



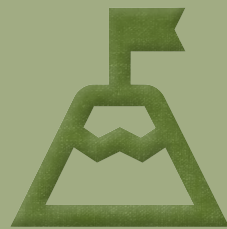
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OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



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An exciting experience on the emerald Gacka River

FISHING

Fishing tourism is one of the fastest-growing forms of tourism in the world

The Gacka River is Croatia's most renowned sport fishing river, and one of the most famous trout waters in both Europe and the world. It is exceptionally clean, rich in plant and animal life, and surrounded by picturesque hills of remarkable purity. Thanks to its ideal water temperature and silty riverbed, this stunning river is home to as many as 25 species of aquatic plants, from mosses and algae to stemmed vegetation.

Fly fishing on the Gacka has a long-standing tradition, attracting a growing number of anglers from Croatia and abroad who come here specifically to fish these waters. The trout grow five times faster here than in other rivers, sometimes reaching weights of up to 5 kilograms. The world-famous sport fishing author Joe Brooks featured a remarkable trophy trout caught in the Gacka in his book Trout Fishing.

If you're in search of a river paradise where you can clear your mind and enjoy your passion, Gacka awaits. Despite being a karst river by nature, Gacka flows slowly and steadily, with a calm current and a consistent volume of water. It is exceptionally rich in oxygen (ranging from 9.1 to 13.5 mg/l). In addition to its stable and generous springs, Gacka is known for consistent water temperatures with minimal fluctuations. The average annual temperature is 9.4°C (7.9°C in winter, 10.8°C in summer), which makes it an ideal habitat for salmonid species.



The fishing season on the Gacka River begins on March 1st and ends on October 31st. For the residents of the Gacka Valley, this river is a true lifeline.

The main course of the Gacka River is divided into areas O, A, B and C. **Zone O** is a no-fishing area in order to protect the native fish shoal.

ZONE A – from the Knjapovac tributary to Bridge No. 3 (Tončin Bridge) in the village of Čovići. Fishing in Zone A is permitted exclusively with artificial flies and follows a strict catch-and-release policy. From October 1st to March 1st, all fishing is strictly prohibited in the section between the main (zero) bridge and the Knjapovac tributary due to the spawning migration of brown trout toward the Tonković Spring. Fishing is allowed year-round downstream from the main (zero) bridge, in accordance with fishing regulations. Artificial fly: Only one (1) hook is allowed per fly. Streamers longer than 3 cm are prohibited in Zone A. Float fishing and the use of sinkers are not permitted. Night fishing is strictly forbidden, as is the retention of any caught fish.

ZONE B – from Bridge No. 3 (Tončin Bridge) in the village of Čovići to Bridge No. 5 (Stanišić Bridge) in the village of Prozor. Fishing in Zone B is allowed exclusively with artificial flies. Anglers are permitted to keep one rainbow trout measuring over 30 cm in total body length, as well as an unlimited number of pike of any size. Float fishing and the use of sinkers are not permitted. Night fishing is prohibited, as is the retention of brown trout and grayling.

ZONE C – from Bridge No. 5 (Stanišić Bridge) in the village of Prozor to the confluence of the Gacka and Lika rivers at the Poljica tunnel. Fishing is permitted in Zone C with all types of artificial lures, in accordance with regulations.

Anglers may keep one rainbow trout of at least 30 cm, as well as pike of any size and in unlimited quantity. Artificial lures must be no shorter than 10 cm and may have a maximum of three hooks (single, double, or treble). Night fishing is prohibited, as is the retention of brown trout and grayling.

ZONE D – includes Lake Švica and the reservoir Gusić Polje. In area D, fishing is allowed with any artificial baits. Fishing is allowed with a maximum of three fishing rods with one hook each, extremely artificial bait – a lure can have more than one hook, and a maximum of three.

CATCH:

It is allowed to retain a total of three pieces of fish by species, and the measures are as follows:

- Pike – 3 pcs – 40 cm
- Carp – 1 pc – 40 cm
- Tench – 2 pcs – 20 cm
- Catfish – 1 pc – 60 cm

Fishing on the Gacka River is far from easy, as the river is rich in natural food, making the trout unresponsive to artificial flies. This is what makes the river a true challenge for anglers, who must demonstrate expertise, skill, and knowledge. That is precisely why passionate sport fishermen from various European countries come to the Gacka. In addition to persistence, fishing requires a deep understanding of fish behavior and a considerable level of technical knowledge and skill in handling fishing gear.

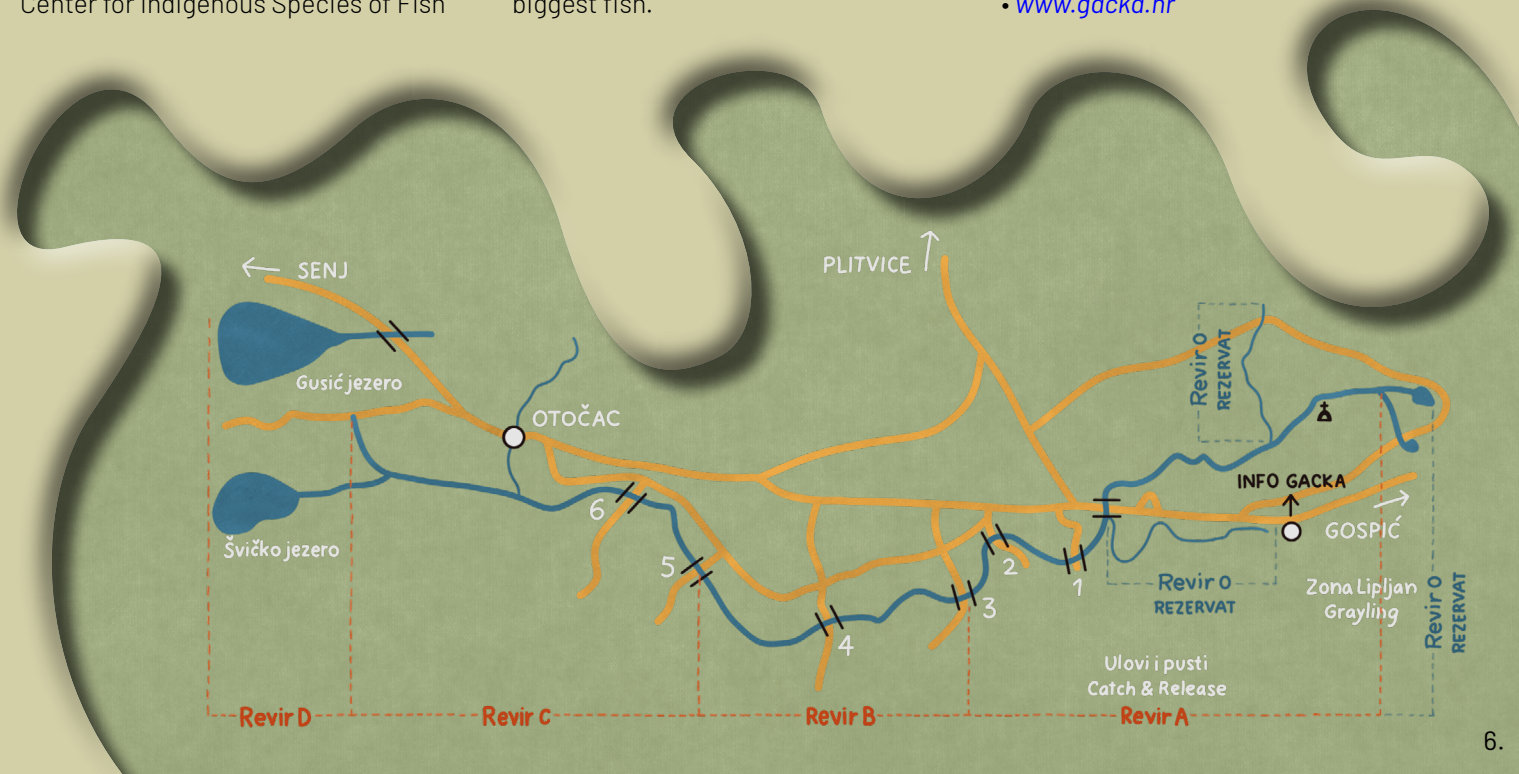
The Gacka is quite deep, so it's not easy to "stand" in it and fish. One must find a suitable spot where the water is shallower and then, wearing rubber fishing gear, venture into this kind of fishing, try their luck, and get thoroughly cooled off in the cold water. Every year in June, Gacka d.o.o., the Center for Indigenous Species of Fish

and Crayfish of Karst Waters, the Fishing Association Otočac, and the Fishing Association Pastrva Ličko Lešće organize the **International Gacka Cup**. This is an opportunity for anglers to cross rods with colleagues from neighboring countries and test their strength and skills in the quest for the biggest fish.

If you also wish to become an expert fisherman, you may get fishing licenses at the Gacke d.o.o. Information point in Ličko Lešće 198b.

You can also find comprehensive information about fishing spots and activities at:

- www.gacka.hr





Paddle your way to a truly special river experience

KAYAKING and CANOEING

Ever thought about gliding through one of Croatia's cleanest rivers in a kayak or canoe, with nothing around you but pure nature?

Most visitors come to Croatia in spring and summer — the perfect seasons to enjoy its beautiful rivers, and among them, the Gacka stands out as a serene paradise for kayaking and canoeing. If you're visiting Otočac in search of tranquility, know that gliding through this calm, crystal-clear river offers an unforgettable experience. Surrounded by nature and far from crowds, Gacka is a peaceful green oasis.

Many kayaks feature **transparent bottoms**, allowing you to admire the river's flora and fauna as you paddle. Tempting, isn't it? Thanks to its calm, safe waters, Gacka is ideal for paddling with children, older family members, or anyone looking for a relaxed nature outing. The breathtaking scenery, combined with gentle physical activity makes this an experience worth having.

You can try out your paddling skills on a short or longer route — either way, you'll be surrounded by the stunning emerald beauty of the Gacka.

Why choose the Gacka for paddling?

- It's a clean, clear river with no rapids — ideal for family outings, even with small children.
- The transparent kayak lets you explore the underwater world of this emerald river, home to fish and over 25 species of aquatic plants.
- While paddling, you may spot or pass by over 20 bird species that live on and around the Gacka.

A FEW MORE TIPS

- Always wear a life jacket while kayaking.
- Bring sunscreen — the sun can be strong, even on cloudy days.
- Avoid drinking alcohol while paddling.
- Dress appropriately and bring extra clothing in case of cold weather.
- Bring a change of clothes in case you get wet.
- Never paddle alone.
- Carry drinking water.
- Do not litter — take all your trash with you and help keep the river clean.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE RENTAL PRICE

- Comfortable seats for smoother paddling.
- Life jackets for both children and adults.
- A 30-liter waterproof bag.
- Transport to the starting point and from the end of the route.

If you want to test your rowing skills in a regular or transparent kayak, contact the team from the **Quad & Kayak Otočac** <https://quad-kayak-otocac.com/kajak-avantura/>, and if you prefer a canoe, you can rent one at the **Kanu Gacka agency** <https://www.kanu-gacka.com/>.

Take the handlebars of an exciting journey



CYCLING

Many cycling enthusiasts have been coming and enjoying the beauty of this landscape for years.

Dense, lush forests, open pastures, and a crystal-clear river are the hidden treasures of Otočac — a small town with a big heart, nestled in the Gacka River valley. If you enjoy outdoor recreation, sharing the experience with friends, soaking in fresh air and natural scenery while powering your journey with your legs, then cycling on trails ranging from 30 to 50 kilometers is sure to bring real joy. Beyond the breathtaking nature, cycling here is also a way to discover the region's cultural, historical, and ethnographic heritage. Otočac is home to six marked cycling routes of varying difficulty, giving it a unique edge for cyclists and cycle tourists. Each trail has its own theme and attractions to discover along the way, adding depth to your ride.

If you choose to cycle during your stay in Otočac but didn't bring your bike — don't worry. Local agencies like **Velebit Activities** <https://www.velebit.info/> and **Quad & Kayak Otočac** <https://quad-kayak-otocac.com/> offer both standard and electric bike rentals. Friendly staff will also help you choose the ideal route or even create a custom one for your ride. And if you'd rather not explore solo, you can book them as certified cycling guides and get a detailed, guided look at Otočac and its surroundings.

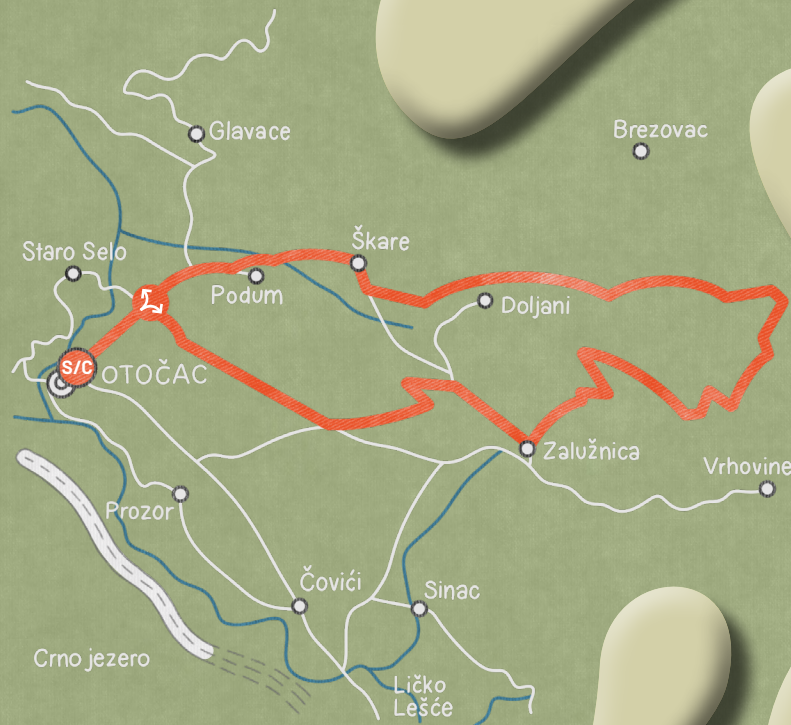
You can also reach out to licensed cycling guides through the **Barkan Cycling Club**:
• <https://barkanbike.wordpress.com/>

Barkan Cycling Club is also the main organizer of the annual **Barkan Memorial Ride**, held in late June or early July. The event is open to both children and adults and includes a recreational ride and a children's cycling course.



JURJEVE STIJENE TRAIL

A demanding trail, 42.4 km in length, starting at 34 Kralja Zvonimira Street. It passes through Podum, Škare, and Doljani, ending at Jurjeve stijene (Juraj's Cliffs). Jurjeve stijene is a historic site of Croatia's greatest military victory against the Ottomans in 1663, featuring a relief of Petar Zrinski and Fran Krsto Frankopan, and offering a stunning view over the entire Gacka Valley.



DISTANCE	• 42.4 km
START / FINISH	• 34 Kralja Zvonimira Street
ELEVATION GAIN	• 657 m a.s.l.
SURFACE	• asphalt (34.7 km), gravel (7.7 km)

THREE LAKES TRAIL (Staza tri jezera)

The shortest trail, starting at the Vivoze Bridge. It is moderately demanding, with a highest point of 404 meters above sea level. The route combines asphalt and gravel surfaces, offering scenic views of both the Gacka River and the Švica Lake.



LENGTH	• 30.8 km
START / GOAL	• Vivoze Bridge
ALTITUDE DIFFERENCE	• 404 m/nm
SURFACE	• asphalt (19 km), macadam (11.8 km)



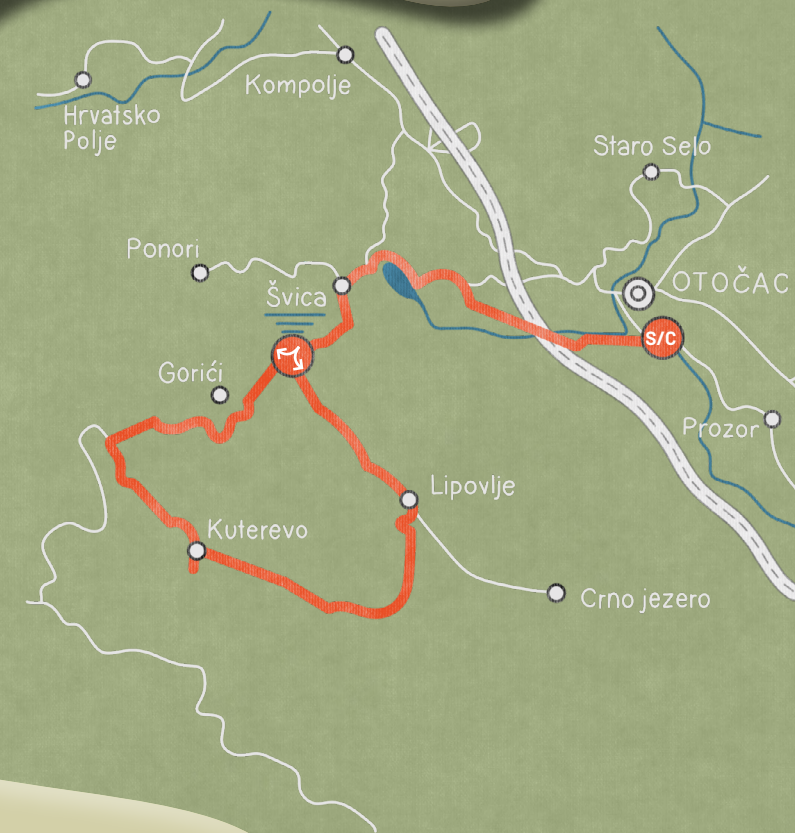
DABAR BREVIARY TRAIL (Staza dabarskog brevijara)

A challenging route just over 37 km long, reaching an elevation of 795 m. Around 30 km is asphalt, the rest is gravel. Named after a breviary written in the nearby village of Dabar, the trail features sights like the Church of St. Michael (1730) and Osman-aga's Field — named after a wounded Ottoman commander who, legend says, hid inside a hollow tree there and died.

DISTANCE	• 37.3 km
START / FINISH	• Dabar – Škare – Podum crossroads
ELEVATION GAIN	• 795 m a.s.l
SURFACE	• asphalt (29.2 km), gravel (8.1 km)

THE URSA MAJOR TRAIL (Staza Ursa Major)

Dedicated to the European brown bear, this medium-difficulty trail leads toward Kuterevo and its Bear Refuge. The 34.7 km route begins at the dam by the Vivoze Bridge and is partially paved.



DISTANCE	• 34.7 km
START / FINISH	• Vivoze Bridge
ELEVATION GAIN	• 657 m a.s.l.
SURFACE	• asphalt (partially specified)



BARKAN TRAIL (Barkanova staza)

A long, moderately demanding trail full of cultural landmarks and natural beauty along the Gacka River — one of Croatia's most beautiful waterways. This 42.6 km route features over 30 km of asphalt, with the remainder on gravel. It starts at Dr. Franjo Tuđman Square and reaches a 500 m elevation. It's a local favorite, as it follows the Gacka River past Šatrići, the Church of St. Francis, and the Majer and Tonković springs.

DISTANCE	• 42.6 km
START / FINISH	• Dr. Franjo Tuđman Square
ELEVATION GAIN	• 500 m a.s.l.
SURFACE	• asphalt, gravel, field paths

HAJDUK'S VALLEY TRAIL (Staza Hajdučka draga)

The longest and most demanding trail at 52 km, starting from the city park in Otočac and climbing to 870 m elevation. It runs along both asphalt and gravel roads and passes through Kopije, the tri-border of the Velebit villages Kuterevo, Krasno, and Kosinj, as well as the Bear Refuge in Kuterevo.



DISTANCE	• 52 km
START / FINISH	• City Park, Otočac
ELEVATION GAIN	• 870 m a.s.l.
SURFACE	• asphalt, gravel



Breathe deeply with every step you take

WALKING and RUNNING

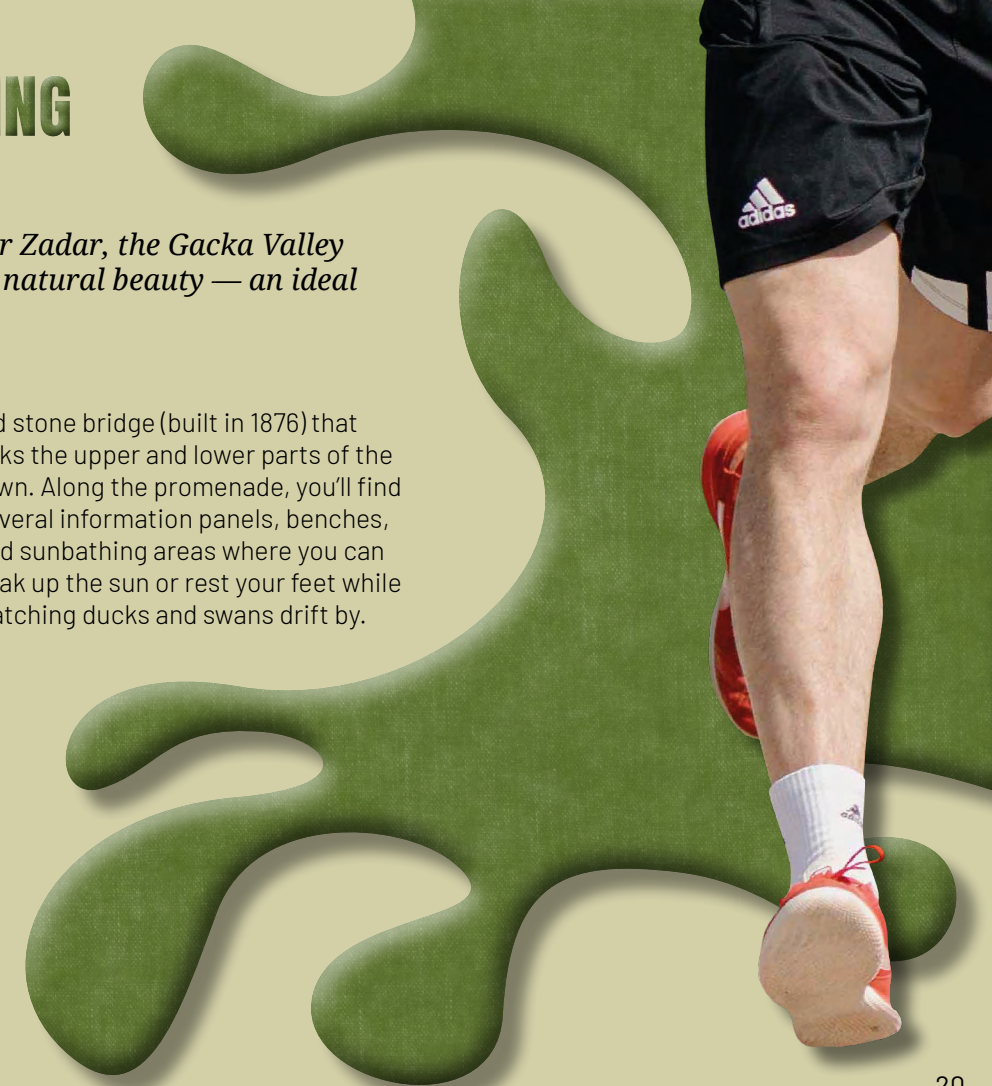
Just 90 minutes from Zagreb, Rijeka, or Zadar, the Gacka Valley is renowned for its stunning river and natural beauty — an ideal destination for hiking and running.

Physical activity is a vital part of modern life, and many people find joy in walking or running. But there's something uniquely rewarding about walking through beautiful forests and spending time in nature.

If you're looking to enjoy fresh air and take care of your health, Otočac offers well-maintained paths perfect for both runners and walkers.

The **river walk along the Gacka in Otočac** offers a one-of-a-kind experience of the river and its rich flora and fauna. The Gacka's entire course is filled with photogenic views. A peaceful stroll along this turquoise beauty will relax even the tensest visitors. One of the most picturesque spots is the

old stone bridge (built in 1876) that links the upper and lower parts of the town. Along the promenade, you'll find several information panels, benches, and sunbathing areas where you can soak up the sun or rest your feet while watching ducks and swans drift by.



There's also the **Humac trail** — or 'Umac as locals call it — which crosses the small Humac hill. From there, you can enjoy panoramic views of Otočac and Prozor, and watch the Gacka's meandering riverbed. The trail features informational panels about the Japodes, an ancient tribe from the region. You might even catch the scent of grilled meat — this is a popular picnic and barbecue spot for locals.

If you're in the mood for a shorter route, choose the **trail to Fortica**, a hill that holds the remains of a Renaissance fortress. The gentle ascent only takes a few minutes and also serves as a Stations of the Cross path. At the top, you'll find the Chapel of Our Lady of Sorrows and the ruins of the fortress. With the **Discover Otočac app**, you can use augmented reality to explore the full historical context and experience what the site once looked like.

Don't miss the **trail around Upper Švica Lake**, either. Two kilometers of trail have been developed, including a bridge that spans the lake, giving you a unique opportunity to explore this natural gem from every angle.

Beyond the marked trails, all walking and running enthusiasts are free to create their own routes — along city streets, through forests, meadows, small villages, or peaceful countryside paths. The landscape is beautiful in every season, and there's always some "undiscovered corner" waiting to be noticed.



CROATIAN WALKING FESTIVAL

The Croatian Walking Festival is a unique two-day recreational event held in Otočac and Gospić during the first weekend of September. In Otočac, the route follows the Gacka River, passing several local landmarks, while in Gospić, the Tesla routes end at the Nikola Tesla Memorial Center in Smiljan — his birthplace. Participants can choose from 10+, 20+, or 30+ km trails on both days, and the routes are suitable for all ages. The event is a source of pride as the festival is included in the annual calendar of the International Marching League (IML), drawing walkers from across Croatia and beyond. The trails are led by experienced mountaineering associations: Željezničar Gospić and Gromovača Otočac. You can join a guided walk, go solo, or download a route map for independent hiking. Not only is this event a boost for your health, it's also a chance to meet fellow walking enthusiasts, explore breathtaking landscapes, and enjoy the company of people from all over. All you need is motivation, a water bottle, and comfortable shoes.

More info:
• www.croatiawalk.com

GACKA RUN

If you're ready to test your limits and run alongside other athletes, join the traditional Gacka Run — a road race held annually since 2016 (formerly known as Trk uz Gacku). The event includes 5 km and 10 km races, a 21 km half marathon, and a children's race with distances of 100, 200, 500, and 1000 meters. The circular route starts and finishes in Otočac's City Park, and much of the course runs along both sides of the Gacka River, through the peaceful mountain scenery of the valley. The goal is to connect the town with the nature that surrounds it, and to promote running as a sport for all ages. Locals take pride in the growing number of recreational runners, and many participants come from all over Croatia and neighboring countries.

Find more information at:
• <https://www.facebook.com/gackarun/>

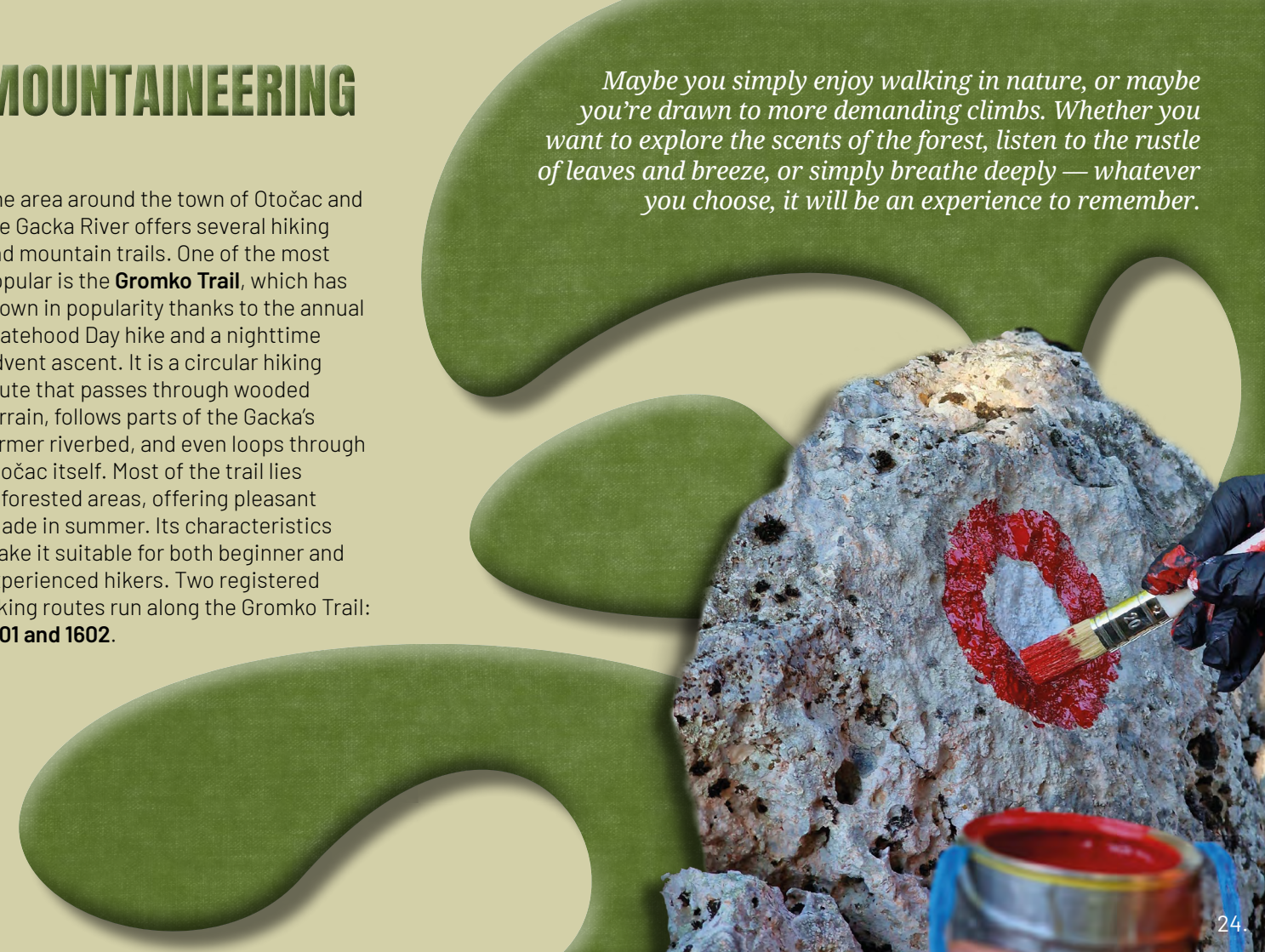
A man and a woman are hiking through a lush green forest. They are both wearing backpacks and using trekking poles. The man is on the left, wearing a dark t-shirt and pants, and the woman is on the right, wearing a light-colored t-shirt and dark pants. They are walking on a grassy path surrounded by tall trees.

Push
your limits
- feel it,
breathe it,
touch it

MOUNTAINEERING

The area around the town of Otočac and the Gacka River offers several hiking and mountain trails. One of the most popular is the **Gromko Trail**, which has grown in popularity thanks to the annual Statehood Day hike and a nighttime Advent ascent. It is a circular hiking route that passes through wooded terrain, follows parts of the Gacka's former riverbed, and even loops through Otočac itself. Most of the trail lies in forested areas, offering pleasant shade in summer. Its characteristics make it suitable for both beginner and experienced hikers. Two registered hiking routes run along the Gromko Trail: **1601 and 1602.**

Maybe you simply enjoy walking in nature, or maybe you're drawn to more demanding climbs. Whether you want to explore the scents of the forest, listen to the rustle of leaves and breeze, or simply breathe deeply — whatever you choose, it will be an experience to remember.



**GROMKO'S HIKING ROUTE
NO. 1601**
(GROMKOVA STAZA BR. 1601)

Otočac – Zagrebačka Street near the bridge over the northern branch of the Gacka River (Bridge at 455 m a.s.l.) – along the river to the second bridge – left on to the Otočac–Staro Selo road – follow the signpost and continue southeast toward Inin Vrh (Checkpoint 1 – 632 m). The trail then descends to Zelenika (490 m) and continues through gently undulating forest terrain (490–520 m) to Previjska 1. It then climbs gradually (520–600 m, and then 600–730 m) toward the plateau just below the summit of Međedak (730 m – Checkpoint 2). The final ascent to the top (739 m) is over rocky boulders. The summit offers beautiful views of Mala Kapela, the northern Gacka Valley, Godača, and Velebit. The descent passes the Livadice glade to a forest road, then continues left to a junction with the Metla–Ostrovica trail (620 m). The climb to Ostrovica (749 m – Checkpoint 3) is not particularly demanding and again offers

magnificent views of the entire Gacka Valley, Velebit, Senjsko bilo, Godača, and part of Mala Kapela.

**GROMKO'S HIKING TRAIL,
NO. 1602**

Otočac – Zagrebačka Street near the bridge over the northern branch of the Gacka River (455 m a.s.l.). The trail gradually ascends to Fortica (485 m), where the foundations of a historical fortress remain. Built by locals and the people of Senj in 1619, it served to defend Otočac – which at the time lay on an island in the Gacka – and as a forward defense for Senj itself during Ottoman incursions.

The trail descends via Knez Branimir Street, then ascends again via Forcuranje Street to Bajer, a former shooting range. From there, a gradual climb leads to the Forcuranje hill (516 m), known by locals since ancient times, though many are unfamiliar with the official map name “Fortica.” The hill offers panoramic views of Otočac and its surroundings.

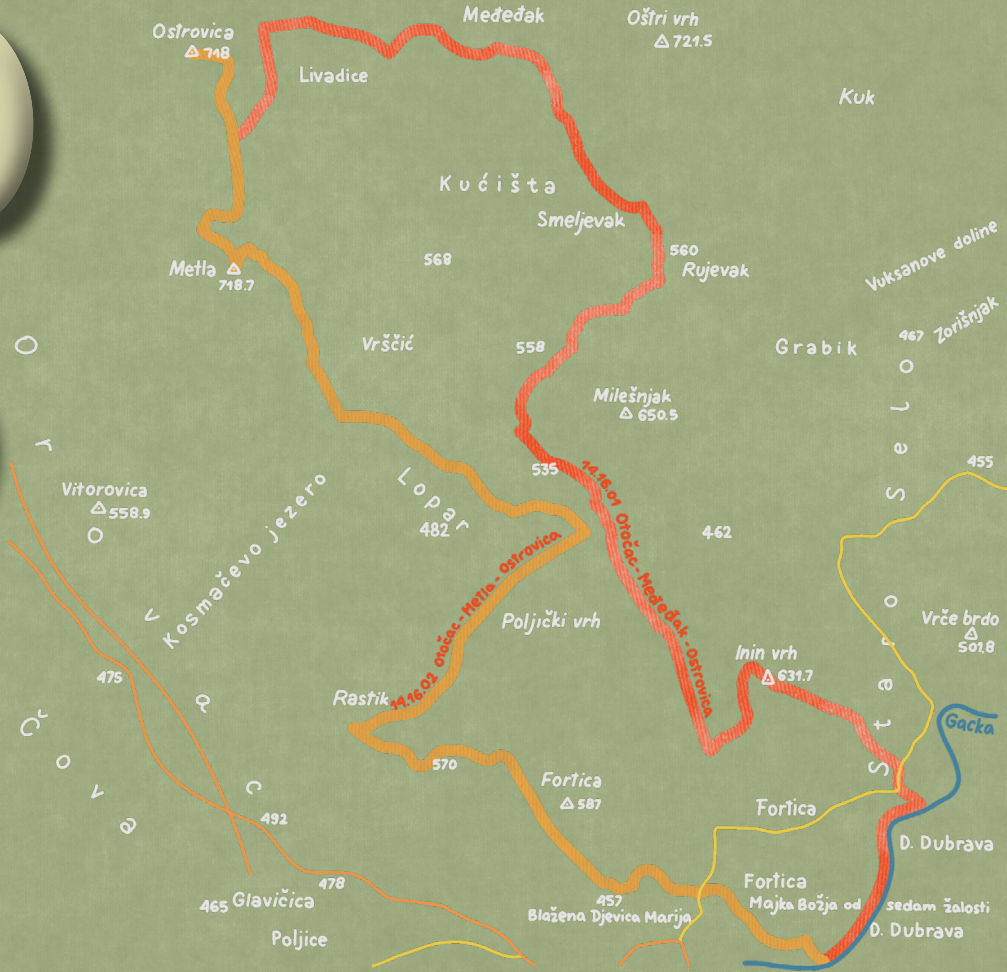
The route continues across a plateau to the base of Rastik (traditionally called Poljički Vrh), followed by a short, easy ascent to the Poljički Kamen plateau (643 m – Checkpoint 5), where a stamp is located on the rock.

The rocky path then follows the southeastern slope to the Rastik–Poljički Vrh pass (643–700–520 m), descends to Previjska 2, and ascends again (520–719 m) past the Lopar glade beneath Vršič, ending at Metla (719 m – Checkpoint 4).

From the summit – marked with a stamp on a boulder – you'll enjoy stunning views of the Gacka Valley, Godača, Velebit, and Senjsko bilo.

The trail continues through rocky terrain and forest, joins a forest road, and climbs to Ostrovica (749 m – Checkpoint 3), where it merges with Route 1601. The summit stamp is located next to the geodetic marker.

Once again, the summit offers spectacular panoramic views of the entire region.



MARKOVIĆ RUDINE TRAIL

Checkpoint 11 – Marković Rudine (1105 m)

Start 200 m from the Ličko Lešće railway station (approaching from Zagreb) via a forest road. The 8 km path passes under the highway to a rest area known as Šumske Bukvice. A well-marked trail leads to Mramor (760 m), with benches and a table for resting. From there, a steep 350 m climb leads to the summit. The hike from the rest area to the top takes about 90 minutes.

An alternative ascent starts in Čovići at Tončin Bridge, where you can park. Cross the bridge and turn right 50 m to a trail map, then follow the route past the “Glavičica” Veterans’ Recreation House. At 450 m elevation, the trail ascends to a pass at 700 m through beautiful pine and fir forest on the north slope of Plasina, passing scenic points like Veliki Gašparac (764 m) and Votičev Vršak (751 m). This route reconnects with the main rest stop at Guste Bukvice, and from there follows the same final path to the summit.

From Marković Rudine, the views are stunning — spanning the Gacka and Kosinj valleys, Velebit, the Lika Highlands, Lička Plješivica, and Velika and Mala Kapela. The full hike takes about 4.5 hours. The checkpoint stamp is located in a concrete block at the summit.

GODAČA HIKING TRAIL

Checkpoint 12 – Veljun (1013 m)

Near Majer Spring in Sinac, 1 km away, lies the Ravna Gora Hunting Lodge. The Godača Trail begins at the Savior’s Cross near the lodge.

After 500 m on a well-maintained forest path, the trail begins at 460 m elevation, rising past Croatia’s longest railway tunnel on the Zagreb–Split line, all the way to Veljun peak (1013 m) and the area known as Veliki and Mali Kotal. The route is 8 km long, moderately difficult, and takes about 3 hours, with excellent viewpoints over the Gacka Valley and Northern Velebit. The summit stamp is embedded in rock.

HIKING TRAIL PANOS

Checkpoint 10 – Panos (828 m)

The trail to Panos Peak begins at the church in Kuterevo. A gentle 2 km ascent, mostly along a road and partly through forest, leads to the summit. From the top, enjoy spectacular views of Kečina Greda and the Velebit range toward Senjsko bilo. The hike takes about 1 hour. The checkpoint stamp is set in stone at the summit.

SINJAL AND PROZORINA TRAILS

These trails are popular among locals and marked by the Gromovača Mountaineering Club. Both are of low to moderate difficulty. Prozorina can be reached from two directions: Route 1: from Prozor, starting at the Mate Kostelac Maljutka Community Center — shorter (~30 min) but steeper. Route 2: from Orišković Bridge (Bridge No. 4) — longer (~45 min) but gentler. The trail to Sinjal is moderately demanding. It starts in Šumečica, just below the overpass

marked with the first trail sign. The ascent can take over an hour, offering sweeping views of untouched nature and the town of Otočac — a perfect photo and memory moment.

KORENSKI VRH TRAIL

(Note: not a registered checkpoint on official routes)

Korenski Vrh is the highest point on the forested ridge above Kuterevo. It offers a unique impression of Velebit’s continental slopes that descend toward Lika. Scattered highland villages such as Krasno and Kuterevo are common stops for hikers heading toward Northern Velebit.

The highest point of the Kuterevo ridge, called Korenski Vrh, is in the forest and doesn’t have a developed trail. The official HPO checkpoint is a lower summit (1076 m) between Kalič and Korenski Vrh, offering a partial view of Lika.

The only hiking access to Korenski Vrh is from Kuterevo. From there, drive 4

km to the Šporčiči hamlet (shortens the walk by 1 hour). From Šporčiči, follow the steep trail markers through beech forest — reaching the summit in about 90 minutes. The final stretch crosses broken stone terrain.

Mountaineering ABCs – by Croatian Mountain Rescue Service (HGSS):

- Always check the weather forecast.
- If there’s no signal, use SMS.
- Carry a fully charged phone.
- Bring a basic first aid kit.
- Let someone know your route.
- Pack extra dry clothes, enough food, and water.
- Don’t push beyond your limits.

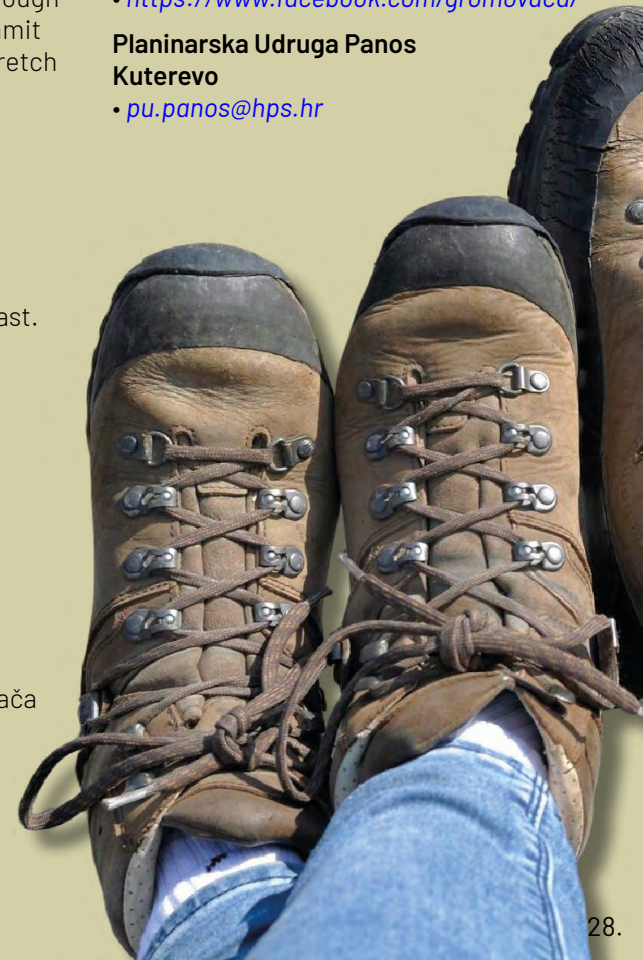
For additional advice or hiking guides, contact the local Gromovača Mountaineering Society, where many mountaineers have been educated and have acquired mountaineering skills for more than fifty years.

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Reach new, unimagined heights

CLIMBING

Towering, majestic cliffs often inspire awe — radiating incredible strength and timeless power.

For thousands of years, these rocks have withstood all weather conditions and silently witnessed the passage of time. It's in human nature to test boundaries and conquer the unconquerable. In recent years, rock climbing has grown increasingly popular — and with good reason: it's both physically and mentally demanding.

To conquer a wall, you need muscle and focus, but also the ability to find calm in moments of fear. That's why it's absolutely essential to use the right climbing equipment — helmet, carabiner, rope, harness, and climbing shoes — to ensure your adventure is both safe and memorable for the right reasons. If you're ready to push your limits and trust yourself, get in touch with the **Annapurna Adventure Club**.

Whether you're an experienced climber or a complete beginner, club members will help you choose the right route. There are **nine routes in total**, up to **30 meters** high.

The names of the routes are as colorful and playful as the climbs themselves. Some of the highlights include: Vjetruša pjeva ("The Kestrel Sings") – 16 m, 4b; Strah guštera ("Lizard's Fear") – 16 m, 5b; Magarac Škegro ("Škegro the Donkey") – 18 m, 6b; Prospavana noć ("A Night Well Slept") – 18 m, 6a; Dva uskrasna jaja ("Two Easter Eggs") – 17 m, 5b; Dead Fox – 30 m, 4c; Godišnji odmor ("Annual Leave") – 18 m, 6c+; Country Boy – 25 m, 5b; Prvi Gačanski ("The First from Gacka") – 30 m, 5a

The climbing site **Velika Greda** is often described as the most thrilling in this part of Croatia.





HOW TO GET TO THE CLIMBING SITE?

ON FOOT

The site is accessible via a hiking trail — a pleasant 40-minute walk. Along the way, you'll enjoy beautiful views of the Drenov Klanac Valley, which will inspire and relax you as you prepare to take on the rock face.

BY CAR

If arriving via the highway from Zagreb or Split, take the Žuta Lokva exit and continue toward Otočac. In Brlog, turn left at the intersection toward Drenov Klanac.

From that turn, drive 2.9 km on a paved road until you reach the highway overpass. Pass underneath and continue straight on the paved road for another 2.2 km, until you reach a small junction where you turn left onto a gravel road.

If your vehicle has sufficient clearance, you can drive another 600 m to the last houses. From there, hike 800 m north toward the visible cliffs to reach the site.

If you want to climb under the professional guidance of experienced alpinists or just need some advice, contact the **Annapurna Adventure Club**.

- <https://adventureannapurna.wixsite.com/velikagreda>
- adventure.annapurna@gmail.com



Off-road adventure



QUAD and BUGGY

Gripping the wheel of a 500cc quad or a 950cc buggy will take you off-road. A quad safari through the Gacka Valley and the foothills of Velebit is one of Croatia's top outdoor experiences – a thrilling mix of landscape, culture, and history. You'll ride across diverse terrain – gravel roads, forest paths, fields, and asphalt – while exploring some of the region's most attractive natural and cultural landmarks.

One or two people can ride on a quad, and if you are encountering this four-wheeled vehicle for the first time, you will go through a short training and test ride on the training ground. For driving, you need a category B driver's license and an ID card, as well as appropriate clothing and footwear. The minimum age for a driver is 16 years, with a passed driving test in category A, B, or F, and the passenger must be at least 12 years old. In addition to quads, you can also drive buggies. They are intended for those who prefer slower driving, are much more stable than quads, and have no risk of tipping over.

Drawn to speed and the wind in your hair? The Gacka Valley is the perfect place for you — and a quad safari is an experience that will awaken all your senses.

Driving along the trails of the Gacka Valley is a true experience lasting one or two hours (depending on the route you choose), and you will pass through forest paths and gravel roads with panoramic views. The rental price includes a guide who will show you before the ride how to safely operate the vehicle and will drive with you throughout the entire route. Before the ride, you sign a form declaring full personal responsibility in case of an accident while operating the vehicle. The trails will reveal to you the hidden corners of the Gacka Valley and offer the untouched nature of its settlements. The offer includes routes from approximately 20 to almost 40 km, and the terrain is suitable for everyone regardless of previous experience.

In Otočac, there is an agency that offers quad and/or buggy rides through the Gacka Valley and has designed special routes. Whether you choose the Gacka Valley Panorama view or the XXL eXtreme route, you will have a great time and enjoy the beautiful landscape. It is important to announce yourself and reserve a ride time, and after that, all that's left is to release your inner adventurer.

Quad & kayak Otočac:

• <https://quad-kayak-otocac.com/>

If you want to explore the foothills of Velebit by quad and visit the Bear Refuge in Kuterevo on a quad and experience complete wilderness, contact **Lika Quad Adventure** at:

• www.tourism-smolcic.com



Adrenaline Rush on Two Wheels

MOTORCYCLING

As soon as the weather warms up — from spring through autumn — motorcyclists take to the open road, often chasing speed and a thrill of freedom.

Nature is already showing its green splendor, and the air temperature is also very pleasant. In addition to discovering new places on their two-wheeled pets, when they visit Otočac, scenes open up before them – almost unreal in their beauty – the emerald green river Gacka, motorcycle trails, excellent gourmet offerings, the mills at Majer's Spring, witnesses of some ancient times, and one of them still grinds flour, just like in the past. Through the Lika-Senj County pass as many as seven picturesque moto routes, and two of them, route number 2 and number 4, pass through Otočac. The average monthly temperatures throughout the year are mostly extremely pleasant, and are ideal in May (around 18 °C) and September (around 20 °C).

Route No. 2 (128 km): Žuta Lokva – Senj – Sveti Juraj – Krasno – Kosinj – Ličko Lešće – Otočac – Žuta Lokva.

Route No. 4 (121.1 km): Otočac – Vrhovine – Homoljac – Vrelo Koreničko – Korenica – Bunič – Široka Kula – Lički Osik – Perušić – Otočac.

For detailed route information, visit:

- https://visit-lika.com/files/media/attachment_hr/59/Najljepse-moto-rute.pdf

The biggest adrenaline lovers who enjoy competing and crossing wheels will be thrilled by the **International motocross race Team Silber Enduro**, which has been held for many years in May right in Otočac, organized by **HMK Otočac**. The race is scored by the **Croatian Moto Federation** for the Croatian Championship in the extreme enduro discipline, and riders can choose the class in which they will compete: Gold, Silver, Bronze, Veteran 40+, and Veteran 50+. A maximum of 200 riders can compete, so make sure to secure your starting number in time.

More info:

- <https://www.hmko.hr/>



Soar high
and touch the sky

PARAGLIDING and TANDEM SKYDIVING

If you're looking for an unforgettable experience that lets you touch the clouds and feel a true sense of freedom, Otočac is the place to be! This charming town offers not one, but two thrilling air adventures.

The first is **paragliding**. The goal is to fly as high as possible and go as far as possible. However, to become a good flyer, many years of experience are needed. Although paragliding looks simple, in addition to experience, it is also necessary to be educated and keep a cool head, as it is still considered one of the extreme sports. However, even beginners can fly, of course with the guidance of professional flyers – tandem paragliding instructors with many sky miles under their wings. You can share your flight with your loved ones because a video recording is included in the tandem flight.

If you wish to soar the sky heights, contact the **Paragliding Club "Sokolovi"** in Otočac. In addition to the flying school, they also offer tandem flights in the company of licensed instructors. Through their activities within the "Aviation Association of the Lika-Senj County," this association leases two paragliding take-off sites in the Gacka Field – Gašparac and Godaču, and for more information about this exciting, yet at the same time relaxing and safe adventure, visit:

• <https://paragliding-tandemi.com/>

*Ever dream of flying freely like a bird,
feeling the wind in your face,
and seeing the world from above?*

In the Otočac area, the paragliding club "**Leteći medvjedići**" has been active for many years, whose goal is to popularize paragliding both in Otočac and throughout Croatia, as well as to train pilots for paragliders. They have also won various awards in competitions. They will gladly direct all paragliding enthusiasts to the best flying spots, offer advice, and share their experiences, and they are always ready to demonstrate flying exercises. You can contact them at +385 98 982 1144.





The second activity is **tandem skydiving**. Parachutes in the sky often look like beautiful colorful clouds floating carried by the power of the wind. If you have ever watched them and wished to be part of their story, then Otočac is the ideal destination for that. In addition to experiencing the feeling of flying and gliding with a parachute among the clouds, you will enjoy the view of a picturesque fairytale-like town – the green winding Gacka River, a cheerful green promenade, rooftops of houses, and as you get closer to your destination, the full beauty of this area will open before your eyes. The goal of the jump is always the Špilnik Airport in Otočac, where a military aircraft Douglas DC-3 is located, next to which you will feel like a real experienced flyer.

A tandem jump is a parachute jump in which two people participate using one parachute. Most often, these are an experienced parachuting instructor and a person encountering this sport for the first time, so it's not a problem if you haven't yet tried parachute flying.

Tandem instructors from **Skydive Croatia** are very experienced parachutists who, after 500 solo jumps, have undergone very demanding, special training for tandem parachute jumping. Before performing a tandem jump, a briefing with the instructor is mandatory, during which the basic procedures and rules for flying are explained. The time for the entire experience, from takeoff to landing, is between 20 and 35 minutes, depending on the jump height and type of aircraft.

For skydiving, it is necessary to wear clothing that fits closely to the body because otherwise the fabric uncomfortably vibrates at high speeds. The recommendation is to use cotton pants, T-shirts without collars and without hoods, as well as sneakers. And if you're not sure what to wear, the instructors can offer you suits from their club. Contact them with confidence for tandem skydiving, as well as for all the necessary information.

Skydive Croatia operates in the area of Otočac through cooperation with the Otočac Aeroclub, which was founded in 2022 with the aim of promoting and bringing sport aviation closer to both children and adults. The members of the club are mostly long-time pilots, and the remaining members are currently training to become pilots. The Otočac Aeroclub operates in the area of the Otočac Airport, which has the longest active grass runway in the world – 1600 meters.

If you are a fan of sport aviation, want to learn more about it, or just want to visit the Otočac Airport and the so-called Aircraft Museum, the club members are always open to cooperation, and you can contact them at +385 99 224 3339 or via the **Aeroklub Otočac** FB page.

• <https://www.skydivecroatia.com/skok-padobranom.php>





A new kind of adventure, from a whole new perspective

ZIP LINE

This popular activity has taken the world by storm, offering a unique mix of excitement and nature. Riders descend solo or with a guide, and the longest steel cable can be found in the smallest municipality in Lika – Vrhovine, near Otočac. Stretching 1700 meters, it's one of the longest zip lines in Europe. The descent begins in Rudopolje and ends in Vrhovine, with riders soaring in a lying position.

Are you ready to take on the challenge of flying 80 meters above the ground, reaching speeds of up to 120 kilometers per hour? The view of the landscape below is something you won't forget, and the entire ride can be recorded using a camera mounted on your helmet. Please note that rides are not held during strong winds or rain.

In addition to the zip line itself, **Pazi Medo** also offers cycling, an artificial climbing wall, and team-building experiences. You can find detailed information and book your visit on their website at

• <https://zipline-plitvice.com/>

If you're always on the lookout for adventure and adrenaline runs through your veins, just thirty minutes from Otočac, you'll find one of Croatia's most thrilling attractions – the Pazi Medo zip line.

ZIP LINE RULES

- Photography with devices not securely attached to the rider is not allowed.
- All pockets must be emptied before the ride.
- Riders must not touch the cable at any time during the descent.
- Riders must inform the operator in advance of any heart conditions.
- Minimum weight is 40 kg (whether flying solo or tandem), maximum weight is 145 kg.
- Filming is allowed only with helmet-mounted cameras.
- All riders must sign a statement confirming they use the zip line at their risk.
- Riders must wear sturdy sports clothing and footwear.



Leave no pin standing

BOWLING

Did you know that bowling is an ancient sport enjoyed all over the world?

For lovers of active recreation, especially when weather conditions aren't ideal for outdoor activities, the **bowling alley in Otočac** offers a perfect indoor option. Bowling is more than just a sport – it brings people together and promotes a healthy, active lifestyle.

This game combines physical movement, mental agility, and social interaction, making it one of the most beloved forms of recreation and competitive sport both globally and in Croatia. Over the centuries, bowling has grown in popularity among people of all ages. It's a fun way to spend time with friends, take on new challenges, and enjoy some friendly competition. The goal is to knock down as many pins as possible, but success takes more than just aim – it requires strength, control, and the ability to anticipate how the ball will behave on the lane.

Players are expected to follow the order of play and respect basic rules of etiquette. Entering the lane before your turn is not allowed. The ball must not be released before the automatic pinsetter has fully lowered or before the pins are set. Crossing the foul line during a throw results in a fault, and the throw is not counted.

Did you know that right in Otočac, at 17a Bartola Kašića Street, there is one of the most modern bowling alleys in Croatia, and even beyond? It has six modern lanes, a sauna, a gym, and a café, and it is easy to get to because it is located in the city center. In October 2021, this bowling alley was the host of the Bowling World Cup, with champions from 14 countries in the men's competition and 9 champions in the women's competition participating.

The working hours of the bowling alley are from Monday to Friday, from 3 PM to 10 PM, and bowling is also possible on weekends with prior notice. It is mandatory to bring clean sports footwear. Due to the many teams that regularly train at the bowling alley, it is necessary to announce your arrival at the phone number: +385 99 841 1333.

Throughout the year, the Otočac bowling alley hosts numerous tournaments where you can test your skills and win great prizes. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned player, drop by, line up your shot, and aim for that perfect strike.



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Are the people we love,
The places we visit,
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