska pot je označena s prepoznavnimi tablicami. Če je tablica brez rdeče usmeritvene puščice, vozite naravnost oz. po prednostni cesti. Kolesarja na poti usmerjajo tudi talne označbe.

The Gorenja vas - Poljane Municipality Cycling Circle runs roughly along the borders of our municipality and seeks out the finest spots with the loveliest views where cyclists might stop, have a look around, get some rest and enjoy a snack.

The trails are charming and safe, leading cyclists past monuments of cultural and historical importance as well as places offering overnight accommodation, food and beautiful views.

The entire route is rather long and, for the average cyclist, quite strenuous. It is therefore divided into three stages which are further divided into sub-stages that cyclists can undertake independently. The total length of the Cycling Circle is 115 km, with 3,400 altitude metres in ascents and descents.

At Ajda Cafe in Gorenja vas, cyclists receive cards with marked checkpoints where they can enter stamps outlining their progress in the Cycling Circle. The checkpoints are also marked on the map. Once all 16 stamps are collected, i.e. after cycling through the entire route, cyclists can participate in drawing for a reward. We hope you will enjoy the trail and make lasting memories!

TIP: If you plan to explore the Cycling Circle over several days, make sure to book accommodation beforehand.

SUGGESTION: During the summer season, it is advisable to set out on your selected cycling stage as early as possible, as the route is more tiring and arduous in the summer heat than usual.

NOTE: The cycling route is marked by distinct board signs. If the sign does not feature a red orientation arrow, you should ride straight ahead, i.e. follow the major road.



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spuščamo proti parkirišču za smučišče Črni vrh. Nadaljujemo skozi Gorenje Novake in vas Laze, ki ponuja tudi različne nastanitve. Skozi razgledno hribovsko vasico Leskovico se spustimo do Gostilne Merka, Studor 12, kjer je žig (KT 10), in naprej v dolino Kopačnika, kjer se KK GP nadaljuje desno z vzponom na Podpleče, etapa pa se konča levo po dolini. V dolini Pri Topičarju izvira termalna voda, ki jo imenuj že loski urbar iz 17. stoletja, in predstavlja veliko priložnost za razvoj turizma.

If, however, you take a left turn in Murave, you will descend to Javorje, one of the sunniest villages in Slovenia, proceeding through the village of Dolencje, where cyclists can visit the birth house of Anton Arbe, a Slovenian painter and art teacher, and Volča, you can finish the route in Poljane. In this, this is the setting for numerous traditional events which attract visitors from near and far who come to socialize, relax and enjoy the demonstrations of the now nearly forgotten farm chores.

Along the ridge of Žirovski vrh, cyclists can see many concrete fortifications which were constructed in the period between the two world wars, forming the Rupnik Line. The fortification at Goli vrh is especially interesting, as it houses a permanent exhibit consisting of documents and remains from the construction period. A tour is possible upon prior appointment. Shortly before you arrive to Goli vrh, there is a farm named Bukov, Žirovski vrh 44, where you get the second stamp (KT 2).

The route will then take you down towards the village of Suh Dol where, right next to the trail, there stands a granary with a museum collection presenting a way of life that no longer exists. You will then ride through the Lučine village where refreshments are available in Okrepčevalnica Matja in Lučine 27, before undertaking a lengthier ascent, and proceed through the villages of Prelesje, Zadobje and further on to the Pasja ravan mountain. Outside the inn you get the third stamp (KT 3).

If you are feeling tired, you can continue the route from Lučine into the valley through Brčovica, which is known as being the filming location of the movie Dolina miru (Valley of Peace), past Točarž where the Žirovski vrh Uranium Mine was in operation and return to the starting point of this cycling stage. Continuing along the Gorenja vas - Poljane Municipality Cycling Circle, you will be able to savour the magnificent views of much of the municipality's idyllic villages where the sturdy rustic architecture can be admired. Before arriving to the Pasja ravan mountain, there is one more chance for cyclists to descend into the valley, to Vinharje, where a tourist farm Ljubica is located, offering visitors a place to have a light snack and relax in the

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From the National Liberation War monument on the Pasja ravan mountain, where you get stamp 4 (KT 4), you will descend towards Črni vrh where there is possible to continue your way towards Ljubljana. But at Kuzovac gric crossing, close to a wayside shrine, the route turns sharply to the left to the settlement of Bulok vrh nad Visokim, past Kostki vrh and further to the village of Visoko where the well-known Slovenian writer Ivan Tavčar's Country Manor is located. There you can visit a small museum dedicated to him. It is opened during weekends or by appointment at Zavod Poljanska dolina. Next to the Manor, you can find a big bronze statue of the writer and visit nearby family tomb on the terrace above.

The route continues through the villages of Smolnica and Laze where various types of accommodation are available. There is also Tavčar's final resting place there. For nature enthusiasts, there is a pleasant summer garden outside the manor cafe, which offers refreshments or you can simply enjoy in the embrace of the peaceful green surroundings and the view on the twin-towered Church of St. Wolfgang.

From there, a well-kept and gently sloping forest trail leads to the village of Poljane. In its centre, you will find a famous ancient inn Na Vidmu, Poljane nad Škofjo Loko 27, where you get stamp 5 (KT 5). There are marked foundations of a disappeared grand baroque church on the road in the village centre. A fresco made by Ivo Šubic can be viewed on a building by the route. Nearby, the birth house of renowned painters Janez and Jurij Šubic can be found. It is opened by appointment at Zavod Poljanska dolina.

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From the graveyd you have to turn right where side road begins to rise up to the settlement of Smolnica and further on to the settlement of Gabrška Gora. Past the tourist farm Pešar, you get to the pass where you can see a big wooden wayside crucifix, a signpost and a bench. Here you get stamp 6 (KT 6). Only around 300 metres away from the trail, one can find the oldest succursal church of the Poljane parish dedicated to St. Primus. It displays features of the Romanesque style and is one of the few churches with a Romanesque presbytery dating back to the 13th century. Once you have already descended to the northern side, a marvellous view opens of the villages around Javorje and surrounding hills such as Starini, Mladni vrh, Koprišnik, Blegoš and others, with the route leading further on past the settlement of Mlaka nad Luščo to the settlement of Zapreval. The area beneath the Stari vrh hill is known as having the largest number of accommodation options and tourist farms in the entire municipality. The Stari vrh Ski Centre is the main winter sports tourism centre in our area and is suitable for all skiers regardless of their level of ski proficiency. The diverse range of ski slopes is complemented by the offer for non-skiers. The surrounding hills, villages and friendly farms invite you to discover the rich cultural, ethnological and natural heritage of this area. The venue beneath Stari vrh, called Grebječica, is where a variety of interesting events for tourists take place in the summer. Here you get stamp 7 (KT 7). Further on, you will ride down to the village of Murave, where you will turn right at the crossroads and undertake a

short climb towards the village of Žaleščica.

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