

MOUNTAIN VRAN – The view of three lakes

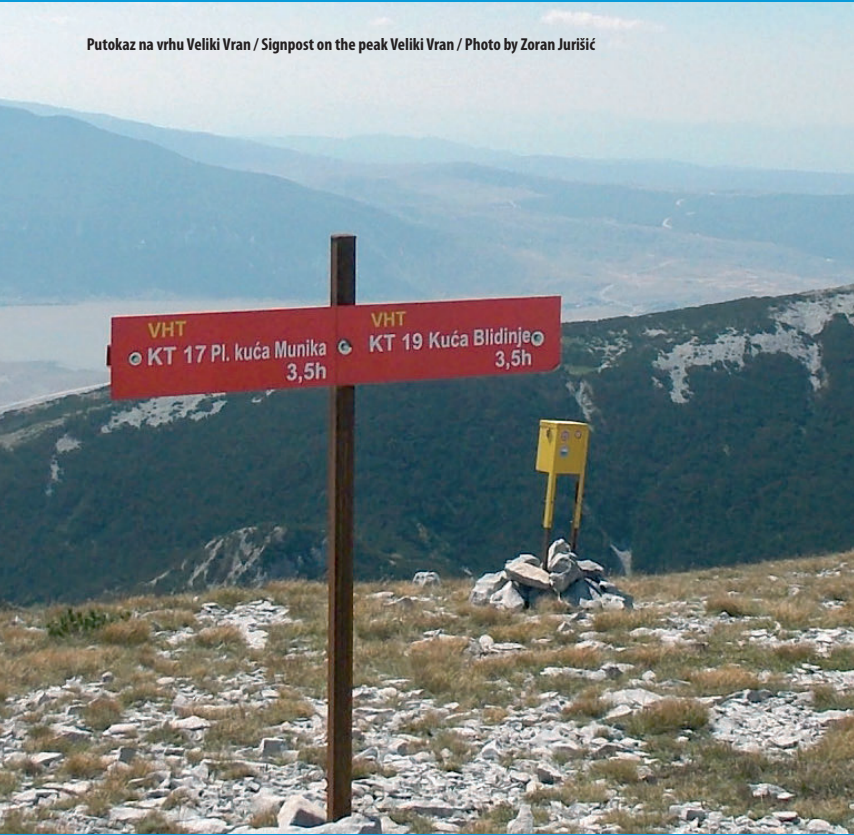
Going from Jablanica through the picturesque canyon of river Doljanka, road seemingly leading to nowhere, upon the arrival to the saddle of Sovićka vrata suddenly transforms into a spectacular vedute of mountainous landscape. Plateau Dugo polje is bounded by the mountains Čvrsnica on the southeast and Vran on the northwest and it offers idyllic atmosphere of mountain resort, both in summer and winter. Since 1995, the plateau and surrounding mountains were incorporated into a Nature Park Blidinje. Shallow lake Blidinje is placed on the southwestern side of the plateau, opposite to the Sovićka vrata saddle,

with the peaks of surrounding mountains mirroring themselves on the surface. One of those peaks is Veliki Vran (2074 m.a.s.l.), the highest peak of Vran which forms western boundary of Dugo polje. Vran is not a typical Dinaric mountain. One of the facts to suggest this is the direction of the mountain which spreads from southwest - northeast, contrary to the direction of most other Dinaric mountains spreading from north to south. Ascent to Vran is particularly suitable for recreational hikers, whereas south and southeast allow passage through the richness of the karst landscape.

Ascent to Vran is especially suitable for recreational hikers and mountaineers as the western and northern side offer passage through the richness of carstic landscapes. The starting point is placed in Trnovac, two kilometres after the crossroad in Blidinje in direction of Rama. The beauty of the landscape increases with the ascent. After the first steep part, one can find a valley with water reservoir constructed during the times of Austro-Hungarian Monarchy. The name confirms it: „Carska lokva" or „The Emperor's Pond".

Well marked path continues through the belts of mountain pines, beech forest and grass. In the summer, mountaineers are recommended to rest in the thick shade of pines. Before the arrival to Veliki Vran, path passes through the thick pine forest somewhere mottled with barren land. The peak of Veliki Vran is marked with the pile of rocks, and as the reward for the successful ascent, the mountaineers have the fantastic view of three surrounding lakes: Ramsko, Buško and Blidinjsko.

Putokaz na vrhu Veliki Vran / Signpost on the peak Veliki Vran / Photo by Zoran Jurišić

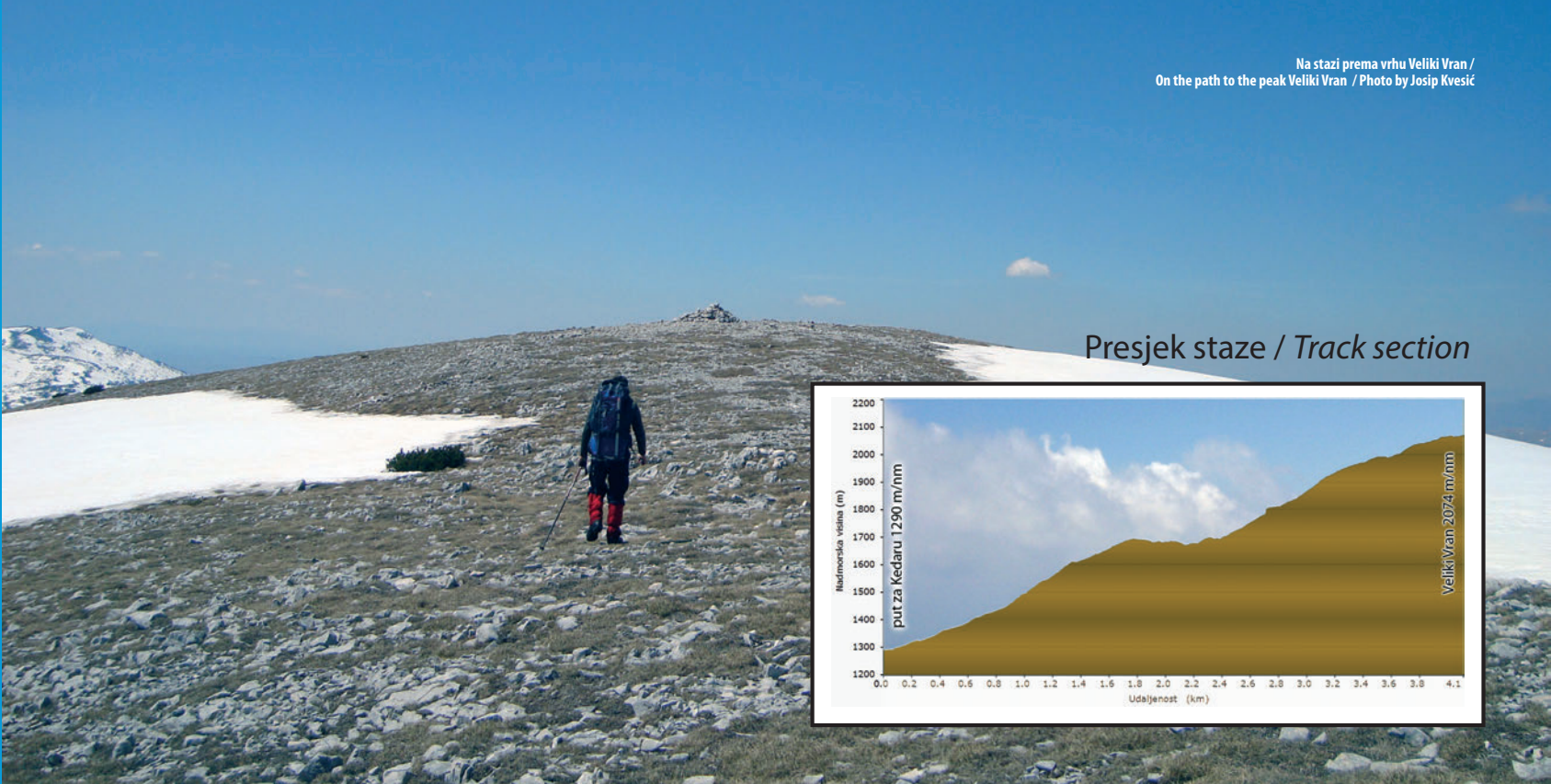


VRAN PLANINA – Pogled na tri jezera

Idući od Jablanice kroz slikoviti kanjon rječice Doljanke, put, koji naizgled vodi ka nigdje, se po dolasku na prijevaj Sovićka vrata, odjednom pretvara u spektakularnu vedutu planinskog pejzaža. Dugo polje omeđeno planinom Čvrsnicom sa jugoistočne i Vranom sa sjeverozapadne strane, pruža idilični ugođaj planinskog odmorišta, kako ljeti, tako i zimi. Od 1995. godine, područje visoravni s okolnim planinama je proglašeno parkom prirode. U jugozapadnom dijelu polja, suprotno od Sovićkih vrata, nalazi se i plitko Blidinje jezero u kojem se ogledaju vrhovi obližnjih planina. Jedan od tih vrhova je i Veliki Vran (2074 mNv), najviša točka Vran planine koja čini zapadni obod Dugog polja. Vran planina nije tipična dinarska planina. To govori i njen smjer koji se, za razliku od većine ostalih planina dinarskog gorja, pruža u pravcu jugozapad - sjeveroistok. Uspón na Vran je posebno pogodan za rekreativce, jer južne i jugoistočne strane omogućuju prolazak kroz bogatstvo kraškog krajolika.

označena staza se nastavlja kroz pojaseve planinskog bora, bukove šume i niskog raslinja. U ljetnim danima, planinarima se preporuča odmor u hladovini borove šume. Pred dolazak na Veliki Vran, staza prolazi kroz gustu borovu šumu ponegdje prošaranu potpunom goleti. Vrh Veliki Vran je označen, a kao nagradu za uspješan uspon planinari dobivaju fantastičan pogled na tri okolna jezera: Ramsko, Buško i Blidinjsko.

Jedna od početnih točaka uspona na Veliki Vran se nalazi u mjestu Trnovac, na putu prema Rami. Nakon dva kilometra makadamskog puta, od restorana Hajdučke vrleti na sjever, oznake upućuju posjetitelje na početnu točku. Ljepota krajobraza se povećava s usponom, nakon kojeg se nailazi na veliki dolac s rezervoarom za vodu napravljen još u vrijeme Austro-Ugarske Monarhije, o čemu svjedoči i ime „Carska lokva“. Dobro



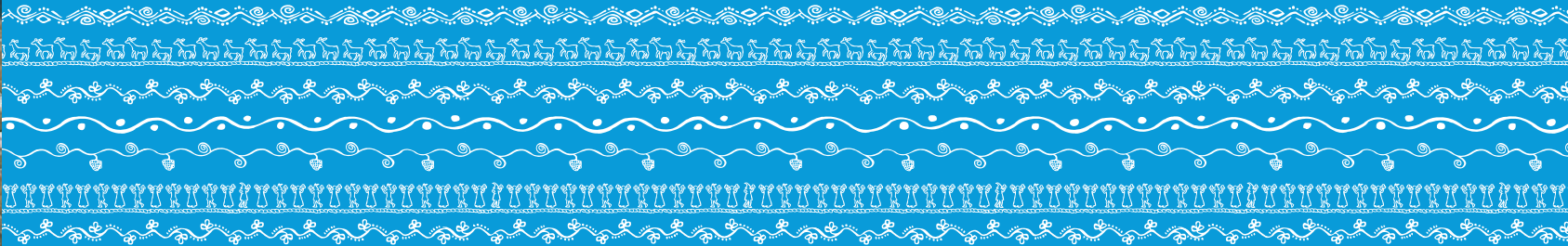
Vran



Trnovac - Veliki Vran

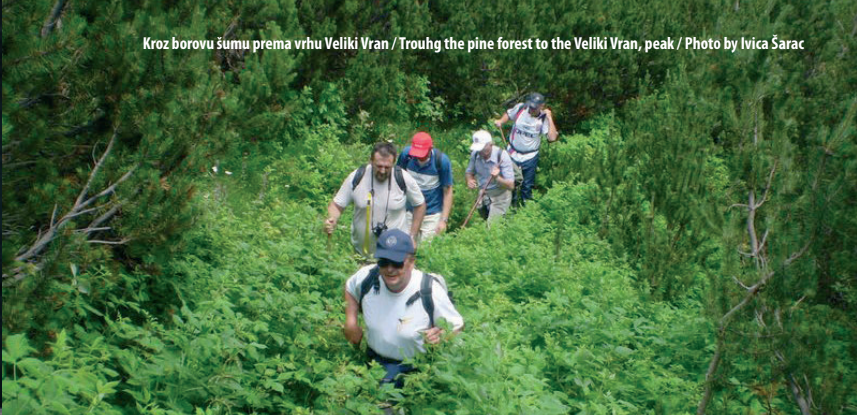
PLANINA: Vran
STAZA: Trnovac - Veliki Vran (2074 mNv)
STUPANJ TEŽINE: Srednji
VRIJEME DO VRHA: 3 h
VISINSKA RAZLIKA: 782 m
OPSKRBA VODOM: Nema izvora pitke vode
UKUPNA DULJINA TREKA: 4,5 km
RIZIK OD MINA: Nema duž markirane staze
GPS KOORDINATE POLAZIŠTA: N43° 40.654'; E17° 32.511'
GPS KOORDINATE VRHA: N43°40.089'; E17°30.336'
POTESKOĆE PRI ORIJENTACIJI: Nema

MOUNTAIN: Vran
PATH: Trnovac - Veliki Vran (2074 m.a.s.l.)
DIFFICULTY: Medium
DURATION OF ASCENT: 3 h
ALTITUDE DIFFERENCE: 782 m
WATER SUPPLY: Not available
TOTAL LENGTH: 4,5 km
MINE RISK: None along the market route
GPS START COORDINATES: N43° 40.654'; E17° 32.511'
GPS PEAK COORDINATES: N43°40.089'; E17°30.336'
ORIENTATION DIFFICULTIES: None



Nedaleko od početka staze se nalazi i katoličko mjesto hodočašća – Kedžara. Legenda govori kako je na tome mjestu pokopana Diva Grabovčeva, djevojka koja je u 17. stoljeću ubijena zbog neuzvraćene ljubavi lokalnom begu. Svake prve nedjelje u srpnju se na tome mjestu održava veliko hodočašće.

Catholic pilgrimage site Kedžara is close to the starting point of the path. Legend claims that Kedžara is the burial site of Diva Grabovčeva, girl killed in 17th century because of unreturned love to the local bey. Each first Sunday in July, a pilgrimage takes place on that spot.



Znak na stazi prema vrhu Veliki Vran / Sings along the path to the Veliki Vran peak / Photo by Zoran Jurišić

Na stazi prema vrhu Veliki Vran / On the path to the peak Veliki Vran / Photo by Josip Kvesić



