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## Gračac

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# Gračac

The municipality of Gračac is truly a green oasis of Zadar Region.

The town itself is located in a valley and surrounded by the impressive mountains from all sides. Gračac is separated from Dalmatia by the Velebit Mountain massif – a natural border between Dalmatia and Lika.

The area is ideal for a peaceful vacation in the silence of pristine nature. However, don't let this deceive you as there are plenty of choices for those craving an active vacation.

**Don't miss out on the region's nature gems, such as the Velebit Nature Park, Cerovac Caves and Zrmanja River.**

# The Cerovac Caves

**The Cerovac Caves**, located just 4 km outside Gračac, are one of the most important speleological objects in Croatia and a part of the immense cave complex of Crnopac. Famous for its stalactites and stalagmites of different shapes and colours, this karst underground is a magical and unique treasure of natural heritage. Have fun discovering what the various shapes of rocks and cave formations remind you of!

Even though the caves have been open for visitors since 1951, the newly opened Centre of Excellence and the renovated caves now allow you to explore this mysterious place even better. Along with the ticket, you can also buy a souvenir there.

The two caves, the Lower and the Upper, are open to visitors in the length of 700 metres each, and are toured with a guide (included in the price of the ticket) according to the schedule. The average temperature is about 7 °C so it is necessary to wear warm, layered clothing and athletic footwear whenever visiting the caves.

**A 15-minute walk through the woods from the Center of Excellence to the Lower cave.** >



# Una River Spring

**Una River Spring** (*Vrelo Une* in Croatian), half an hour drive from Gračac, is located near the settlement of Srb, just off the border with Bosnia and Herzegovina. The calm, turquoise lake surrounded by forests and steep cliffs is an infinite source of breathtaking photos!

After the famous speleo-diver Gigi Casati's dive to the depth of impressive 248 metres, it was confirmed to be the fifth deepest spring in the world, and the deepest explored karst spring of the entire Dinarides. Due to both its astounding beauty and exceptional hydromorphological value the lake was, together with the canyon and 150 metres of its downstream flow, declared a protected hydrological natural monument in 1968.

Una River Spring

# Zrmanja River Spring

At the foot of the Poštak Mountain, you will find the **Zrmanja River Spring**. The water emerges in gushes and cuts further into the rugged karst of Velebit to find its way to the sea miles away. A gem of the region, it draws attention with its long, curved canyon and iemerald colour. Take a walk towards the spring and enjoy the calmness of the area with just the murmuring sound of the water.

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# Štikada Lake (Ričice)

This artificial lake, named after the nearby settlement, accumulates water from the adjacent rivers for the needs of the Velebit hydroelectric power plant. Surrounded by green hills, it provides a relaxing walk around the lake down a gravel path.

# Crnopac Peak

This southernmost part of the Velebit Mountain rises to the height of 1402 m. Embellished by steep karst reefs, valleys and landforms, it offers one of the best views over Dalmatia and Lika, as well as the view of the entire Velebit from one place.

You can reach the peak by following the marked hiking trails "Prezid - Veliki Crnopac" and "Prezid - Mountain shelter Crnopac - Veliki Crnopac".



View from the Crnopac Peak



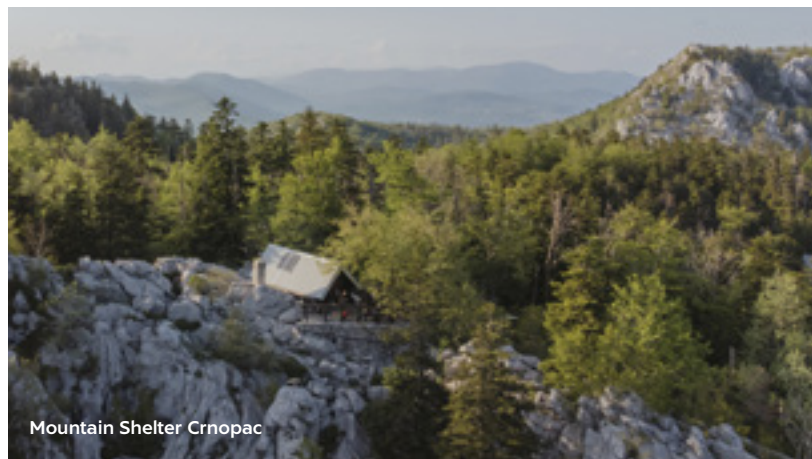
The Little Prince Trail

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# Poštak Peak

**Poštak** is easily noticeable thanks to its imposing looks. It's covered in spacious pastures, karst, and partly in forests. Apart from the beautiful view from its peak (1425m), hikers love it because of the unusual rock formations at 1200m created by wind gusts.

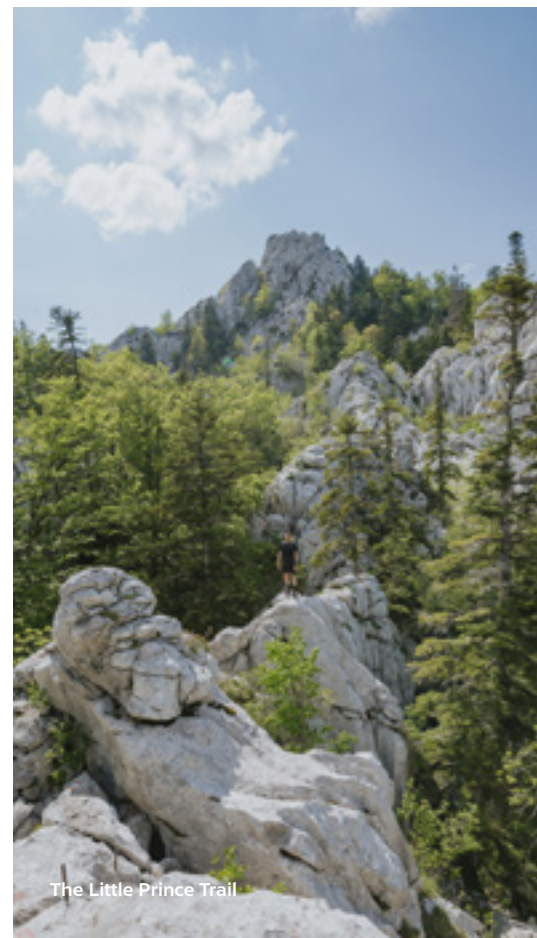
The trail starts from the Otrčić railway station, and the hike to the peak lasts around 2 hours.



Mountain Shelter Crnopac



Poštak



The Little Prince Trail

# The Little Prince

In Croatian called "Put Malog princa", this is the most popular hiking trail of the southern Velebit, located near the mountain shelter Crnopac. It takes you through the Velebit Nature Park, all the way to the Bili Kuk Peak (1171 m). The trail is rich in rock formations with interesting names.

It's one of the most challenging climbing trails in Croatia, even though it has a diameter of only 600 m and the climb takes 3 to 4 hours. This hiking experience is highly recommended, as well as taking a guided tour.



**Cerovac QUAD Adventures** – explore the unexplored places of the Gračac area on quads! This is an ideal way of getting to know the beautiful nature of southern Velebit. Most of the routes follow rivers, so you can take little breaks by the numerous springs of fresh water along the way. Visit the countryside, the Cerovac Caves, or Tulove Grede in a non-traditional way.

Visit the adrenaline estate **Lički sokol** and try out some of the many activities, including adventure ones. Bond with your friends and colleagues by playing paintball, foosball, team Olympiad, and other team games. When you get thirsty, you can have some refreshing homemade apple juice.

Get the adrenaline pumping with **Extreme Enduro Lika!** Visit Srb and witness the exciting moto race through the hills of Lika. This world-renowned event held in May witnesses an ever-growing audience. All the adrenaline junkies are more than welcome!

Don't forget to buy the best local souvenirs – honey, propolis, and even cheese! **Local OPGs** (family farms) are known for their high-quality and homemade products. You can visit some OPGs, and some even offer overnight accommodation, such as **Relax Lika!**



Camping Lika

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