

VUKOVAR-SRIJEM COUNTY

SRIJEM AND SLAVONIA

Life Coloured in Nature







HERE THE NATURE HAS GIVEN IT ALL

Natural heritage

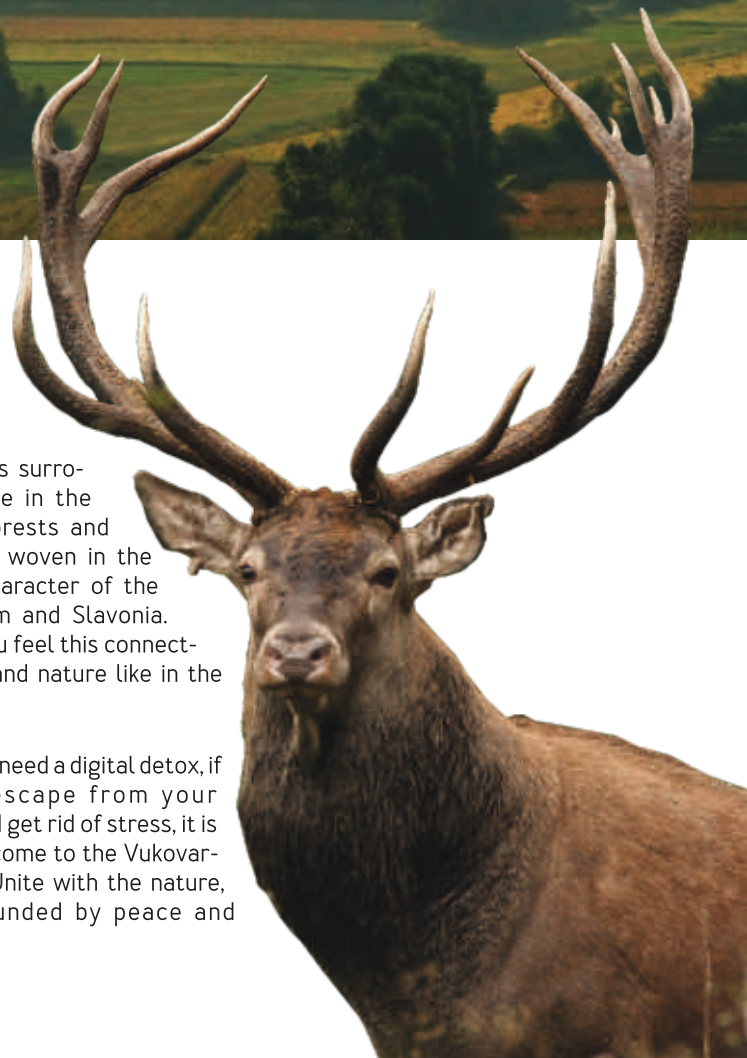
The fertile plains rich in rivers, unique Lucerne oak forests and most beautiful landscapes are inviting for a stroll and active vacation. There used to be even a sea here but it dried out. So that not everything is completely flat, there is the winegrowing Fruška gora.

Cycling, horseback riding, bird watching, bathing in the rivers, ship cruises, hunting and fishing ..., select and enjoy the activity. Attractive during all seasons, the Vukovar-Srijem County is well-known for its hospitality, excellent food and supreme wines.

People in Srijem and Slavonia have always known that the nature is their greatest wealth. One lives with the nature, appreciates its fruits, respects its

laws and relaxes surrounded by it. Life in the plains, along forests and rivers has been woven in the tradition and character of the people of Srijem and Slavonia. Nowhere will you feel this connectedness of man and nature like in the Croatian east.

Therefore, if you need a digital detox, if you wish to escape from your everyday life and get rid of stress, it is time for you to come to the Vukovar-Srijem County. Unite with the nature, enjoy it surrounded by peace and beauty.



NATURAL NUMBERS IN THE VUKOVAR-SRIJEM COUNTY

1

ONE

MONUMENT OF NATURE

Rare tree samples in Drenovci

ONE

FOREST PARK

„Kanovci“ Forest Park

2

TWO

**PARK ARCHITECTURE
MONUMENTS**

- Park in Ilok

- Park in Nuštar

3

THREE

SPECIAL RESERVATIONS

*Special reservation of forest
vegetation Lože*

*Special reservation of forest
vegetation Radiševo*

*Special reservation of forest
vegetation Vukovarska ada*



FOREST

More than wealth

It grows for a hundred years, lives for a hundred years and dies for a hundred years! This is how the people of Srijem and Slavonia describe the Slavonian Lucerne oak, deeply intertwined with the life and tradition of the Croatian east. Its beauty and quality is admired throughout the world even today. Its most wonderful specimens grow from Spačva, where there is the largest unique autochthonous Slavonian Lucerne oak forest, up to the forest area Southern Radiševo (Južno Radiševo) near Gunja. The marshlands along the Sava, Bosut and Spačva used to be impassable rainforests, while today they are an inexhaustible source of inspiration for the lovers of nature and hunting.

A stroll in the forest is relaxing. During the winter in the snow, you will easily notice the scarlet elf cup – a mushroom of an expressed red colour. In the spring, the forest meadows are flooded with white flowers of the bittercress, a plant with strong healing properties that is beneficial for the liver and the kidneys, so it has long found its application in medicine. One of the inhabitants here is also the agile



frog, a kind of a bio-indicator of an exceptionally preserved and unpolluted environment and one of the strictly protected animal species. It is no secret that hunters simply adore the Vukovar-Srijem County. Its forests are abundant in wildlife. To hunt a wild boar, deer, rabbit, pheasant, wild duck, snipe or quail in such a surroundings is a truly unique experience. In the early autumn, when the red deer roar is at its peak, the Spačva state hunting grounds are the hunters' favourite destination; they return in November and September in order to hunt wild boars in groups.

Between Vinkovci and Rokovci, there is the fenced Kunjevci state breeding site with high trophy specimens of fallow deer and the mouflon, while along with them in the hunting grounds there is also the European roe deer and wild boar.

Out of a total of 2,448 km², which is the surface of the Vukovar-Srijem County, 70,000 hectares are taken by forests. Is there a greater wealth?!



DO NOT MISS



BOŠNJACI FOREST MUSEUM

Visit the one of two Croatian Forest Museums in Bošnjaci



VINKOVCI ECO ROUTE

Near Vinkovci, find out about the unbreakable bond of man and nature. Walk in the Zvirinac forest, take a ride in an eco-mobile in the old Kunjevci, fenced hunting site of Hrvatske šume (Croatian Forests) or take a bike ride along the educational trail of the Kanovci Park Forest.



DID YOU KNOW?

LOŽE SPAČVA BASIN

In the Spačva basin, on the surface of approximately a hundred hectares, there is the Lože Special Forest Vegetation Reservation, with imposing specimen of the Lucerne oak, of which some are more than 40 m high.





„HYMN TO THE PLAINS“

Fertile land on the bottom of the sea

All the colours of Srijem and Slavonia are reflected on the endless plains. One does not know if the plains are more beautiful in the late spring when the poppies colour the fields, in the early summer during the harvest, in the autumn when the nature is rich in its fruits or in the winter when the calm snow covered plains meet the horizon. Who would think that this endless space used to be covered by sea?!



The plains are simply inviting for a stroll or spending time in the nature. At the end of March, you will find lesser celandine or pilewort blossoming and literally covering the soil along the ditches with water, thickets, orchards and forests. From May to July, the sage is in bloom, an endangered plant typical for meadows and dry steppe pastures that can still be found only in the eastern part of Croatia.

Almost at every step in the low grasslands, near the forests, you will come across the Old World swallowtail, the most beautiful butterfly according to many, which is a very endangered and strictly protected species; in the early spring, your attention will be attracted to the peacock butterfly that is a very common butterfly also in the rest of Croatia. The European green lizard is also something that is not seen only seldom! This largest Central European lizard is another strictly protected species in Croatia.



DO NOT MISS

BICYCLE TRAILS

Whether you select the Srijem route that connects the southern and the north-eastern part of the County or the one that is followed up by it, i.e. the international Danube EuroVelo 6 cycling route, you will enjoy the beauty of the landscape, the tourist attractions and the supreme gastronomic experience.

HIKING TRAILS

The highest peak in the heart of the plains is Liska (297 m), the Western mountaintop of Fruška gora. You can hike there along the pedestrian hiking trail of the same name. The marked international hiking footpath, the Sultans Trail, is passing beside Ilok.

HORSEBACK RIDING

If you wish something totally different, opt for horseback riding. Select the best way to research the landscape and come to the right address that will help you with it – one in a series of horse clubs in Srijem.



DID YOU KNOW?

SALTY PASTURES

In the Trpinja municipality, towards Borovo, there are the last five hectares of continental salty pasture left in Croatia. The people know it better as slatina (salt marsh); these salty pastures have disappeared due to intensive ploughing of their surfaces and are a very rare phenomenon nowadays.







RIVERS

All the powers of the water

In the fertile fields, thick forests, towns and villages of Srijem and Slavonia, there are six rivers and their tributaries. A random passer-by will enjoy their beauty, during the hot days the bathers will find refreshment in them, an experienced Pannonian seaman will relax in the navigation, while a fisherman will patiently wait for the catch of his life in a hidden bay.

Their rippled surface shows the wind direction, their colour depends on the season and there is a rich flourishing world in their depths. The spacious plains of the Vukovar-Srijem

County are surrounded by the Danube and the Sava; Vuka that flows to the North of Vinkovci and flows through Vukovar is a natural border of Srijem and Slavonia, while further South to the Sava, the Bosut is calmly flowing with its tributaries Biđ and Spačva.

The powerful Danube is flowing through the easternmost Croatian county; it is one of the largest European rivers, in Srijem also known as laganica, a river that is totally different, yet equally full of life. The Danube brings Europe with it, while the Vuka, Bosut, Spačva and Biđ are the autochthonous Srijem and Slavonia – irresistibly blended in their differences. The trophy pikes that can grow up to a meter and a half in length and weigh 15 kg, green frogs, insects such as the caddisflies, communities of beavers, in particular otters, witness of the high quality of the river habitats and the exceptional water purity.



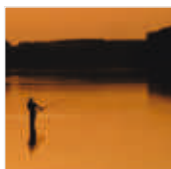


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EXPLORE THE DANUBE

Enjoy the beauty of the Danube on an excursion boat or cruiser. Go for a swim during the hot summer months on its organised beaches in Vukovar and Ilok.



FISHING

Try your luck fishing, perhaps you will catch a carp, catfish, perch, pike or sturgeon.

↓ BOATRIDE IN SPAČVA

On the Sv. Katarina (St. Catherine) excursion boat in Nijemci, reveal why the ancient Romans asked themselves in which direction the Bosut flows and research the unique Spačva.



DID YOU KNOW?

VIROVI

In the rich Spačva forest, there are the Virovi prominent for their beauty; they are a part of the ecological Natura 2000 network of EU countries. Less than 2 km long and 60 m wide, they encompass a part of the same-named small river, creating a typical Slavonian landscape. This unique oasis rich in plant and animal species, thanks to underground waters, never dried out.



BIRDS

For watching and listening

The wingspan in the females of the white-tailed eagle on the territory of the Vukovar-Srijem County reaches up to two and a half meters and only in the preserved Ilok landscape in Croatia can you see the eastern imperial eagle. You need not be a passionate bird watcher to enjoy their beauty, even though during this very interesting activity you must do much walking and also show patience.



Nature lovers, when they discover this hobby, spend hours and hours in silence observing birds. The more experienced ones will instantly know the species, while beginners will enjoy testing their knowledge.

Here you can see the pygmy cormorant that returned here at the end of the 1990s, one has noted also two colonies of sand martins – the smallest swallows. If you look more carefully at the house roofs and chimneys, you will notice the white stork, while in the winter in the inhabited villages you will see colonies of long-eared owls; if you discover the little egret, you will know that the area is exceptionally abundant in fish. All these are exceptionally rare and strictly protected species.



DO NOT MISS



BIRDWATCHING

If you want to become familiar with the birds of the Vukovar-Srijem County, perhaps it is best to start from the bird watchtower. One such bird watchtower was built on the pasture of Borovo and it is often used for the teaching programmes in the nature. On the themed tourist path "Let's Go to Srijem", in the heart of the Srijem fields, there is another bird watchtower that, due to individual species, is equally attractive both for the beginners and the more experienced ones. You may observe birds from a ship, from the watchtower or walking.

FOREST TRAIL LOŽE

You will meet an abundance of birds in the Spačva forest on the Lože educational forest trail but also on that on Virovi on which there is a bird watchtower.



DID YOU KNOW?

← SAKER FALCON

In Croatia, a nest of the saker falcon was found only on the territory of the Vukovar-Srijem County; saker falcon is a strictly protected and very rare species that nests in the nests of the hooded crows and ravens.



NATURAL HERITAGE

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT SRIJEM AND SLAVONIA

GINKGO BILOBA TREE

In the Ilok park, one of the rare specimens of the Ginkgo Biloba tree grows, whose relatives died out 200 million years ago so that it is called a 'live fossil'

MAMMOTH FOSSIL

Not far from Ilok, in Mohovo, there is the only fossil remnant of a young woollen mammoth more than ten thousand years old

EUROPEAN COPPER SKINK

Within the protected Park Architecture Monument of the Odescalchi Castle in Ilok, a rare lizard species has been found - the European copper skink

BASAL RAY-FINNED FISH

A rare fish species from the order of basal ray-finned fishes has been caught in the Danube, for which is believed that it was last registered on the territory of Croatia more than 130 years ago

VULKANSTAUB

On the banks of the Danube, there is a thin layer of volcanic dust, as a thin line in the loess ridges





RIVER

River Ride Sv. Katarina (St. Catherine) Ship
on the River Spačva

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PLAINS

CYCLING ROUTES

The total length of the Srijem route is 193 km
with seven cycling stations (Vinkovci,
Rokovci, Cerna, Bošnjaci, Gunja, Otok and
Opatovac).

The Danube cycling route is 138 km long, of
which 53 km are on the territory of the
Vukovar-Srijem County. On the Danube
route, there are seven cycling stations.

The Sava cycling route is an international
route of a total length of 880 km of which 31
km is on the territory of the Vukovar-Srijem
County. On the Sava route, there are three
cycling stations (Cerna, Andrijaševci and
Vinkovci).

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