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+ 2 MAIN CYCLING ROUTES



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## WELCOME TO SPIŠ CYCLING REGION – southern part

The entire Spiš region, with its varied landscape, natural beauty, and cultural-historical attractions, is destined to meet the demands of even the most discerning hiking and cycling enthusiasts. A network of more than 660 km of marked cycling routes in the region allows visitors to admire the natural and historical wonders of Spiš while testing their physical fitness and cycling skills.

The marked cycling routes in the region are largely suitable only for **mountain bikes** (MTB). They demand a higher level of physical fitness, quality cycling gear, mastery of riding techniques, and adherence to safe cycling principles. Do not underestimate these basic requirements, as respecting them not only protects your own health but also the health of other participants in cycling, hiking, and road traffic.

We have created a selection of cycling loops from several starting points in our region for you. We hope they will assist you in your cycling journeys in this part of Spiš and also serve as a guide for creating your own loops and cycling tours. The dense network of over 600 km of marked cycling routes in this region makes this possible. When planning your own routes, we recommend combining cycling with train transportation, whether on the Spišská Nová Ves – Margečany or Margečany – Dobšinská Ľadová Jaskyňa lines, or taking advantage of the bike bus service on the Spišská Nová Ves – Dedinky route and back.

**WARNING AND RECOMMENDATION - DO NOT RELY ON FREELY AVAILABLE CYCLING MAPS ON THE INTERNET!!!** Various digital cycling maps are not regularly updated, so they may lack the implemented changes to individual marked cycling routes (rerouting, extensions, identification numbers, route closures, etc.), even though their websites may claim otherwise.

*We wish you many enjoyable and unforgettable experiences in our region and on our cycling routes.*

## RECOMMENDATIONS AND PRINCIPLES FOR USING MARKED CYCLING ROUTES

1. **You ride on marked cycling routes at your own risk.**
2. The route manager and the road owner bear no responsibility for damages arising from their use.
3. We generally recommend riding only on marked cycling routes.  
**In the territory of Slovenský Raj National Park and its protective zone, cycling is permitted only on marked cycling routes!**
4. When riding on forest roads, respect the rules set by their owners and be mindful of vehicles used for forestry and other activities.
5. Behave in a way that doesn't endanger others on marked cycling routes and ride considerately.
6. Ride at a speed that allows you to stop at any time.
7. In forest environments, stay on marked cycling routes, do not disturb wildlife, and do not damage or destroy nature or forest vegetation!
8. When a cycling route runs parallel to a hiking trail, be considerate of pedestrians!
9. On public roads, follow traffic regulations.
10. In the event of an accident on marked cycling routes, everyone is obliged to provide assistance.
11. Choose your cycling route/loop based on your physical condition, abilities, and the type and quality of your bike.  
Adapt your movement on the routes to your capabilities.
12. Ride in the forest only during daylight hours, and do not ride at night.
13. You can increase your safety, and that of others, by using proper lighting  
- a red flashing light at the rear and a white light at the front.
14. We recommend wearing a protective helmet while riding.



## MARKING OF CYCLING ROUTES IN THE FIELD

Cycling routes are marked in the field according to STN 01 8028, which consists of the basic cycling marker - a painted "C" - along with additional cycling signage elements, including large and small direction signs, location nameplates, and supplementary information boards.



BASIC PAINTED CYCLING SIGN



END PAINTED CYCLING SIGN  
(end of CZT)

Note: The colour of the cycling signs and symbols matches the colour of the cycling route.



Cyclist symbol indicating routes suitable for road and trekking bikes, according to the route's colour.



Cyclist symbol indicating routes suitable for mountain bikes, according to the route's colour.



- 1 location name
- 2 elevation
- 3 cycling route manager
- 4 GPS coordinates

### LOCATION NAMEPLATE

It labels the names of towns and locations where cycling orientation elements are placed.



### PICTORIAL CYCLING DIRECTION SIGN

It provides information about the direction and distance to cultural, historical, and other points of interest on or near the marked cycling route.



### SMALL DIRECTION SIGN

specifies the direction of the cycle route

### LARGE DIRECTION SIGN

informs the user of the marked cycle route

- 1 The direction of its continuation
- 2 The following geographical points (local names), cycle tourism information points
- 3 Distances from the location of the sign
- 4 Identification number of the cycle tourism route
- 5 Administrator of the cycle tourism route
- 6 Difficulty level
- 7 Information that another cycle route (e.g., No. 8922) begins or passes through this point



## MARKING OF CYCLING ROUTE DIFFICULTY

The difficulty of a cycling route applies to the entire length of the route marked with the same colour and is determined for bicycles without auxiliary motors. This difficulty is indicated on the cycling direction signs.



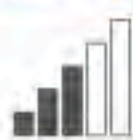
**REKREA - easy:** less demanding cycling routes and loops, as well as educational cycling routes, intended for learning to ride a bicycle. They require basic cycling skills and basic physical fitness.

**SPORT - moderately difficult:** these are more challenging sports loops or cycling routes, including educational cycling routes, which require good mastery of cycling techniques and good physical fitness.

**EXPERT - difficult:** these are demanding routes, challenging loops, and difficult educational cycling routes for cyclists who have excellent cycling technique and very good physical fitness.

## PICTOGRAMS AND MARKINGS USED IN THIS GUIDE

The difficulty level and duration of the cycling route apply to the entire circuit length and are intended for bicycles without auxiliary motors.



**DIFFICULTY OF CYCLING LOOPS - FIVE-LEVEL DIFFICULTY SCALE** The difficulty of the described loops is determined based on their total length, profile, and the quality of the road surfaces. This difficulty rating of the cycling loops is not identical to the difficulty indicated on the cycling direction signs in the field. The difficulty is determined for bicycles without auxiliary motors.



**ELEVATION GAIN** The total amount of elevation gained, following the direction of the cycling loop as described.



**DURATION** The duration is the minimum time in which the loop can be completed without major breaks. This estimate is intended for bicycles without auxiliary motors.



**LENGTH OF THE ROUTE** The length of the loop in kilometres.

## DATA PROVIDED UNDER THE GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION OF THE LOOP PROFILE

**BARS:** CZT – bar with the identification number of the marked cycle route and its color, corresponding to the route marking color in the field • SURFACE – bar with the surface types of the paths on the cycle routes • km – bar with the ongoing distance on the cycle route

## ROAD SURFACES ON CYCLING LOOPS

- ASPHALT SURFACE** - high-quality asphalt surface on roads of the first, second, and third classes, on local and some service roads.
- PENETRATED SURFACE** - coarse asphalt surface of lower quality; includes service roads, mostly forest roads, which may be in poor condition.
- STABILIZED SURFACE** - roads and embankments with compacted stone and gravel bases without penetration; includes some service roads, as well as improved forest and field roads.
- NATURAL SURFACE** - unimproved roads or paths with a natural compacted surface; includes some field, forest, and local roads. This surface is often impassable in unfavourable weather.
- CONCRETE SURFACE** - high-quality concrete surface on some service roads.

## EXPLANATION OF TEXT ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE GUIDE

- CZT** - marked cycling route
- cycling junction marker** - junction marker for marked cycling routes
- cycling sign** - sign for a marked cycling route
- cycling direction sign** - direction sign for cycling tourism
- cycling road, cycling communication** - purpose-built cycling road or communication
- cycling loop** - cycling tourism loop
- cycling tour** - cycling tourism tour

# SMALL LOOP INTO SLOVAK PARADISE

STARTING POINT: Spišská Nová Ves

ALTERNATIVE STARTING POINTS: Košiarny briežok, Čingov, Smižany, Spišské Tomášovce



GPX

DIFFICULTY



LENGTH OF THE LOOP



**19** km

DURATION



**1:45** hod.

ELEVATION GAIN



**236** m

CYCLE LOOP CROSSROADS:

0 km Sp. Nová Ves, train station → 0,9 km Sp. Nová Ves, Mier → 4,3 km Košiarny briežok → 3,6 km Lesnica → 2,7 km Čingov, centrum → 0,6 km Čingov, rázc. → 2 km Smižany, Maša → 4.9 km Sp. Nová Ves, train station



This easy family-friendly loop offers relaxation and a taste of the Slovak Paradise National Park. It's a small suburban route that mostly follows marked cycling trails with asphalt, gravel, and natural surfaces, and stays largely away from road traffic.

Starting from the railway station, follow the yellow cycle trail sign (CZT No. 8854) for 1 km through the streets of the town. After crossing the bridge over the Hornád River, continue straight south on the blue cycle trail (No. 2711) from the crossroads at Spišská Nová Ves, Mier (450 m). Turn left after passing Stova Baumarket. After about 500 m, at the crossroads, turn right, bypassing a new residential area, where the road surface changes from asphalt to a gravel track. On a clear day, you'll enjoy views of the High Tatras as you enter the buffer zone of the Slovak Paradise National Park on the edge of a pine forest. The path continues through a memorial dedicated to locals killed by the Gestapo during World War II, then through a small cottage settlement. After crossing a tiny stream (Čingovský potok), the road changes to a gravel surface and climbs slightly, leading to the crossroads of cycling and hiking trails in the cottage settlement and tourist centre of Košiarny briežok (542 m). Here, switch to the green cycling trail (CZT No. 5705) and continue westward along the edge of the forest. At the forest road junction, turn left, entering the forest and gradually climbing to the large meadow known as Bikšova lúka. From the highest point of the loop, continue left along the meadow, and enjoy a 2-kilometer gentle downhill ride through the forest on the gravel forest road. **WARNING (!)** At the forest road junction above Lesnica, turn right, leaving the gravel path. At the Lesnica cycle crossroads (560 m), turn right again, passing through the Smižanská Polana. The road follows a small forest stream, Lesnica, which you will need to cross either by wading or using a narrow footbridge. Continue along the green cycle path as it leads past the crossroads at Lesnica, ústie (498 m), and cross a narrow metal bridge over the Hornád River, which cuts deeply into the limestone. The trail brings you to Čingov, centre (494 m), a popular tourist spot with a boulder marked with "Slovak Paradise National Park 1988," commemorating the year the park was established, and a 77-meter children's ferrata (climbing path). The cycling loop continues on an asphalt road, gently climbing northeast past restaurants, accommodation, and snack stands. After passing the parking lot, the trail reaches the crossroads Čingov, rázc. (520 m). Switch to the red cycle path (CZT No. 014, Spiš Cycling Route), turning right and beginning a short but moderate climb. From the top of the hill, you can enjoy panoramic views of Spišská Nová Ves, the village of Smižany, and the surrounding Levoča and Volovské Mountains. The High Tatras rise to the left. At the bottom of the steep descent (12% incline!), make a sharp right turn at the Smižany, Maša (488 m) trailhead on the parking lot, following the red and green cycle trails. After crossing the bridge over the Hornád, turn left and continue on an unpaved road along the right bank of the Hornád River, back towards Spišská Nová Ves. From the town's edge at the housing estate Mier, follow the asphalt cycle path. At the first roundabout, turn left and cross the bridge, staying on the cycle path. Continue following the blue cycle trail (CZT No. 2711) past shopping centres and through a traffic light until reaching the end of the loop at the railway station.

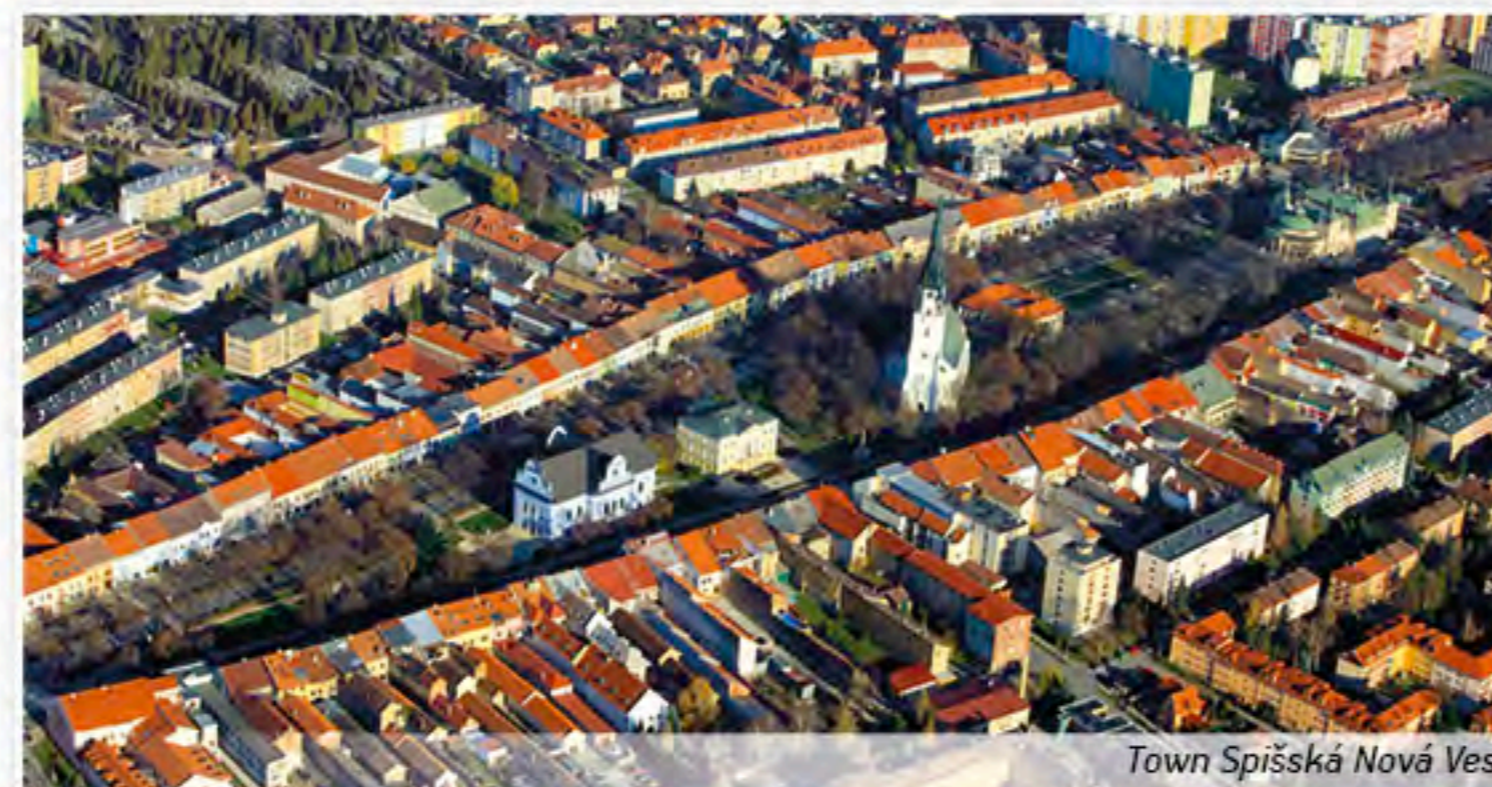
HIGHLIGHTS: • Slovak Paradise National Park • tourist centres Košiarny briežok, Čingov • climbing wall with a lookout at Košiarny briežok



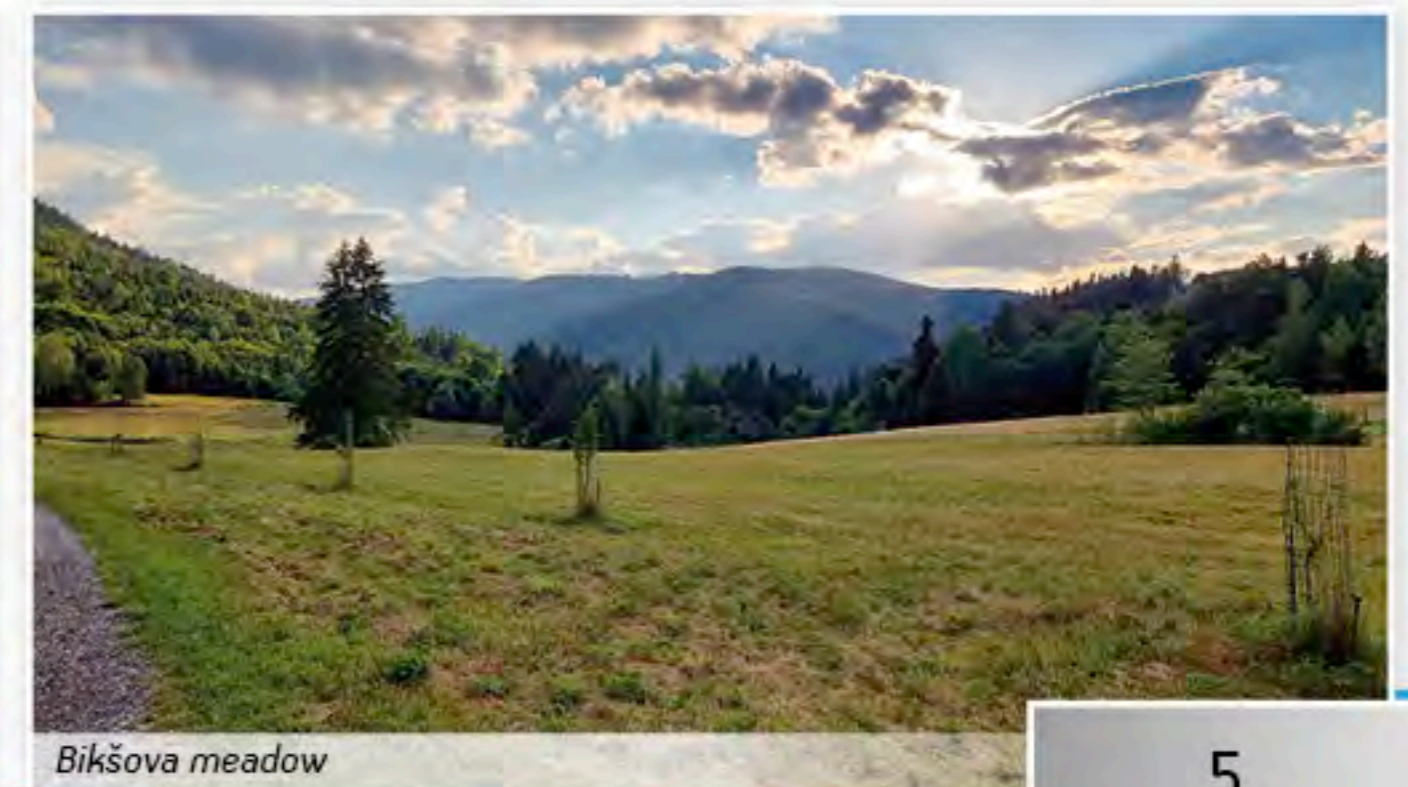
Children's via ferrata in Čingov



Refreshment available at Nováková Lodge on Košiarny briežok



Town Spišská Nová Ves



Bikšova meadow

# THROUGH NOVoveská HUTA, SADDLE MEDVEDIA HLAVA, KOŠIARNY BRIEŽOK TO SPIŠSKÁ NOVÁ VES

STARTING POINT: Spišská Nová Ves

ALTERNATIVE STARTING POINTS: Ferčekovce, Novoveská Huta, Košiarny briežok, Smižany



DIFFICULTY



LENGTH OF THE LOOP



28 km

DURATION



3:10 hod.

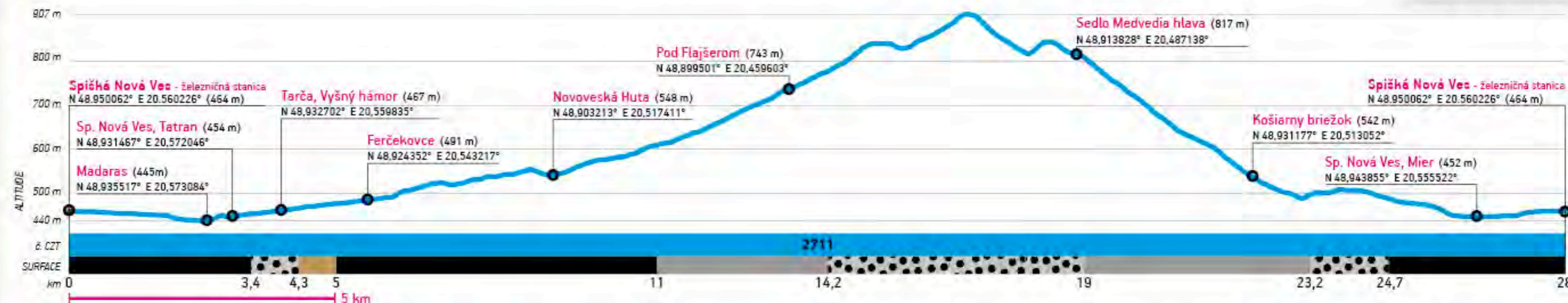
ELEVATION GAIN



532 m

CYCLE LOOP CROSSROADS:

0 km SNV, train station → 2,6 km Madaras → 0,5 km Sp. Nová Ves, Tatran → 0,9 km Vyšný Hámor → 1,6 km Ferčekovce → 3,5 km Nov. Huta → 4,5 km Pod Flajšerom → 5,4 km sedlo Medvedia hlava → 3,3 km Koš. briežok → 4,2 km Sp.N. Ves, Mier → 1,5 km SNV, train station



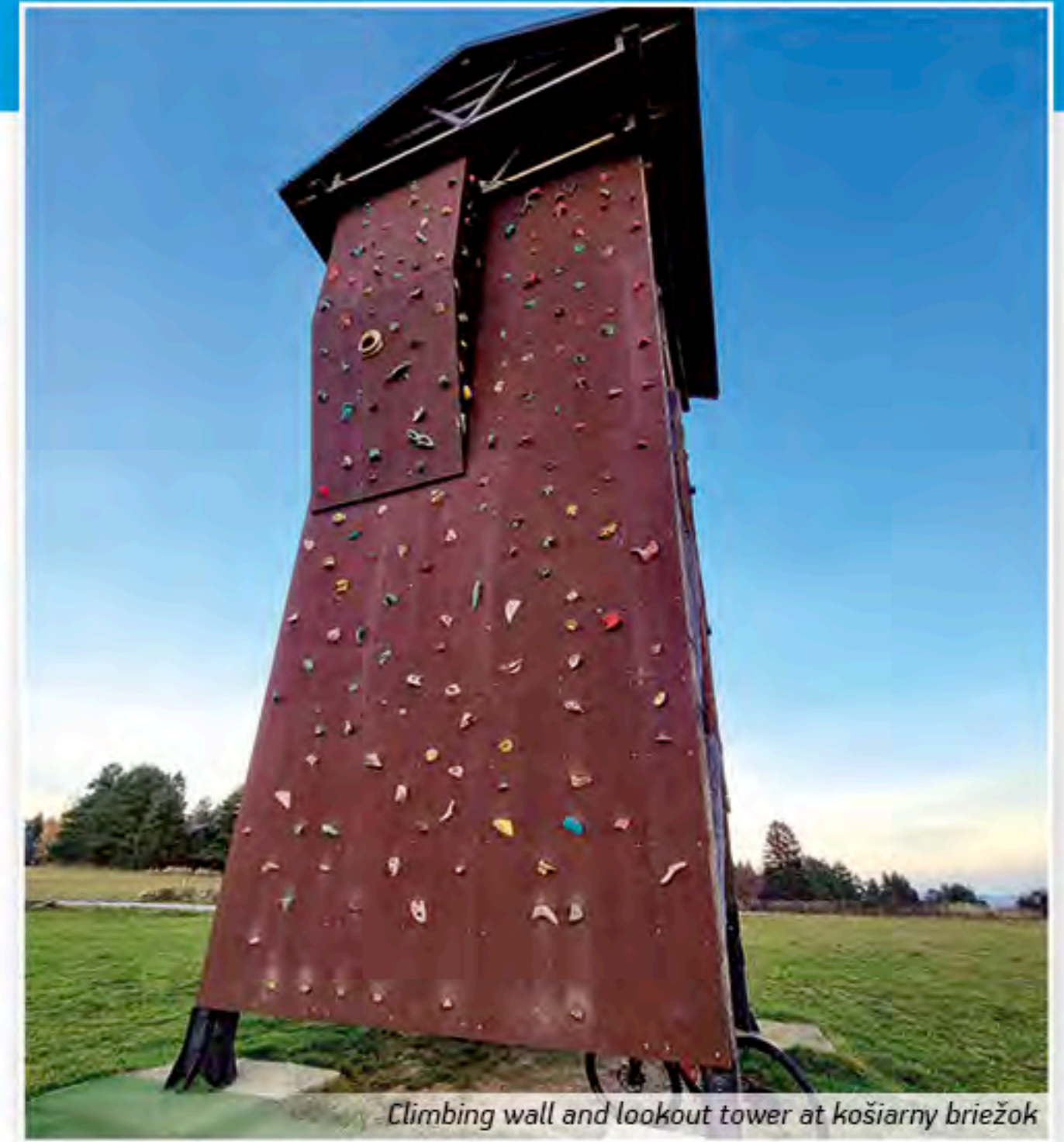
The cycling loop is suitable for less experienced and less skilled cyclists due to its moderate profile. It primarily runs through forested areas, offering the opportunity to explore quiet, less-visited corners of nature near the city. The route also passes through the buffer zone of the Slovak Paradise National Park.

The cycling loop begins and ends in front of the train station in Spišská Nová Ves, following the blue cycling route (CZT no. 2711) throughout. From the train station, head east on the city road. At the first roundabout, take the third exit, and after 800 meters at the second roundabout, take the second exit. From the cycling trail marker at Madaras (445 m), continue south, crossing the road junction after the bridge without turning. As you ascend, turn left at the road junction (the ZOO is on your left). Continue straight through the next cycling trail junction at Spišská Nová Ves, Tatran (454 m), and turn right. After 900 meters, at the next cycling trail junction at Tarča, Vyšný hámor (467 m), cross the green trail (CZT no. 5854) and continue on the unpaved/grass surface to the edge of the Ferčekovce district. Upon entering Ferčekovce, turn right at the bridge and then left at the junction. Follow Muránska Street past the cycling trail marker at Ferčekovce (491 m), pass under a former ski slope, and continue on the asphalt cycling path through the forest to Novoveská Huta. Once on the city road, turn right. From here, the blue trail merges with the green trail (CZT no. 5854). Cross the class II road (II/533) and the stone bridge from 1740 (a technical monument), pass the cycling trail junction and information point at Novoveská Huta (548 m), and turn left. Both trails continue through Novoveská Huta along the Holubnica stream to the forest. Entering the forest, there is a gentle climb on a paved forest road to the cycling trail junction at Pod Flajšerom (743 m). Continue straight through the forest road junction and proceed on the blue trail with a steady climb to the next junction of forest roads and hiking trails at Flajšer (840 m). After turning right, follow the forest road on a comfortable traverse through several forest road intersections until reaching the hiking trail marker at Sedlo Medvedia hlava (820 m).

You'll quickly lose elevation with a long, steeper descent (!) along the paved forest road (3.5 km) until you reach a barrier (!!!) and arrive at Košiarny briežok (542 m), a rest stop with refreshments and a scenic view from the climbing wall. From the cycling trail junction, continue slightly right (still on the blue trail), passing through a cottage and garden settlement. Beyond this, you'll ride through open terrain with views of the Hornád Basin, the High Tatras, the Levoča Hills, and Spišská Nová Ves.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- the smallest ZOO in Slovakia
- the Baroque stone bridge in Novoveská Huta from 1740, a technical monument
- an artificial climbing wall with an observation tower at Košiarny briežok



Climbing wall and lookout tower at kočiarny briežok



Baroque stone bridge in novoveská huta



Saddle Medvedia hlava



DIFFICULTY



LENGTH OF THE LOOP



83,5 km

DURATION



9:30 hod.

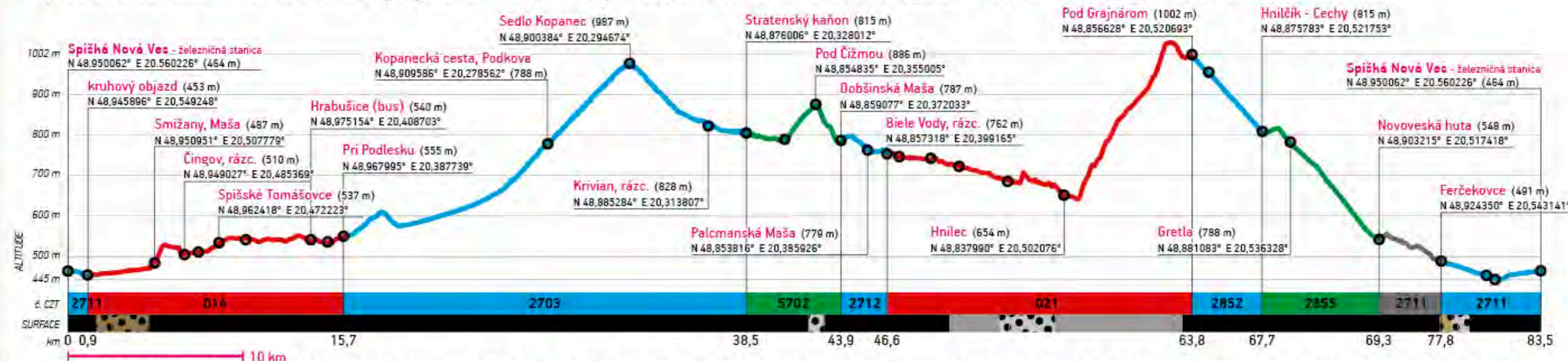
ELEVATION GAIN



1483 m

CYCLE LOOP CROSSROADS:

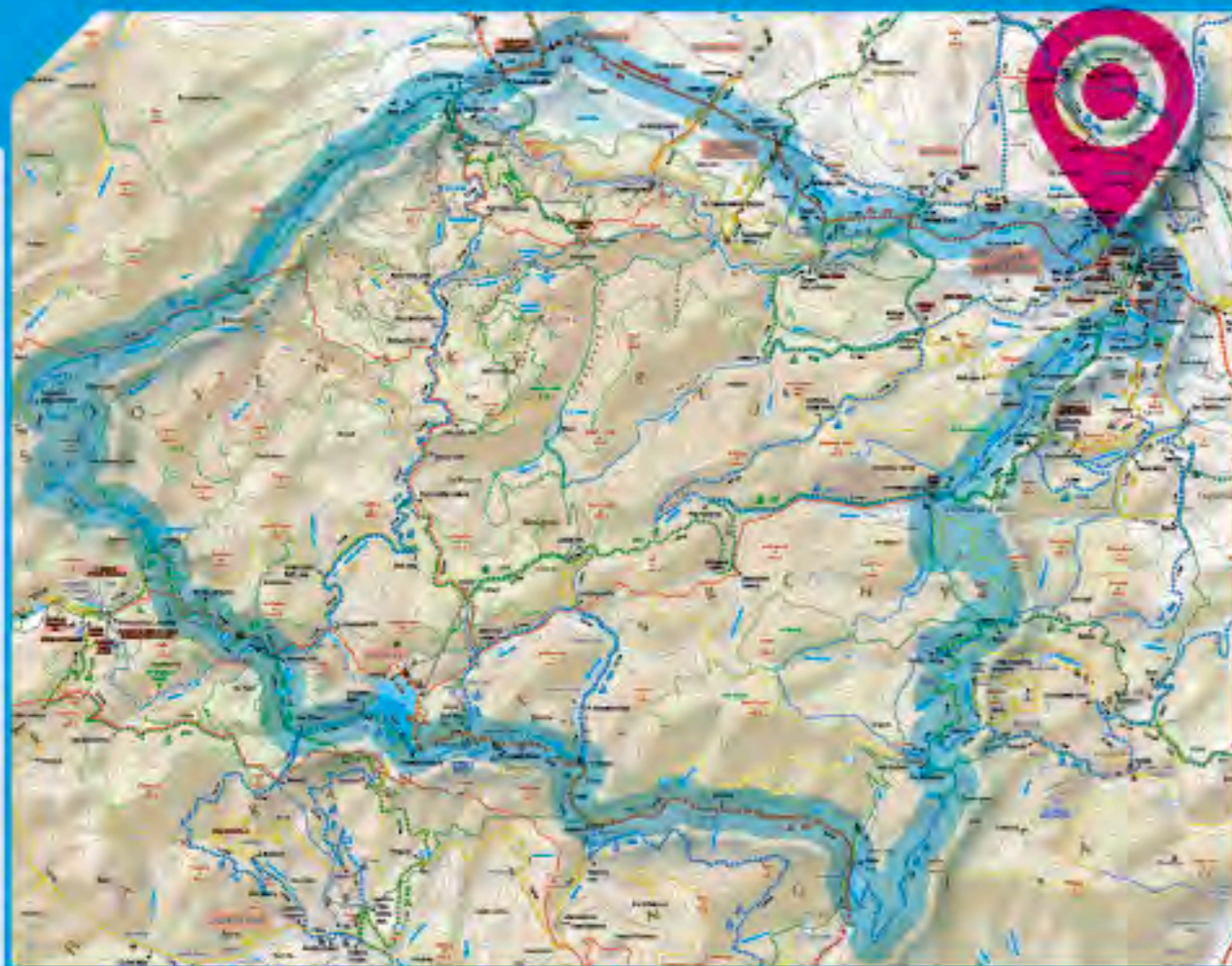
0 km SNV, train station → 5 km Smižany, Maša → 1,7 km Čingov, rázc. → 0,8 km Ďurkovec, rázc. → 1,2 km Sp. Tomášovce → 1,5 km Krížne cesty → 3,7 km Hrabušice → 0,9 km Hrabušice, Mýto → 0,9 km Pri Podlesku → 11,5 km Kopanecká cesta, Podkova → 4,6 km sedlo Kopanec → 4,5 km Krivian, rázc. → 2,2 km Stratenský kaňon → 2,2 km Stratená, križ. → 1,8 km Pod Čižmou → 1,4 km Dobšinská Maša → 1,6 km Palcmanská Maša → 1,1 km Biele Vody, rázc. → 0,7 km Prostredný Hámor → 1,8 km Mlynky → 1,6 km Rakovec → 2,7 km Sykavka → 3,2 km Hnilec → 7,2 km Pod Grajnárom → 0,9 km Hlinisko → 3 km Hnilčík-Cechy → 1,6 km Gretľa → 5 km Novoveská Huta → 3,5 km Ferčekovce → 1,6 km Tarča, Vyšný Hámor → 0,9 km Sp. Nová Ves, Tatran → 0,5 km Madaras → 2,6 km SNV, train station



A cycling and experience-rich loop that is challenging due to its elevation gain and length, passing alternately through more and less visited areas of the Slovak Paradise. It provides access to interesting locations and the gems of the northern and southern parts of the Slovak Paradise.

We start the cycling loop in front of the railway station in Spišská Nová Ves. We head west along the streets of the town following the blue cycling tourist route (CZT No. 2711). After the traffic light intersection, we connect to the cycling route, pass the first roundabout, and after the bridge over the Hornád River, we turn right before the second roundabout and continue along the cycling path on the right bank of the Hornád River to the edge of the housing estate. At the same time, we change the cycling mark from blue to red (CZT No. 014 Spiš Cycling Route). For the next few kilometers, we traverse the riverbank of the Hornád, cross a local road, and follow a dirt road until we reach Smižany, in the Maša area. Upon reaching the main road, we turn right and, after a slight uphill, we reach the next crossroads (signpost Smižany, Maša (487 m)), where we turn left onto the main road (III/3250). In a steep climb (12%), we diligently gain elevation, which we will appreciate when we reach the horizon and enjoy breath-taking views of the High Tatras, Hornád Valley, Levočské Hills, with Smižany and Spišská Nová Ves behind us. We shift to higher gears and speed down to the cycling junction at Čingov (510 m). We turn right and, after a flat section (passing the cycling junction at Ďurkovec (512 m)), we quickly reach Spišské Tomášovce. At the cycling junction Spišské Tomášovce (537 m), we turn left and continue briefly on the local road, then along the cycling path that safely guides us through open countryside with views to Hrabušice. After the village, from the signpost Hrabušice, Mýto (535 m), we continue left along the blue cycling route (CZT No. 2703) and along a 3rd-class road (III/3227) through the picturesque valley of the Veľká Biela voda stream, which serves as a gateway to the gorges of the Slovak Paradise – Suchá Belá, Piecky, Veľký Sokol. At the crossroads of roads after the cycling signpost Pri Podlesku (555 m), we do not turn off. From the signpost Blajzloch (623 m), we recommend a short detour (300 m) to the romantic and photogenic small water reservoir Blajzloch, which has its own genius loci and is definitely worth a visit. From the tourist signpost Blajzloch (623 m), a long, initially very gentle, then steeper climb begins over approximately 11 km up to the Kopanec saddle. While pedalling along a narrow road with many serpentines, we pass by the cycling junction Kopanická cesta, Podkova (810 m), from which the yellow CZT (No. 8937) provides access to the village Vernár. From the Kopanec saddle (990 m), we enjoy a captivating view of the valley that we will traverse and the surrounding peak Javorina (1181 m). On the picturesque Kopanecké mountain meadows, we can admire a variety of





View from the Kopanec saddle



Water reservoir Hansjakubová

flowering plants (the highest biodiversity in Europe - up to 75 species of higher vascular plants per m<sup>2</sup>). After a short rest, we continue down a 4 km long descent, which ends near another artificial lake (Hansjakubová) down to the crossroads with the 1st-class road (I/67) and the signpost Krivian (820 m). Here we turn left, changing the blue cycling mark to green (CZT No. 5702) and continue along the asphalt road I/67. (If you turn right at the signpost Krivian, after two kilometers you can visit the world-famous Dobšiná Ice Cave (UNESCO)). On our left, the limestone cliffs of the Srňcie skaly nature reserve will certainly attract our attention. Before the road tunnel, we turn left and continue through the 1 km long romantic Stratenský Canyon. After the tunnel, we reconnect to road I/67 and continue through the picturesque village of Stratená, nestled in the enchanting environment of the Slovak Paradise with beautiful views of rocky slopes. After the village, we pass the cycling junction Stratená, intersection (795 m), turn right, go through a viaduct, and gain elevation first through the forest, then through the open countryside of the mountain meadows of Voniarky. To the left of the signpost Pod Čížmou (886 m), a stunning view of the Palcmanská Maša dam opens up against the backdrop of the rocky massifs of Geravy. Here we turn left, changing the green cycling mark back to blue (CZT No. 2711) and continue with a steep descent along the dirt road to Dobšinská Maša (787 m). We continue near the water body, then through the forest (road III/3048). At the crossroads, by turning left we connect to the main road (II/535), which we follow past the dam through a underpass and bridge under the dam wall to the crossroads of roads and cycling routes Palcmanská Maša (779 m). We turn right (left to the village Dedinky - an option for refreshments, rest, and swimming), changing the blue cycling mark to red (CZT No. 021 Hnilecká Cycling Route) as we gradually pass through the parts of the village Mlynky - Prostredný Hámor (752 m), Mlynky (745 m), Rakovec (735 m), and Sykavka (689 m). After Mlynky, before Rakovec, we leave the main road for a local road with a gravel surface that becomes increasingly bumpy over the kilometers, passing the tourist and cycling junction, slightly veering left around the original mining houses, and leaving Rakovec behind. On a comfortable ride between the Hnilec river and the railway line, we come across the object of the oldest small hydropower plant of Slovenské elektrárne, a.s. Unfortunately, it is not yet accessible to visitors. From Sykavka (with a good water spring on the right), we continue along the compacted road to the underpass, passing through it into a steeper ascent on a forest road (with a wooden hunting lodge on the left). At the top of the climb, we veer left and continue straight down a slight descent through the crossroads of forest roads until we reach the village of Hnilec. After the cemetery, we turn left onto the main road, immediately to the right after the underpass, and from the cycling junction Hnilec (654 m), we continue on a short joint section of two cycling routes (No. 021 and No. 2852) on a gravel road. At the next crossroads of local roads, we turn left, changing the red cycling mark back to blue (CZT No. 2852), and after 800 flat meters, we again turn left onto an ascending forest road. After another three hundred meters at the crossroads of forest roads, we turn right. While overcoming the more challenging ascent along the forest road up to Poľana pod Javorom, we will certainly utilize our riding skills. From Poľana, a pleasant one-kilometer stretch leads us to the main road (II/533). From the cycling junction Pod Grajnárom (1003 m), we continue right on a one-kilometre long descent to the cycling junction Hlinisko (960 m), where we change the blue cycling mark to green (CZT No. 5855) and speed down to Hnilčík. We pass the tourist junction Hnilčík-Cechy (815 m); we go through the crossroads of roads without turning off, slightly ascending. From the next signpost Gretľa (788 m), we continue with a steady descent along road II/533 without cycling signage (!) down to Novoveská Huta (548 m). Here, at the crossroads by the stone bridge dated back to 1784 (a technical monument), we turn right onto a local road and continue with a slight ascent along the blue cycling mark (CZT No. 2711) (briefly shared with green) to the turnoff to an asphalt cycling path that leads us to Ferčekovce. The final kilometres of the cycling loop are spent still on the blue cycling mark, passing through Vyšný Hámor (467 m), around the ZOO, and through Madaras (445 m) along the streets of Spišská Nová Ves to our destination.

- HIGHLIGHTS:**
- gorges of Slovak paradise • Stratenský canyon • Blajzloch - a resting spot with an artificial mountain lake • Baroque Stone Bridge in Novoveská Huta
  - Kopanické meadows - known for the highest biodiversity in Europe, featuring up to 75 species of higher vascular plants per square meter
  - Hansjakubová / Krivian - another resting area with an artificial lake • Palcmanská Maša (Dedinky) - a water reservoir



DIFFICULTY



LENGTH OF THE LOOP



36 km

DURATION



2:45 hod.

ELEVATION GAIN

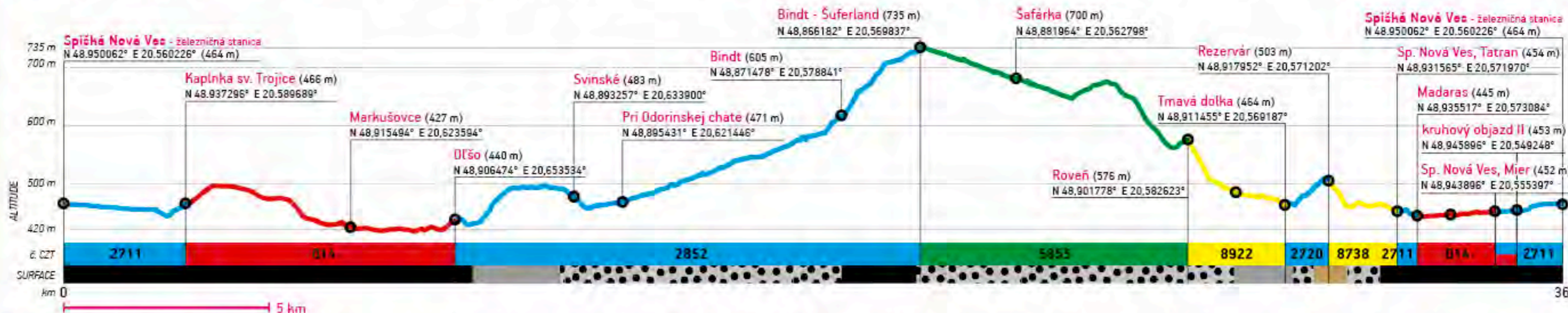


568 m

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CYCLE LOOP CROSSROADS:

0 km Spišská Nová Ves, train station → 3 km Kaplnka sv. Trojice → 4 km Markušovce → 2,5 km Oľše → 2,9 km Svinské → 1,2 km Pri Odorinskej chate → 5,3 km Bindt → 1,9 km Bindt-Šuferland → 2,3 km Šafárka → 4,2 km Roveň → 2,3 km Tmavá dolka → 1 km Rezervár → 1,7 km Sp. Nová Ves, Tatran → 0,5 km Madaras → 0,8 km Za Hornádom → 1 km Sp. Nová Ves, Mier → 1,6 km Spišská Nová Ves, train station



The route of the loop captivates not only with historical monuments in Markušovce and the famous history of mining in Spiš (the body of a narrow-gauge mining railway, the remnants of an agglomeration roasting furnace, and the mining bell tower at Bindt) but also with the pleasant and scenically interesting natural environment in the Markušovská valley, or under Trubačovec, as well as several interesting viewpoints over the Upper Hornád Basin and the High Tatras.

The start and finish of the cycling tourist loop is in front of the train station in Spišská Nová Ves. We set off eastward on the urban road and the blue cycling route (CZT no. 2711). At both roundabouts, we take the third exit, changing from the blue cycling route to the red one (CZT no. 014 Spiš Cycling Route). We continue over the railway crossing with barriers, passing the cycling signpost Chapel of the Holy Trinity. At the road junction, we turn right onto the main road (III/3244) heading towards Markušovce. In Markušovce, rich in cultural-historical monuments (heritage zone), we can visit or at least admire Markušovský Castle (furniture museum), the summer palace Dardanely (museum of keyboard instruments), or the ruins of Markušovský Castle. From the parking lot in front of the castle, we continue on the III/3244 road and the red cycling route until we reach the cycling route signpost Oľšo (440 m). Here, we turn right, changing the red cycling route to the blue one (CZT no. 2852), and head towards the Markušovská valley, which is increasingly becoming a destination for hiking and cycling enthusiasts. They are attracted by its beautiful natural environment and mining history. We pass by the not-so-appealing former plant of the mercury works and agglomeration for ore processing. After about 500 meters of a more challenging ascent on a damaged penetrated road, we bypass a flat section of the sludge pond. From the end of the sludge pond, we descend along a rocky forest road and pass the intersection of cycling routes Svinské (483 m). At the level of the Markušovský stream, our cycling loop continues comfortably along a gently ascending forest road for 5.7 km, which follows the former narrow-gauge mining railway to the remnants of the agglomeration roasting furnace in Bindt. From the roasting furnace to the tourist signpost Bindt (605 m), we overcome a short ascent. Just after the signpost at the crossroads, by turning right from the marked cycling route, we can take a break at the reconstructed mining bell tower (about 150 m). However, in the cycling loop, we continue by turning left onto an asphalt road, initially steeply ascending. An attentive eye will certainly catch the entrances to the old tunnels or the amazing view of Spiš Castle above the Markušovská valley, with the Branisko mountain range in the background. Gradually, we climb up to the cycling signpost Bindt-Šuferland (735 m). We change the blue cycling route to green (no. 5855) and continue right among the cottages along a comfortable paved forest road, which again follows the body of another former narrow-gauge mining railway up to the signpost of cycling routes Šafárka (700 m). Here, we change the colour of the cycling route again, from green to blue (CZT no. 2893). After turning right, we continue through the forest kingdom still along the body of the former railway. During a pleasant, gently descending ride, beautiful views of the mountain village of Závadka appear to our right between the trees. At the crossroads of forest roads, we leave the forest road that follows the "top of the former railway line," turn left, and gently ascend through the forest until we reach the edge of the forest with magnificent views of Branisko, the Levoča Hills, the High Tatras, and the village of Teplička. This is followed by a relatively steep descent with a sharp right turn on a rocky road of varied quality. Therefore, we recommend increasing caution and braking more! After a long descent with views and subsequent



Markušovce Castle



Markušovce Castle ruins



Mining bell tower in Bindt

gentle ascent, we arrive at the cycling signpost Roveň (576 m). We do not continue into the village of Teplička but turn left, changing the blue cycling route to yellow (CZT no. 8922), and enter the cottage settlement Pod Tepličkou with a steep descent along a field road. After the cottage settlement, we continue right along a penetrated road, slightly descending along the valley of the Teplický Brusník stream. 200 meters past the cycling route signpost Tmavá dolka (464 m), we turn left onto a forest road traversing the forest massif. We change the yellow cycling route to blue (CZT no. 2720). From the edge of the forest to the left along a field road with a reinforced grassy surface, we pedal to the cycling signpost Rezervár (503 m), where we enjoy views of the Hornád Basin against the backdrop of the peaks of the High Tatras and Spišská Nová Ves. We change the color of the cycling route from blue to yellow (CZT no. 8738) and continue by turning right, descending along a field road into the valley of the Labanec stream, where we connect to a paved road that leads to the outskirts of Spišská Nová Ves. As we enter the town, the road surface changes to asphalt. Within the town, we change the cycling routes' colours several times. The first change is at the intersection of cycling routes in Spišská Nová Ves, Tatran (454 m), where we change from yellow to blue (CZT no. 2711). We cross the intersection of roads without turning. At the next junction, we turn right onto the main road, and we continue towards the cycling signpost Madaras (445 m), where we change the colour of the cycling route again, from blue to red (CZT no. 014). After the cycling signpost, we turn left onto the cycling route along the left bank of the Hornád River, and from the cycling signpost Za Hornádom (447 m), along its right bank. **WARNING!** – we cross busy roads three times; please be extra cautious when crossing. At the roundabout, about 500 meters past the tourist signpost Spišská Nová Ves, Mier (452 m), we turn right. For the last time, we change the colour of the cycling route, from red to blue (CZT no. 2711). We continue across the bridge around the second roundabout and past shopping centres, through the traffic light intersection until we reach the end of the cycling loop, in front of the train station.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** • **Markušovce – Castle and Dardanelly chateau – museum, exhibitions, concerts** • **ruins of Markušovský Castle** • **remnants of mining activities in Bindt – remains of an agglomeration roasting furnace, bell tower, educational trail, portals of shafts, cycling along the top of the former mining railway**

# THROUGH PORÁČSKA VALLEY VIA GALMUS TO PORÁČ

STARTING POINT: **Poráč** ALTERNATIVE STARTING POINTS: *Poráčska dolina*



GPX

DIFFICULTY



LENGTH OF THE LOOP



**21** km

DURATION



**2:20** hod.

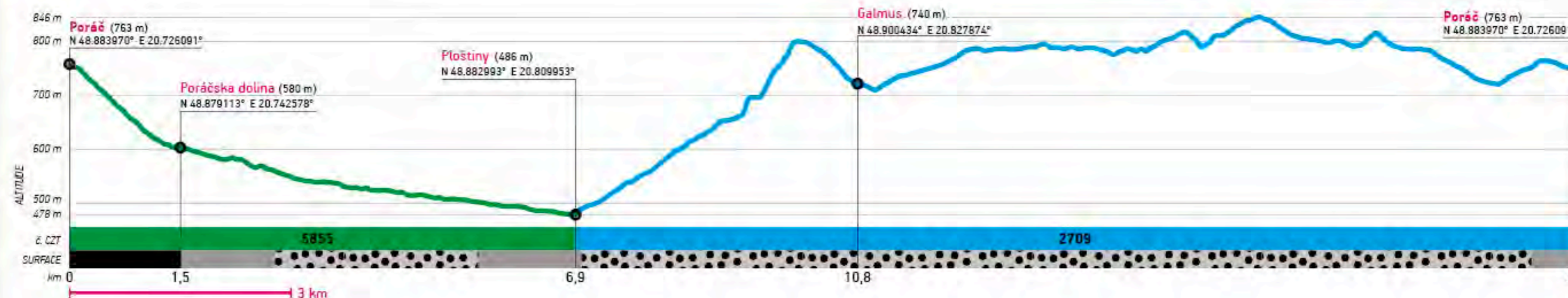
ELEVATION GAIN



**631** m

CYCLE LOOP CROSSROADS:

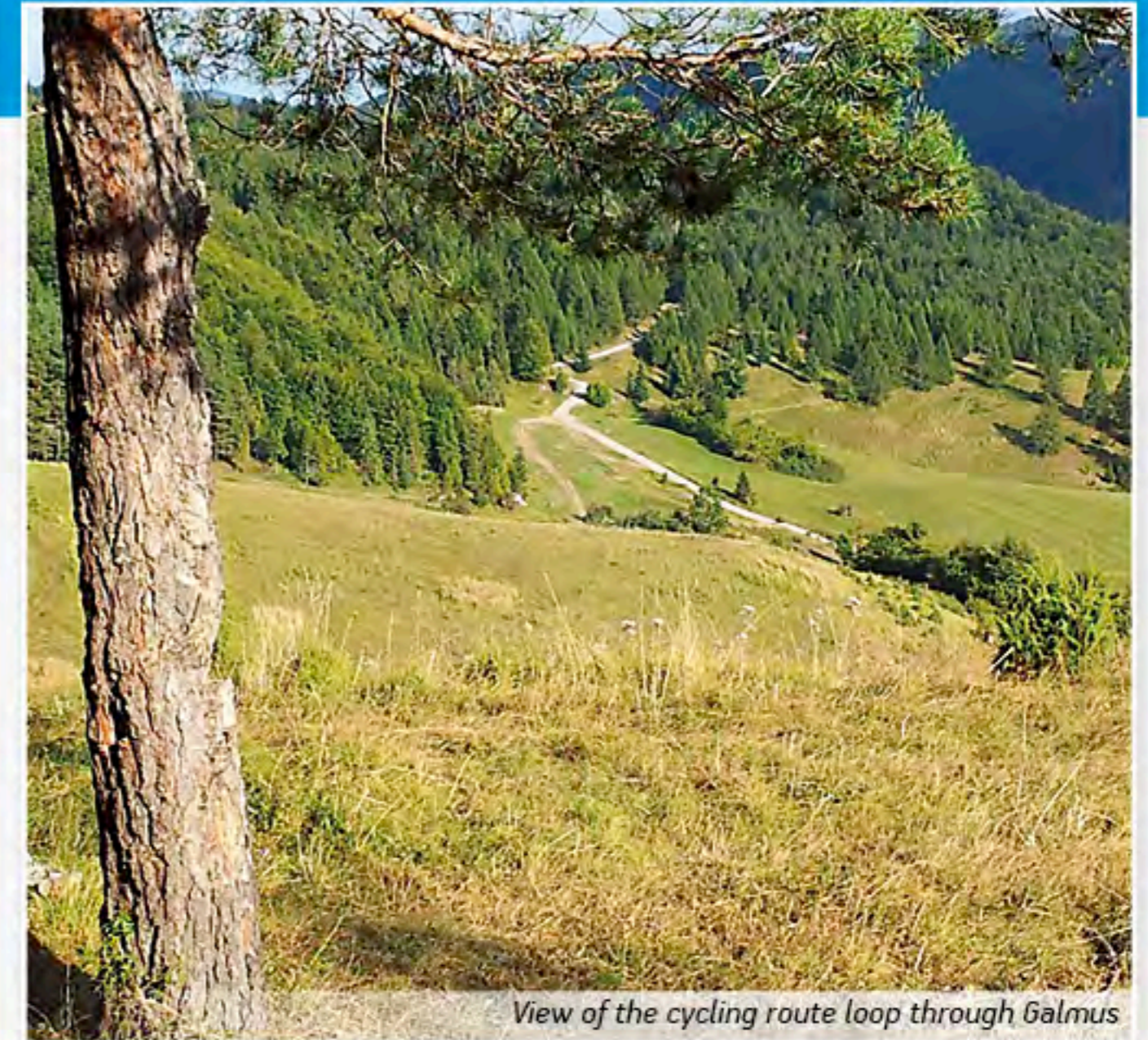
0 km **Poráč** → 1,5 km *Poráčska dolina* → 5,4 km *Ploštiny* → 3,9 km *Galmus* → 9,8 km **Poráč**



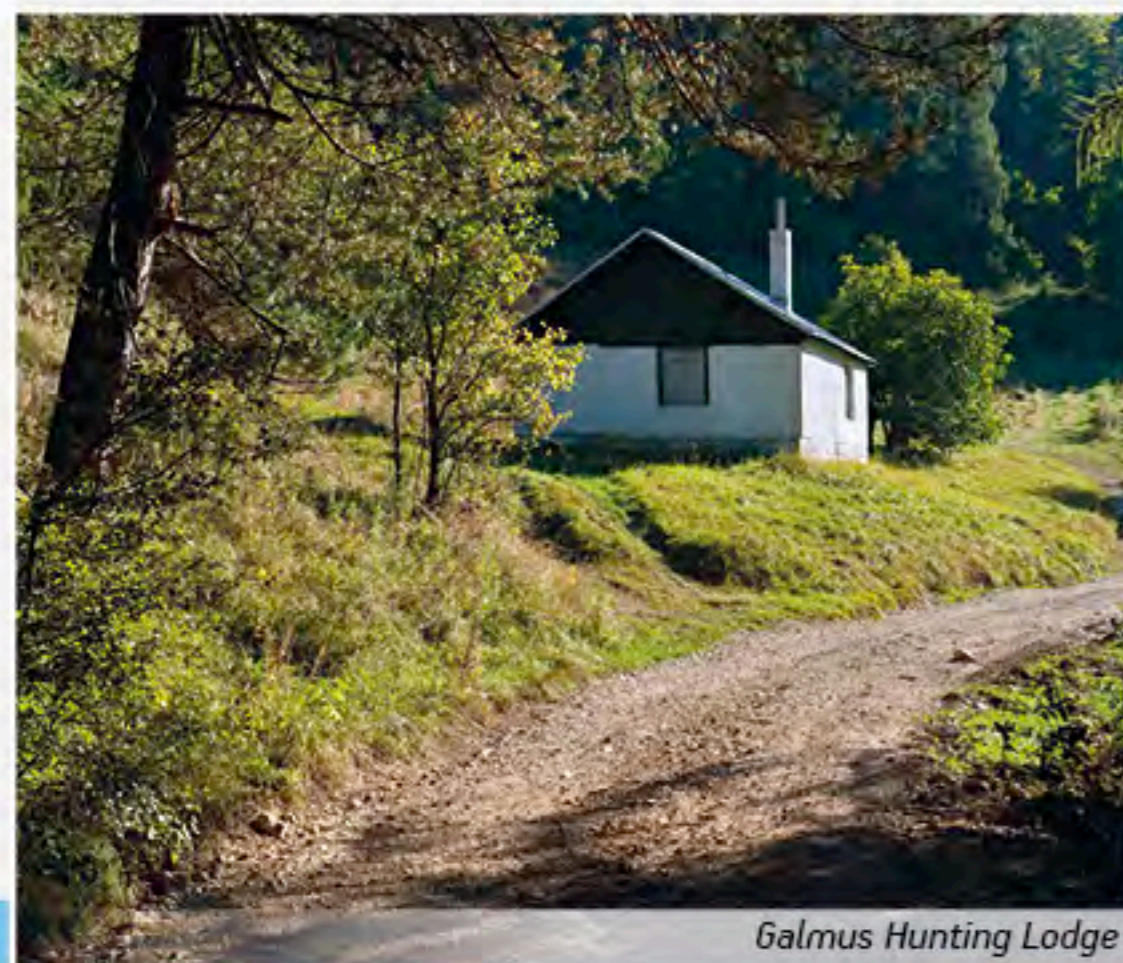
**This pleasant, mostly easy cycling loop features one challenging ascent. It traverses the scenic and ecologically significant area of the Volovské Hills - Galmus. Along the route, the rich mining history of the region is also highlighted, making it a delightful experience for both nature lovers and history enthusiasts.**

The cycling loop begins and ends in Poráč, in front of the cycling intersection (763 m) and the external cycling map at the crossroads of the third-class road (3244) and the local road. We set off eastward on the cycling loop. After a common 130-meter stretch of the green and blue cycling routes (CZT No. 5855 and No. 2709), we turn right at the junction of local roads and continue only on the green cycling route, descending steeply into the Poráč Valley (580 m). We pass by a recreational facility with refreshment options. This area is characterized by numerous artefacts of mining history, notably the Pavol mine, in front of which is a small mining museum at the so-called "green house." Continuing with a gentle descent through the picturesque canyon of the Poráč River, we are flanked on the left by the rocky massifs of the Červené Skaly National Nature Reserve. The road surface changes to a solid one upon entering the forest. An exciting part of the cycling loop is crossing a ford over the Poráč River (4.6 km from the starting point of the loop). After the Čierny bocian cottage, we enjoy a comfortable ride along a gravel forest road until we reach the cycling intersection at Ploštiny (486 m). Here, we turn left, changing the green cycling route to blue (CZT No. 2709) and begin the section of the loop with the steepest ascent (3 km with a height gain of 330 m) along a solid forest road up to the Galmus karst plateau. At the meadows of the plateau near the tourist junction Galmus (740 m), we must be careful to continue in the correct direction and turn left. We keep following the blue cycling route (CZT No. 2709). The second half of the cycling loop is guided by solid forest roads, alternating between forest and mountain meadows. The loop briefly passes along the edge of another precious natural phenomenon of Galmus – the National Nature Reserve Galmuská Tisina. The main reason for its protection is the occurrence of the rare common yew, which is part of the preserved original fir-beech forests of this area. At the end of the cycling loop, we are rewarded with a view of Poráč and its surroundings. Continuing towards the destination (approximately 1.5 km), we descend through the open countryside, entering the village, and comfortably reach the end of the cycling loop.

- HIGHLIGHTS:**
- nature reserve Červené skaly
  - nature reserve Galmuská Tisina
  - small mining museum in Poráčska Vall



View of the cycling route loop through Galmus



Galmus Hunting Lodge



View of the Poráčska valley



View from Vysoký vršok

# FROM PORÁČ THROUGH ZÁVADKA, BINDT, MARKUŠOVSKÁ VALLEY, AND HORNÁD VALLEY BACK TO PORÁČ

STARTING POINT: Poráč

ALTERNATIVE STARTING POINTS: Pod Svinským hrbom, Závadka, Bindt, Olše, Matejovce nad Hornádom, Chrasť nad Hornádom, Vítkovce, Olcnava, Blatná, Za horou, Markušovce, Spišská Nová Ves

CYCLE LOOP CROSSROADS:

0 km Poráč → 0,9 km Pod Svinským hrbom → 2,1 km Pod Holým vrchom → 3,2 km Rovná lúka → 2,6 km Smrečina → 2,4 km Lipy → 1 km Závadka → 0,8 km Závadské skalky → 2,1 km Seliská → 0,9 km Labková → 0,4 m odbočiť doprava → 1,5 km Bindt → 5,3 km Pri Odorinskej chate → 1,2 km Svinské → 2,9 km Olše → 1,8 km Matejovce n/Hornádom → 1,4 km Šikľavá skala → 1,2 km Chrasť n/Hornádom → 1,9 km Vítkovce → 2,9 km Olcnava → 2,2 km Blatná → 2,5 km Prostá → 1 km Za horou → 4,2 km Galmus → 9,8 km Poráč



GPX

DIFFICULTY



LENGTH OF THE LOOP



56,5 km

DURATION



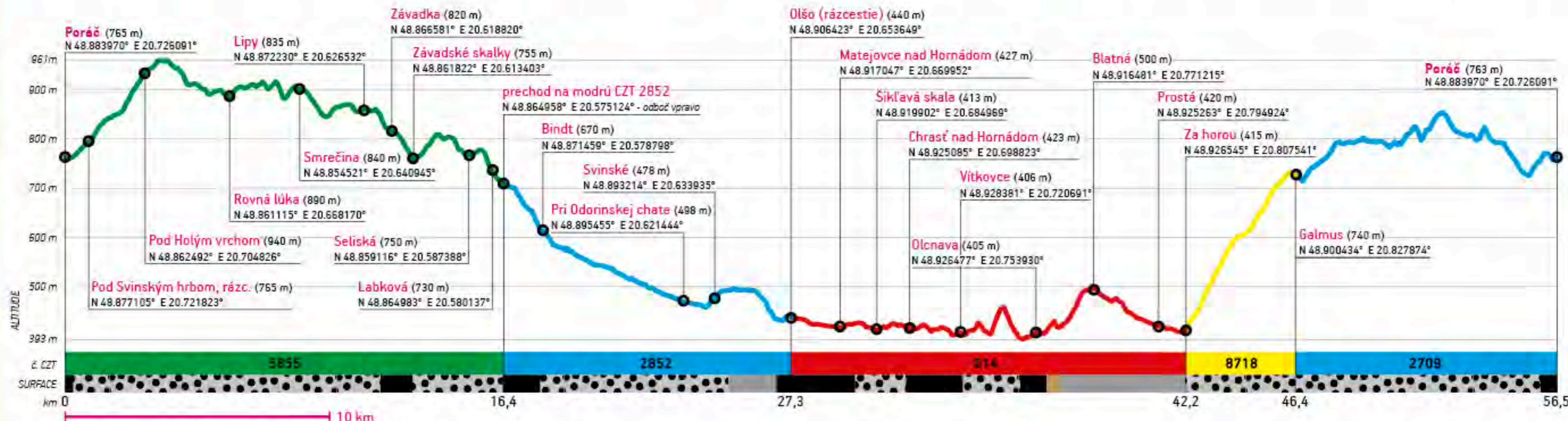
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ELEVATION GAIN



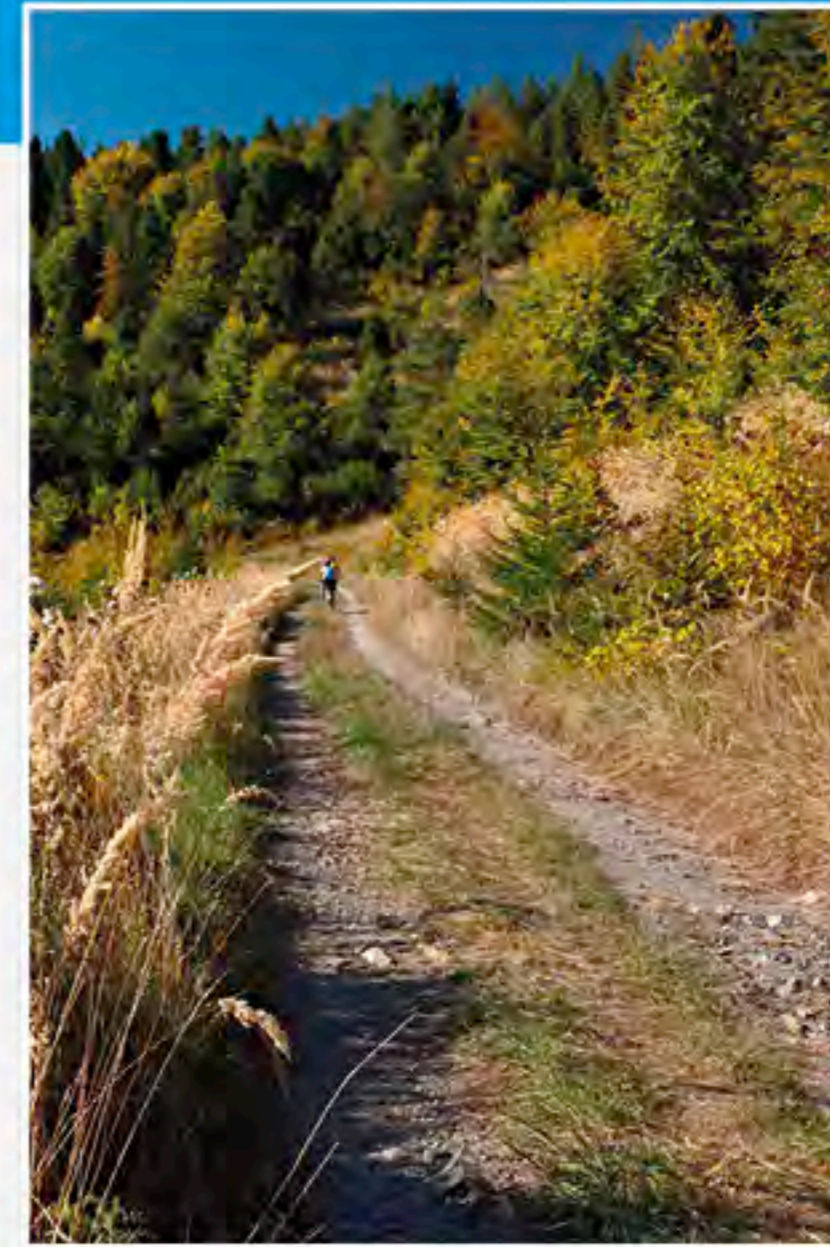
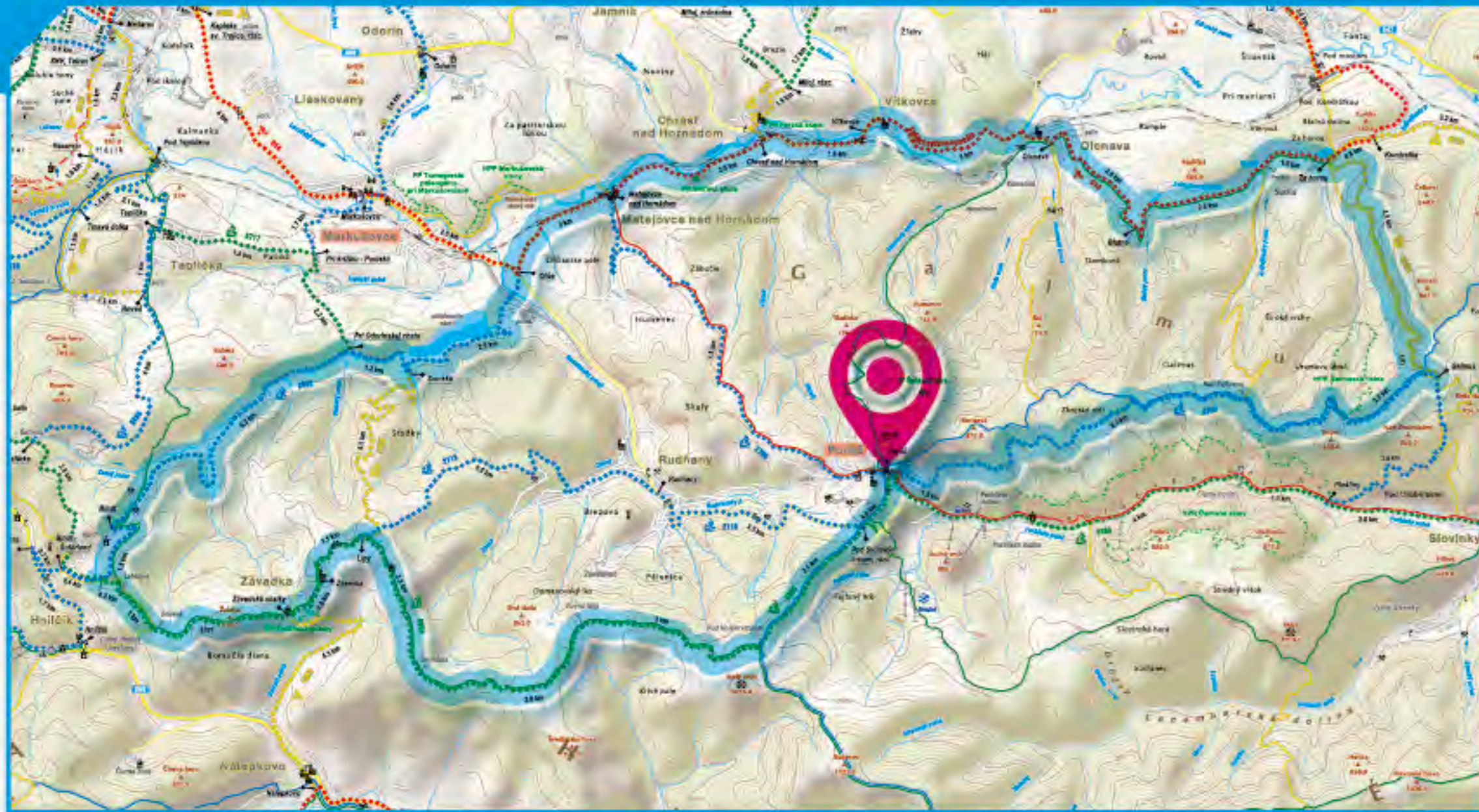
1160 m

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The challenging cycling loop offers numerous beautiful views and points of interest, taking you through expansive mountain meadows, forests, open landscapes, valleys, and past preserved elements of traditional villages. The route provides an excellent showcase of the diverse Spiš landscape.

This cycling loop begins in the same way as the previous one, from the crossroads of marked cycling routes in Poráč (765 m). We head south on the green cycling trail (CZT no. 5855), which will guide us for the first 16.5 kilometres. Right at the start of the loop, you'll notice an industrial national cultural monument (NKP) of the surface area of a barite mine, with a prominent hoisting tower (declared in 2018). After passing the NKP, we cross the asphalt road III/3244, go past the cycling crossroads Pod Svinským hrbom (790 m), and head uphill towards the forest. Entering the forest, we continue with alternating gentle and steeper climbs to the tourist crossroads Pod Holým vrchom (940 m), where a scenic ridge section of the cycling loop begins. This section is characterized by a varied terrain and vast mountain pastures and meadows offering breathtaking views, including a panoramic view above the village of Závadka. You'll be treated to views of the Hornád Basin with the High Tatras, the Levoča Mountains, and Branisko with Spiš Castle in the background. Two stand-alone chapels from the first half of the 19th century will catch your attention, one before and one after the village. After a brief, steeper descent, we enter Závadka, a village with well-preserved original architecture and elements of the traditional way of life typical of the Rusyn ethnicity. As we descend past Závadka, on our left, we pass the natural monument Závadské skalky. From the crossroads of cycling routes with the same name (755 m) behind the sports field, we climb uphill and continue descending through an open landscape with views. Three hundred meters past the crossroads of Labková (730 m), we make a sharp right turn onto road III/3254. We change from the green cycling trail to the blue one (CZT no. 2852) and descend into Bindt, a village with many remnants of its rich mining history, to its lower part. At the road junction near the tourist crossroads, we turn right onto a forest road with a reinforced, sometimes stony surface. After a 400-meter descent, you will certainly notice the remains of an agglomeration roasting furnace. From there, we continue comfortably through Markušovská dolina on a forest road that follows the original route of a narrow-gauge mining railway. We gradually pass the cycling crossroads Pri Odorinskej chate



Chapel of St. John the Baptist

(498 m), and after a short flat section and a slight climb past the cycling crossroads Svinské (478 m), we turn left and tackle the remaining climb to the tailings pond. We follow its edge along a heavily worn, penetrated road. The descent takes us through the former mercury smelter and ore agglomeration plant, crossing road III/3244 to the cycling crossroads Olšo (440 m) by a cross. We switch from the blue cycling trail to the red one (CZT no. 014 Spišská Cycling Route) and continue on road III/3245 towards Matejovce nad Hornádóm. Beyond Matejovce, the village asphalt road turns into a dirt road, later a forest road with a reinforced surface. Shortly after, we will certainly stop at the protected natural landmark Šikl'ová skala. After a kilometer, we descend a steeper slope into Chrast' nad Hornádóm. At the cycling crossroads (423 m) before the railway underpass, we make a sharp right turn onto road III/3243 and continue with a short climb along the Spišská Cycling Route towards Vítkovce. Between Vítkovce and Olcnava, we face a challenging two kilometres of roads with reinforced and natural surfaces (the route of the historic Gazdovská cesta). After a 400-meter steep climb on a "meadow" road, we will be rewarded with a panoramic view, and two crosses, one stone and one wooden, will catch our attention. The following descent along a sunken road requires increased caution (!). We enter Olcnava via a narrow bridge for pedestrians and cyclists. In the village, there are two significant changes in direction (left, then right), so we carefully follow the cycling signage. After the second turn, we climb to the edge of the village and enter a dirt road, which under the forest turns into a reinforced surface. From here, the climb towards the recreational area Blatná (500 m) increases. From Blatná, a long descent follows along a partly reinforced road, then after a sharp left turn, we continue down a worn, penetrated road through the valley of Blatný and Svätöjanský streams until we reach the tourist-recreational center Za horou (popularly known as Zahura). Here, you'll find several spots and hidden places to rest or refuel. You'll need the energy to tackle the more than four-kilometer climb through the forest to Galmus. Near the largest of the ponds, after the tourist crossroads Za horou (415 m), we turn right, switching from the red cycling trail to the yellow one (CZT no. 8718), and start gaining challenging elevation. On the karst plateau of Galmus, at the tourist crossroads Galmus (740 m), we turn right again. Once more, we switch the cycling trail color—from yellow to blue (CZT no. 2709). Ahead of us are the final 10 kilometers of the cycling loop, mostly on forest roads, alternating between forested areas and mountain meadows. The cycling loop briefly passes along the edge of the rare natural phenomenon of Galmus—the National Nature Reserve Galmuská tisina. The main reason for its protection is the presence of the rare yew tree, part of the preserved original fir-beech forests in this region. Towards the end of the loop, a view of Poráč and its surroundings opens up. We continue downhill for about 1.5 kilometres through open terrain to the finish line.

- HIGHLIGHTS:**
- preserved traditional rural architecture – Poráč, Závadka • Chapel of St. John the Baptist • natural monument Závadské skalky • Chapel of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary
  - Bindt – bell tower, remnants of the agglomeration roasting furnace • natural attraction Šikl'ová skala
  - "Za horou" – tourist and recreational centre • Galmus yew national nature reserve

# TO KOJŠOVÁ HOĽA AND BACK

STARTING POINT: **Gelnica**

ALTERNATIVE STARTING POINTS: **Mária Huta/ Perlová dolina**



DIFFICULTY



LENGTH OF THE LOOP



**38,5 km**

DURATION



**5:00** hod.

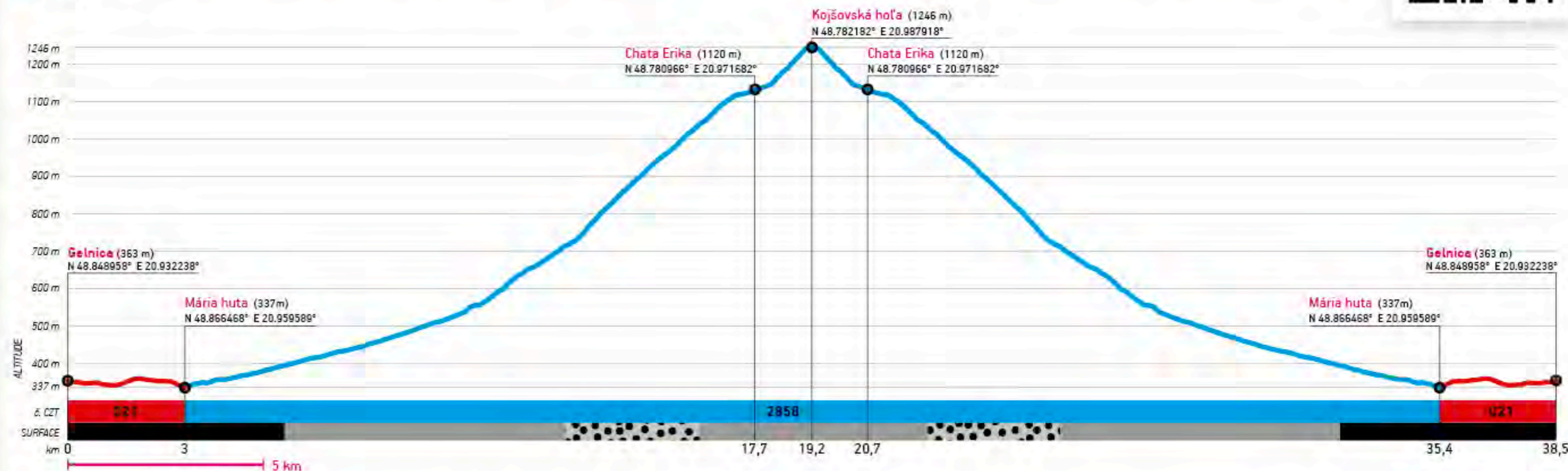
ELEVATION GAIN



**969 m**

CYCLE LOOP CROSSROADS:

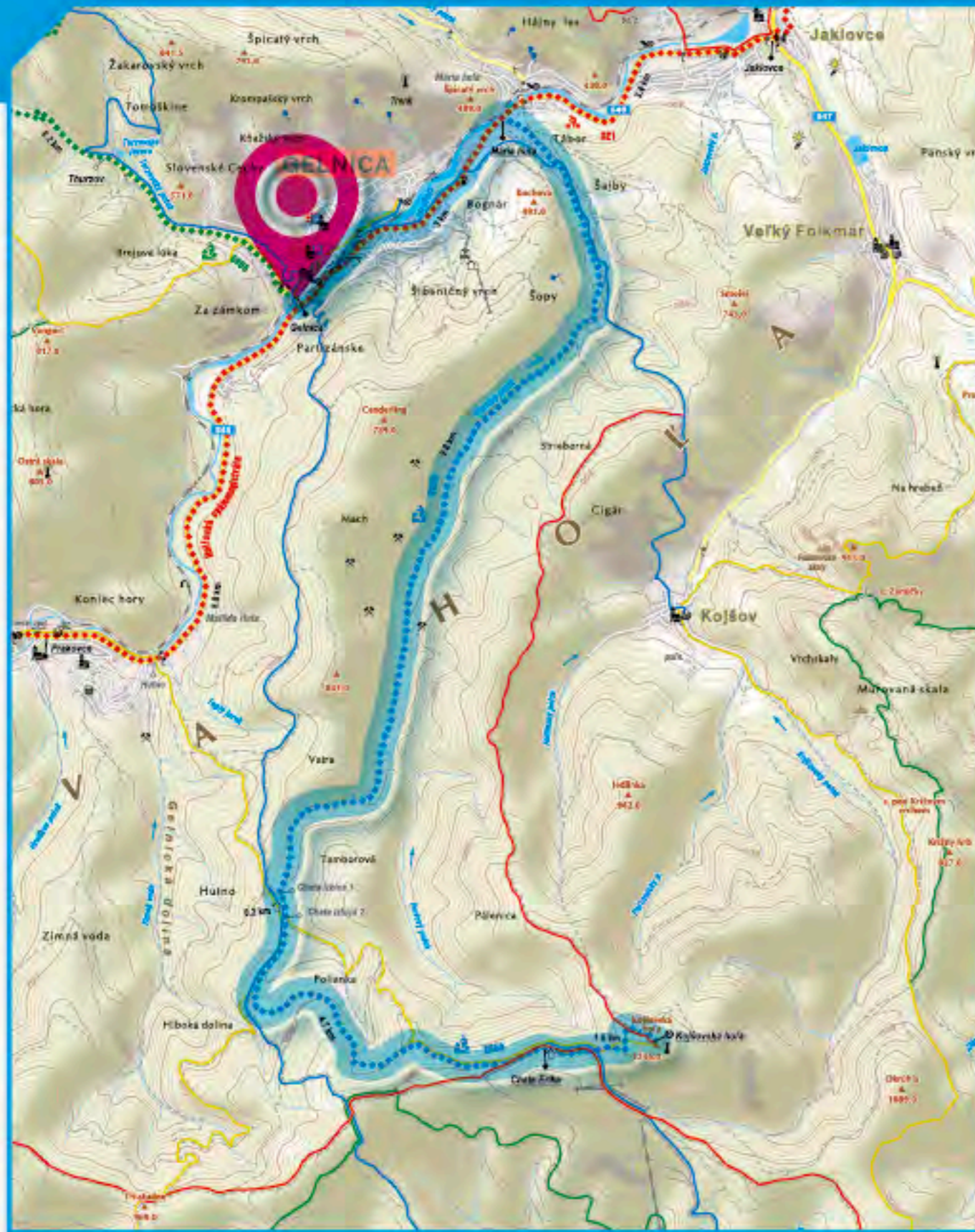
**0 km Gelnica → 3 km Mária Huta → 14,7 km chata Erika → 1,5 km Kojšovská hoľa - a späť → 1,5 km chata Erika → 14,7 km Mária Huta → 3 km Gelnica**



The route of the cycle circuit is suitable for physically and technically proficient cyclists. The main objective of the cycling tour is the massive peak in the Volovské Hills, Kojšovská hoľa (1,246 m), which offers an unforgettable panoramic view. The road surfaces are asphalt, gravel, and rocky between Izbica and the Erika hut.

We start the cycling loop at the Mining Square in Gelnica, under the Miner Statue (363 m). We begin by descending through the town, heading northeast. After 400 meters, we turn right at the road intersection, cross the railway crossing (!) and the stone bridge over the Hnilec River, which is used exclusively by pedestrians and cyclists. This bridge, built between 1837-1845, is a national cultural monument of technical significance. Its silhouette is featured on the emblem of the Hnilec Cycling Route (Route No. 021). After crossing the bridge, we turn left onto the second-class road (546), which also serves as a cycling route (Route No. 021 Hnilec Cycling Route). We continue for 2.2 km until the intersection with a local road leading to Perlová Valley (cycling intersection Mária huta, 350 m). Here, we turn right, changing from the red cycle marker to the blue one (Route No. 2858), which will guide us towards our main goal, Kojšovská hoľa. We ride comfortably along an asphalt road with a gentle incline through the populated Perlový Creek valley. After the last houses, we enter a forested area, but unfortunately, also onto a road with a deteriorating surface, which worsens as we progress. The incline gradually becomes more challenging. Along the way, we can refresh ourselves with clean water from several well-maintained springs by the roadside. Most of them are named and offer resting spots. We pass by several tourist markers: Kysel (380 m), Izbica I (720 m), and Izbica II (732 m). After Izbica II, we shift to lower gears, tackling a demanding, long, continuous steep incline made more difficult by the worsening road surface, testing our physical stamina and cycling skills. The road surface improves slightly during a flat section before reaching the Erika Mountain Hut (1,120 m), where we can recharge our energy (even for e-bikes) and prepare for the final, steep 1.5 km section to our destination. Reaching the summit of Kojšovská hoľa

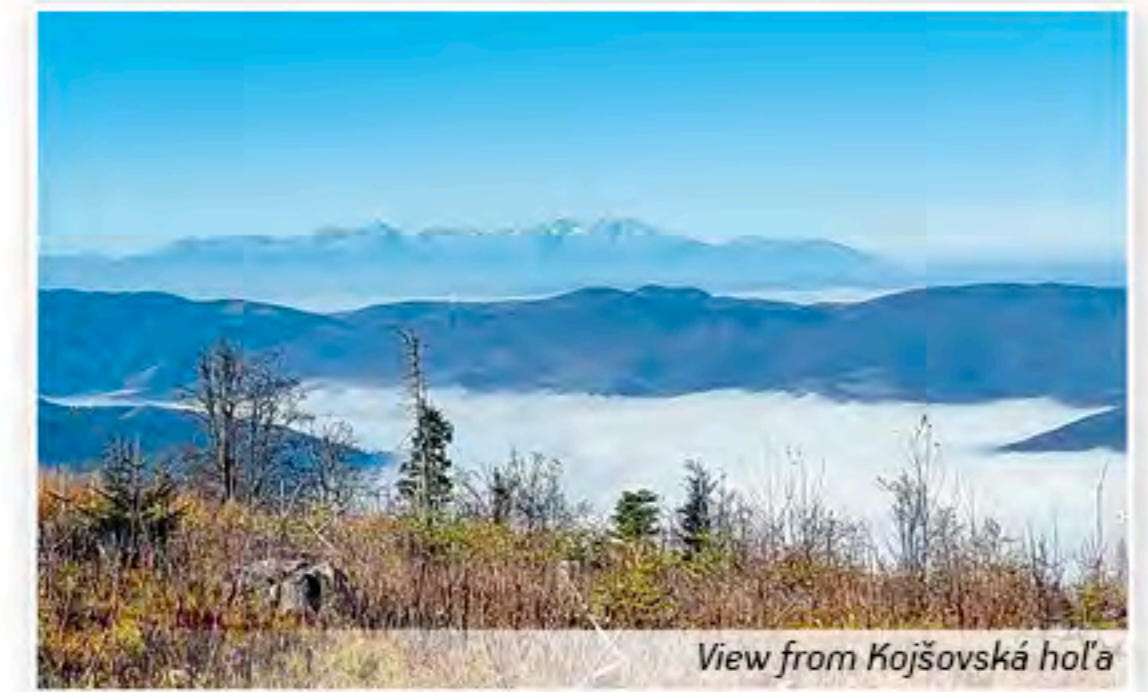




Kojšovská hoľa



View of the High Tatras from Kojšovská hoľa



View from Kojšovská hoľa

(1,246 m) is worth the effort, offering stunning panoramic views of the Low and High Tatras, the entire eastern part of Slovakia, and the surrounding villages and towns. After soaking in the beauty, we turn back 180 degrees and take the same road down, passing by the meteorological station on the left. The long descent, with a technical challenge after two kilometres, retraces the path we had just climbed. To ensure a pleasant and safe ride, it is crucial not to overestimate your downhill riding abilities. Equally important is having a well-maintained bike, especially the brakes. The road surface is old and, in some places, quite rough, so braking more in such sections is essential. Safety and caution are paramount to avoid endangering ourselves, other cyclists, hikers, or passing vehicles. At the end of the descent in Mária huta, at the intersection of roads and cycling routes (350 m), we turn left onto the main road (II/546), switching from the blue cycle marker back to the red one (Route No. 021). We then tackle the final climb, enjoying views of the Hnilec River valley, framed by mountain ranges, and the historic town of Gelnica coming into view. A comfortable ride brings us closer to the town and the end of our cycling adventure.

- HIGHLIGHTS:**
- **technical monument: the stone bridge from 1837, built from the ruins and construction materials of Gelnica Castle**
  - **originally Gothic Roman Catholic Church from the late 14th century**
  - **Mining Museum**
  - **Zámčisko – remnants of a Gothic castle from the 13th century**
  - **Turzov artificial water reservoirs**
  - **Meteorological station of the Slovak Hydrometeorological Institute**

# ALONG HNILECKÁ VALLEY THROUGH ZÁVADKA, PORÁČ, PLEJSY TO GELNICA

STARTING POINT: **Gelnica**

ALTERNATIVE STARTING POINTS: all villages of Hnilecká valley between Gelnica and Závadka, Poráč, Krompachy, Slovinky



DIFFICULTY



LENGTH OF THE LOOP



**78 km**

DURATION



**9:00** hod.

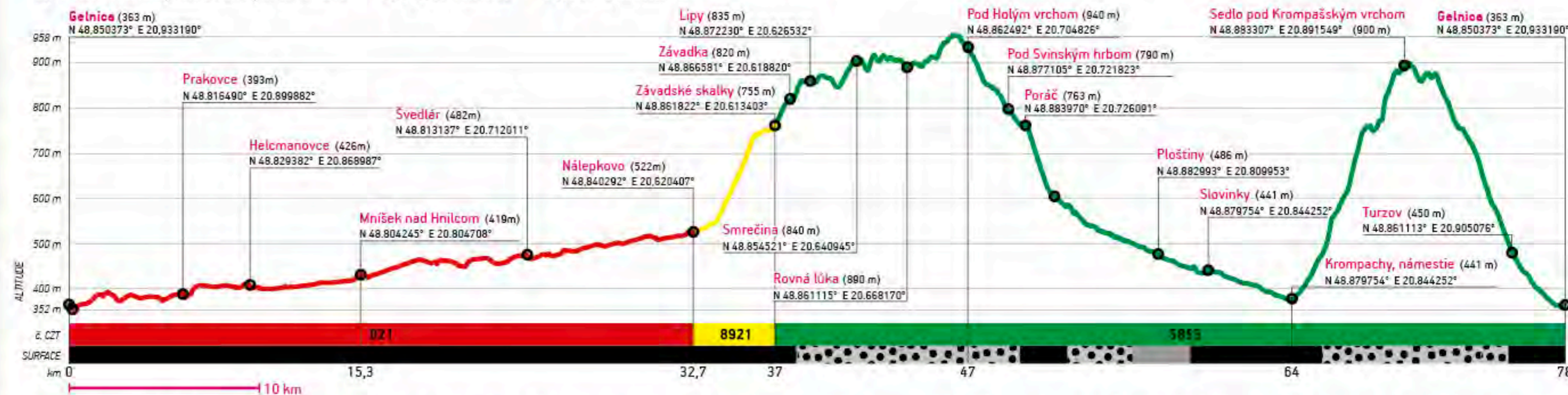
ELEVATION GAIN



**1358 m**

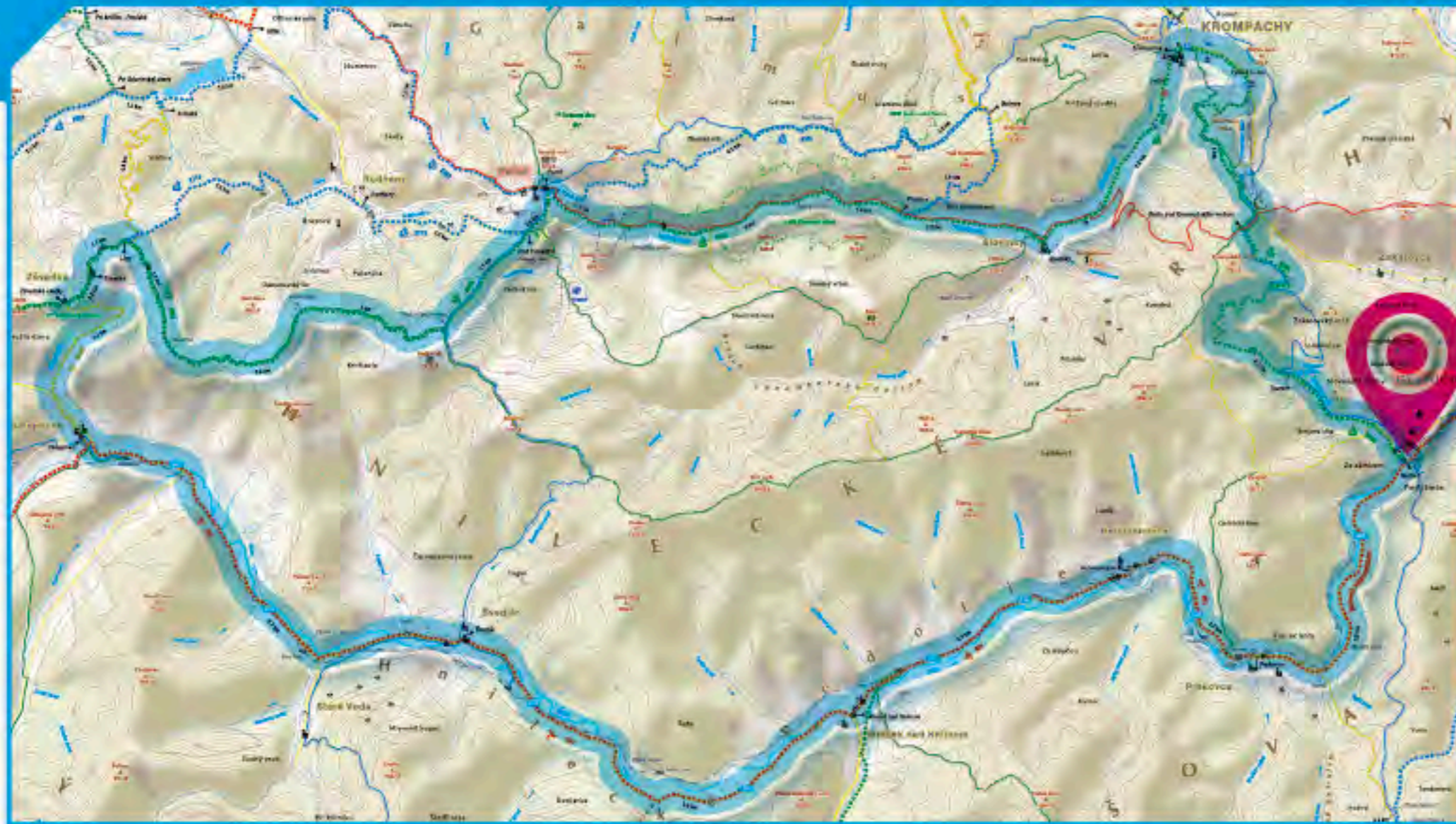
CYCLE LOOP CROSSROADS:

0 km Gelnica → 6 km Prakovce → 3,5 km Helcmanovce → 5,8 km Mníšek n/Hnilcom → 8,7 km Švedlár → 8,7 km Nálepkovo → 4,3 km Závadské skalky → 0,8 km Závadka → 1 km Lipy → 2,4 km Smrečina → 2,6 km Rovná lúka → 3,2 km Pod Holým vrchom → 2,1 km Pod Svinským hrbom → 0,9 km Poráč → 7 km Ploštiny → 2,6 km Slovinky → 4,4 km Krompachy, námestie → 5,8 km Sedlo pod Kromp. vrchom → 5,6 km Turzov → 2,8 km Gelnica



A challenging cycling loop that, due to its scenery and points of interest, will meet expectations. It is recommended for cyclists to plan it as a full-day trip. The route winds through valleys and grassy ridges, offering a variety of experiences and picturesque views.

As with the cycling tour to Kojšovská hoľa, this loop also begins and ends at the Mining Square under the miner's statue (363 m). However, we will choose the opposite direction. The first meters from the starting point are flat, and after a short descent, we turn left at the road intersection before the bridge, right after the bridge, and continue comfortably along the slightly busier second-class road (546) up Hnilecká Valley. This main road is also marked as red cycling tourist route No. 021 (Hnilecká Cycling Route). Along the way, we can stop in the villages we pass through, admiring various points of interest, mainly sacred buildings, or taking a break to refresh ourselves. We go through the villages of the valley in the following order: Prakovce, Helcmanovce, Mníšek nad Hnilcom—where we take a right turn at the intersection of state roads. We then proceed through Švedlár, passing the turnoff to the village of Stará Voda, known for its photogenic viaduct. After 33 km, we enter the village of Nálepkovo, where we pay closer attention to the red cycling sign to make the correct turn. At the first gentle ascent in the village, we leave the main road at the intersection by turning left onto a local road. After 200 meters of gentle descent, just past the cycling route signpost for Nálepkovo (522 m) and the bridge over Železný potok, we turn right. (Note: Be cautious of incorrect markings on online maps.) We switch from the red cycling sign to a yellow one (CZT No. 8921). Continuing along the local road, we pass the evangelical church (on our right), then the village square with an interesting open bell tower featuring two bells named GLAUBE and LIEBE. We return to the main road (II/546). We cross the intersection without turning and head towards Závadka on the yellow cycling sign. We leave the main road for the second time at the first intersection, turning right onto a third-class road (3277) and beginning a multi-kilometre uphill climb to the saddle below Závadka at the cycling route signpost Závadské skalky (755 m). From the saddle, we can admire views of part of Hnilecká Valley and, on the other side, part of the Hornádska Basin. In front of us is the chapel dedicated to the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. After a refreshing break, we change the cycling sign from yellow to green (CZT No. 5855) and continue by turning right and pedalling uphill on the local path to the village. We bypass (on our right) another point of interest in this area—the natural monument Závadské skalky. The road in the village is lined with several original wooden houses. From the centre of the village (Závadka (820 m)), we continue straight along the local road. At the next intersection, we turn right, where a 500-meter



*Mining area of Poráč shaft*



*Nálepkovo*

climb begins, becoming challenging due to the eroded road after the last houses. We will appreciate the elevation we gain when this climb ends, and we enjoy some of the most stunning panoramic views of Spiš from the scenic stretch of the cycling loop. We are enchanted by the view of Hornádska Basin with the High Tatras, Levočské Hills, Branisko, and Spiš Castle in the background, or to the left, the mountain ranges of Slovenské rudohorie. The long ridge panoramic section of the cycling loop continues with a traverse of the Sosninka peak. We pass the cycling signpost Lipy (835 m) and reach the second chapel dedicated to St. John the Baptist, built in 1834. The following ridge section of the cycling loop, where descents alternate with climbs and flats, offers many semi-circular and circular panoramic views of the open mountainous landscape, forested areas, and mountain meadows. At the tourist signpost Pod Holým vrchom (940 m), we choose the left path, entering the forest and beginning a two-kilometre, sometimes challenging descent to the saddle before Poráč, at the cycling signpost Pod Svinským hrbom (790 m). We are again captivated by the stunning views. We cross the main road (III/3244) and continue along a service road around the dominant hoisting tower, which, along with the surface area of the barite mine, was declared an industrial national cultural monument in 2018. After joining the main road, we enter Poráč, a village with preserved elements of folk architecture and maintained original customs and traditions. At the first road intersection at the Poráč cycling signpost (763 m), we turn right. After a shared 130-meter stretch of the green and blue cycling signs at the intersection of local roads, we turn right again and continue down a steep descent (along the green cycling sign) into Poráčska Valley. We pass a recreational area where refreshments are available. This area is also characterized by many artefacts of mining history, including the Pavol tunnel, which features a small mining museum in the so-called "green hut." We continue gently descending through the picturesque canyon of Poráčsky potok, which is lined on the left by the rocky massifs of the National Nature Reserve Červené skaly. Upon entering the forest, the road surface changes to a solid one. A highlight of the cycling loop is crossing a ford over Poráčsky potok. From the Čierny bocian hut, we can shift to a heavier gear and enjoy a long descent down the valley of Poráčsky potok, passing the cycling signpost Ploštiny (486 m) and savouring the comfortable ride. We approach the village of Slovinky. In the village, at the road intersection (with the tourist signpost in front of us at (441 m)), we turn left onto the main road (III/3225). This is followed by a five-kilometre gentle descent to Krompachy. We regain lost elevation with a steep five-kilometre ascent through Plejsy to the saddle below Krompašský vrch (900 m). From there, we have more than seven predominantly downhill kilometres through the forest on a solid road to Turzov, one of the most sought-after excursion and recreational areas near Gelnica. It features two artificially created lakes, known as tajchy. At the lower lake, the Mining Museum of Gelnica, a mining open-air museum, is definitely worth a visit. It consists of several mining machines, a helper, a knocker, a historical mining cottage, a train, and the Jozef tunnel. After an enriching stop, we continue along the asphalt road down the valley of Turzovský potok towards Gelnica. Before the bridge over the Hnilec River, we turn left and, after overcoming a short hill, reach the destination of our cycling loop.

- HIGHLIGHTS:**
- **Technical monument: stone bridge from 1837 built from the ruins and construction material of the castle**
  - **Originally Gothic Roman Catholic church from the late 14th century**
  - **Mining Museum in Gelnica**
  - **Zámčisko - the remains of a Gothic castle from the 13th century**
  - **Závodské skalky – natural monument**
  - **Two chapels in Závadka**
  - **Small mining museum in Poráčska Valley**
  - **Červené skaly – nature reserve**
  - **Folk architecture in the villages of Závadka and Poráč**
  - **Ski resort Plejsy**
  - **Turzovské artificial water reservoirs (National Cultural Monument)**
  - **Mining open-air museum near Turzov**

# TO UNESCO SIGHTSEEINGS IN SPIŠ

STARTING POINT: Spišský Hrušov

ALTERNATIVE STARTING POINTS: Oľšavka



DIFFICULTY



LENGTH OF THE LOOP



56 km

DURATION



5:35 hod.

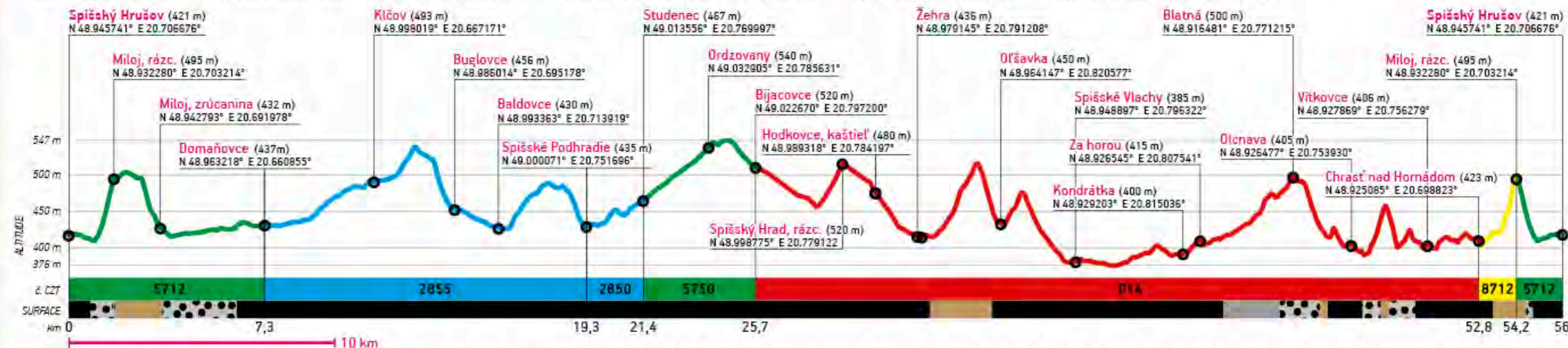
ELEVATION GAIN



946 m

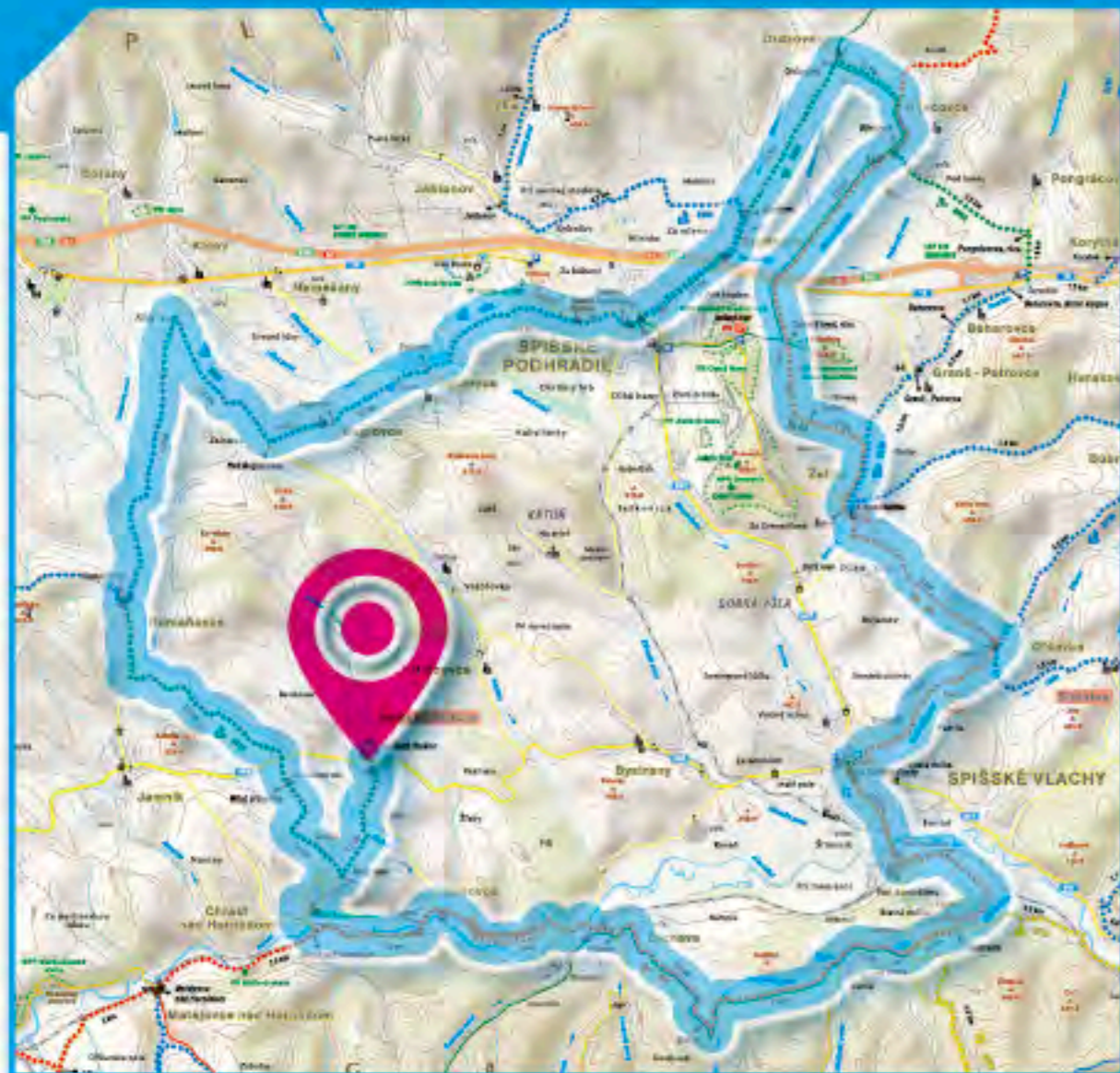
CYCLE LOOP CROSSROADS:

0 km Spišský Hrušov → 1,7 km Milož, rázc. → 1,7 km Milož, zrúcanina → 3,9 km Domaňovce → 4 km Klčov → 3 km Bugľovce → 1,7 km Baldovce → 3,3 km Spišské Podhradie → 2,1 km Studenec → 2,5 km Ordzovany → 1,8 km Bijacovce → 3,3 km Spišský hrad, rázc. → 1,2 km Hodkovce, kaštieľ → 2,3 km Žehra → 2,9 km Oľšavka → 2,8 km Spišské Vlchy → 4 km Kondrátka → 0,7 km Za horou → 3,5 km Blatná → 2,2 km Oľcava → 2,9 km Vítkovce → 1,9 km Chrasť n/Hornádom → 1,4 km Milož, rázc. → 1,7 km Spišský Hrušov



This cycling route takes you through the Spiš region, home to both historical and natural treasures, many of which are UNESCO World Heritage sites. It passes through areas rich in historical monuments and natural beauty, so it's recommended to plan a full day to complete the route.

We start our cycling tour in Spišský Hrušov, heading east from the cycling signpost (420 m), following a secondary road (536) along the green cycle route (CZT no. 5712). After 50 meters, turn right onto a tertiary road (3243). At the end of the village, just past a stone cross on the left-hand side, turn right onto a dirt road at a left curve. After a short climb through open fields, you'll enjoy scenic views. Follow the signs at the Milož crossroads (495 m) to a historical landmark—the ruins of the Gothic tower of St. Stanislav's Church from the extinct medieval village of Milož. When crossing the busy secondary road (II/536), be extra cautious (!) as you continue along a flat dirt road following the stream Lodina. Upon reaching the main road (III/3208), turn right towards Domaňovce. In Domaňovce (437 m), switch from the green cycle route to the blue one (CZT no. 2855) and head comfortably towards Klčov. At the Klčov crossroads (493 m), make a sharp right onto the tertiary road (3242), where you will climb a gradual incline for a few hundred meters, offering stunning panoramic views. Afterward, enjoy a pleasant descent with continued views of the Spiš Castle and its surroundings. At the intersection just beyond the crossroads Nad Bugľovcami (540 m), turn left onto the tertiary road (III/3211) and descend into Bugľovce. The quiet road allows for a relaxed ride, and after passing Baldovce, you'll spot the famous Slovak mineral water plant. Near the bottling plant (150 m to the left), you can refresh yourself with water from a publicly accessible spring (Nový Deák). Beyond the village, you'll encounter a gentle climb of about 1.8 km, after which you'll switch to harder gears for a slight descent towards Spišské Podhradie. You'll soon catch sight of the towers of St. Martin's Cathedral in Spišská Kapitula. Upon reaching the main road, two options are available: cross directly into the religious town (known as the "Slovak Vatican") or bypass it with a downhill detour. We recommend the first option, as Spišská Kapitula has been a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1993. After visiting the bishop's seat in Spišská Kapitula, exit through the lower gate and rejoin the cycling route along the main road. Descend into Spišské Podhradie, stopping at Mariánske Square, where the majestic Spiš Castle towers above the town. Spišské Podhradie, with its historical monuments, is a protected area, and a visit to its 1875 synagogue, now used for cultural purposes, is highly recommended. From Mariánske Square, turn left onto the secondary road (547) following the blue cycle route (CZT no. 2890). At Paleš Square, turn right and continue through the town. Outside the town, at the crossroads, turn left towards Studenec on a tertiary road



*Spišská Kapitula and Spiš castle*



*Dreveník*

(3213), passing under the highway. In Studenec (467 m), change from the blue cycle route to the green one (CZT no. 5894). Continue straight through Ordzovany and turn right towards Bijacovce at the crossroads. At the next junction, turn right again onto road 3216, joining the red cycle route (CZT no. 014 Spišská Cycling Route), and enter Bijacovce. Here, don't miss the Hunting and Forestry Museum in the Csáky Manor House. Leaving Bijacovce, follow the paved road towards Spiš Castle. Cross under the highway and carefully cross the main road (E18) as you begin to ascend towards the Pod Spišským hradom crossroads (505 m). The effort is rewarded with incredible views of the castle and surrounding area. A visit to Spiš Castle, a UNESCO site, is a highlight of the tour. From the Pod Spišským hradom crossroads, follow the route past the Dreveník National Nature Reserve (also a UNESCO site) with its significant archaeological and botanical value. Pass by the Csáky Manor House in Hodkovce and continue to Žehra, known for its Church of the Holy Spirit and the world-famous 14th- and 15th-century Gothic frescoes (UNESCO). Leaving Žehra, follow the unpaved field road to the small village of Olšavka, joining the local road at the crossroads (450 m). Turn right and follow the red cycle route to Spišské Vlarchy (385 m). Here, navigate several main roads and take the third exit at the roundabout, heading towards the recreational area Za horou. The next section of the route follows the scenic Galmus hills. After passing the train station, enjoy an easy ride along a paved road to the lake at Za horou (415 m), a perfect spot for a break before a 3.5 km ascent through the valley of the Svätajánsky and Blatný Streams to the Blatná area. The route finishes with a descent to Odorín and a scenic ride back to the starting point in Spišský Hrušov.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Miloj - ruins of a Gothic church tower in a vanished medieval village
- Spišská Kapitula - a religious town and UNESCO site
- Synagogue in Spišské Podhradie - a cultural monument
- Hunting and Forestry Museum in Bijacovce - located in the Csáky Manor House
- Spiš Castle - one of the largest castles in Central Europe (UNESCO)
- Dreveník - a site of scientific and tourist interest (UNESCO)
- Csáky Manor House in Hodkovce - Baroque and classical with a French garden
- Church of the Holy Spirit in Žehra - home to world-famous Gothic frescoes (UNESCO)
- Za horou - a recreational area with a small lake
- Farská skala - a natural monument in Chrast nad Hornádom



*Church of Holy Spirit in Žehra*

# THROUGH THE SLOVAK PARADISE BETWEEN SPIŠ AND GEMER

STARTING POINT: Dobšiná

ALTERNATIVE STARTING POINTS: Rakovec, Mlynky, Biele Vody, Palcmanská Maša, Dedinky, Dobšinská Maša



DIFFICULTY



LENGTH OF THE LOOP



**36,5 km**

DURATION



**5:20** hod.

ELEVATION GAIN



**984 m**

CYCLE LOOP CROSSROADS:

- 0 km Dobšiná, Tri ruže → 0,8 km Vlčia dolina, rázc. → 2,5 km Sekera → 3,5 km Podkova → 2,7 km Pingarty → 5,8 km chata Rakovec
- 1,5 km Rakovec, rázc. → 0,7 km Rakovec → 1,6 km Mlynky → 1,8 km Prostredný Hámor → 0,7 km Biele Vody, rázc.
- 1,1 km Palcmanská Maša → 1,5 km Dobšinská Maša → 1,4 km Pod Čížmou → 1 km Voniarky → 6,5 km Murániky
- 1,8 km Dobšiná, Depovo → 1,2 km Dobšiná, Tri ruže



A varied and interesting cycling loop alternating between forested and open landscapes. It passes through the scenic area of the Slovak Paradise National Park, and also through areas bearing traces of mining activities and by the unique system of waterworks Dobšiná – Vlčia Dolina – Palcmanská Maša.

We start our cycling journey from the intersection of cycling routes in Dobšiná, Tri ruže (450 m) (at the SNP memorial) along the green cycling trail (CZT no. 5702) and the first-class road (67) heading towards Dobšinský hill. In the first sharp right turn at the road junction and at the Vlčia Dolina intersection (480 m), we turn left. We change the green cycling trail for the blue one (CZT no. 2719). After riding 100 meters on a local road, we turn left over the bridge crossing the Vlčia stream, and with a gentle climb along a paved road, we ascend to the Dobšiná – Vlčia Dolina pump-storage hydroelectric power plant. Information about this unique hydro energy project is provided on an information panel. After a flat section along the water surface, a manageable nearly 5-kilometer climb follows along a forest road. We enter a beech forest kingdom, often interrupted by mountain meadows or clearings. At the top of the climb near the cycling intersection Podkova (790 m), we switch from the blue trail back to the green one (CZT no. 5702), turning right. We shift to higher gears for a descent down the busy first-class road (67) and quickly lose altitude. We make sure not to miss the Pingarty cycling signpost (642 m) on the left, where we leave the busy road and enter a peaceful oasis. Turning left onto the yellow cycling trail (CZT no. 8736), a short climb brings us to the intersection of forest and field roads with beautiful views of Dobšiná and its surroundings. For more information, we stop by the outdoor cycling map, then continue through a diverse forest kingdom via a forest road. The yellow trail takes us on a mostly steady 5-kilometer climb, with beautiful views along the way. One such view is offered by the lookout point with seating at Hohengrad. From the highest point of the climb, we enjoy a comfortable descent into Rakovec, with a stop at the charming spot near the Rakovec cottage and a small water surface. At the Rakovec intersection (770 m), we continue straight, still downhill, but switch to a paved road and briefly to the blue trail (CZT no. 2853). In Rakovec, after an underpass, we turn left and switch to the red trail (no. 021 Hnilecká cycling route). At the next road junction, we enter the main road (II/535) and go straight. At the next junction before the bridge, we have two options: either turn right onto a local road passing through the original part of Mlynky (753 m) and rejoin the main road after passing through it, or continue along the main road. A comfortable ride takes us through other parts of the village, Prostredný Hámor (745 m) (with a charging station for electric bikes), Biele Vody intersection (762 m), and Palcmanská Maša (782 m). At the road junction below the Palcmanská Maša dam (782 m), we switch the red trail for the blue one (no. 2712), turning left and crossing the bridge under the underpass towards Dobšinská Maša. The reservoir's water surface mirrors to our right. At the



Artificial water reservoir Palcmanská Maša/Dedinky



Around the Rakovec Lodge

next junction, we turn right towards Dobšinská Maša (III/3408). On the small square in Dobšinská Maša (790 m), with a beautiful view of the reservoir, we turn right and immediately left after the bridge, climbing gently at first, then steeper to a meadow. A view opens up to a large meadow area with a field road, where we continue briefly along a flat stretch, then gradually steeper towards the first-class road (67) and the tourist intersection Pod Čížmou (886 m). From there, we have a view of the vast Voniarky, and behind us, a stunning view of the reservoir with the rocky slopes of Geravy in the background. We cross the road (and the green CZT no. 5702) and continue through Voniarky with a gentle climb along a paved forest road to the forest boundary. At the intersection of forest roads and cycling routes Voniarky (915 m), we choose the straight direction. A long descent traversing Vincovka and Maroň follows, where visible remnants of mining activities—heaps, sinkholes, etc.—catch our attention. We descend into the Láni stream valley, and at the end, in a sharp left turn on a steep section, we slow down more. After a ramp at the intersection of forest roads, we turn right past the Murániky cycling intersection (575 m) onto a paved road, speeding down to the edge of Dobšiná. We continue downhill through the town's streets to the road junction, passing the Dobšiná, Depovo intersection (470 m), and choosing the straight direction, finishing the loop with a flat ride along the town's road.

- HIGHLIGHTS:**
- Dobšiná – Vlčia Dolina hydroelectric plant
  - Preserved original mining houses – Rakovec
  - Palcmanská Maša artificial reservoir / Dedinky
  - Mining artifacts – heaps, sinkholes, collapses

# THROUGH THE SOUTHERN REGION OF SLOVAK PARADISE

STARTING POINT: Dobšiná ALTERNATIVE STARTING POINTS: Dobšinská Ľadová Jaskyňa, Stratena



DIFFICULTY



LENGTH OF THE LOOP



**46** km

DURATION



**6:15** hod.

ELEVATION GAIN



**1236** m

CYCLE LOOP CROSSROADS:

0 km Dobšiná, Tri ruže → 1,2 km Dobšiná, Depovo. → 1,8 km Murániky → 6,6 km Voniarky → 3,8 km Pod Hanesovou I → 2,4 km Nižná záhrada → 3 km Dobšinská Ľadová Jaskyňa → 6 km Pusté pole, Zbojnická dolina → 2,4 km sedlo Besník → 3,8 km Pred Čuntavou → 0,6 km Čuntava → 4,6 km Danková → 8,4 km Dobšina, Depovo → 1,2 km Dobšiná, Tri ruže



This cycling route is quite demanding in terms of length, ascents, and steep descents, but it is scenically very interesting, offering many viewpoints, attractions, and rest areas.

Like the first cycling route from Dobšiná, this one also starts from the cycling trail crossroads at Dobšiná, Tri ruže (450 m) near the SNP memorial. This time, the first kilometres take us westward through the town along the blue cycling trail (no. 2712). At the crossroads Dobšiná, Depovo (470 m), we choose the slightly rightward path into a gentle ascent toward Lányiho Huta. From the town's outskirts, the road surface changes to a sealed one, which is more damaged in places. After a steeper climb at the Murániky (575 m) signpost (on the left), we turn left onto a forest road and immediately left again at the forest crossroads. After the barrier, we begin a longer steep ascent along a rocky forest road that cuts into the slope of Maroň. The gradient eases after a sharp right-hand turn. The steady ascent eats up the altitude meters until we reach Voniarky. During the climb, we will definitely notice traces of mining activity (heaps, collapses, pings). At the crossroads of hiking and cycling trails at Voniarky (915 m), we turn left at the forest road junction. We switch from the blue trail to the green one (no. 5702). On the flat section of the forest road, we pass through meadows with stunning views of the diverse nature of Slovenský raj (Slovak Paradise). At the Gápel' cottage with a small artificial pond (a pleasant rest spot), we turn right and, after a short climb, descend to a crossroads with a view of the Voniarky meadows. We turn left onto the sealed forest road and, after a steady and longer ascent, speed downhill to a forest road junction that we pass straight through. The correct route is confirmed by the signpost (Hanesová I (909 m)). After a short flat section, we regain lost altitude with a demanding one-kilometre climb to the forest edge. Crossing a mountain meadow, we keep to the left and tackle another, slightly less challenging ascent. With a bit of luck, we may encounter grazing Muráň Norik horses. Shortly after, we descend through the forest to another mountain meadow with views (signpost Nižná záhrada (1086 m)). On the meadow at the crossroads, we turn right. A steep descent with several hairpin bends into the valley requires more braking and tests our riding skills. After the successful descent, we cross the meadow called Samelova lúka and reach the main road (I/67). Turning right, there is an option to visit the Dobšinská Ice Cave (850 m), grab a meal, or refresh. However, our route continues by turning left, switching from the green trail to the yellow one (no. 8739), and an 8-kilometre ride





One of the charming views of the loop



18th-century stone bridge



Noriker horse from Muráň region

along the busy first-class roads (67 and 66). Despite the traffic, this section offers strong scenic and aesthetic experiences. Immediately after turning, we pass the dominantly towering and attractive Ostrá skala (a nature reserve) on our left. After the Spišský Potok inlet, there is another protected area with the highest level of protection—Hnilecká jelšina National Nature Reserve. The meandering Hnilec River has created a preserved area with rare communities of plant and animal species. At the crossroads of the two first-class roads, we turn left toward Telgárt (I/66). From the cycling junction Pusté pole, Zbojnická dolina (928 m), we change the yellow trail to the green one (no. 5576) and begin to gain altitude towards the Besník saddle, a location with breathtaking views of the Hnilec and Hron river valleys and the majestic Kráľova hoľa. At the Besník (995 m) signpost, we leave the paved road, turn left onto a reinforced road, and embark on a 4-kilometre manageable climb with beautiful backward views to the highest point of the cycling route at Pred Čuntavou (1166 m). Here, at the crossroads of forest roads, we turn left. A scenic 10-kilometre descent awaits, sometimes gentler, sometimes steeper. We gradually pass through several forest road junctions without turning—Čuntavá (1126 m), Danková (822 m), and others that are not tourist intersections. At the end of the descent, we pass the Dobšiná Horse Breeding Center on our left, specializing in breeding cold-blooded Muráň Norik horses. We continue comfortably along an asphalt road through the valley of the Dobšinský stream, enter Dobšiná, and winding through its streets, reach the end of the cycling route.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** • Mining artifacts – heaps, pings • Slovenský raj - National Park • Ostrá skala - Nature Reserve • Hnilecká jelšina - National Nature Reserve



DIFFICULTY



LENGTH OF THE LOOP



**35 km**

DURATION



**3:25** hod.

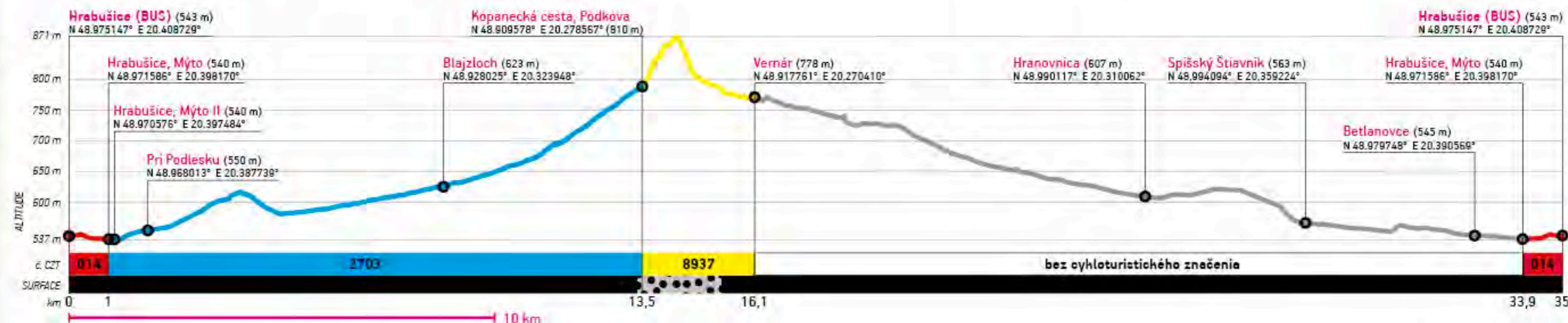
ELEVATION GAIN



**398 m**

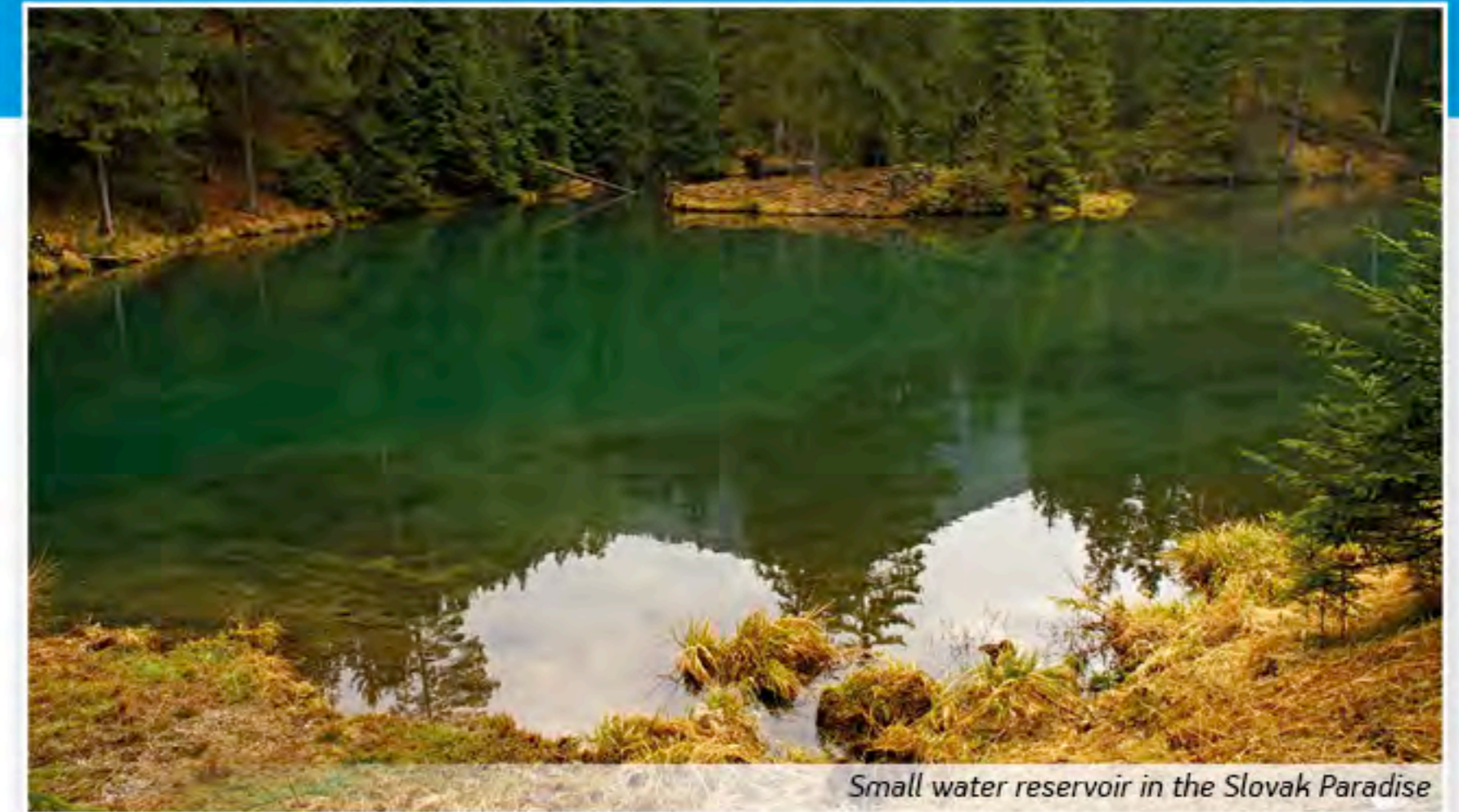
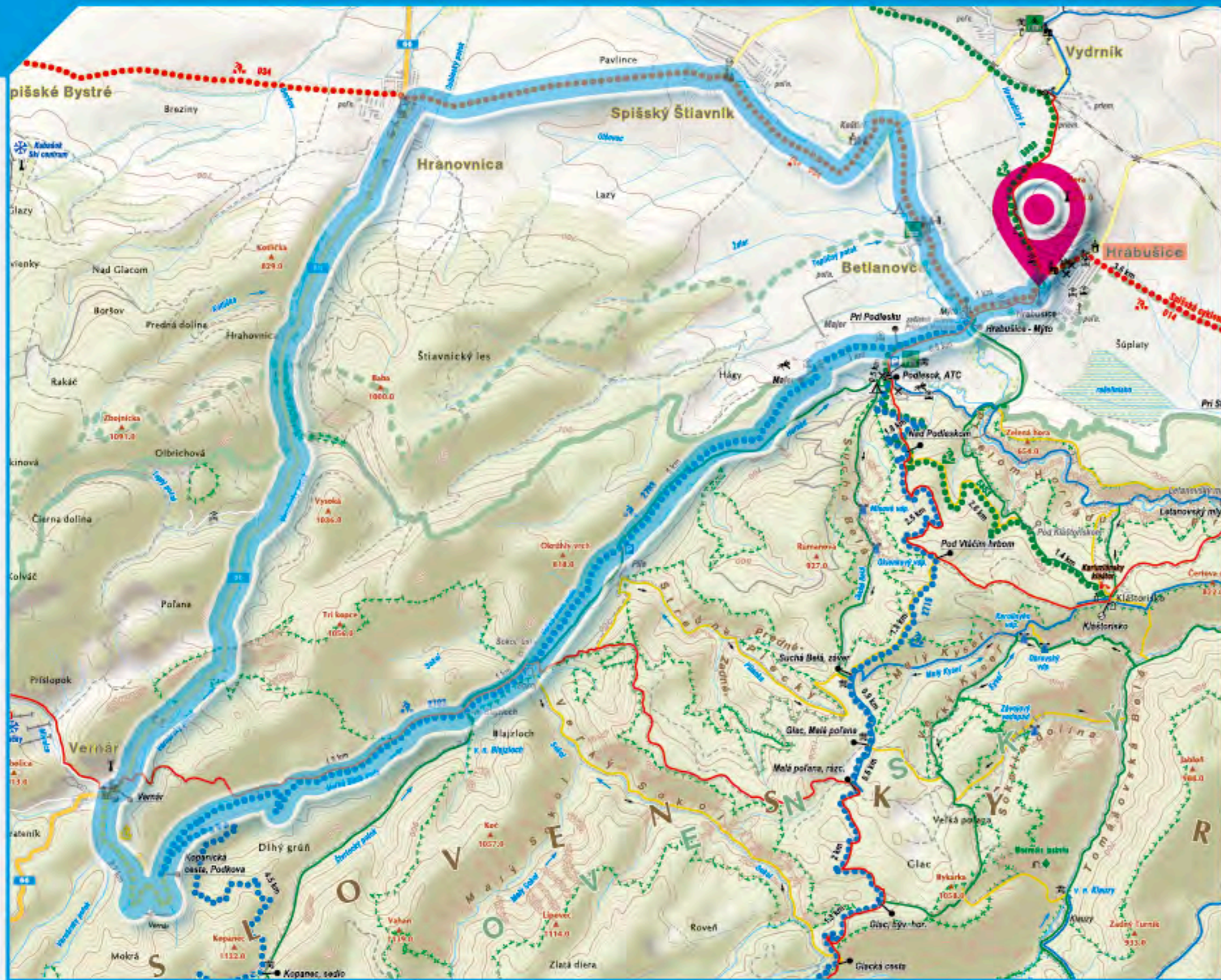
CYCLE LOOP CROSSROADS:

0 km Hrabušice (BUS) → 1 km Hrabušice, Mýto → 0,2 km Hrabušice, Mýto II → 0,8 km Pri Podlesku → 6,9 km (Blajzloch) → 4,6 km Kopanecká cesta, Podkova → 2,6 km Vernár → 9,1 km Hranovnica → 3,8 km Spišský Štiavnik → 3,8 km Betlanovce → 1,1 km Hrabušice, Mýto → 1 km Hrabušice (BUS)



This cycling route is mostly on paved roads, except for the section from Kopanecká cesta, Podkova to the edge of Vernár, which is only passable on a mountain bike. It offers the experience of cycling in the nature of Slovenský raj, as well as the opportunity to stop by historical secular and sacred buildings.

The journey starts in the centre of Hrabušice (crossroads Hrabušice (BUS) (543 m)) heading southwest along the red cycling route (CZT no. 014 Spišská Cycling Route) and road class 3 (3227). After one kilometre at the road junction near the crossroads Hrabušice, Mýto (535 m), we turn left, changing from the red cycling route to the blue one (CZT no. 2703) and continue past the crossroads Pri Podlesku (555 m) through the picturesque valley of the Veľká Biela Voda stream, which is the starting point for the gorges of Slovenský raj – Suchá Belá, Piecky, Veľký Sokol. At the Blajzloch crossroads (623 m), we recommend a short detour (left 350 m) to the romantic and very photogenic small water reservoir Blajzloch, which has a unique atmosphere and is definitely worth visiting. From the Blajzloch crossroads (623 m), a 4.6 km long gradual ascent begins up to the cycling crossroads Kopanecká cesta, Podkova (810 m). Here, we turn right onto a forest road, switch from the blue cycling route to the yellow one (CZT no. 8937), and begin an 800-meter long steeper climb, which ends on a wide traversing path. At the saddle (the highest point of the cycling route), we need to pay attention at the less visible forest road junction to make the correct turn. We follow the yellow route, turning left and descending steeply (!) into a small magical valley. We join the forest road and, after a gentle descent past the bridge over the Vernársky Potok, enter Vernár. We turn right and calmly ride along the local road to the main road (I/66). We turn right onto the busy main road (!) and, for the next 9 kilometres without cycling signs, while admiring the beautiful scenery, we pay extra attention to safety and road rules. After Vernár, we pass through a short canyon-like section called Tiesnina, a memorial site of battles during World War II. After the SNP memorial site, there is a turnoff to Hranovnické pleso on the left. Though there is no lake, there is a natural monument around the former school in nature, protecting large travertine terraces and thermal springs, which maintain a constant temperature of 20°C year-round. The following kilometres along the Vernársky Potok valley are physically undemanding. The frequent traffic can slightly detract from the ride, but it ends in Hranovnica at the first major crossroads, where we turn right onto a quieter road (class 3, 3069). We head towards Spišský Štiavnik and Hrabušice. After the village, an open and flat landscape with fields spreads out before us, reflecting the flat nature of the road. Along the way, there are several religious shrines and a memorial dedicated to Soviet pilots and soldiers who died during the Slovak National Uprising and the liberation of Hranovnica. In Spišský Štiavnik, at a small roundabout in front of the Church of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary from the late 14th century, which was baroquely renovated in the 18th century, we take the first exit and continue



*Small water reservoir in the Slovak Paradise*



*Vernár meadows in the Kopanec saddle*

through the village towards Betlanovce. After about one kilometre, we stop at one of the largest manor houses in Spiš, built in the 16th century in the Renaissance style on the site and remains of the original Cistercian monastery (1223–1543). It has been renovated several times and has been abandoned and deteriorating since 2008. It is not open to the public. After the manor house, at the road junction, we turn right onto the main road (III/3068) and turn right again at the next junction. In Betlanovce, a Spiš village with over 700 years long history, we pass a church on the left, behind which is an exceptional Renaissance manor house built between 1564 and 1568. It has been privately owned since 2022 and continues to deteriorate, not open to the public. We continue along the main road towards Hrabušice. At the crossroads Hrabušice-Mýto, we turn left onto the main road (3227), and after 1 km of riding along the red cycling route (CZT no. 014), we complete the cycling circuit in the centre of Hrabušice.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Blajzloch – small water reservoir in Slovenský raj
- Memorial site Tiesnina – Vernár
- Greek Catholic Church of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary from 1824 – Vernár
- Hranovnické pleso
- Renaissance manor house in Spišský Štiavnik
- Renaissance manor house in Betlanovce



DIFFICULTY



LENGTH OF THE LOOP



36,5 km

DURATION



4:15 hod.

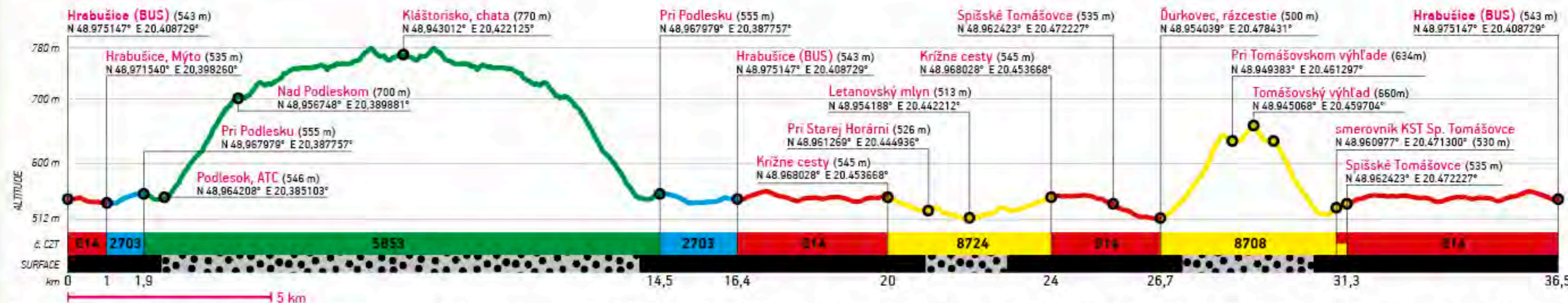
ELEVATION GAIN



572 m

CYCLE LOOP CROSSROADS:

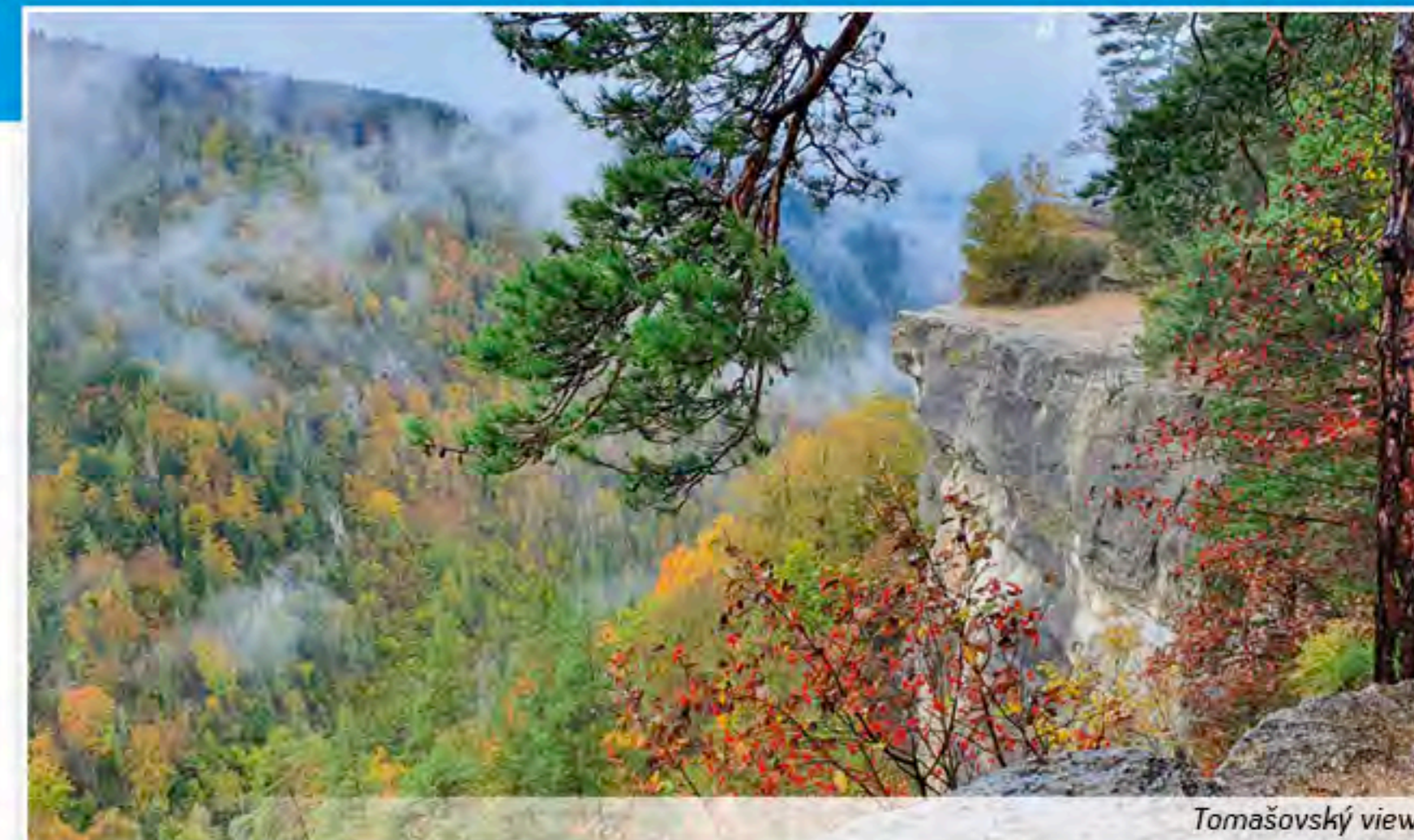
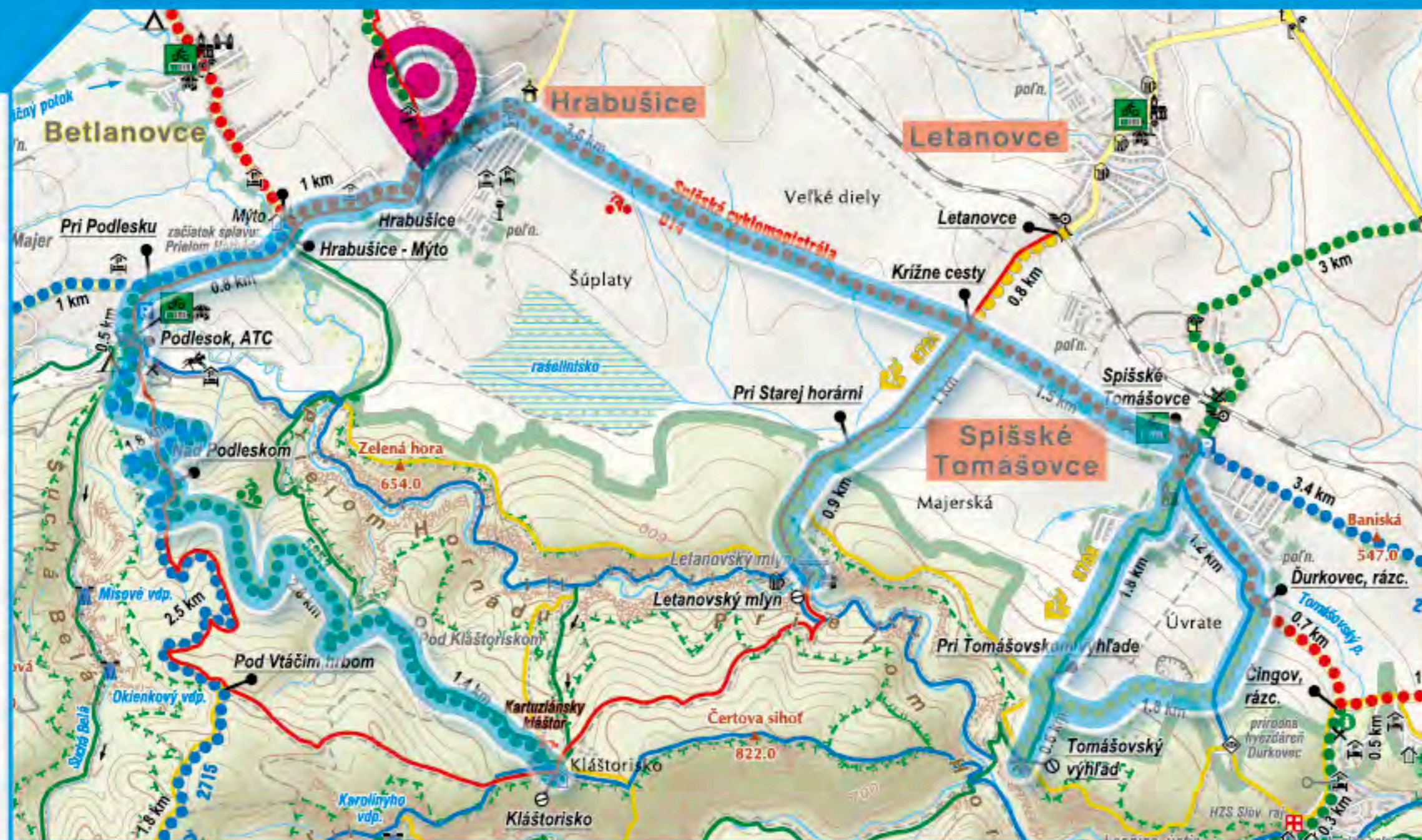
- 0 km Hrabušice (BUS) → 1 km Hrabušice, Mýto → 0,9 km Pri Podlesku → 0,5 km Podlesok, ATC → 1,8 km Nad Podleskom
- 4 km Kláštorisko, chata → 4 km Nad Podleskom → 1,8 km Podlesok, ATC → 0,5 km Pri Podlesku → 0,9 km Hrabušice, Mýto
- 1 km Hrabušice (BUS) → 3,6 km Krížne cesty → 1 km Pri starej horárni → 1 km Letanovský mlyn → 1 km Pri starej horárni
- 1 km Krížne cesty → 1,5 km Spišské Tomášovce → 1,2 km Ďurkovec, rázc. → 1,8 km Pri Tomášovskom výhľade
- 0,5 km Tomášovský výhľad → 0,5 km Pri Tomášovskom výhľade → 1,8 km Spišské Tomášovce → 1,5 km Krížne cesty → 3,6 km Hrabušice



An experience-rich cycling journey to three gems of the northern part of Slovenský raj (Slovak Paradise). You can reach them via detours from the Spišská cycling route (no. 014) along marked cycling paths. At all three destinations, it is essential to respect the end of the marked cycling route and return the same way (!) This cycling trip is easy and can be done all at once, or you can visit each destination separately.

We begin the cycling journey just as in the previous loop, from the centre of Hrabušice (Hrabušice BUS signpost, 543 m), heading southwest along the red cycle route (CZT no. 014, Spiš Cycling Route) and road 3227 (3rd class). At the intersection of Hrabušice, Mýto (535 m), we turn left, switching from the red cycle route to the blue (CZT no. 2703) and proceed to the crossroads of roads and cycling paths at Pri Podlesku (555 m), where we again turn left and switch from the blue route to the green (CZT no. 5853). Passing through the important tourist-recreational centre of Podlesok, we continue across a narrow bridge and after turning right, head towards the forest. (We do not continue (!) on the paved road to Suchá Belá, which is not an approved CZT – as of 2024). We then face a challenging uphill climb on a paved forest road to the Nad Podleskom signpost (700 m). After catching our breath, we continue through a forest road junction without turning. Following the green route (no. 5853), we ride on a mostly easy forest road with many curves and some nice views of the Hornád Basin and the Levoča Hills, reaching the wide plateau connecting Čertova Sihot' with the Glac Plateau, at Kláštorisko (760 m). (Its original name, Lapis refugii – Rock of Refuge, came from its role as a refuge for the people of the Spiš region during the Tatar invasions). We've reached the first destination of our cycling journey, offering magical nature, fascinating history, a charming present, stunning views, and opportunities for rest and refreshments. Kláštorisko is especially known for the ruins of a Carthusian monastery (from the late 13th century). In recent history, a symbolic cemetery has been added, dedicated to the victims and notable personalities of Slovenský raj. The marked cycling route ends here, so we return the same way back to the starting point of our cycling journey in Hrabušice. (!) The section from Nad Podleskom to Podlesok is steeper and rockier, so we must exercise more caution and brake more frequently.

We head to the second destination in the opposite direction. At the first road intersection, we turn right (III/3227). At the next intersection after St. Lawrence's Church (on the left), with the option to turn right, we continue straight along the street, at the end of which we enter a cycling path into the open countryside. We comfortably reach the crossroads of cycling paths at Krížne cesty (545 m), where we'll return after visiting the second destination, Letanovský mlyn. At the crossroads, we turn right, switching from the red route to the yellow (CZT no. 8724), and follow a gentle downhill ride



*Tomášovský view*



*Carthusian stone bridge*

on a quality paved road, entering Slovenský raj National Park. At the Stará Horáreň (526 m) signpost, we continue straight, enjoying a pleasant ride through a coniferous forest. We arrive at a faithful replica of the original medieval stone bridge from the 15th century, arching over the Hornád River, called the Carthusian Bridge. Beyond the bridge, we find a charming meadow with a tourist shelter and limestone cliffs towering above the Hornád. Letanovský mlyn also features a group of cabins for private recreation and refreshment options. This is where the marked cycling route ends. After a pleasant break, we turn our bikes around and head back to the Križne cesty crossroads. Turning right onto the cycling path, we follow the red route (no. 014) toward Spišské Tomášovce. At the intersection of roads and four cycling routes, we turn right, following the red route to the Ďurkovec crossroads (500 m). Here, we turn right onto a side road, switching from the red route to the yellow (no. 8708), and take the first turn onto a dirt road. We continue pedalling along the dirt road, turning right, passing a small quarry (on the right). Traversing a meadow, we turn left at the crossroads into a strenuous uphill climb along the grassy path. At the top of the meadow, in gentler uphill terrain, we turn right and descend gently to the crossroads at Pri Tomášovskom výhľade (634 m). We're treated to beautiful views of the Hornád Basin, the High Tatras in the background, and the Levoča Hills. Turning left into the forest, we ride along a forest road to our third destination – Tomášovský výhľad (660 m), one of the most visited spots in Slovenský raj. This terraced viewpoint offers a magnificent view of the White Stream Valley, the Hornád Canyon, Čertova Sihot', and, on a clear day, the High Tatras. We return to the crossroads at Pri Tomášovskom výhľade and, following the yellow route, descend steeply along a dirt road to Spišské Tomášovce. Through the streets of the village, we head to the crossroads, turn left, and follow the Spišská Cycling Route (no. 014) back to Hrabušice in the opposite direction.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** • Kláštorisko • Carthusian Stone Bridge • Tomášovský výhľad

# EDUCATIONAL CIRCUIT THROUGH THE SPIŠ SETTLEMENTS EAST OF LETANOVCE

STARTING POINT: Letanovce

ALTERNATIVE STARTING POINTS: Spišské Tomášovce, Iľiašovce, Harichovce, Spišská N. Ves, Smižany



GPX

DIFFICULTY



LENGTH OF THE LOOP



**35 km**

DURATION



**3:00** hod.

ELEVATION GAIN

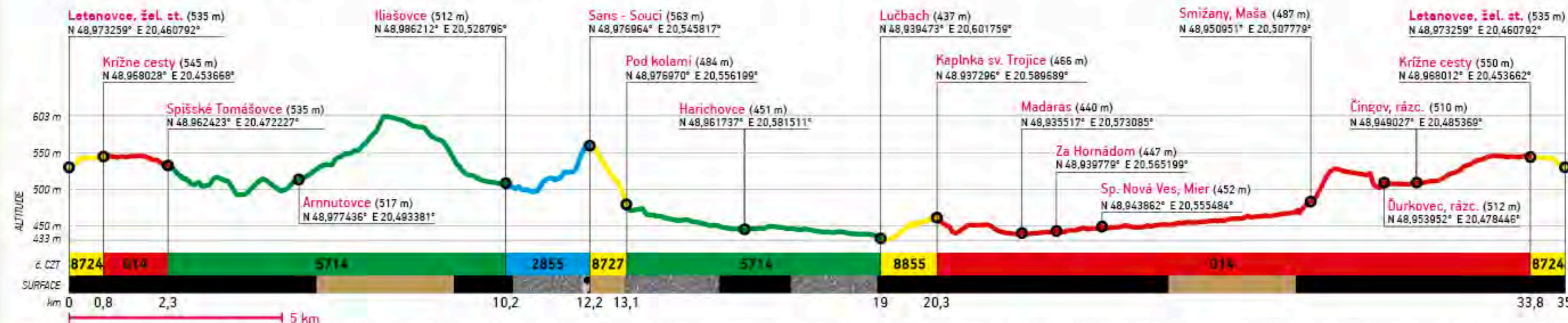


**380 m**

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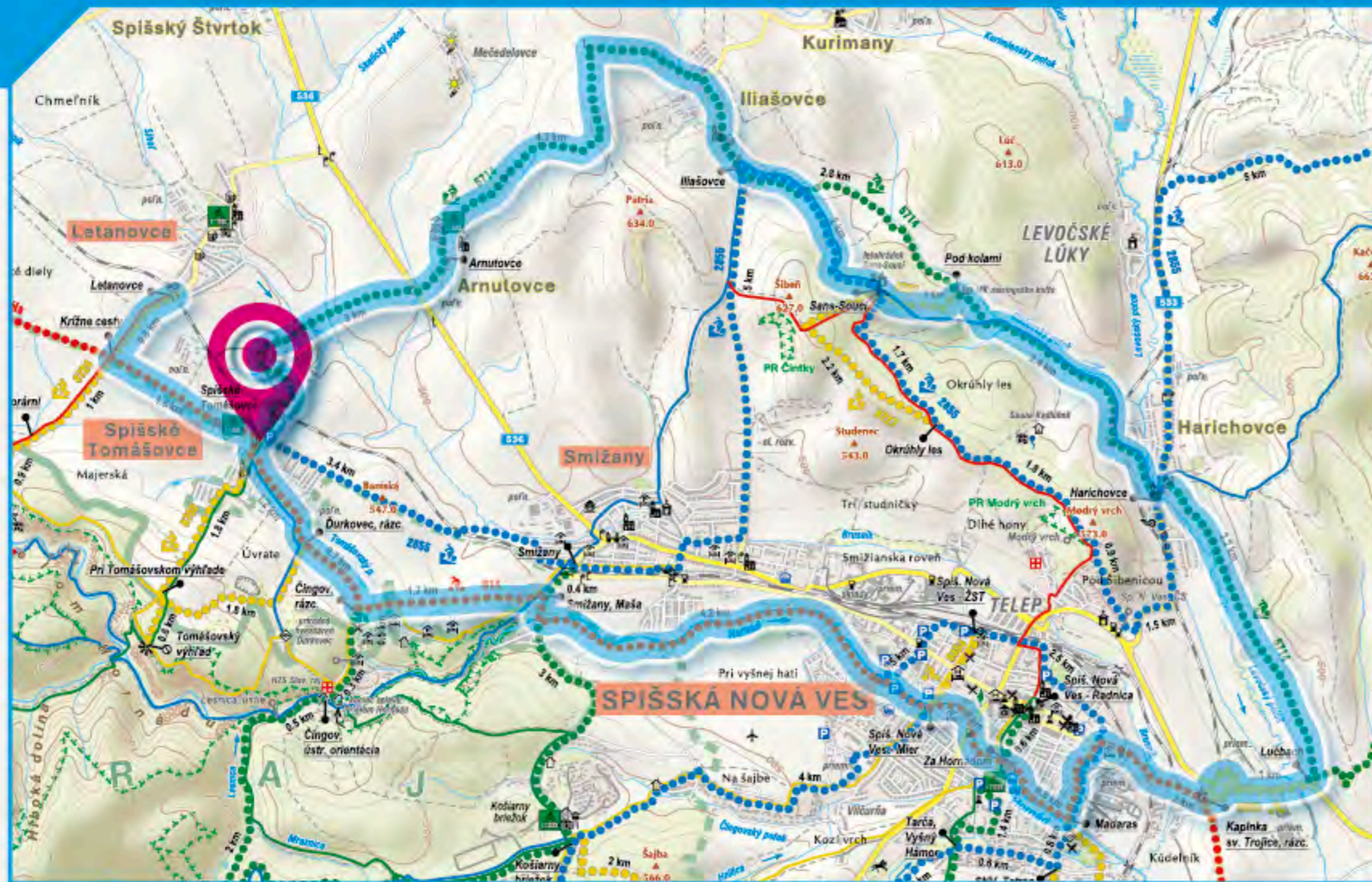
CYCLE LOOP CROSSROADS:

0 km Letanovce, train station → 0,8 km Krížne cesty → 1,5 km Spišské Tomášovce → 3,1 km Arnutovce → 4,8 km Iľiašovce → 2 km Sans-Souci → 0,9 km Pod kolami → 2,7 km Harichovce → 3,2 km Lučbach → 1,3 km Kaplnka sv. Trojice → 2 km Madaras - 0,8 km Za Hornádom → 1 km Sp. Nová Ves, Mier → 4,5 km Smižany, Maša → 1,7 km Čingov, rázc. → 0,8 km Ďurkovec, rázc. → 1,2 km Spišské Tomášovce → 1,5 km Krížne cesty → 0,8 km Letanovce, train station



The bike loop is characterized by routes through open landscapes with numerous diverse views of the Spiš region, minimal elevation, and interesting rest stops enriched with historical monuments and attractions.

On the cycling route from Letanovce, we head southwest from the tourist crossroads (535 m) near the train station, following the yellow marked cycling trail (CTZ no. 8724). We start with a gentle ascent on a quality asphalt road. After a mild descent at the cycling junction Krížne cesty (545 m), we turn left onto the cycling path, switching from the yellow to the red trail (CZT no. 014 Spišská Cycling Route) and head towards Spišské Tomášovce. At the road junction and the crossing of four cycling routes, we turn left onto the main road (III/3250), changing the red trail for the green one (CZT no. 2714), and alternately descend and ascend until we reach the road junction near Arnutovce. When passing through, we proceed straight with maximum caution (!) (busy 2nd-class road 536). We continue uphill towards Arnutovce, then turn left past the cycling signpost (517 m) to the edge of the village. We proceed on a sometimes faint dirt road of varying surface quality. Gradually, we gain altitude through a gentle ascent by a wooden cross until we reach a ridge with stunning panoramic views. At the ridge's peak, we turn left by 90 degrees and continue along the flat ridge toward a wayside shrine. (This short section may be harder to pass due to occasional farming.) At the shrine, we turn right by 90 degrees again and descend into Iľiašovce. Upon reaching the main road (III/3201), we turn right and pass through the village. At the road junction near the cycling signpost Iľiašovce (512 m), we turn left. After the village, from the playground (on the left), we switch to a concrete cycling road. After a short, comfortable stretch at the cycling path junction (blue no. 2855, green no. 5714), we continue straight on the blue trail with a long uphill climb to the forest. Entering the pine forest, we face a steep climb to Zámčisko Hill. The extra effort is well worth it. The reconstructed Sans-Souci Chapel and its surroundings are historical sites that are definitely worth seeing. You can also take advantage of the rest zone around the chapel nestled in picturesque nature. To continue, we change the blue trail to yellow (no. 8727), descending through the meadow and briefly through the forest, reconnecting with a concrete cycle path and the green trail (CZT no. 5714) (junction Pod kolami (480 m)). It's worth spending a few minutes here for a pleasant break and refreshment at MK Maringotka Kaffe. The bike loop continues by turning right and riding comfortably along the cycling road towards Harichovce. We enter Harichovce via a railway crossing, and the trail leads us through the local roads to the cycling junction (450 m) near the Church of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary. From the junction, we cross the bridge, turn right immediately after, and soon again turn right. We comfortably ride to the village's edge, continuing on a flat concrete cycling path to the junction Lučbach (437 m). From there, we face a few challenging kilometres on main and secondary roads, so we need to be cautious at intersections and while riding. From the junction Lučbach, we switch from the green trail to yellow (CZT no. 8855)



Sans-Souci chapel



Maringotka cafe - refreshment stop between Iľiašovce and Harichovce

and, after turning right, enter a busy 2nd-class road (536). In a slight uphill on the two-level road junction, we turn right towards Markušovce (III/3244). At the next junction, we also turn right (III/3244). Passing by the cycling junction Kaplnka sv. Trojice, rázc. (466 m), and by the chapel itself, we switch from the yellow trail to the red (CZT no. 014). After descending and crossing the bridge, we proceed straight and, after the railway crossing, enter Spišská Nová Ves, a historic town with many monuments. Besides that, there are plenty of places to recharge before tackling the last kilometres of the loop. At the roundabout, we take the 3rd exit and wind through the town's streets towards Hornád. At the cycling junction Madaras (440 m), we turn right onto the cycle path on the left bank and from the junction Za Hornádom (447 m), continue on the right bank of Hornád. **CAUTION (!) – we cross busy roads four times, so extra caution is required when crossing.** Exiting the town, we leave the asphalt surface for a gravel path leading to Smižany, Maša. Upon reaching the main road, we turn right, and after a slight uphill at the next road junction (signpost Smižany, Maša (487 m)), we turn left onto the main road (III/3250). In a steep climb (12%), we steadily gain altitude, which we will appreciate once we reach the top and enjoy amazing views of the High Tatras, the Hornád Basin, the Levoča Hills, and, behind us, Smižany and Spišská Nová Ves. We switch to higher gears and swiftly descend to the cycling junction Čingov, rázc. (510 m). We turn right and, along a flat road (passing the junction Ďurkovec, rázc. (512 m)), we soon reach Spišské Tomášovce. At the junction Sp. Tomášovce (537 m), we turn left, briefly follow a village road, then a cycling road, which safely guides us along a familiar section in the opposite direction to Letanovce.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** • Sans-Souci • Monuments of Spišská Nová Ves

# A CYCLING LOOP ALONG THE GLACKÁ ROAD, THE GERAVY PLATEAU, AND THE HNILEC VALLEY

STARTING POINT: **Stratená** ALTERNATIVE STARTING POINTS: **Stratenská Píla, Geravy, Havrania Dolina, Mlynky, Prostredný Hámor, Biele Vody, Palcmanská Maša,**



DIFFICULTY



LENGTH OF THE LOOP



**27** km

DURATION



**3:25** hod.

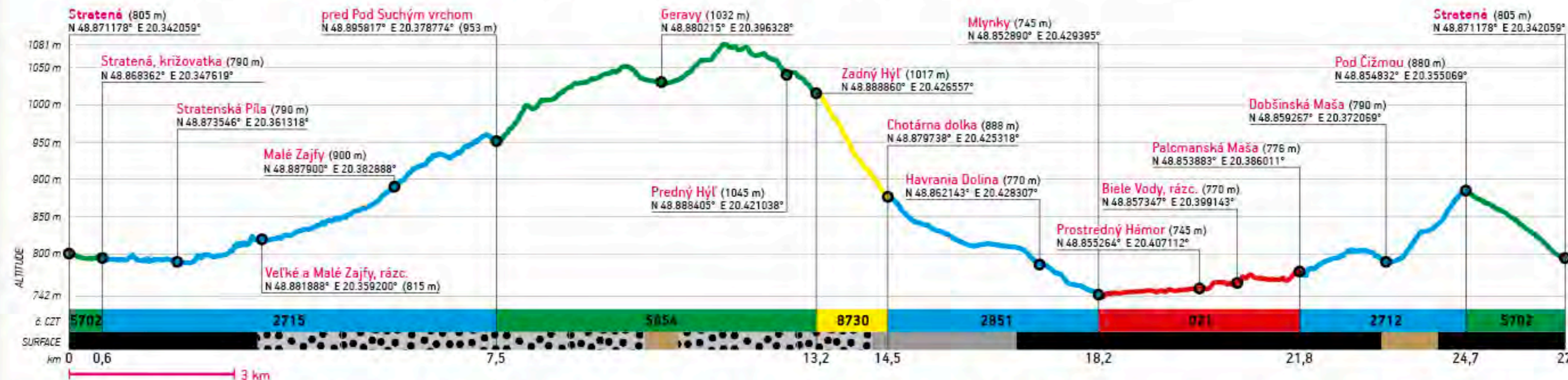
ELEVATION GAIN



**517** m

CYCLE LOOP CROSSROADS:

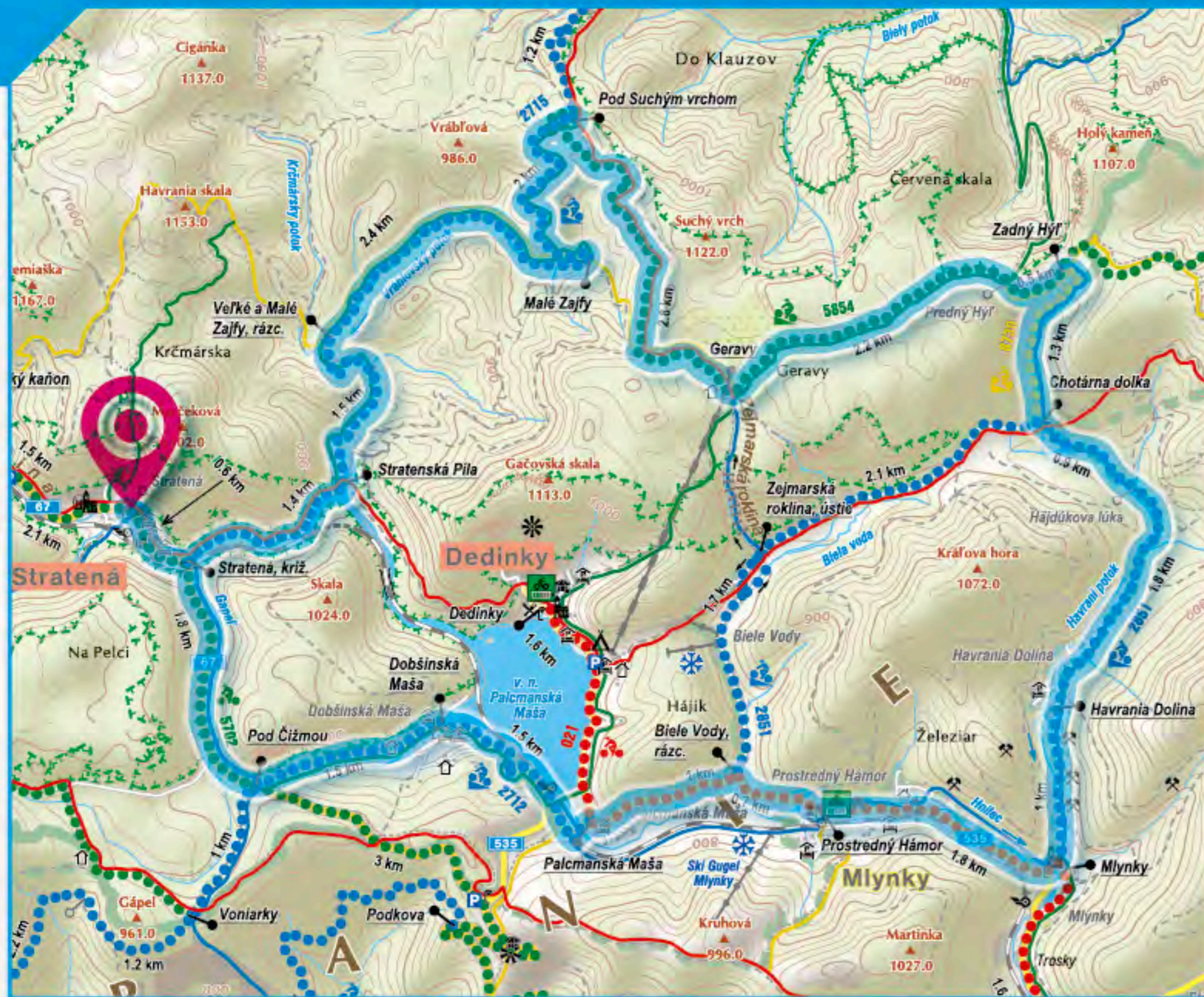
**0 km Stratená** → **0,6 km Stratená, križ.** → **1,3 km Stratenská Píla** → **1,5 km Veľké a malé Zajfy** → **2,3 km Malé Zajfy**  
 → **1,8 km Pod Suchým vrchom** → **2,9 km Geravy** → **2,2 km Predný Hýľ** → **0,6 km Zadný Hýľ** → **1,3 km Chotárna dolka**  
 → **2,7 km Havrania Dolina** → **1 km Mlynky** → **1,8 km Prostredný Hámor** → **0,7 km Biele Vody, rázc.** → **1,1 km Palcmanská Maša**  
 → **1,5 km Dobšinská Maša** → **1,4 km Pod Čížmou** → **1,8 km Stratená, križovatka** → **0,6 km Stratená**



This moderately challenging cycling loop passes through the Slovak Paradise National Park and requires good cycling skills on some short sections. The majority of the route leads through the forested areas of Slovak Paradise. The ride is enriched by mountain meadows on the Geravy plateau, Voniarky, and the Palcmanská Maša reservoir.

Stratená, originally a mining village located in the southern part of Slovak Paradise in the Hnilec valley, is the starting point of two described cycling loops. One of them is this interesting route. We start in the village centre from the tourist signpost and bus stop, following road 67 and the green cycling route (CZT no. 5702) in a southeast direction. Before the viaduct, we turn left off the main road around the Stratená crossroads cycle signpost (790 m) onto a local road. We switch the green cycling route to blue (CZT no. 2715). We ride on a flat asphalt road, passing through the dominant entrance to Slovak Paradise, next to the Hnilec River and later along the bay of the Palcmanská Maša reservoir. At Stratenská Píla (790 m), at the road junction near the tourist signpost, we turn left and continue on an asphalt road, enjoying a pleasant incline lined with limestone rock walls in the valley of the Krčmársky stream, until we reach the forest road junction of Malé and Veľké Zajfy (818 m). Here, the asphalt road ends, and we continue straight. After a few dozen meters, the wider part of the Vrábl'ovský stream valley opens up before us. We pass the Malé Zajfy tourist signpost (900 m). The road, with a reinforced and occasionally rocky surface, gradually increases in slope in some short sections. At the forest road junction, we stay alert to make the correct turn, guided by cycle route signs and small markers on trees. We leave the Glacká Road, switching the blue cycling route for the green (CZT no. 5854) and pedal on a less-used, continuously rising road above the Geravy plateau. At the forest road junction, we turn left and descend gently into the kingdom of mountain meadows and clearings with small woods. Geravy (1020 m), an important tourist hub and a popular place for rest and active leisure, is definitely worth a stop. The pleasant environment of mountain meadows and woods accompanies us until we reach Predný Hýľ (1045 m). We descend to Zadný Hýľ (1017 m), where at the forest road junction near the tourist signpost, we choose the right-hand forest road, changing the green cycling route for the yellow (CZT no. 8730). After a short gentle descent, our riding skills are tested by a steep downhill into Chotárna dolka, with a rocky and mostly washed-out surface. In Chotárna dolka (888 m), we choose the left-hand penetrated road, which is quite rough in places, and once again change the route color – from yellow to blue (CZT no. 2851). We descend, first steeply and then more gently and on flatter ground, into Havrania

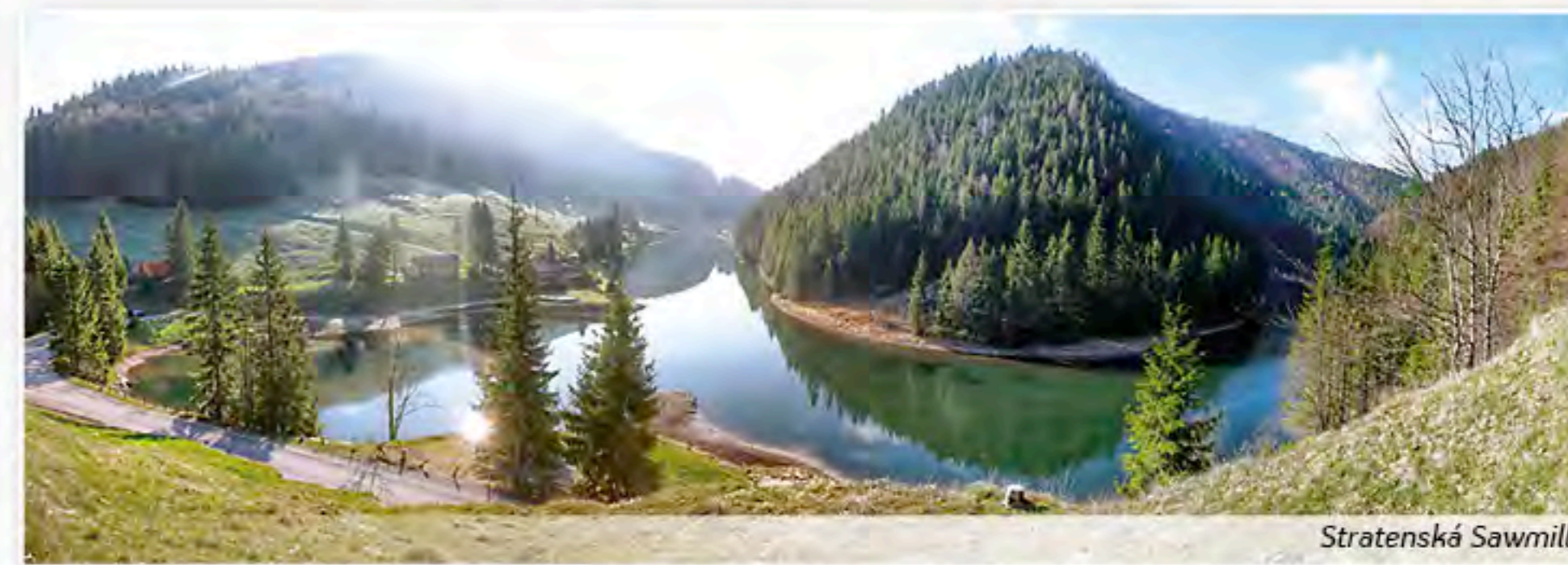




Chairlift Dedinky – Geravy



Geravy Plateau



Stratenská Sawmill

Dolina (770 m), where we connect to a local road and continue downhill on a good asphalt road to Mlynky (746 m). In Mlynky, we switch the blue cycling route to red (CZT no. 021 Hnilecká Cycle Route), turning right over the bridge, and after 100 meters, over another bridge, we turn right again onto the main road (II/535). We ride comfortably through other parts of the village – Prostredný Hámor (745 m) (charging station for e-bikes), the Bielych Vód junction (762 m), and Palcmanská Maša (782 m). At the road junction below the dam of the Palcmanská Maša reservoir (782 m), where we switch from the red cycling route to the blue (no. 2712), we turn left and continue over the bridge, under the dam, heading toward Dobšinská Maša. On the right-hand side, the water of the reservoir reflects. At the next junction, we turn right toward Dobšinská Maša (III/3408). In the square-like area of Dobšinská Maša (790 m), with a beautiful view of the reservoir, we turn right and immediately after the bridge, left, and begin climbing, first gently and then more steeply, up to a meadow. A wide meadow area with a dirt road opens up before us, and we continue briefly on flat ground, with a gradually steeper ascent, to road 67 and the tourist signpost at Pod Čižmou (886 m). From here, we are treated to views of the vast Voniarky, and behind us, an amazing view of the reservoir framed by the rocky slopes of Geravy. After turning right, we change the route colour for the last time from blue to green (CZT no. 5702) and descend on road 67 back to Stratená. At the junction after the viaduct, we turn left and comfortably reach the end of the cycling loop.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** • Palcmanská Maša Reservoir – bay at Stratenská Píla • Geravy Plateau • Glacká Road • Climbing Wall at Stratenská Píla

# THROUGH STRATENSKÝ CANYON, KOPANEC TO PODLESOK AND BACK VIA THE HISTORIC GLACKÁ ROAD

STARTING POINT: **Stratená**

ALTERNATIVE STARTING POINTS: Podlesok, Hrabušice



DIFFICULTY



LENGTH OF THE LOOP



**45 km**

DURATION



**6:15** hod.

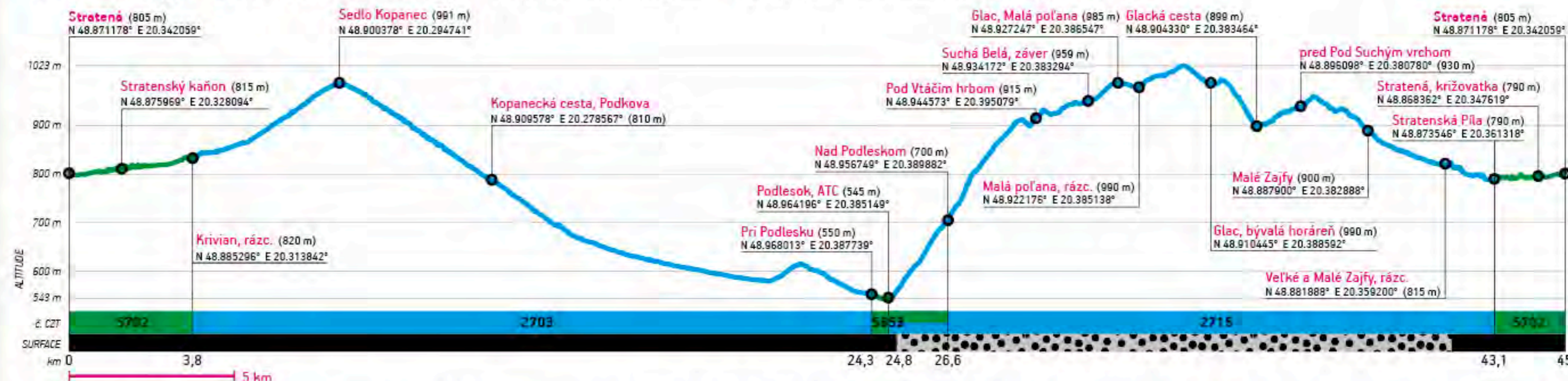
ELEVATION GAIN



**864 m**

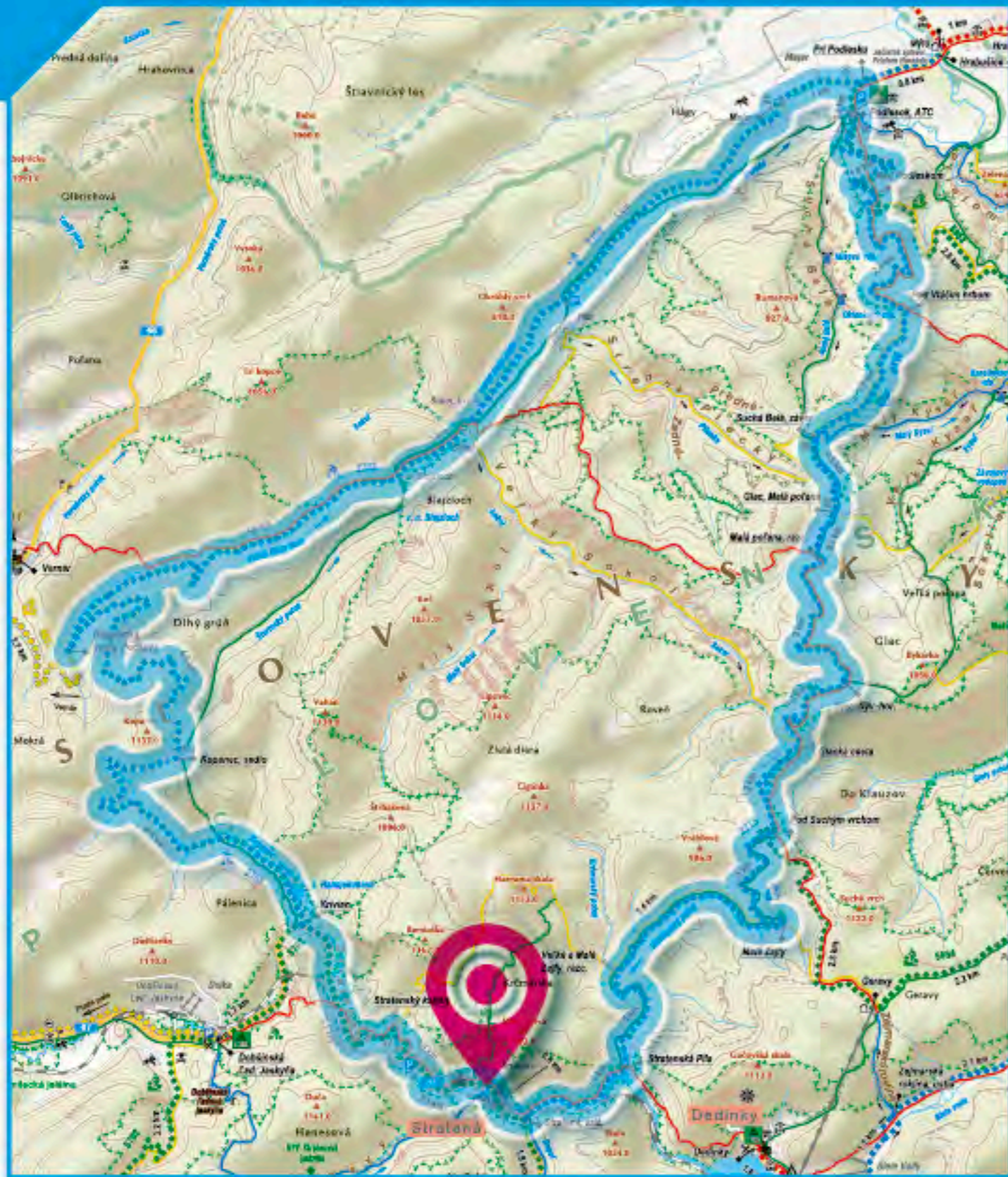
CYCLE LOOP CROSSROADS:

0 km **Stratená** → 1,6 km **Stratenský kaňon** → 2,2 km **Krivian** → 4,4 km **Kopanec, sedlo** → 4,6 km **Kopanecká cesta, Podkova** → 11,5 km **Pri Podlesku** → 0,5 km **Podlesok** → 1,8 km **Nad Podleskom** → 2,7 km **Pod Vtáčim hrbom** → 1,6 km **Suchá Belá, záver** → 0,9 km **Glac, Malá poľana** → 0,6 km **Malá poľana, rázc.** → 2,2 km **Glac, bývalá horáreň** → 1,4 km **Glacká cesta** → 1,3 km **Pod Suchým vrchom** → 2 km **Malé Zajfy** → 2,3 km **Veľké a Malé Zajfy** → 1,5 km **Stratenská pila** → 1,3 km **Stratená, križovatka** → 0,8 km **Stratená**



A longer cycling loop passing through rare areas and charming corners of the Slovak Paradise. It connects the Hnilec Valley with the Hornád Basin via two possible routes for cyclists through the Slovak Paradise – the Kopanec Pass and the Glacká Road. The loop, especially in the second part, requires excellent physical fitness, good cycling skills, and a well-maintained bike.

The second cycling loop from Stratená starts like the first, in the centre of the village from the tourist junction and bus stop on the first-class road (67) and green cycling route (CZT no. 5702), but in the opposite direction. Right after leaving the village, you can admire one of the gems of the Slovak Paradise, the romantic gorge – Stratenský Canyon, which is part of the Stratená National Nature Reserve. Before the eastern portal of the road tunnel, turn right. Upon entering the canyon, you'll notice a memorial plaque from 1867 on the rock wall above the first information board of the educational trail. Stratenský Canyon is highly attractive with its natural surroundings, featuring magnificent limestone cliffs and the clear waters of the Hnilec River. Exit the gorge at the western tunnel portal, turn right, and continue on the main road. To the right, above the meandering Hnilec, stand the towering limestone cliffs of the Srńcie Skaly Nature Reserve. At the road and trail junction of Krivian (820 m), turn right onto the third-class road (3227). Switch from the green to the blue cycling route (CZT no. 2703). Ahead is the so-called Kopanecká Road, which offers not only functionality but also something extra for nature lovers and fans of relaxed, swift rides. After a gentle climb, you'll come across the picturesque artificial pond Hansjakubová. Continue with a slight ascent through the forest along the Kopanec stream valley, followed by a steeper climb after reaching the Poprad district boundary, leading to the Kopanec Pass (990 m). From the pass, enjoy the breath-taking view of the valley you've traversed and the surrounding Javorina Mountain (1181 m). The Kopanecké Mountain Meadows, home to a rich variety of plant species (the highest biodiversity in Europe – up to 75 species of vascular plants per square meter), are also impressive. After a short break, continue a long descent with hairpin turns, accompanied by occasional views. The road is narrow, so proceed with caution (!). The experiences of the descent can be enriched with a short detour (300 m) to Blajzloch, a beautiful corner of Slovak Paradise with its own genius loci. Continue with a comfortable ride along alternating flat, climbing, and descending sections until reaching the road and trail junction at Pri Podlesku (550 m), where you'll turn right towards Podlesok. Change from the blue to the green cycling route (CZT no. 5853). Passing through the important tourist-recreational area of Podlesok, it is recommended to refuel as the most challenging part of the



*From Stratená to Stratenská sawmill*



*Srnčie rocks*



*On the way to Zajfy*

loop is ahead. From the junction, continue over a narrow bridge and, after turning right, head towards the forest. The first challenging climb follows a reinforced forest road until reaching the junction of hiking and cycling trails Nad Podleskom (700 m). After a rest, head right and follow the blue cycling route (CZT no. 2715) through the toughest climb, stretching 2.7 km. The rough, rocky surface of the forest road adds to the difficulty. From the Pod Vtáčim hrbom junction (915 m) to the Suchá Belá, Záver junction (960 m), the incline gradually eases. The rest area at Suchá Belá, Záver is an ideal place for a break and refreshment. From here, head left (south) with a slight climb to the viewpoint at the Glac, Malá Pol'ana junction (982 m). You are now on the largest preserved plateau in Slovak Paradise – Glac, with numerous karst sinkholes and karren fields, offering views of Malá Pol'ana and, in the background, Havrania Skala. Crossing the karst plateau Glac on a reinforced forest road with an undulating profile, you'll pass several trail junctions – Malá Pol'ana (990 m) and Glac, Former Forester's Lodge (990 m) (with a preserved well). After this junction, exercise caution during a steep and technically challenging descent (!). At the Glacká Road junction (900 m), turn right and traverse to the Pod Suchým Váškom junction (930 m), where you'll face one last short but manageable climb (400 m). From there, it's all downhill to the end of the loop. After a short descent past the Malé Zajfy junction (900 m), ride through the scenic wider section of the Vrábl'ovský Creek. Enter the forest and, after the Malé and Veľké Zajfy junction (818 m), continue straight downhill on an asphalt road. On blind curves, reduce speed and stick to the right side of the road (!). Passing the former forester's lodge (Piesky), continue downhill to Stratenská Píla, reaching another charming spot with water – the Palcmanská Maša Reservoir. Turn right and enjoy a comfortable ride towards the loop's endpoint. At the road junction, merge onto the first-class road (!), switch from the blue to the green cycling route (CZT no. 5702), and return to the starting point of the loop in the centre of Stratená.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** • Stratenský Canyon • Artificial lakes Blajzloch and Hansjakubová • Kopanecké Meadows • Glac

# EXPLORING THE HISTORICAL MONUMENTS OF LEVOČA

STARTING POINT: Smižany

ALTERNATIVE STARTING POINTS: Spišská Nová Ves, Markušovce



DIFFICULTY



LENGTH OF THE LOOP



**36,5 km**

DURATION



**3:30 hod.**

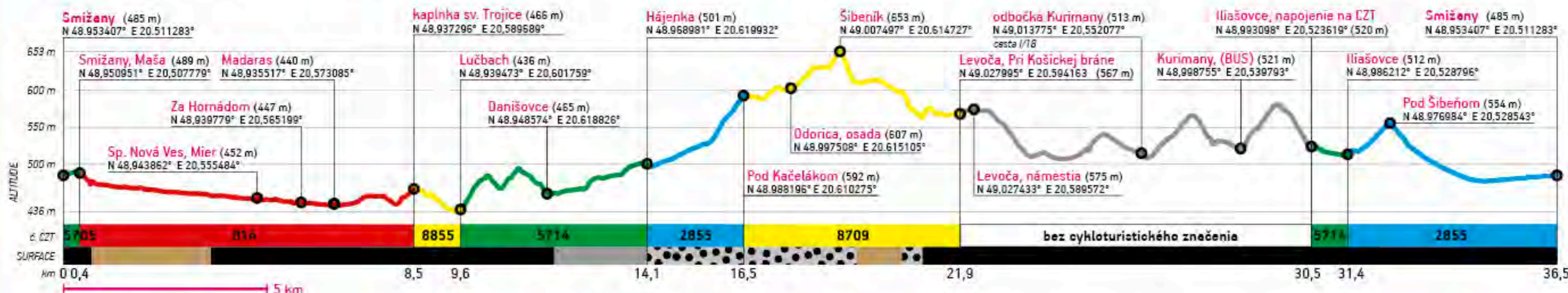
ELEVATION GAIN



**512 m**

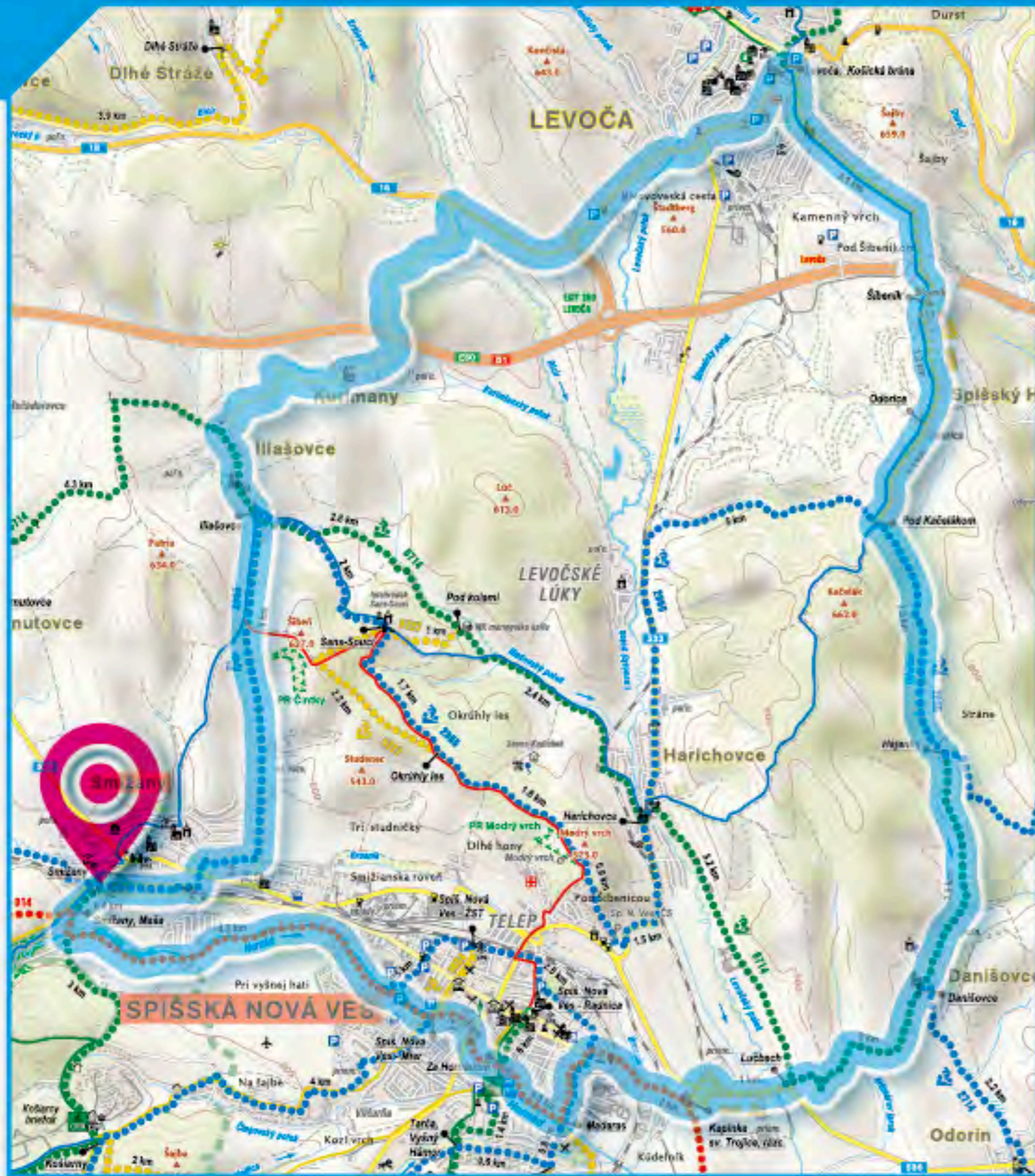
CYCLE LOOP CROSSROADS:

0 km Smižany → 0,4 km Smižany, Maša → 4,3 km Sp.Nová Ves, Mier → 1 km Za Hornádom → 0,8 km Madaras → 2 km kaplnka sv. Trojice → 1,1 km Lučbach → 2,1 km Danišovce → 2,4 km Hájenka → 2,4 km Pod Kačelákom → 1,2 km Odorica, osada → 1,2 km Šibeník → 3 km Levoča, Pri Košickej bráne → 0,5 km Levoča, námestia → 4 km odbočka Kurimany → 2,4 km Kurimany, aut. zastávka → 1,7 km Iľašovce, napojenie na CZT → 0,9 km Iľašovce → 1 km Pod Šibeňom → 4 km Smižany



A moderately challenging cycling tour focused on discovering the rich history of the Spiš region, complemented by breath-taking views. The route is mostly on roads with asphalt surfaces, while the section from Danišovce to Levoča is suitable only for mountain bikes.

Smižany is an excellent starting point for cycling trips with various focuses and destinations. One such goal could be exploring the history of its nearby surroundings, combined with scenic views of the Spiš landscape. This described cycling loop fulfils that aim. We set off from the junction of marked cycling routes in Smižany (485 m) near the railway underpass. We follow the green cycling trail (no. 5705) through the underpass, then turn right onto a third-class road (3250) toward Maša. At the next road junction near the Smižany, Maša (489 m) marker, we turn left onto a local road. After a descent, immediately after crossing the bridge over the Hornád River, we turn left onto an unpaved dirt road, which follows the right bank of the Hornád toward Spišská Nová Ves. At the same time, we switch from the green trail to the red one (CZT no. 014). We pass through the district town, rich in historical monuments (city monument reserve), along a cycling path running along the Hornád River, gradually passing several route markers such as Sp. Nová Ves, Mier (452 m), Za Hornádom (447 m), and Madaras (440 m). When crossing the main roads (4x), we increase caution (!). At the Madaras marker, we turn left onto a local road (Mlynská Street) and continue along with the red trail until we reach the roundabout. At the roundabout, we take the first exit and continue across the railway crossing out of town. At the Kaplnka sv. Trojice (466 m) marker at a busy (!) road junction, we turn left and switch from the red trail to the yellow one (CZT no. 8855). At the next junction, we turn right, then right again onto the main road (II/536). After a gentle descent, we turn left past the Lučbach marker (436 m), switching from the yellow trail to the green one (CZT no. 5714), and pedal uphill toward Danišovce (road III/3247). We lose the elevation we gained for the second time with a descent into Danišovce, where we turn diagonally left between the municipal office and the statue of Mary Magdalene with the town's coat of arms at the Danišovce marker (465 m). After leaving the town, we enter a predominantly pine forest on a road with a tarred surface, ascending gently and crossing a flat stretch until we reach the Hájenka marker (500 m). Here, we turn left onto a paved forest road, ascending through the woods to its edge, arriving at the Pod Kačelákom marker (592 m). We switch from the blue trail to the yellow one (CZT no. 8709). From here to Levoča, many attractive views regularly open up to us. We continue straight through open meadows and farmland along a dirt road with a rolling, gently rising profile. We pass the Odorica settlement (607 m) with its eco-farm, after which, following a slightly more challenging ascent, we reach the highest point of the cycling loop – Šibeník (653 m), offering stunning views of nearby Levoča with the High Tatras in the background, Spiš Castle with the Branisko Mountains in the distance, and the Levoča Hills. From Šibeník, we descend past the motorway tunnel, the Jewish cemetery, and a gardening settlement, and enter Levoča. We pass through intersections (on Štúrova Street) without turning, always going straight. At the intersection with the first-class road (18), we turn left and continue straight, heading into town through the Košická Gate. Levoča (575 m),



View of Levoča and the Tatras from Šibenik



Levoča



Monuments in Spišská Nová Ves

listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site as part of the "Levoča, Spiš Castle and Associated Cultural Monuments" site, will surely captivate every visitor with its atmosphere and uniqueness. In the historic square, we find a range of pleasant places to refresh and recharge our energy. Rested and filled with experiences, we continue riding more kilometres of the loop along an unmarked section. We descend through the town (along Nová Street) to a roundabout, where we take the first exit and face three uncomfortable kilometers on the busy main road (I/18). After a gentle descent at the turn to Kurimany, we turn onto a less frequented third-class road (III/3201). After a gradual climb and subsequent descent over the motorway, we enter the small Spiš village of Kurimany. We pass by the Baroque Roman Catholic Church of St. Quirinus from the 17th century (on the left) and at the end of the village, we climb another gradual ascent, rewarded by panoramic views of the Spiš landscape. We rest briefly with a descent into Iliašovce, where at the second road junction, we join the green trail (CZT no. 5714), which briefly follows the main road. Before the end of the village, we switch from the green trail to the blue one (CZT no. 2855) at the Iliašovce marker (512 m) and continue on the main road, ascending to the saddle below Šibeň. We then descend into Smižany. Before the bridge (the fifth street on the right), we turn right (Nábřežná Street). At the next junction near the football field, we turn left, cross the bridge, and then cross the main road (II/536) (!). Before the railway crossing, we turn right and ride down a street along the railway track, reaching the end of the cycling loop.

- HIGHLIGHTS:**
- monuments of Spišská Nová Ves (monument reserve)
  - Danišovce – early Gothic Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary Magdalene from the 13th century
  - Odorica eco-farm
  - Levoča
  - scenic views



DIFFICULTY



LENGTH OF THE LOOP



**22** km

DURATION



**2:15** hod.

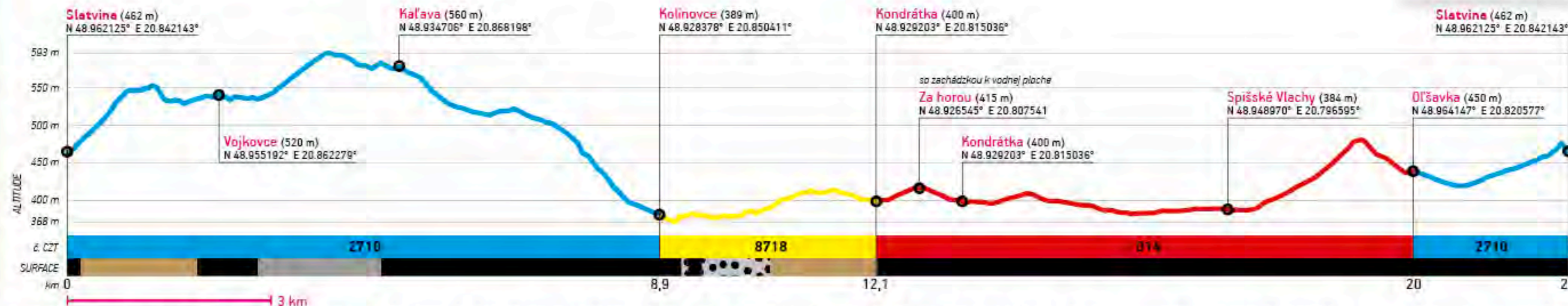
ELEVATION GAIN



**377** m

CYCLE LOOP CROSSROADS:

0 km Slatvina → 2,3 km Vojkovce → 2,7 km Kaľava → 3,9 km Kolinovce → 3,2 km Kondrátka → 0,6 km Za horou → 0,6 km Kondrátka → 4 km Spišské Vlachy → 2,7 km Oľšavka → 2,3 km Slatvina



A shorter cycling loop with some challenging climbs, mostly on asphalt roads, offering scenic views of the Spiš region and the Branisko mountain range. We recommend using train transportation and disembarking at Spišské Vlachy to explore this beautiful part of Spiš.

The cycling loop starts from the centre of a small village under the Branisko mountains, heading east from the trail junction in Slatvina (462 m) along the blue cycling trail (CZT no. 2710), following the yellow hiking trail to the junction Vyšné lúky (540 m). After 60 m at the crossroads of village roads, turn left, and after another 150 m or so, turn right onto a dirt road. After the hiking junction at Vyšné lúky (540 m), leave the yellow hiking (walking) trail and continue right on a less distinct dirt road. In a sharp right-hand bend, cross the Buglovec stream, and after a short gentle descent, traverse the foothills of the Buglovec massif into the village of Vojkovce. From the village road, turn left onto the main road (III/3258). Shortly after the right-hand bend at the crossroads near the church and the junction in Vojkovce (520 m), turn right onto a local road; keep to the left. Continue comfortably along a narrow flat street through the last intersection in the village, which you pass without turning. From the village's edge, a 600-meter steep climb through open countryside begins on a road with an older, crumbling surface. At the start of the second half of the climb, you'll notice a solitary tree with a wooden cross on the left. The hard-earned elevation will be rewarded with stunning views of the Spiš region. Switch from low to high gears, and with a rolling gentle descent, approach Kaľava. At the road junction, turn right onto the main road (III/323256) and descend into the village of Kolinovce. Before Kolinovce, pay attention at the crossroads – (!) as you enter a busy main road (II/547). Turn left and after a short stretch on road 547, at the nearest junction (on the left, the junction Kolinovce (389 m)), turn right, switching from the blue to the yellow cycling trail (CZT no. 8718). A narrow metal bridge over the Hornád River and several metal steps will force you to dismount your bike. After the final step onto the local road, turn sharply right. At the end of the street, at the forest road junction, bear diagonally right (not through the underpass); the road surface changes to solid. Continue along the road between the railway line and the Hornád River. After a right-hand and then left-hand bend, pass through an underpass. Beyond the underpass, head right toward the forest, following its edge, briefly entering the forest and turning left when joining the main road. From the junction at Kondrátka (400 m), take a detour (800 m) to visit the charming recreational area with a water surface known as Za horou. Return to the Kondrátka junction (400 m) and continue a pleasant ride along the asphalt road to Spišské Vlachy. At the same time, switch from the yellow trail to the red one (CZT no. 014). At the train station, turn right, and head toward the town centre, rich in historical monuments (heritage zone). At the roundabout, take the first exit, continue to the road junction, and after crossing the bridge, turn left – (!) watch out as you turn onto the main road (II/547). At the first junction, turn right towards Oľšavka, onto a lower-category road (III/3259). Pedal through a gentle climb, followed by a descent into Oľšavka, where beautiful views of the highest peak of the Branisko mountains, Sl'ubica (1,129 m), and other peaks – Suchý hrb, Rajtopíky – will open up. In Oľšavka, turn right past the church at the junction, cross a narrow bridge, and turn right again. The final kilometres of the loop are on a very low-traffic road. At the end of the loop, a last long climb (1.5 km) will challenge you, but from the top, you'll coast down a short descent (100 m) to the finish.



Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary in Slatvina



Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary in Spišské Vlachy



Mineral spring in Slatvina



Za horou



Sabinka Lodge at Za Horou

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Slatvina – Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary from the first half of the 15th century
- Slatvina – Anna mineral spring
- Tourist-recreational area Za horou
- Heritage zone in Spišské Vlachy

# DISCOVER THE NEARBY SPIŠSKÁ NOVÁ VES AND ITS SURROUNDINGS

STARTING POINT: Spišské Tomášovce

ALTERNATIVE STARTING POINTS: Čingov, Košiarny briežok, Spišská Nová Ves, Smižany



DIFFICULTY



LENGTH OF THE LOOP



**33 km**

DURATION



**3:10** hod.

ELEVATION GAIN

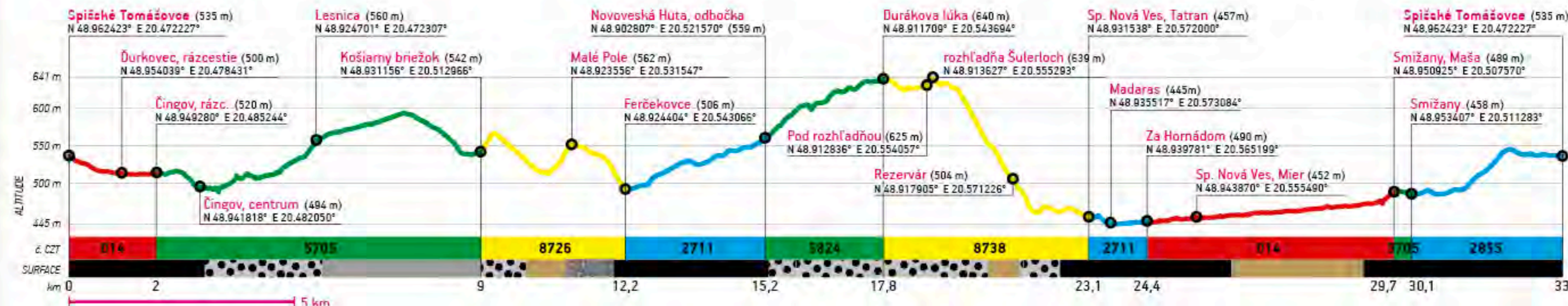


**434 m**

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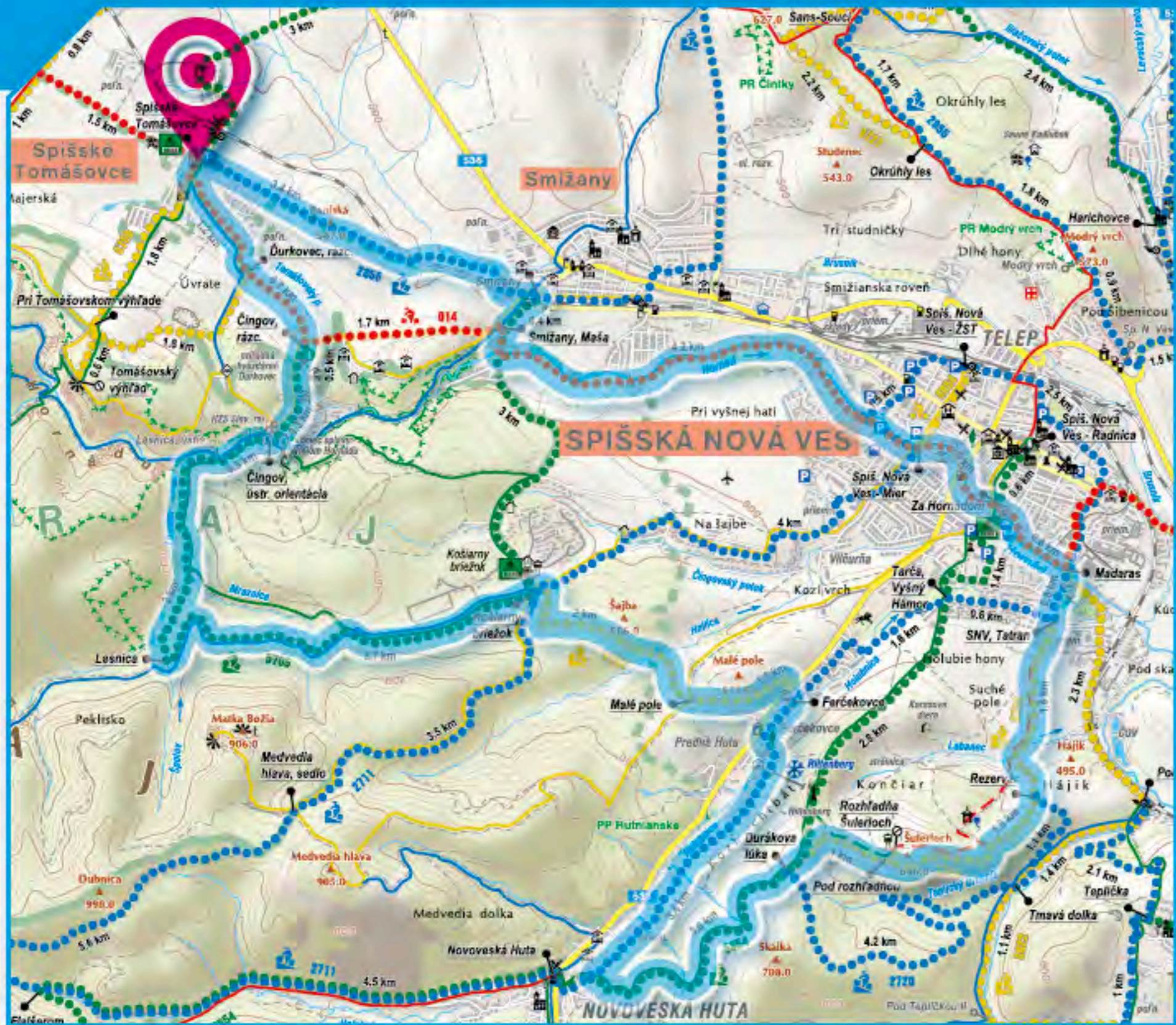
CYCLE LOOP CROSSROADS:

0 km Spišské Tomášovce → 1,2 km Ďurkovec, rázc. → 0,8 km Čingov, rázc. → 0,9 km Čingov, centrum → 2,5 km Lesnica  
 → 3,6 km Košiarny briežok → 2 km Malé Pole → 1,2 km Ferčekovce → 3 km Novoveská Huta, odbočka → 2,6 km Duráková lúka  
 → 0,9 km Pod rozhl'adňou → 0,2 km rozhľadňa Šulerloch → 0,2 km Pod rozhl'adňou → 1,6 km Rezervár → 1,7 km Sp. Nová Ves, Tatran  
 → 0,5 km Madaras → 0,8 km Za Hornádom → 1 km Sp. Nová Ves, Mier → 4,3 km Smižany, Maša → 0,4 km Smižany → 3,3 km Spišské Tomášovce

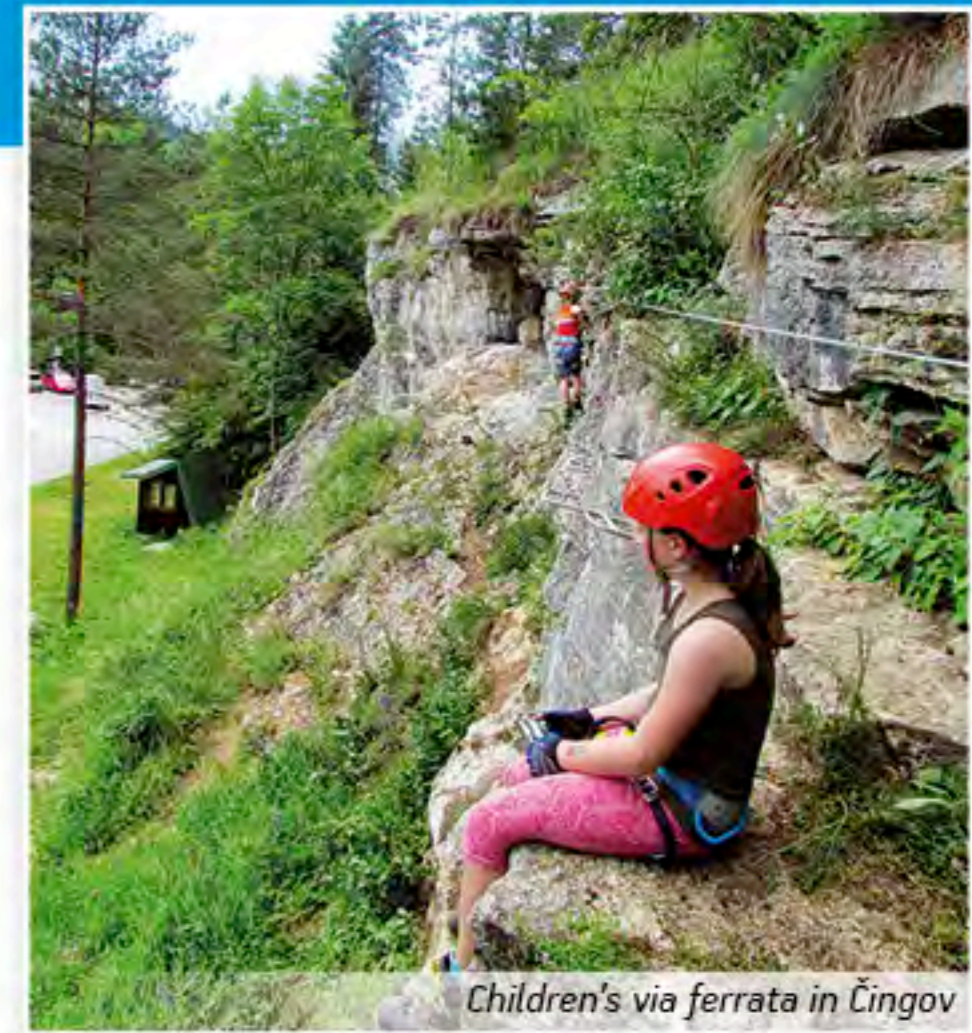


This cycling loop is moderately challenging, featuring a variety of surfaces, passing through open countryside, forests, villages, and a town. It offers access to the Šulerloch lookout tower. The cycling journey begins at the intersection of four cycling routes in Spišské Tomášovce (535 m). The first few kilometres of the loop are downhill along a third-class road (3250) and a marked cycling route – the red cycling trail (CZT No. 014 Spišská Cycling Route). At the first road intersection, turn left and continue downhill towards the cycling junction Ďurkovec, crossroads (510 m), losing elevation. The flat section brings us to the junction at the cycling intersection Čingov, crossroads (510 m), which we pass straight through, switching from the red trail to the green one (CZT No. 5705). We pass through the tourist and recreational area of Čingov, with two caves and a children's ferrate in its central part. From the tourist junction Čingov, centre (495 m), we continue slightly to the right, briefly along a gravel forest road, then transition to a narrow trail leading to a small metal bridge over the Hornád River. Here, we can enjoy views of the enchanting canyon section of the Hornád. After the bridge, at the junction Lesnica, mouth (498 m), we turn slightly left, continuing uphill along a forest road before descending to a ford across the Lesnica stream. After crossing the ford, we keep left. At the next forest road junction, we turn slightly right and ascend, passing through Smižanská meadow towards the cycling junction Lesnica (560 m). At the junction, we turn left and climb up to another forest road with an older, rather rough gravel surface, riding easy kilometres through the forest. Later, we pass the edge of Bikšová Meadow, descending gently through the forest at a safe speed. After passing a barrier at the junction, we turn right and continue along the edge of the forest to the intersection of several tourist and cycling routes at Košiarny Briežok (528 m). To the left, there is an opportunity for rest, refreshments, and scenic views from the climbing wall. At the tourist junction and intersection of five forest roads, we choose the slightly right-hand path with a barrier and follow the yellow cycling trail (CZT No. 8726). After the barrier, we climb to the forest meadow (Šajbová), turn left, and descend gently to the edge of the meadow, which we cross in a south-easterly direction. After crossing the Hlinica stream, we turn left and immediately right, climbing to the ridge to the cycling junction Malé Pole (550 m), where we are treated to lovely views. We turn left, and after less than 100 m, we turn right and descend along a street of new buildings to the main road (II/533), which we cross. Entering Ferčekovce, we turn right at the junction of local roads at the cycling junction Ferčekovce (506 m), switching from the yellow trail to the blue one (CZT No. 2711) and covering more kilometres toward Novoveská Huta. At the end of the paved cycle path in Novoveská Huta, after a barrier, we exit onto a local road, where we turn left and climb toward the forest, following the green cycling trail (CZT No. 5854). After the barrier, a gentle climb follows along a forest road through a coniferous forest, meadow, and again through the forest. At the cycling junction Duráková Meadow (640 m), we continue straight, passing two forest road intersections without turning. We switch from the green trail to the yellow one (CZT No. 8738). We alternate between descending through mountain meadows and forests to a grassy saddle, turning





Šulerloch Lookout tower



Children's via ferrata in Čingov



Views from the Šulerloch Lookout tower

right, and gently climbing to the cycling junction Pod Rozhl'adňou (625 m). A short detour uphill (150 m to the left) to the Šulerloch lookout tower offers the chance to enjoy a stunning panoramic view of the Hornád Basin with the High Tatras in the background, Spišská Nová Ves, the Levoča Hills, and the surrounding nature. The area around the lookout tower is also a pleasant spot for rest and refreshments. We return to the junction Pod Rozhl'adňou, turn left, and descend along a forest road to hilly meadows with views. We descend along a dirt road, and at the cycling junction Rezervár (504 m), we choose the left direction, continuing downhill to a gravel road in the Labanec stream valley. Turning right, we ride comfortably into Spišská Nová Ves. After crossing local road intersections, we switch from the yellow trail to the blue one (CZT No. 2711). At the next intersection, we exit onto the main road (!), turn right, and descend toward the Hornád River. After the bridge, at the cycling junction Madaras (440 m), we switch from the blue trail to the red one (CZT No. 014), turning left onto the cycle path along the left bank of the Hornád River, and from the cycling junction Za Hornádom (447 m), along the right bank. NOTE (!) – we cross busy roads four times, so extra caution is advised when crossing. Leaving the town, we switch from an asphalt surface to gravel, riding through Smižany, Maša. When exiting onto the main road, we turn right, climbing gently to the next road intersection (junction Smižany, Maša (487 m)), where we turn left onto the main road (III/3250). In a steep climb (12%), we gain elevation, which we will appreciate when we reach the ridge and enjoy breath-taking views of the High Tatras, Hornád Basin, Levoča Hills, and, behind us, Smižany and Spišská Nová Ves. We shift to higher gears and descend to the cycling junction Čingov, crossroads (510 m). We turn right and, after a short flat section, arrive back in Spišské Tomášovce.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** • Čingov – Tourist and recreational area, children's ferrate • Košiarny Briežok – Tourist and recreational area • Šulerloch Lookout Tower • Monuments in Spišská Nová Ves

Cycling main routes form the basic 'arteries' of the network of cycling routes in Slovakia. Two long-distance marked cycling routes run through the Spiš region: the **Spiš Cycling Route (No. 014)**, which is 173 km long, and the **Hnilecká Cycling Route (No. 021)**, which is 70 km long. In combination with local marked cycling routes, they provide access to other attractions and gems of Spiš, creating numerous possibilities for creating unique cycling circuits.



## SPIŠ CYCLING ROUTE

STARTING POINTS: Hrabušice, Mýto – Prielom Dunajca, the state border

CYCLE LOOP CROSSROADS:

0 km Hrabušice, Mýto → 0,9 km Hrabušice, BUS → 3,7 km Krížne cesty → 1,5 km Spišské Tomášovce → 1,2 km Ďurkovec, rázc. → 0,8 km Čingov, rázc. → 1,7 km Smižany, Maša → 4,3 km Sp. Nová Ves, Mier → 1,1 km Za Hornádom → 0,8 km Madaras → 2 km Kaplnka sv. Trojice → 4 km Markušovce → 2,5 km Olše → 1,8 km Matejovce nad Hornádom → 2,6 km Chrasť nad Hornádom → 1,9 km Vítkovce → 2,8 km Olcava → 2,2 km Blatná → 3,5 km Za horou → 0,6 km Kondrátko → 3,9 km Spišské Vlachy → 2,8 km Olšavka → 3,1 km Žehra → 1,6 km Hodkovce, kaštieľ → 1,2 km Spišský hrad, rázc. → 3,2 km Bijacovce → 4,4 km Paršivá → 6,1 km Brutovce → 2,4 km Olšavica → 3,2 km križovatka CZT → 2,5 km Nižné Repaše, odbočka Torysky → 2,1 km Torysky → 2,8 km Hrby, pol. chata → 3,5 km Levočská dolina, Podhrby → 2 km Levočská dolina, osada → 1,5 km Levočská dolina, rampa → 1,7 km Levočská dolina, ATC → 2 km Levoča → 5,8 km Brezová → 2 km Hradisko, odbočka → 4,7 km Tvarožná → 6 km Ľubica → 3,9 km Kežmarok, sever → 7,3 km Spišská Belá, Srdiečko → 4,2 km Slovenská Ves → 3,6 km Vygoda → 4,9 km Magurské sedlo → 9,6 km Spišské Hanušovce → 14 km Červený Kláštor → 3,2 km Haligovce → 3,7 km Veľký Lipník → 6,8 km Lesnica → 2,4 km Ústie Lesnického potoka → 0,5 km Prielom Dunajca, štátna hranica



GPX

LENGTH  
OF THE LOOP



173 km

DURATION



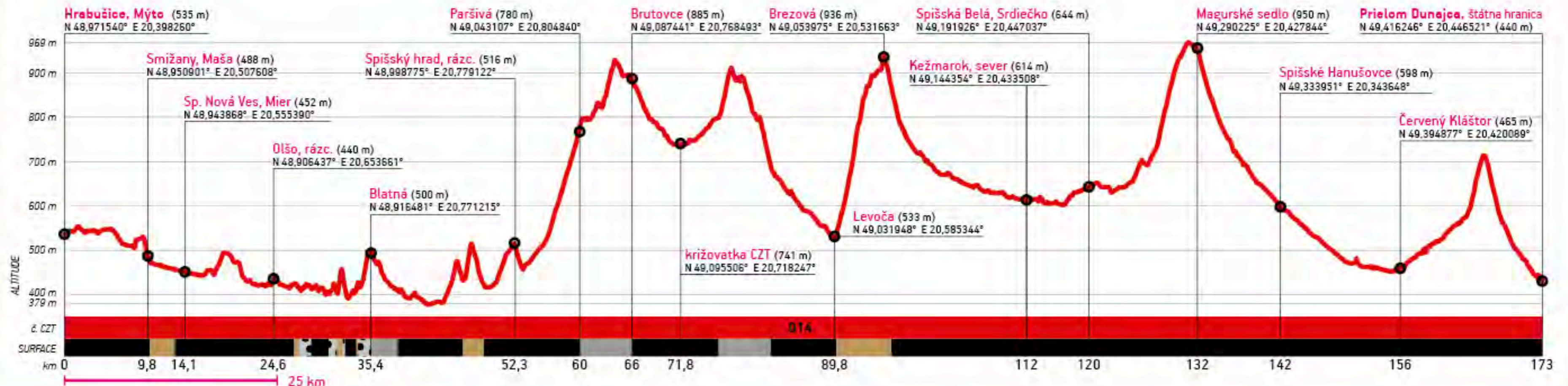
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ELEVATION GAIN



2445 m

The SCM is routed along Class II and III roads, local roads, and in its southern part and around Levoča, also on field and forest paths.



The Spiš Cycling Route (SCM) offers the opportunity to explore the natural, cultural, and spiritual wealth of historic Spiš, from the southern Spiš region to the border with Poland. During the journey through Spiš on a bicycle, many historical and natural treasures and attractions await the cyclist. An interesting feature of the SCM is that at both of its starting points, in the south and north of Spiš, it passes through national parks. In the south, it goes through the Slovak Paradise National Park, and in the north, it traverses the Pieniny National Park. Another specific feature of the SCM is that it starts in the south near the Hornád Gorge and in the north near the Dunajec Gorge. A rarity of this enchanting region is that it provides access to two Carthusian monasteries – in the south, the ruins of the Carthusian monastery at Kláštorisko, and in the north, the slightly younger and better-preserved monastery at Červený Kláštor. The SCM also makes many other historical and natural rarities accessible. Above all, it covers areas and monuments inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List: “Levoča, Spiš Castle, and the surrounding monuments,” as well as the wooden Evangelical Articular Church of the Holy Trinity in Kežmarok. During the cycling trip or trips, one can visit many other admirable monuments of Spiš and enjoy the surrounding nature.

The southern part of the SCM begins by the Hornád River in Hrabušice - Mýto and leads through its valley all the way to Spišské Vlachy. Some sections of the highway are routed along cycling paths, which increases the safety and comfort of riding a bicycle. The SCM, in combination with the local network of marked cycling and hiking trails, allows visitors to admire the accessible natural wonders of the Slovak Paradise – gorges, the historical rarity of the Slovak Paradise – the archaeological site of Kláštorisko, Letanovský mill (Carthusian bridge), and Tomášovský view. In the initial kilometers of the cycling journey along the Spiš Cycling Highway, a longer stop is deserved in Spišská Nová Ves (protected zone), which attracts with numerous interesting sites – the tallest church tower in Slovakia, the longest lenticular square in Europe, many valuable historical buildings, a theater, a museum, a gallery, and a zoo. From Spišská Nová Ves, the SCM route continues along a busier asphalt road to Markušovce, where we recommend visiting the Markušovský manor house (furniture museum), the Dardanelles summer residence (keyboard instruments museum), or inspecting the ruins of Markušovský Castle. After Matejovce, the route runs close to the Hornád River along a well-maintained field and forest road around the impressive natural attraction – Šikl'ová skala. From Chrást nad Hornádom to Vítkovce, it follows an asphalt road, but the sections from Vítkovce to Olcnava (2 km) and from Olcnava, where it traces the foothills of Galmus, to the tourist-recreational area of Zahorou (3 km) can only be traversed on a mountain bike (!). In the area behind Zahorou, the SCM enters the historic Spiš town of Spišské Vlachy (protected zone). A few kilometers (6 km) beyond it begins another region rich in historical treasures and natural rarities (UNESCO), which the Spiš Cycling Highway traverses – Spiš Castle, Žehra, Hodkovce, Dreveník, near Spišské Podhradie with the Spiš Chapter, and the travertine mound of Sivá Brada. The route of the Spiš Cycling Highway, after crossing the Olšavická and Levočská plains in the Levoča Mountains with distinctive villages like Torysky and Nižné Repaše (protected zones of folk architecture), passes near the ancient town of Levoča (UNESCO), whose precious historical monuments attract tourists from around the world. From Levoča, it ascends along field and forest roads (only for mountain bikes) to the top of Brezová, from where beautiful views of the surrounding area open up. After descending from Brezová and passing through the historical Spiš villages of Tvarožná and Ľubica, the SCM enters another Spiš town with historical treasures, Kežmarok (the wooden Evangelical Articular Church of the Holy Trinity (UNESCO), Kežmarok Castle, and many others). From Kežmarok to Spišská Belá, the route runs along (and off) a busy main road, but provides not only views of the High Tatras but also opens up the Strážky mansion before Spišská Belá, and in the town itself many artifacts of the rich history of this part of Spiš (the Jozef Maximilián Petzval Museum, the Roman Catholic Church of St. Anton, and others). The SCM route continues through Slovenská Ves toward the flysch mountain range of Spišská Magura, into an area known as Zamagurie. The characteristic features of this region are its picturesque scenery, preserved folk architecture, and narrow strips of fields interspersed with steep borders and small forests, which transition into deep woods on the ridges, creating an unmistakable atmosphere. The reward after the challenging ascent to the highest point of the SCM, at Magurské saddle, is the stunning panoramic views. Subsequently, the route descends through the villages of Zamagurie, passing through the town of Spišská Stará Ves to Červený Kláštor, where there is an opportunity to visit the Carthusian monastery (national cultural monument) or raft the Dunajec on rafts. After Veľký Lipník, the SCM enters Pieniny National Park, and after overcoming the final ascent to Lesnické saddle, it descends into the picturesque Zamagur village of Lesnica, which is less than three kilometres from the northern starting point of the SCM, the Dunajec Gorge, the state border. Similar to the southern part, the Spiš Cycling Highway in the northern part, in combination with the local network of cycling routes, allows the enjoyment of the beautiful scenery of the Pieniny, with many interesting sites to visit not only on the Slovak side but also on the Polish side. The cyclist has the opportunity to visit, for example, the nearby Polish health resort of Szczawnica.



Towards Brezova

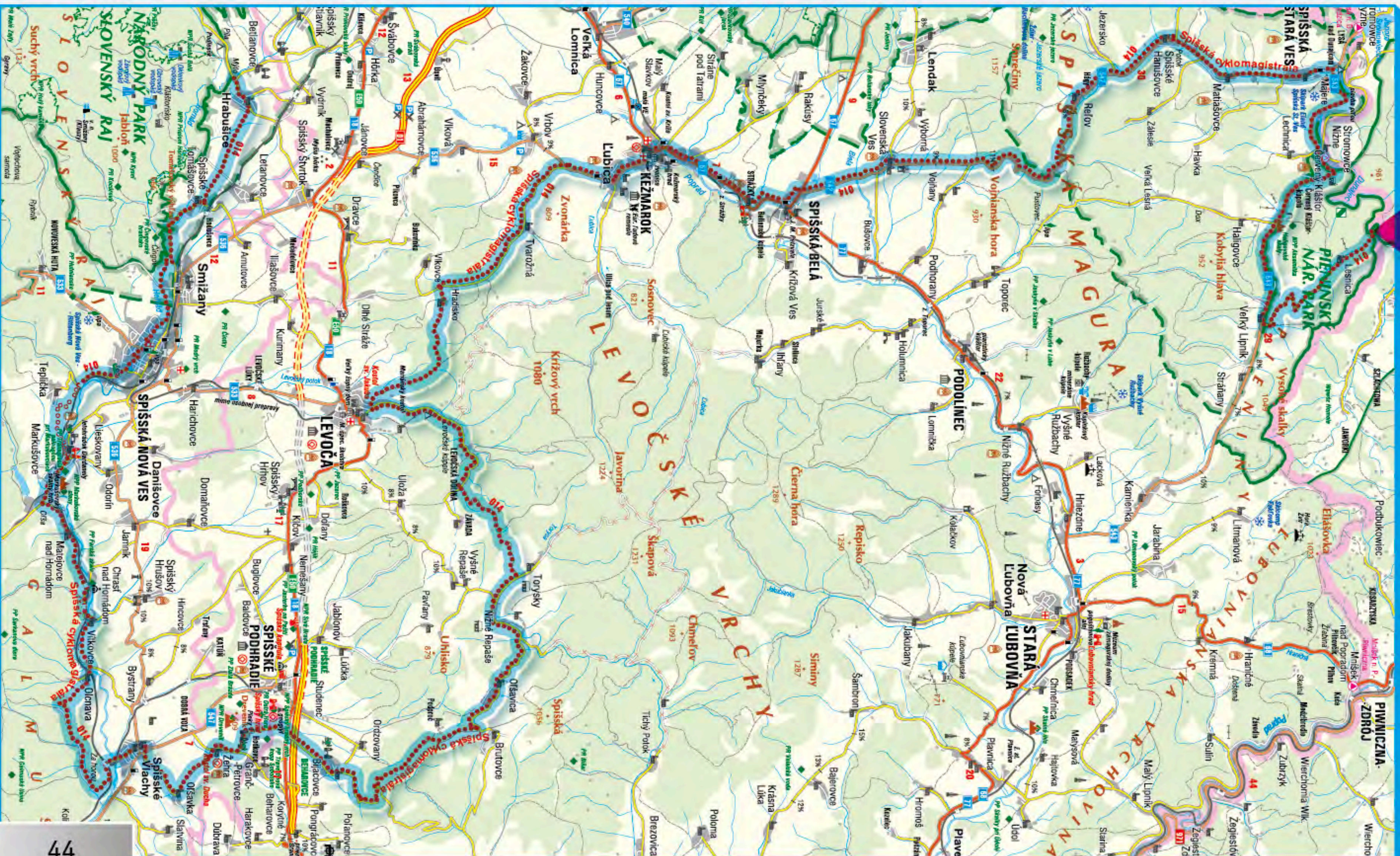


Spiš castle



View of the High Tatras from the hotel TRIO

# SPIŠ CYCLING ROUTE





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**CYCLE LOOP CROSSROADS:**

0 km Dedinky → 1,6 km Palcmanská Maša → 1,1 km Biele Vody, rázc. → 0,7 km Prostredný Hámor → 1,8 km Mlynky → 1,6 km Rakovec → 2,7 km Sykavka → 3,2 km Hnilec → 5,7 km Nad Pekliskom → 8,8 km Nálepko → 8,7 km Švedlár → 8,7 km Mníšek nad Hnilcom → 4,7 km Helcmanovce → 3,5 km Prakovce → 6,2 km Gelnica → 2,9 km Mária Huta, Perlová dolina → 3,4 km Jaklovce → 3,2 km Margecany

The Hnilec Cycling Route is mostly run on secondary and tertiary roads, local roads, and in its upper section, also on forest roads.

LENGTH OF THE LOOP



69 km

DURATION

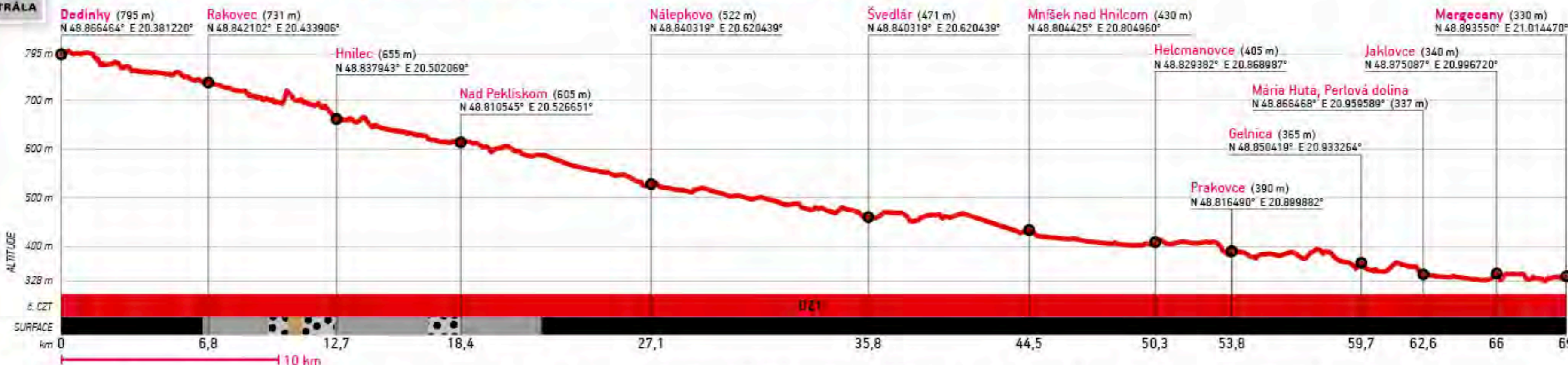


5:25 hod.

ELEVATION GAIN



333 m



Hnilec Cycling Route (HCM) passes through the picturesque Hnilec Valley, bordered by the forested mountains of the Slovak Ore Mountains. It connects two artificial reservoirs – Palcmanská Maša near Dedinky and Ružín near Margecany, as well as two significant tourist centres. The route is not difficult, with a generally downhill profile, mostly on asphalt roads. In its lower part, there is more traffic, but it is also suitable for less experienced cyclists. Since the entire valley is served by a railway line with regular passenger services, we recommend combining cycling with train transportation. The 69 km long route passes through 11 villages, featuring elements of traditional architecture, historically significant religious and secular buildings, and surrounding natural landscapes perfect for rest and relaxation.

Completing the Hnilec Cycling Route from its highest point, Dedinky, is the more comfortable option, as the route is predominantly downhill, with only a few short uphill sections. The most challenging of these is the climb after Sykavka. The section from Sykavka to Hnilec (3.2 km) and another segment near Peklisko after Hnilec (1.5 km) are suitable only for mountain bikes. The upper part of Hnilec Valley is narrower, but after Peklisko, it opens up with views of the valley, enhanced by the forested ridges of the Hnilec Mountains. In the upper section, the Hnilec River creates beautiful nooks, with its gentle murmur adding to the cycling experience. Occasionally, the typical noise of a train may surprise, but this can also serve as a means of return. From Nálepko, traffic increases, requiring greater caution while cycling. The valley between Mníšek nad Hnilcom and other villages is characterized by larger distances between settlements and continued scenic beauty. However, in the lower part, increasing job opportunities and population growth have led to busier roads. Stopping in villages to explore local attractions or grabbing a snack will enhance the pleasant experience of cycling through the Hnilec Valley.

A longer stop is recommended in the town of Gelnica (a municipal historical reserve) to explore its rich mining history and numerous historical monuments. From Jaklovce to Margecany, HCM moves from the busy road to a safe path with an asphalt surface between a manor house and a gas station. This section of the route, through meadows and forest alongside the Ružín Reservoir, is made more enjoyable at the end by crossing a footbridge (for pedestrians and cyclists only) over the Ružín Reservoir, offering views of the surrounding scenery. The footbridge itself is a popular tourist destination.

# HNILEC CYCLING ROUTE

THE FOLLOWING MARKED CYCLING ROUTES CONNECT TO THE HNILEC CYCLING ROUTE:

## **in the upper part of the Hnilec Valley**

- blue cycling route no. 2712 *Palcmanská Maša – Dobšiná*
- blue cycling route no. 2851 *Biele Vody – Havrania Dolina – Mlynky*
- blue cycling route no. 2853 *Rakovec – Súľová – Nad Pekliskom*
- blue cycling route no. 2852 *Hnilec – Pod Grajnárom – Hnilčík – Bindt – Olšo*
- yellow cycling route no. 8921 *Nálepkovo – Závadské skalky*

## **in the lower part of the Hnilec Valley**

- green cycling route no 5855 *Gelnica – Krompachy – Poráč – Závadka – Gretľa – Hlinisko*
- blue cycling route no. 2858 *Mária Huta – Erika Hut – Kojšovská Hoľa*

CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL MONUMENTS OF INTEREST ON THE HNILEC CYCLING ROUTE:

- **Palcmanská Maša Reservoir with the village of Dedinky and its part, Dobšinská Maša** – water sports (sailing, swimming, fishing), accommodation, dining.
- single-chair cable car from Dedinky to Geravy.
- **Zejmarská Gorge in the village of Mlynky – Biele Vody**, detour via blue cycling route no. 2851.
- in the village of Mlynky and its local parts, there is accommodation, dining, refreshments; mining artifacts, original miners' houses.
- in the village of Nálepkovo, cultural landmarks include the Town Hall (Baroque, late 18th century), Catholic Church of St. Stephen the King (Baroque, 1770-1781), Evangelical Church (Baroque-Classical, 1785), an open belfry with two bells named GLAUBE and LIEBE; refreshments available.
- four-arch railway viaduct at the entrance to the village of Stará Voda.
- the village of Švedlár features the technical monument of a working sawmill, the Church of St. Margaret (Catholic, originally Gothic, 14th century) with a bronze pulpit from 1360, the Evangelical Church (Classical, 1787), and the Cultural House of the Carpathian German Association.
- the village of Mníšek has the Church of the Holy Cross (Baroque-Classical, 1820), the Evangelical Church (Classical, 1787); possible detour to the old mining villages of Smolnícka Huta and Smolník (about 15 km), with numerous historical landmarks. Behind Smolník lies the artificial lake Úhorná; accommodation and dining are available.
- The village of Helcmanovce has a manor house (Classical, mid-19th century) and the Church of St. Michael the Archangel (Orthodox, early 16th century).
- the town of Gelnica (a historical preservation zone) offers numerous cultural and historical monuments, including the technical monument of a stone bridge from 1837 (featured in the HCM logo), the ruins of Gelnica Castle on a hill above the western part of the town with scenic views (Zámčisko), the Mining Museum, accommodation, and dining.
- **Jaklovce / Margecany:** Manor house, Ružín Reservoir, also serving for active leisure (swimming, sailing, water skiing, windsurfing, fishing), accommodation, dining, tennis, etc.



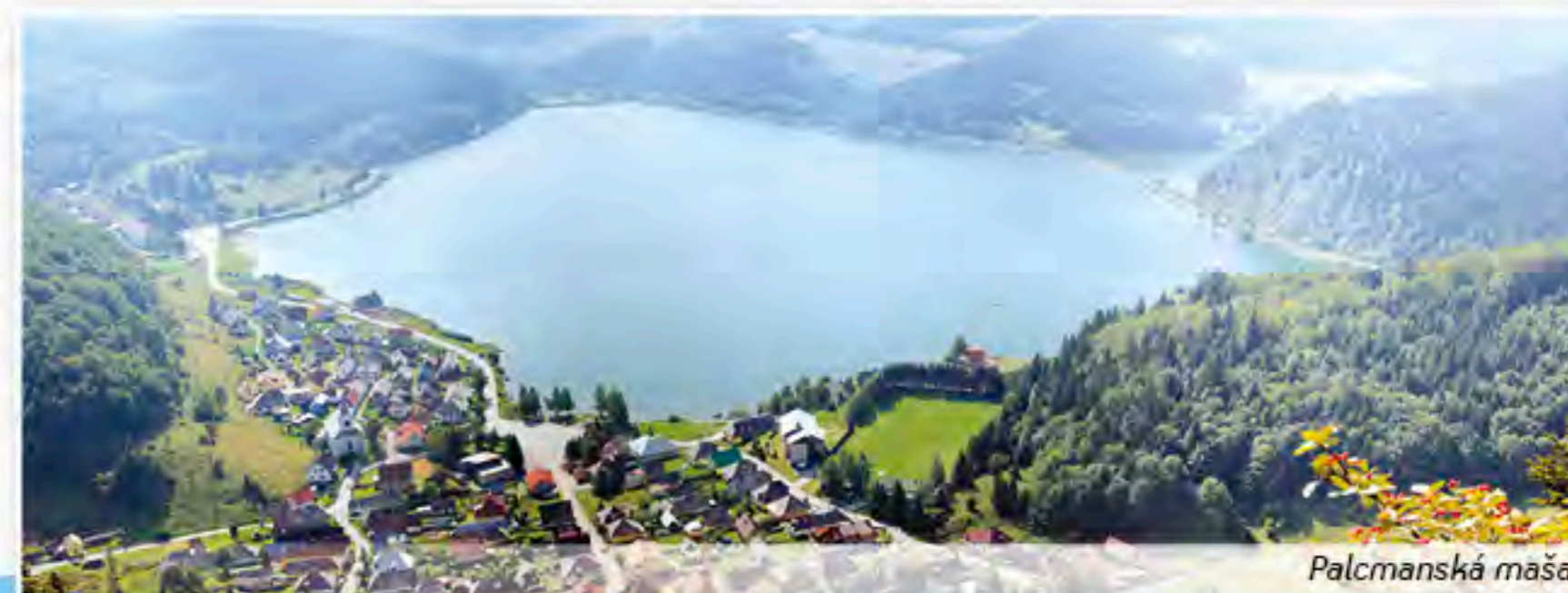
Starovodský viaduct



Along Hnilec valley



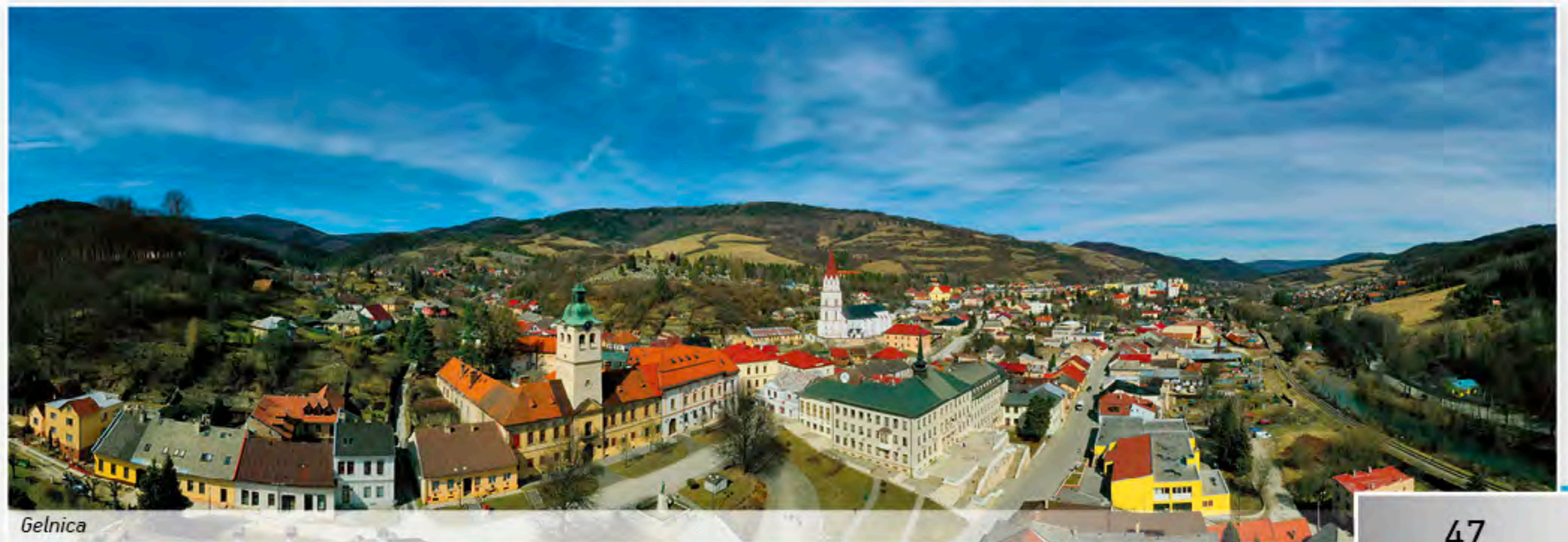
Hnilec - Delava



Palcmanská maša



Double-arched bridge in Gelnica



Gelnica



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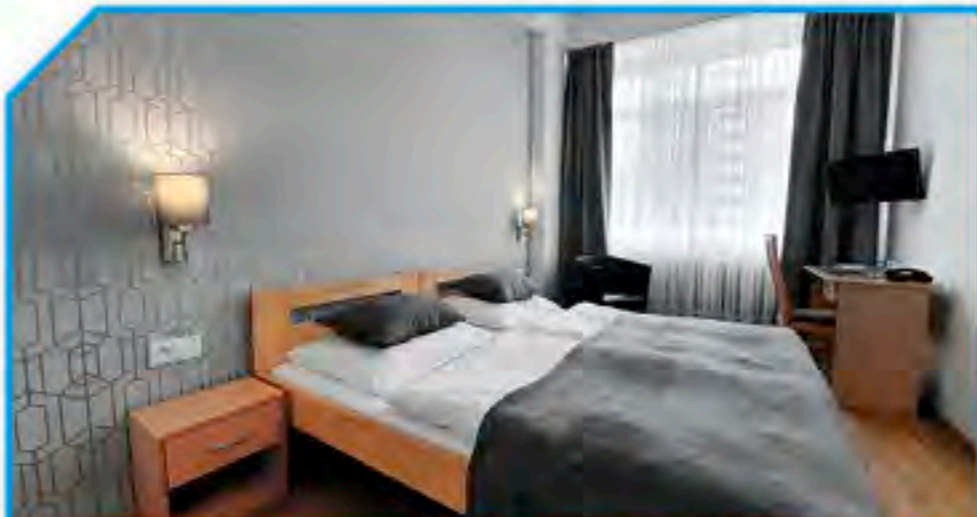
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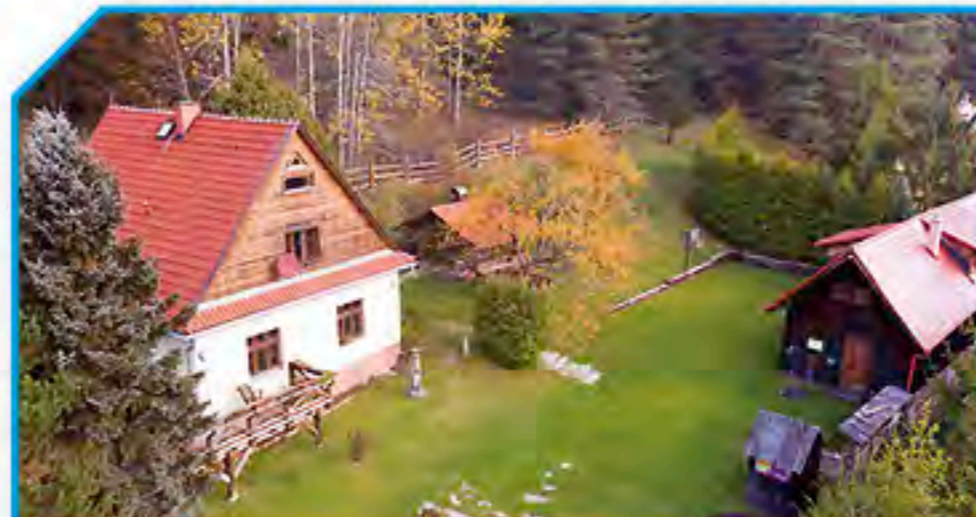
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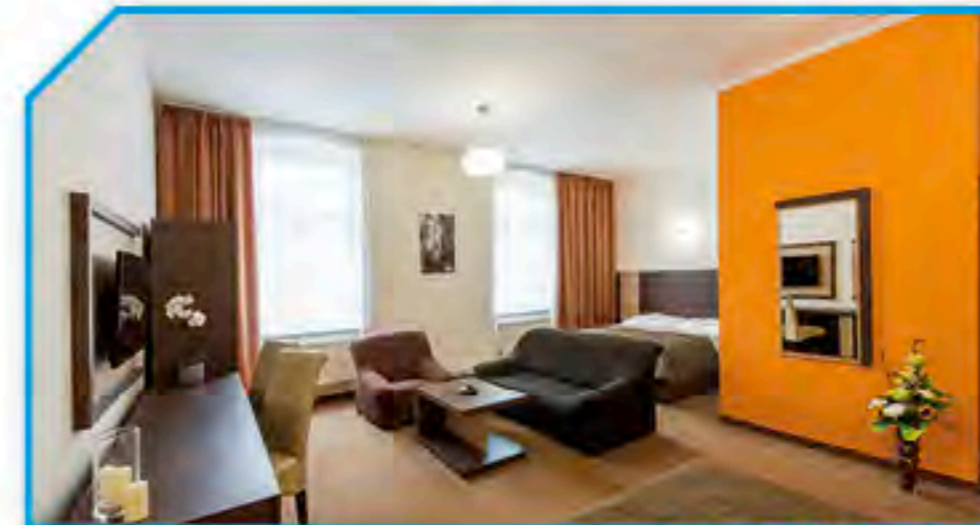
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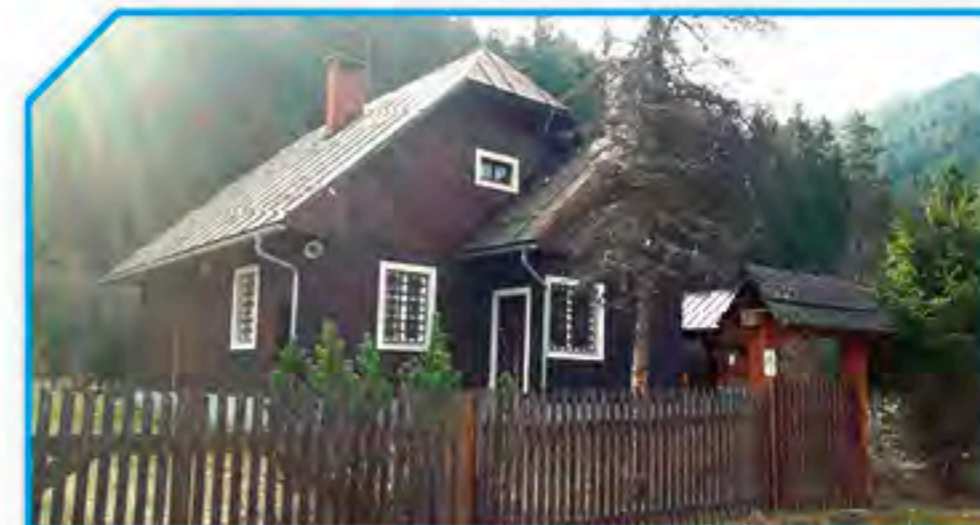
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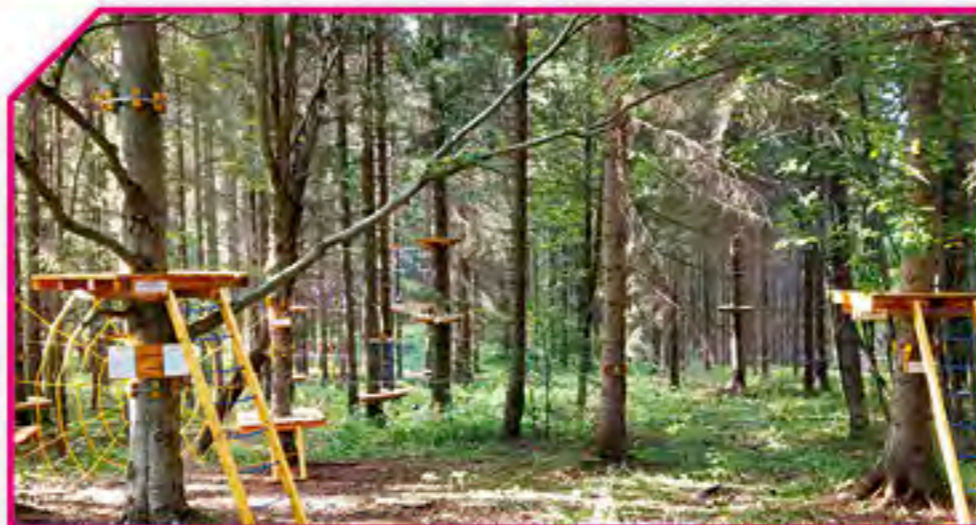


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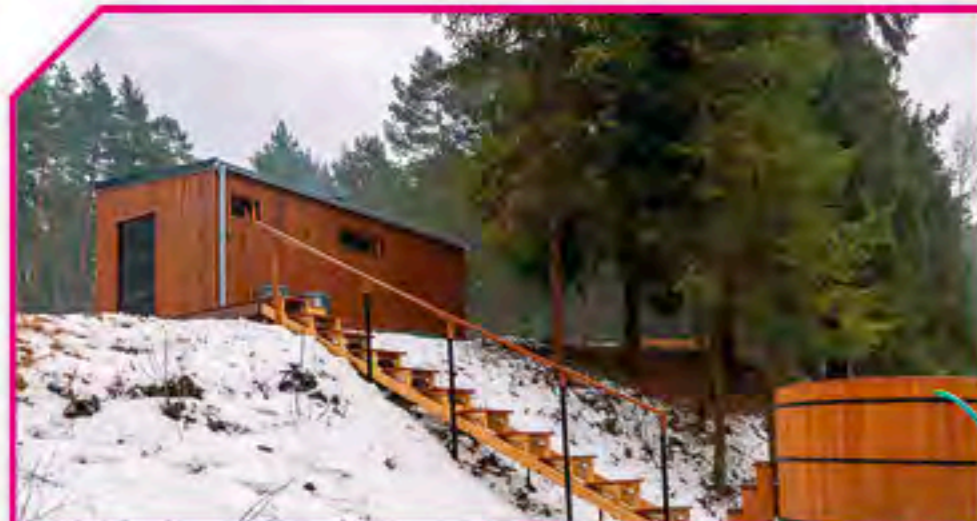


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LAND REGISTRY OF TOWN/VILLAGE	LOCATION
ARNUTOVCE	guesthouse
BETLANOVCE	amphitheater
DEDINKY	the village centre
HRABUŠICE	Podlesok
LETANOVCE	the village centre
MLYNKY	Prostredný Hámor - carpark
SMIŽANY	Košiarňy Briežok – near Novak's Lodge
SPIŠSKÁ NOVÁ VES	Near sports hall
SPIŠSKÉ TOMÁŠOVCE	Mimo klub
STRATENÁ	Dobšinská Ice Cave



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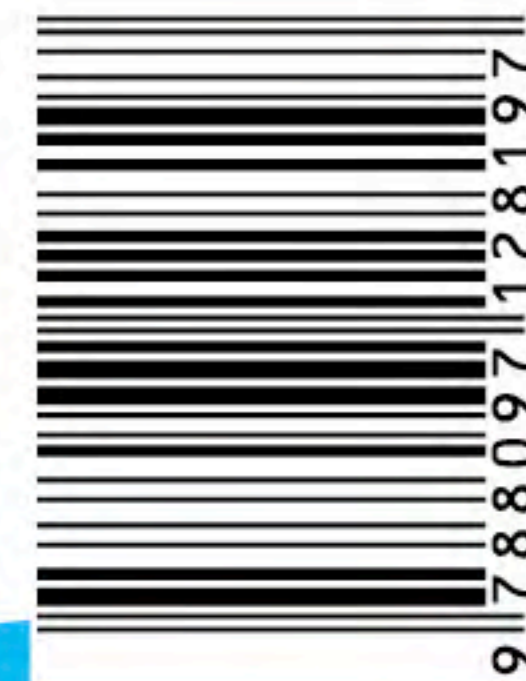
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