

Cycling in Slovenske gorice

Slovenske gorice is a fairy-tale hilly world stretching from the Austrian border in the north to the Croatian border in the south, with the Mura and Drava rivers forming the eastern and western geographical boundaries.

The best way to explore them is by bicycle, stopping off at the many tourist farms to taste the excellent cuisine, discover the natural and cultural heritage and experience the local rural vibe. On the hills, orchards and vineyards enchant you, while on the plains, you can admire lakes and cosy resting places.

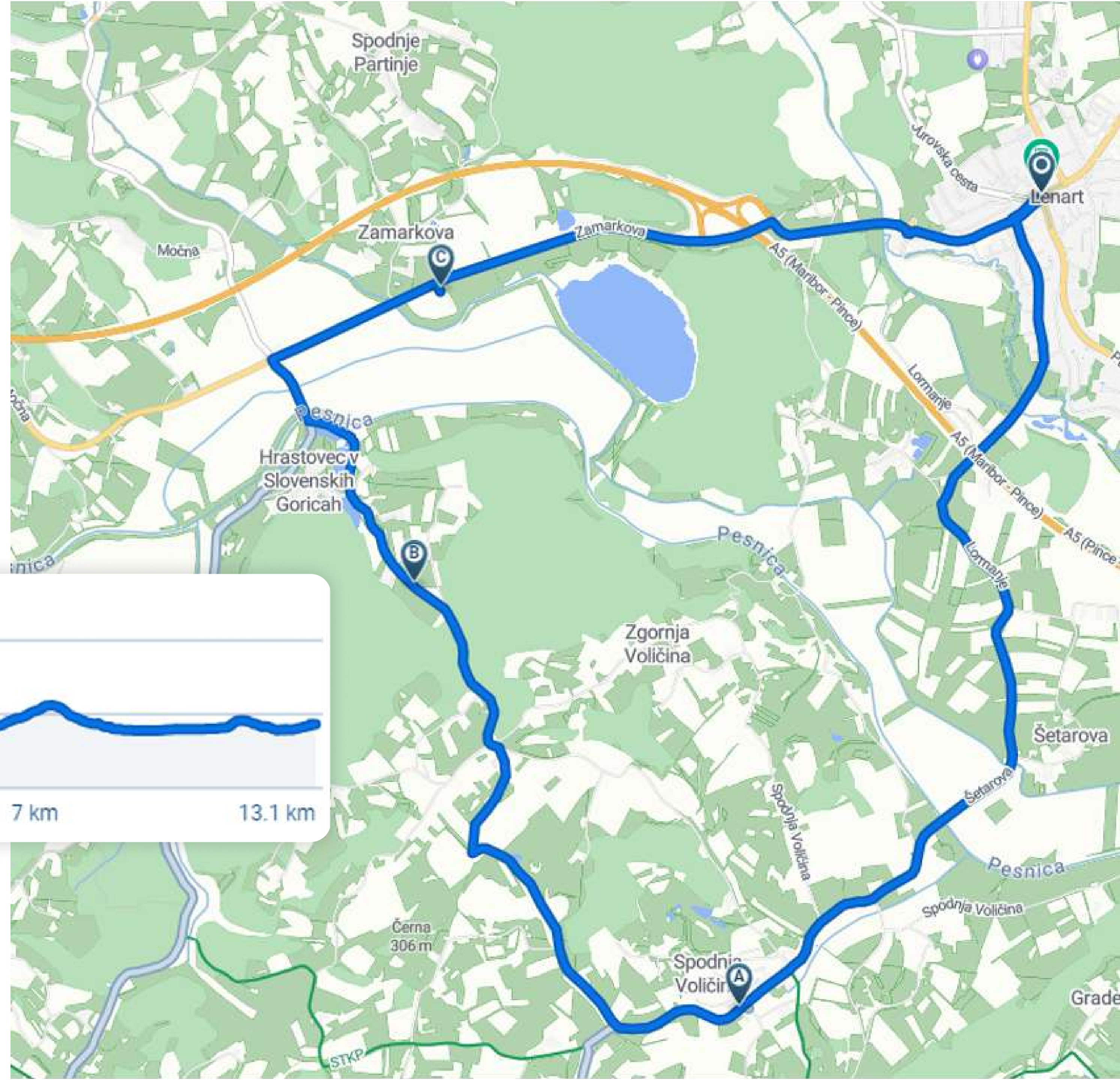


Ruperče

cycling route

Distance: approx. 13 km

Difficulty: less challenging



FIRST
TOUR

Route Description

The route **from Lenart to Lormanje** and on **to Voličina** offers a beautiful and picturesque view of rural life and natural beauty.

Starting in **Lenart**, we head towards the village of **Lormanje**. The path takes us past diversified fields and green meadows, which come alive with colourful flowers in spring. We have the opportunity to observe various birds such as storks, grey herons and deer, which contribute to the natural charm of the area. As we approach the village of **Voličina**, we can see **the Maistrov Tower** on the left, which stands as a testimony to the historical events and heritage of the area. In Voličina, you can take time to visit the **Herb Garden** and the **Church of St Rupert**, which hides stories of the past.

We continue in the direction of **Hrastovec**, which leads us through another piece of beautiful landscape. In Hrastovec, we are enchanted by **Hrastovec Castle**, which dominates the surrounding terrain and offers a unique insight into the area's past with its imposing architecture and rich history.

After visiting the castle, we head back towards Lenart and soon see **Lake Komarnik** on the right, creating a peaceful and picturesque scene. Here you can enjoy a walk or simply admire its natural beauty. **The Black Cross monument**, dedicated to Queen Agata, is also located by the lake.

The whole route is an exceptional experience combining natural beauty, cultural heritage and historical sites, suitable for nature lovers, history buffs and those who want a peaceful escape in an idyllic rural setting.



The Maistrov Tower



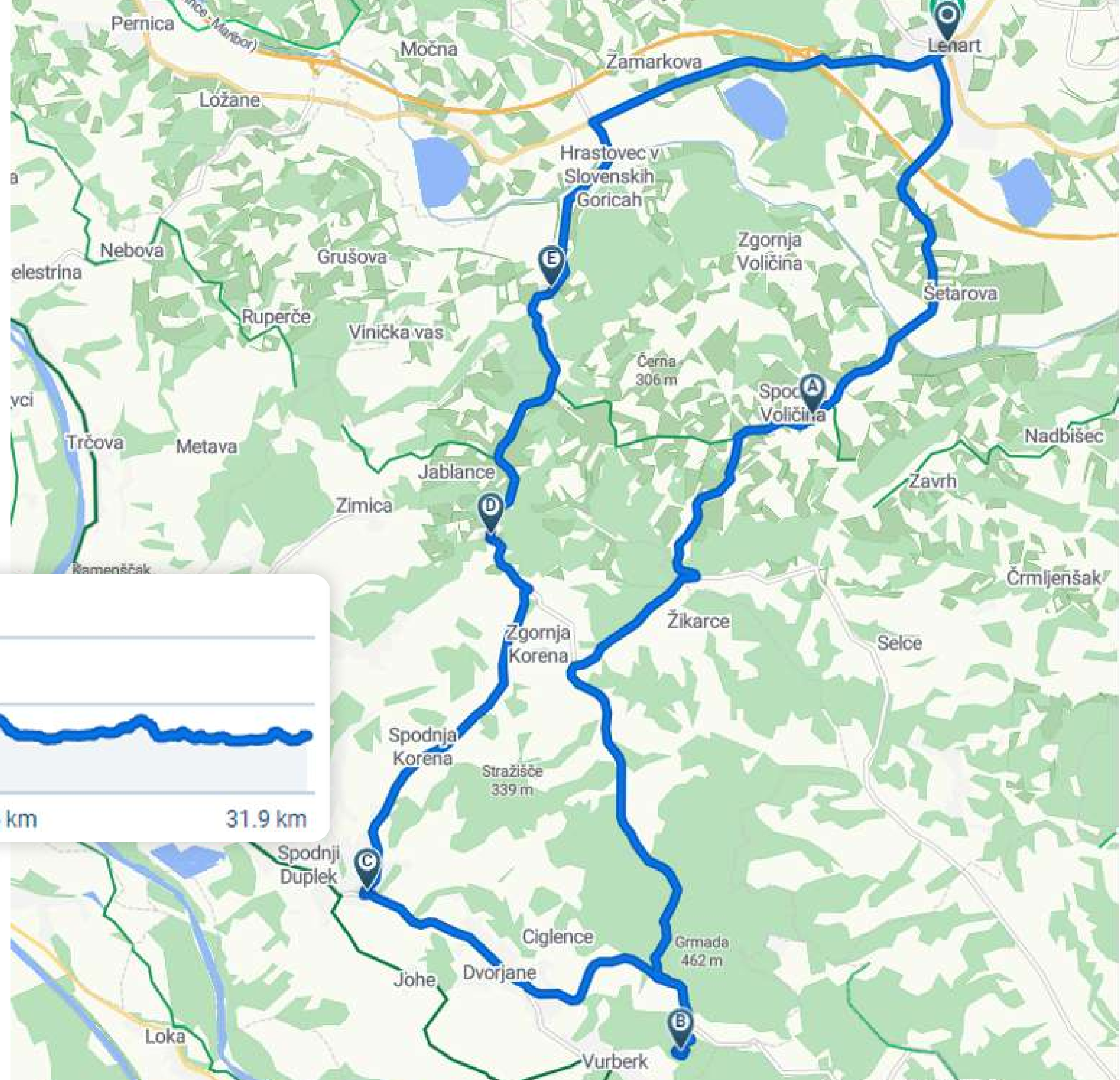
Hrastovec castle

Duplek

cycling route

Distance: approx. 32 km

Difficulty: medium challenging



SECOND
TOUR

Route Description

We start in **Lenart** and head towards the village of **Lormanje**. The path leads us past varied fields and green meadows, which come alive with colourful flowers in spring. As we approach the village of Voličina, we can see **The Maistrov Tower** on the left, a reminder of the historical events and heritage of the area. In **Voličina**, you can take time to visit the **Herb Garden** and the **Church of St. Rupert**, which hides stories of the past.

Continue on to **Vurberk** for an exciting journey through rich history and picturesque scenery. On a strategically important hill, we will be greeted by **Vurberk Castle**, which retains its Renaissance appearance with its fortification ring, towers and entrance with a beautiful Renaissance portal.

A walk through the restored lower courtyard gives an insight into the history of Vurberk, which can be discovered by viewing panels presenting the varied history of the place. Vurberk Castle is not only a historical jewel, but also offers one of the most beautiful views far and wide.

You can also visit one of the most beautiful **adventure parks, the escape room** or the restored **Church of the Virgin Mary of the Assumption**, or take a refreshing walk in the shade of the Vurberk forests.

Continue to **Spodnji Duplek**, where you will find **Wake Park**, a paradise for lovers of surfing and water skiing. Here you can exercise your body or simply relax with a refreshing drink. Then head towards **Zgornja Korena**, where you can see the 18th-century **Church of St Barbara** at the top of a 392m-high hill. Continue towards **Hrastovec**.

Here we are fascinated by **Hrastovec Castle**, which dominates the surrounding terrain and, with its imposing architecture and rich history, offers a unique insight into the past of the area. After visiting the castle, we head back towards **Lenart** and soon see **Lake Komarnik** on the right, creating a peaceful and picturesque scene. Here you can enjoy a walk or simply admire its natural beauty. **The Black Cross monument**, dedicated to Queen Agata, is also located by the lake.

The route is full of historical treasures, exciting experiences and breathtaking views that take you through a magical landscape.



Vurberk Castle



Church of St. Rupert



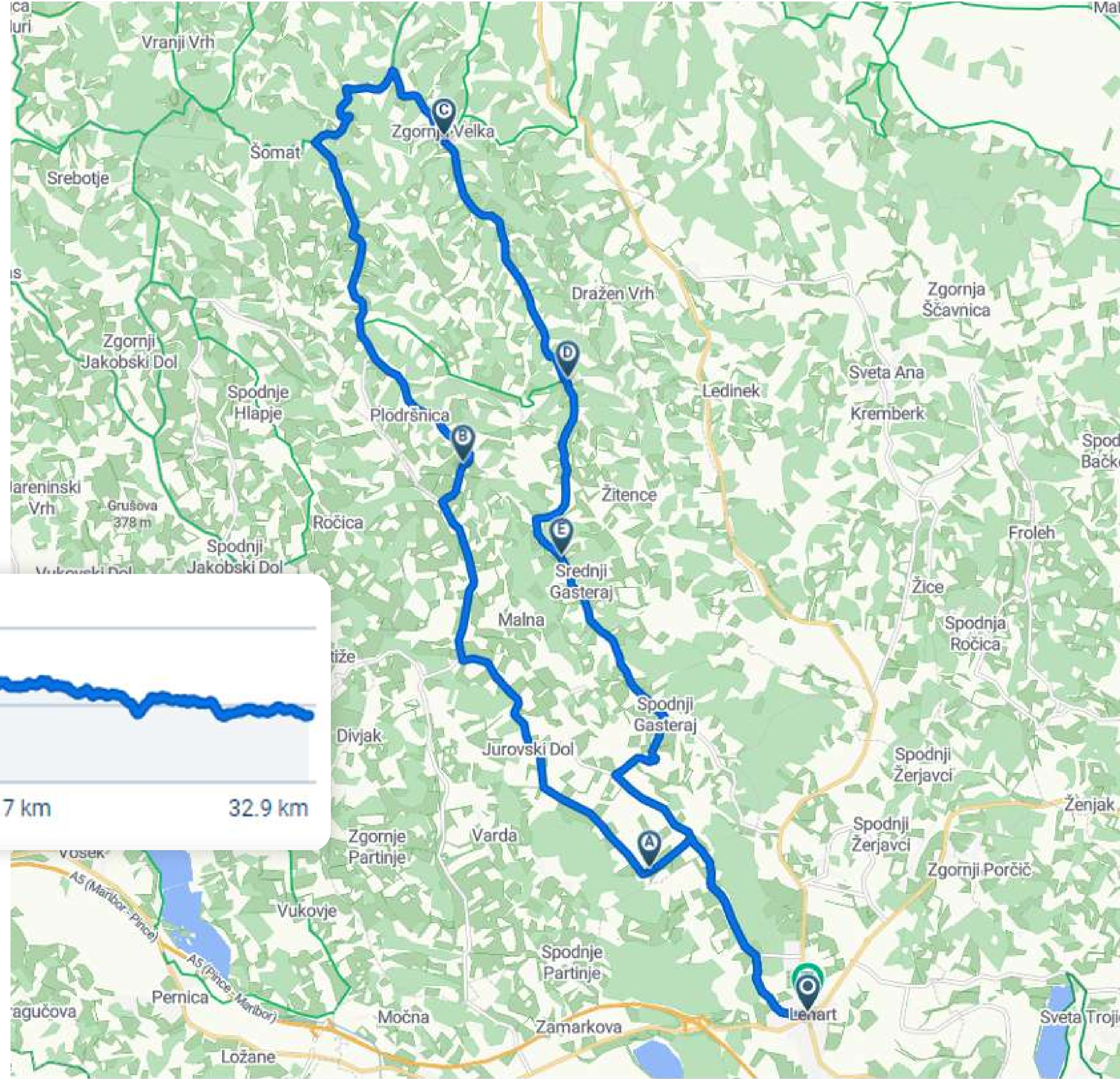
Wake Park Duplek

Jurjeva

cycling route

Distance: approx. 33 km

Difficulty: challenging



Route Description

We start in the centre of **Lenart** and head towards **Jurovski Dol**. Soon the path leads through the forest, where you can connect with nature and enjoy the green surroundings. Along the way, you will be surprised by the **bee farm at Čebelarstvo Zarnec**. This is an opportunity to learn about the importance of beekeeping in this area and perhaps learn something about the life of bees and honey production.

As we cycle along the ridge most of the time, we have beautiful views of the surrounding countryside. This idyllic picture of rural life contributes to a feeling of peace and harmony and an escape from the hustle and bustle of the city. When we arrive in **Jurovski Dol**, we are greeted by the charming town centre with **The Church of St George**.

The town offers the opportunity to stop for refreshments at the local Špindler tavern, where you can enjoy local specialities. You can also park your bike for a while and explore the **Forest Learning Trail**, which starts at the school where the trees are planted and continues in the nearby forest.

From Jurovski Dol you can continue towards **Zgornja Velka**. Pass the primary school and then turn right towards **Trata**. Follow the **Plodršnica valley**. There, you will be warmly welcomed by the first of many information boards that you will encounter further along the route, inviting you to discover wine-growing, eco-farms and agritourism.

Soon the terrain becomes more challenging as it begins to rise inexorably. Follow the signs that lead you to **Zgornja Velka**, where you will find the charming **Church of Our Lady of the Snows**. Set at the top of a hill, it offers magnificent views in all directions. This is the ideal place for a short stop to rest and recharge your batteries for the rest of the journey. As you descend into the valley, you can admire the villages of Sveta Ana, Trije Kralji and Benedikt stretching into the distance. We descend to **Žitenice**, then continue towards **Srednji and Spodnji Gasteraj** and head towards **Lenart**.

This scenic route is a truly unforgettable experience, allowing you to discover the natural beauty and cultural heritage of Slovenske gorice.



Jurovski Dol



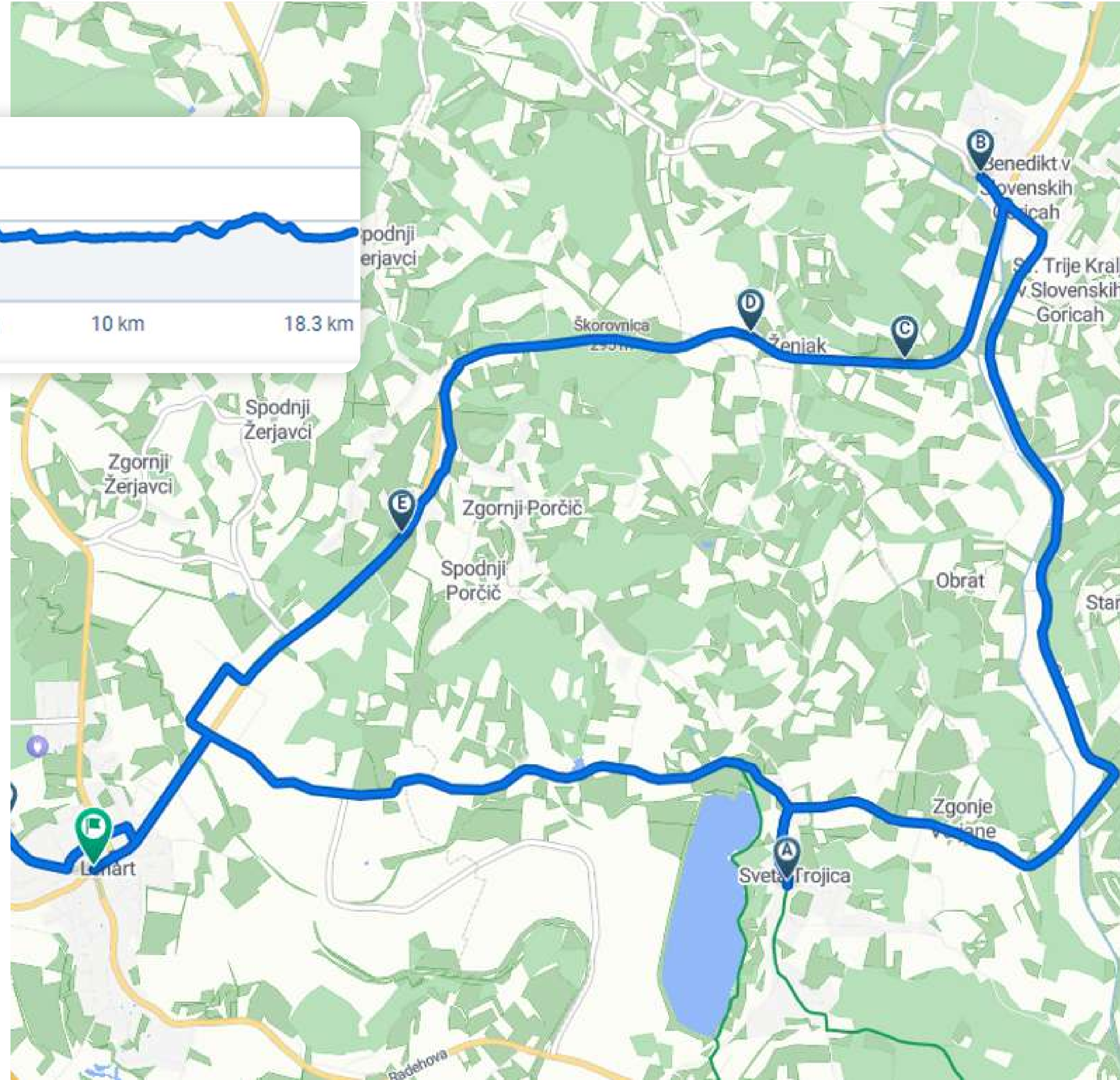
Zgornja Velka



Small circular cycling route

Distance: approx. 18 km

Difficulty: less challenging



FOURTH
TOUR

Route Description

From **Lenart**, head in the direction of Gornja Radgona, follow the road towards **Sv. Trojica** and after a few kilometers cross the village of **Porčič**. On the horizon, you will see the charming **Franciscan monastery of Sveta Trojica** with its three bell towers, which is a unique feature of Slovenske gorice.

We follow the view and soon arrive at the village of the same name, **Sveta Trojica**. Here you can take a closer look at the monastery and the church dedicated to the Holy Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It has made and continues to make the place an important pilgrimage centre for those who wish to express their religious adoration. Below the church is the **Lake**, along which there is **a walking trail** and the **Healing Park**.

Continue in the direction of **Osek**, past fields, meadows and farmsteads. At the crossroads pointing towards **Negova**, turn left and follow the direction of **Benedikt**. Just before Benedikt, you will see the **Church of St. Three Kings** with the **Vine of Čolnik**, which invites you to a short visit.

On a sloping wooded ridge, north above the cemetery, we find the **Roman burial site**. At the beginning there are three large mounds, a little higher up there are five smaller ones, and at the top of the ridge there are eight mounds.

After the historical stop, we continue to the **centre of Benedikt** and head towards the primary school, passing the school and reaching the **Slatina Springs**, where we can taste the natural mineral water. This natural drink, with its special mineral composition, not only invigorates the taste buds, but also has healing effects. The Benedikt springs, which date back to 1932, take us on a journey through time and remind us of the rich history of this place.

From here we head back to **Lenart**, enriched by the unique experiences and flavours of this picturesque rural corner.



Franciscan Monastery and Lake Sveta Trojica

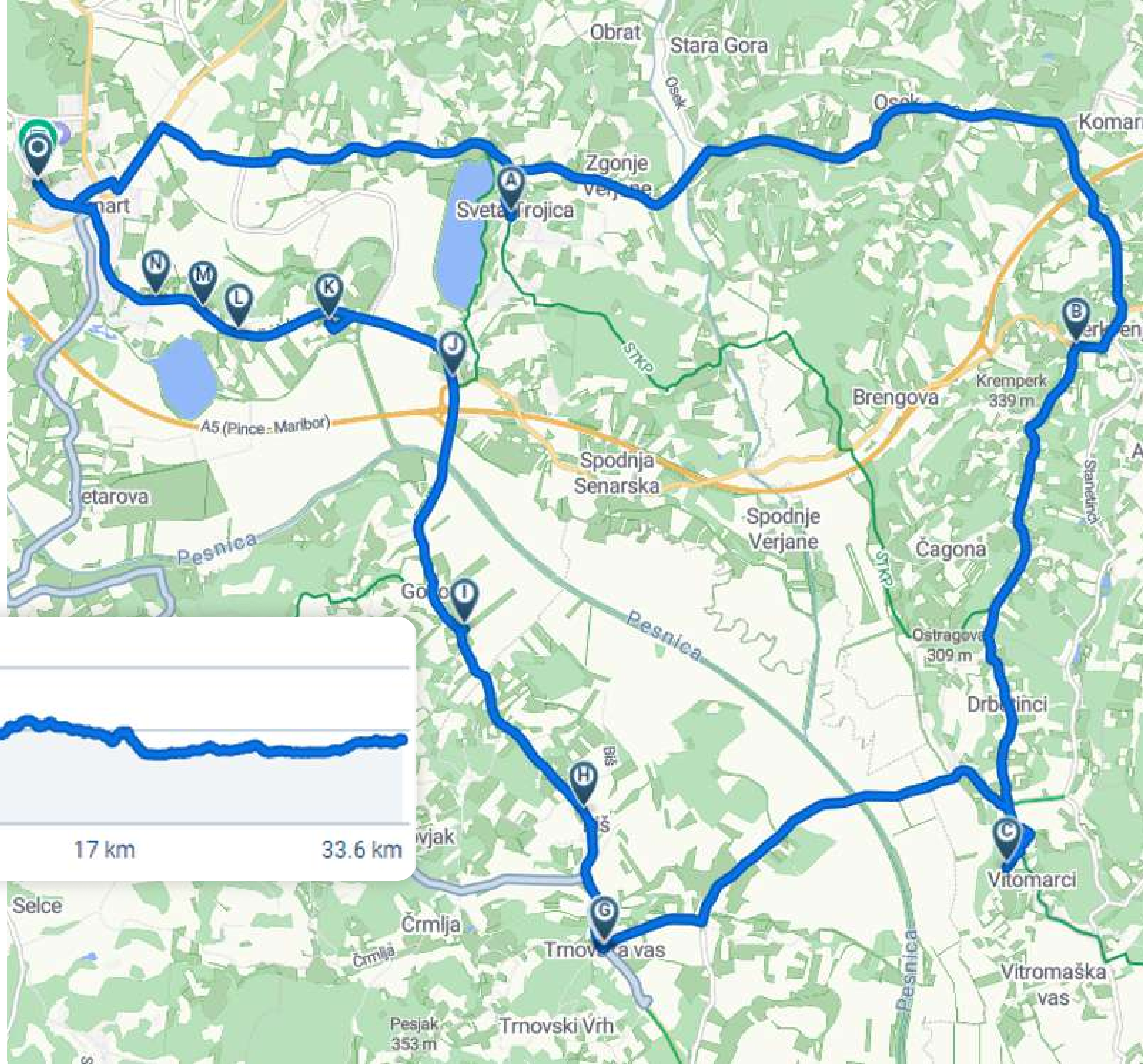


Roman burial site

Large circular cycling route

Distance: approx. 33 km

Difficulty: medium challenging



FIFTH
TOUR

Route Description

From **Lenart**, drive towards **Gornja Radgona**, follow the road towards **Sv. Trojica** and after a few kilometres cross the village **Porčič**. On the horizon, you will see the charming **Franciscan monastery of Sveta Trojica** with its three bell towers, a unique feature of Slovenske gorice. We follow the view and soon arrive at the village of the same name, **Sveta Trojica**. Here you can take a closer look at the monastery and the church dedicated to the Holy Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It has made and continues to make the place an important pilgrimage centre for those who wish to express their religious adoration.

Below the church is **the lake**, along which there is a **walking trail** and the **Healing Park**. From Sveta Trojica, head to the crossroads for Osek, where you turn right towards **Cerkvenjak**. Along the way, enjoy the views of the hilly landscape and observe the preserved old farmhouses or stop at the **Roman-era burial mounds in Brengova**. There you will discover the history of Roman civilisation, as 15 round barrows have been preserved and form an important cultural heritage.

When we arrive in **Cerkvenjak**, we are enchanted by the **Church of St. Anthony** from 1299, **the wooden wheel well** from the second half of the 19th century and the **sculpture of Ovtar**, the guardian of the vineyards, orchards and fields in Slovenske gorice.

In Cerkvenjak, we also have the opportunity to stretch our legs and walk along the **Klopotčeva Learning and Walking Trail**, which leads us through the hills and valley. **The Hauzer collection of beehives**, which is a special feature of the area, should not be overlooked.

We continue our journey towards **Vitomarci**. We ride along a picturesque ridge and enjoy the magnificent views of the unspoilt rural landscape of Slovenske gorice. At the top of the village Vitomarci is the **Hrgova Homestead**, which stands proudly as a representative of an early 19th-century Pannonian house. The centre of the village is the area in front of the **Church of St Andrew**, where the descendant of the oldest noble vine in the world, more than 400 years old, was planted.

From Vitomarci, we head towards **Trnovska vas**, and then return to **Lenart** via **Biš** and **Gočova**. Along the way, you will see numerous chapels and crosses with the image of the Crucified or the Virgin Mary, which are testimony to the rich religious and cultural heritage of the area. These sacred sites offer moments of silence and reflection, while underlining the historical and spiritual significance of the path we have walked.

The route is an opportunity to enjoy nature, history and culture, and to discover the unique features of Slovenske gorice without getting too carried away.



Hrgova Homestead in Vitomarci



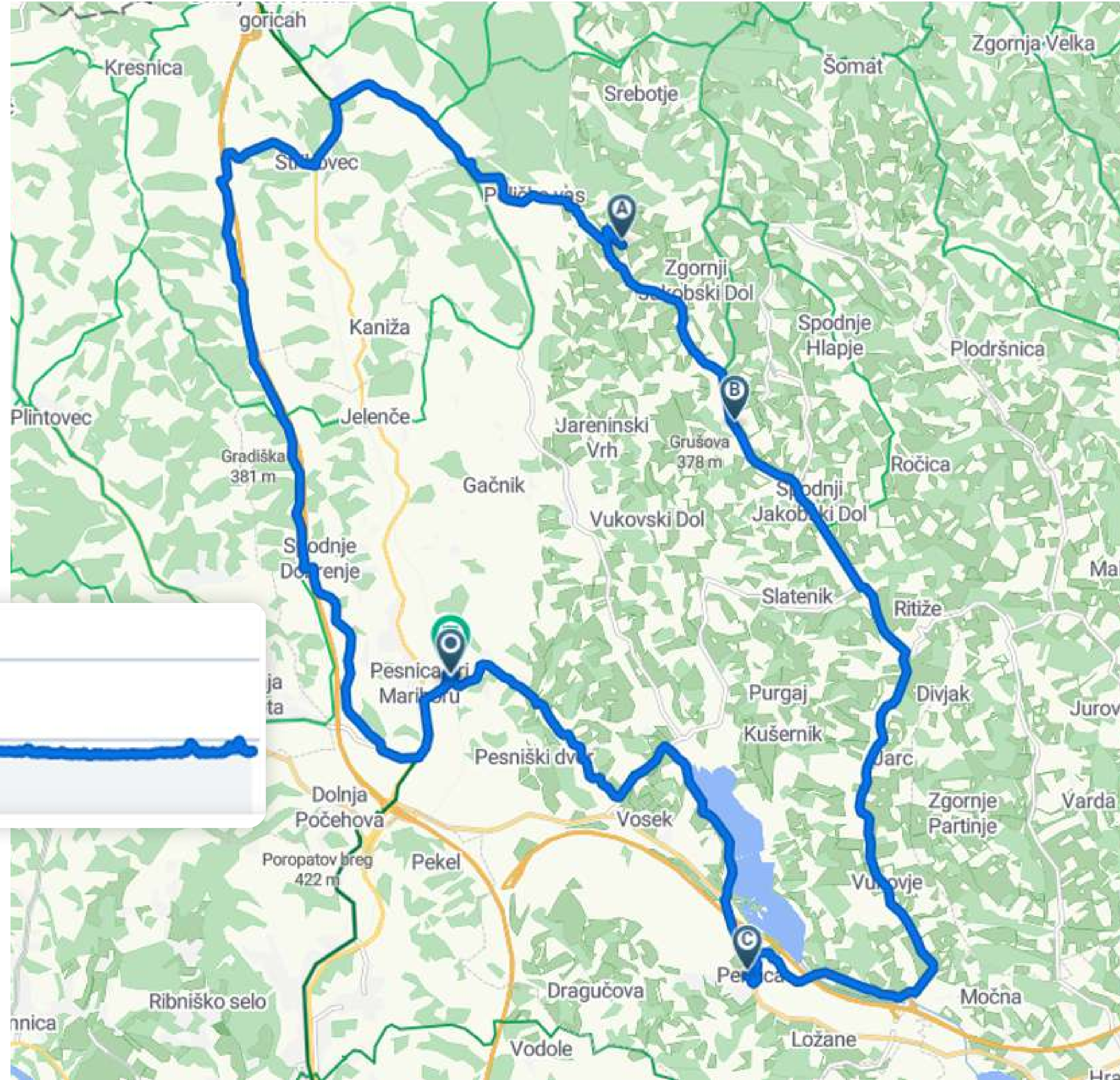
Cerkvenjak

Pesnica

cycling route

Distance: approx. 38 km

Difficulty: less challenging



SIXTH
TOUR

Route Description

Our cycling adventure starts at the lively fruit market in **Pesnica**, where you can already sense the harmony with local production at the start of the route. We follow a scenic route through the enchanting **Dobrenje** valley, where we are surrounded by diverse orchards that transform the landscape into a colourful palette.

Crossing the motorway, the railway and the old road **towards Šentilj** marks the transition to a new chapter in our adventure. We enter idyllic **Vajgen**, where the path leads us through fragrant orchards to the **Jarenina Manor**, where history and modernity merge.

We continue in the direction of Šentilj, but descend a little earlier to **Zgornji Jakobski Dol**. From here, prepare for the final climb to **Hlapje**. At the top, you will have a wonderful view of the wine-growing hills. Our route then turns into an unforgettable drive between vineyards surrounded by narrow roads that lead you to the **Mulec Chapel**.

We ride down through the magical **Vukovo valley**, along the dairy road, past the **Vogrin windmill** and the **statue of Johannes**, marking the historical points on your way. Past **Lake Pernica** and **Cesarica's orchards**, the trail leads you to the final stretch through the tranquil **Gačniško valley**. Here you will be able to fully enjoy the peace of nature surrounding you and then gently return to the **centre of Pesnica**, the end of your cycling journey.

This route illustrates the variety of landscapes, from fruit orchards to vineyards, historic chapels and picturesque valleys, that you will experience during your journey.



Jarenina Manor



Jakobski Dol



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