

THEMATIC TRAIL

TUFA TRAIL

Starting point / Ending point:

Travertine quarry (46.397741, 14.470872), Tufa spring (46.39926,14.46999)

Trail lenght: 0,2 km, **Hike duration:** 15 min

Level of diffiiculty:

Easy and well-marked trail

Trail description:

The thematic trail will take you along the outskirts of the former tufa quarry in Jezersko to the viewing platform near the tufa-forming spring. The trail is well-maintained, marked with directional signs, and equipped with benches. In the former quarry, which was one of the smaller ones by size, the extraction of tufa began in 1950. Along the trail, you will learn about the »life« of this rock – from its origin at the water spring to its extraction for commercial purposes in the former quarry and its final use in local and world architectural projects. The thematic trail to the tufa spring and the tufa trail are connected. Not far from the spring, you can also find the Ecol Farm Spodnji Virnik.



Interesting facts:

The tufa site is classified as a geological natural heritage and a landscape feature of national importance. Its exceptional size for the Slovenian area, the well-preserved forms of encrusted plants, and the tufa-forming spring make this area of significant research, education, and heritage importance.

THEMATIC TRAIL

TO TUFA SPRING

Starting / Ending point:

TIC Jezersko, Zgornje Jezersko 57 (N 46.400890 E 14.522734)

Trail length:

3.82 km, +125 m / - 150 m

Hike duration (one way): 1,20 h

Level of difficulty:

Easy and well-marked hiking trail

Trail description:

Tufa spring is located in the Komatevra Valley in Spodnje Jezersko, next to the eco-farm Spodnji Virnik. From the centre of Zgornje Jezersko, you can take an easy hiking trail that mainly leads through forests. At the top of the spring is a wooden platform from which people can marvel at this natural beauty. We recommend you start the hike from the Tourist Information Centre and proceed to the Old Church of St. Oswald, where you enjoy a splendid view over the Kamnik-Savinja Alps. Your next stop is the eco-farm Spodnji Virnik, where you can also buy various dairy products.



Interesting facts:

Tufa spring and the area of the former tufa stone quarry present the first point of the Slovenian geological trail, which runs from Jezersko to Idrija. Tufa spring in Spodnje Jezersko is a unique natural attraction. There we get the opportunity to see how tufa stone is formed in nature. Because of the specific sediments, the water contains a lot of calcium carbonate that is eliminated in the form of tufa stone right at the spring. We can admire a more than 10 metres long green waterfall, divided into several streams.



ABOUT JEZERSKO

The area of Jezersko covers an area of 68.8 km2 and represents the mountain world at the junction of the Karavanks and the Kamnik-Savinja Alps. That is why the municipality has a real alpine character and in 2018 became the first Slovenian municipality to join the international initiative of Mountaineering villages.



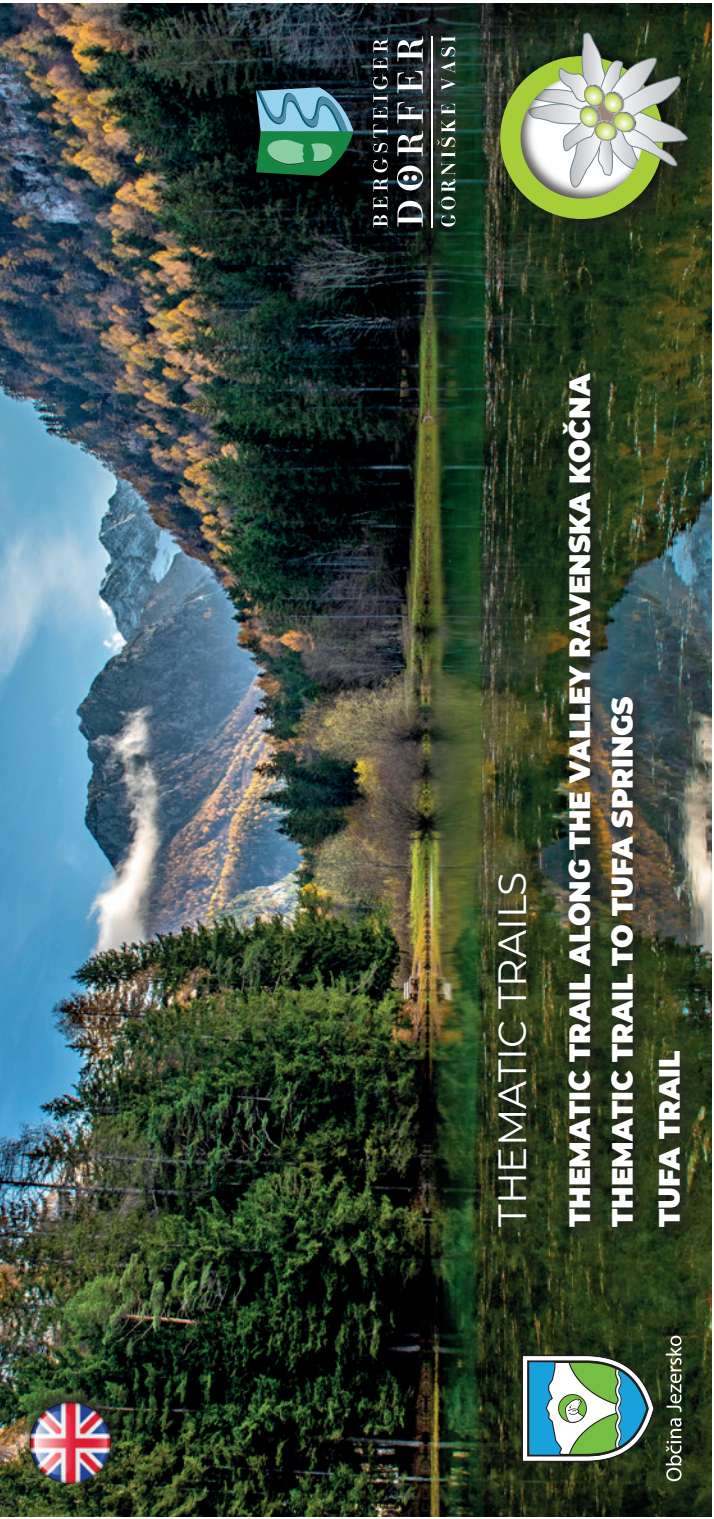
But about 30,000 years ago, the image of Jezersko was much different than it is today. Due to the colder climate, the forest did not thrive here, the slopes were bare, and a glacier slowly crept down the valley from the mountains. About 12,000 years ago, it became warmer again, and the glacier disappeared in a few centuries. The transformation of the surface was taken over by slope processes and flowing water, creating the present-day image of the valley of Jezersko. The glacier from the valley of Makekova Kočna closed the Jezernica stream's outflow towards the Kokra River valley for a while, so a lake formed at the bottom of the lake basin, which remained long after the glacier retreat. The valley of Jezersko was named after the lake that used to fill the entire central part of the basin.

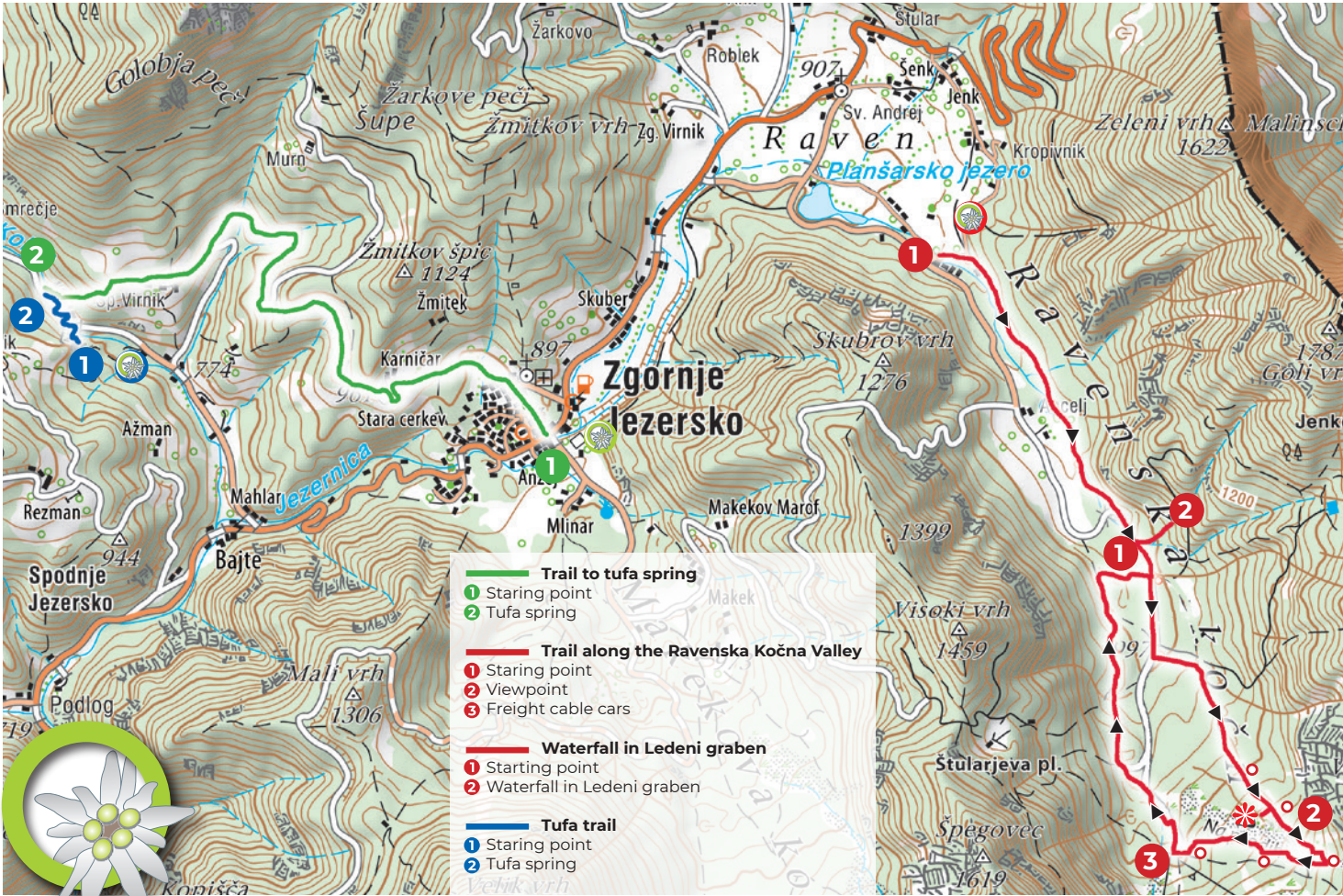


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Panorama of Jezersko

THEMATIC TRAIL ALONG THE RAVENSKA KOČNA VALLEY

Starting and ending point of the trail:

Lake Planšar, N 46.400890 E 14.522734

Furthest points:

Scenic viewpoint (1123 MASL), Freight cable cars (1095 MASL)

Trail distance: 8 km (circular trail).

Hike duration: 3 hours

Level of difficulty:

Easy and well-marked hiking trail

Trail description:

The walk along the thematic trail in the valley of Ravenska Kočna is one the most beautiful and longest walks in the valley of Jezersko. The trail is well-maintained, marked with signs and equipped with benches. While walking through the valley of Ravenska Kočna, you can observe how the former glacier transformed the surface and how natural forces are changing this unique landscape. The undemanding trail leads along the Jezernica stream through meadows, where a magnificent view of the northern ridges of the Kamnik-Savinja Alps with the highest peak, Grintovec, opens up. On the way, you will learn how this glacial valley was formed, its fauna and flora and all the other attractions that make the valley of Ravenska Kočna worth a visit.



Ravenska Kočna Valley

Interesting facts:

Because of diverse habitats, as many as 989 plant species and subspecies thrive in the valley of Jezersko. Here we can find more than 20 plant species that can be considered endemics. These are the plants (and animals) whose distribution is limited to a specific larger or smaller geographical area.

THEMATIC TRAIL WATERFALL IN LEDENI GRABEN

Starting point:

Ravenska Kočna, N 46.388513 E 14.535729

Ending point:

Waterfall in Ledeni graben, N 46.389595 E 14.537490

Length: 0,5 km **Time:** 10 min

Level of difficulty:

Easy and well-marked hiking trail

Trail description:

As part of the themed Trail through Ravenska Kočna, you can also visit the waterfall in Ledeni graben. This trail section starts near the road junction by a scenic viewpoint in the valley.

To reach the waterfall, follow green-and-white trail markers and direction signs. At the wooden fence, turn left to reach a designated viewpoint for the waterfall.



Waterfall in Ledeni graben