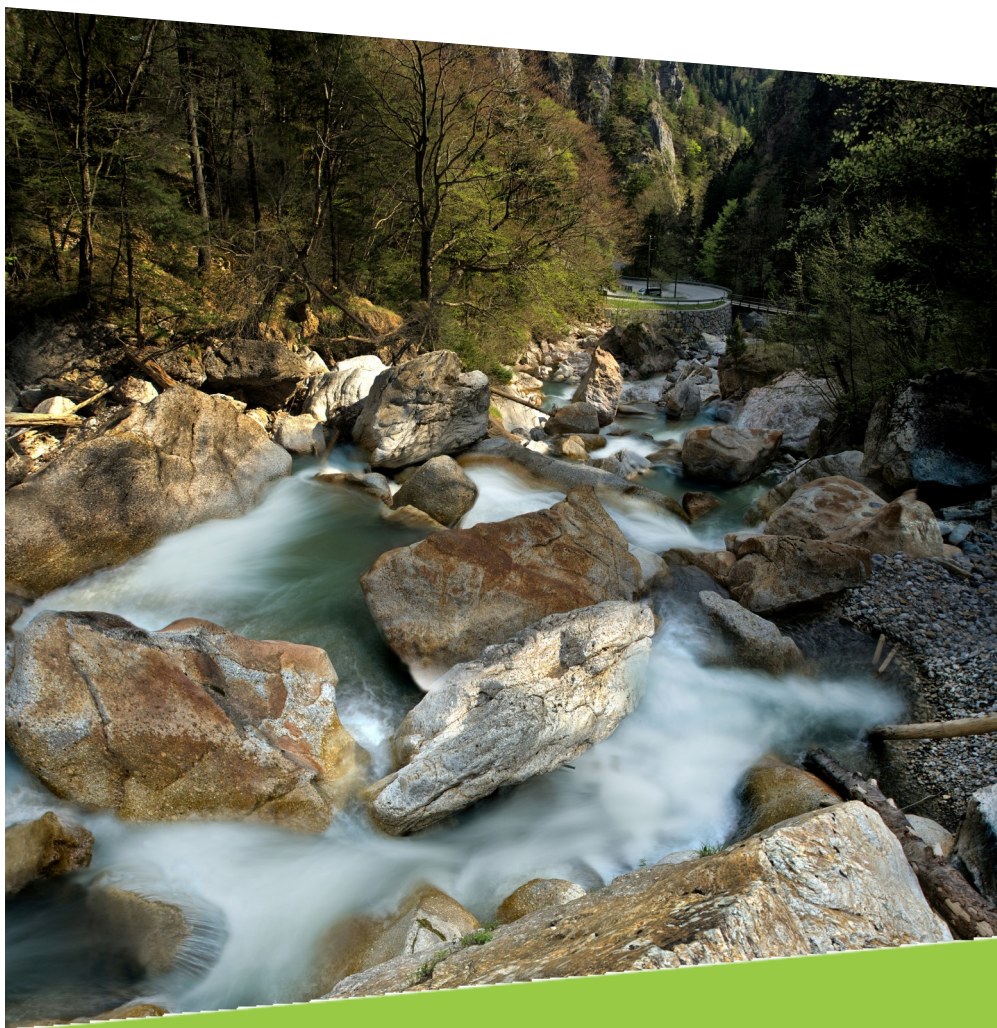


The Dovžan Gorge



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DOVŽAN GORGE – NATURAL MONUMENT

The Dovžan Gorge has had protected status since 1988 due to its unique deposits of fossilized remains of Paleozoic plants and animals.

Some fossil forms were first discovered and described at this very site, among them more than 21 new types of brachiopods and the large fusulinid foraminifer *Sphaeroschwagerina carniolica*.

Tectonic forces and the wild Tržiška Bistrica River have also uncovered other rocks, for example white quartz conglomerate. Below the hamlet of Na Jamah the river has sculpted a picturesque little waterfall; not far away beautiful rock towers soar towards the sky – Kušpegar Belfries, the solid residues of former coral reefs.

A walk through the Dovžan Gorge immerses you in a world full of geological, geomorphological, hydrological, and botanic riches.



Sphaeroschwagerina carniolica



Presentation on the scenic nature trail

SCENIC NATURE TRAIL

The attractions of the Dovžan Gorge can be viewed by following the scenic nature trail along the right bank of the Tržiška Bistrica River, starting from the former flax drying shed in Čadovlje. Before the tunnel one can climb to the scenic viewpoint and then continue along the path to the small tunnel, or cross the bridge and continue through the tunnel past the geological column to the Exhibition and Education Center housed in the former schoolhouse in Dolina. The descent back to the trailhead in Čadovlje can also be used to visit the forest educational trail.

Visitors can experience the rich natural and cultural heritage. Holding rocks millions of years old in your hands inspires you to think about an ancient and now vanished world.

THE TRŽIŠKA BISTRICA RIVER

The Tržiška Bistrica River is a picturesque mountain river with its headwaters rising on the slopes of the Karavanke Mountains. Its catchment area covers 145.6 km², with an average elevation of 800 meters. It flows 27 kilometers through wild and rugged terrain before pouring into the Sava. Some segments of the river are still preserved in a natural state.



Cascades of the Tržiška Bistrica River

Along its course the Tržiška Bistrica crosses layers of different rocks, with a preponderance of hard carbonate rock, in which the river forms rapids, cascades, impassable gorges, and deep pools. The highest waterfall, seven meters in height, is at Slap.



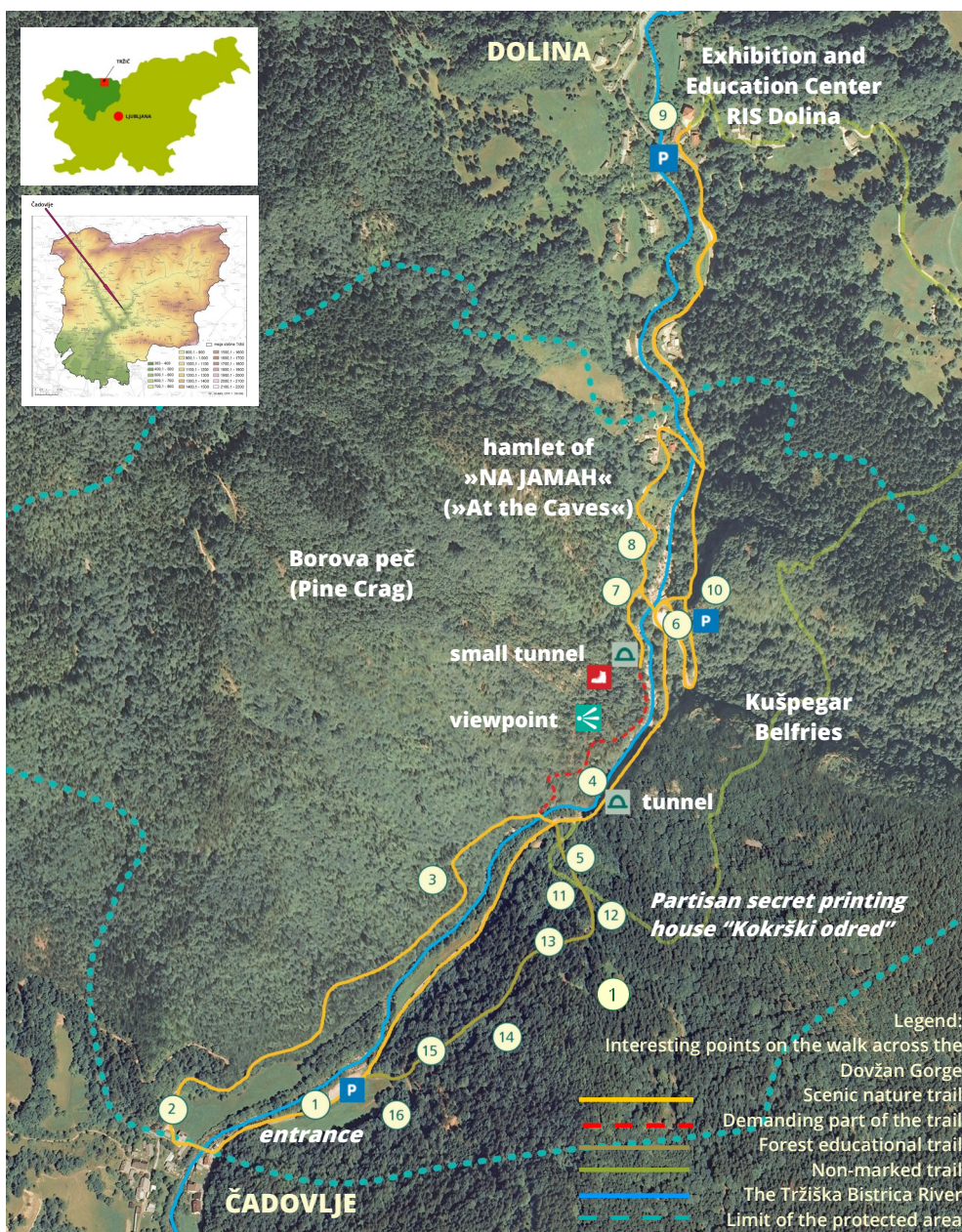
Steep rock pyramids - Kušpegar's Belfries



Road through the tunnel

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