



CYCLE - REGION SOUTH SPIS



CYCLE - GUIDE

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CYCLING

Whole Spis with its ragged terrain and culturally and historically interesting places meets all requirements of demanding cyclists. The network of approximately 440 km marked cycle routes provides the possibility to admire natural and historical beauties of Spis region from the saddle of your bike as well as to test physical and riding skills of mountain bikers. The network will be extended gradually to make this part of Slovakia more attractive for cyclists.

We have created several cycling routes beginning at five different starting points which hopefully will not only lead you through South Spis but at the same time they will become the guideline for creating your own cycling routes.

FIELD MARKING OF CYCLE ROUTES

In the field, the cycling routes are marked with the painted letter "C", big and small signposts and additional cycle boards and signposts.











RIG SIGNPOSTS

ROUTES CLASSIFICATION ACCORDING TO DIFFICULTY

Colouring of difficulty is not in accord with the colouring of cycling routes. Routes classification according to difficulty:









LESS DEMANDING, ROUTES ARE IDEAL FOR SEFING THE BEAUTIES AND ENJOYING THE MOUNTAIN-BIKE RIDE























CHALLENGING ROUTES. REQUIRE VERY GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION AND MASTERY OF BIKE RIDE

GUIDELINES FOR CYCLISTS

Marked cycling routes are mostly suitable for **mountain bike** and require:

physical capability, ogood quality cycling equipment, or ride technique, or ride safety.

These basic requirements cannot be downgraded due to your health and for the sake of other participants' health and safety, as well. Marked cycle routes do not run along peculiar, odd cycle routes but along forest and field paths or public roads used by other users therefore observe following recommendations and principles:

- 1. choose the route in accord with your fitness, type and quality of the bike.
- 2. before the ride check your cycling gear and equipment (cycling helmet, spare tyre, bike pump, water bottle, map, quide, compass – recommended, GPS navigation),
- 3. collective cycling activities should be reported to the relevant forest administrative units (e.g. Administration of NP Slovenský rai and Mountain rescue service Slovenský rai).
- 4. always follow the marked cycling routes in the forest environment to avoid losing the way and possible troubles.
- 5. observe the Order of Visitors in the National park.
- 6. you ride on your own risk along the cycling routes,
- 7. forest paths are used by tourists, other cyclist and cars therefore:
- ride cautiously and considerately.
- respect general rules for driving along the public roads.

DESCRIPTION OF CYCLE ROUTES

Described routes run along the marked cycle trails and are all two way trails.

In the guide we always choose a more acceptable and interesting direction.

We hope that everybody according to their possibilities and experience and with the help of our guide will be pleased to get the slice of action. There is also possibility to use railway connection Košice – Poprad and Margecany – Telgárt.



CLASSIFICATION ACCORDING TO SURFACE

ASPHALT SURFACE - good quality asphalt surface - surface of the 2nd, 3rd class roads and local roads.



REINFORVED SURFACE – poor-quality coarsely ground asphalt surface - e.g. special-purpose roads, mostly forest asphalt roads.

MACADAM SURFACE - rough roads and paths with beaten stony and gritty base without reinforcement - e.g. some special-purpose roads, refined forest and local roadways. NATURAL SURFACE – rough roads and paths with natural clayey beaten surface – e.g. some field, forest and local roadways. This surface is impassable on bad weather conditions.

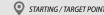
ABBREVIATIONS AND PICTOGRAMS











SIGNPOSTS

RÁZCFSTNÍKY

CYKLOTRÁS

SHORT ROUTE TO SLOVAK PARADISE

→ 1.8 km Smižianska Maša → 5 km Sp. Nová Ves. train station

0 km Sp. Nová Ves. train station → 1 km Sp. Nová Ves - Mier → 4 km Košiarny briežok

→ 3.5 km Nad Lesnicou → 2.5 km Činaov, centre → 0.8 km Činaov, crossina

DISTANCE DURATION DÍ ŽKA TRASY TRVANIF

ELEVATION PRFVÝŠFNIF

DIFFICULTY NÁROČNOSŤ

18,5 km

130 m

REKREA



ROUTE DESCRIPTION POPIS TRASY

Unpretentious, family-run circuit provides relaxation and tasting of the Slovak Paradise. It is a small suburban circle, running along the marked CTT trails with asphalt, penetrated and reinforced surface and almost the entire outside the traffic.

At the beginning you are briefly led through the streets of the city by the yellow trail CTT 8854. Behind the bridge over the river Hornád from the intersection of routes continue cycling straight southwards following the blue trail CTT 2711. At the level of the last houses and after turning to the right the road surface changes into reinforced. Continue through the open country, keeping the field winding blue trail CTT. In case of good visibility you can enjoy the view of the High Tatras. On the edge of a pine forest enter the protected zone of the National Park Slovak Paradise and walk around and through a. The reinforced surface of the road changes in penetrated and a slight ascend leads you to the intersection of cycling and hiking trails to the lodging area and tourist centre Košiarny Briežok. Our circuit continues in a westerly direction along the green trail CTT 5705. After a pleasant stretch the route enters the forest (behind the ramp) and starts to ascend slightly up to a great forest meadow called Bikšova lúka. From the highest point of the circuit continue on the left edge of Bikšova meadow by two km gentle descend, later through the forest still on a penetrated forest road. ATTENTION! Over Lesnica leave the penetrated forest path, turn on the right and again on the right, and continue along the forest path with reinforced surface descending along a little stream of Lesnica, which you have to ford later, or use a narrow footbridge. The forest path and the green trail CTT lead you

to the intersection of tourist routes *Ústie Lesnica* (Mouth Lesica). From the signpost continue to the right, crossing a narrow bridge over the river *Hornád*, joining the road with asphalt surface, which lead you to the central tourist orientation point in *Čingov*, where the boulder with the inscription "The national park Slovak" Paradise, 1988" (declared national park 18.01.1988) catches your attention. The trail continues ascending at a moderate north-easterly direction along the asphalted local road past the parking lot, restaurant, accommodation and buffet services to the intersection of public roads and to the intersection CTT Čingov – rázcestie (crossing). Turn right and continue following the red CTT 014 (Spis cycling arterial track). The mark lead you to the top of the field. from which you get panoramic views of the town Spisská Nová Ves, village Smižany, range of Levočské vrchy and a part of Volovské vrchy and behind us a view of the High Tatras. At the bottom of a steep descend (12%) (still following the red CTT) turn right (CTT Smižianská Maša junction) to the local road with penetrated surface. The common stretch of red and green CTT ends behind the bridge over the river Hornád. Turn left and continue following the red CTT along the right bank of the Hornád River up to Spišská Nová Ves. In the town district Mier at the first roundabout, take the third exit and continue on the blue CTT 2711 past the





shopping centre and across the traffic lights to the destination - the train station.





- The National park Slovak Paradise - Tourist centres Košiarny briežok, Čingov

SIGNPOSTS

RÁZCESTNÍKY

CYKLOTRÁS

ALONG THE EAST EDGE OF SLOVAK PARADISE

0 km Sp. Nová Ves. train station → **2.4 km** Madaras → **1.6 km** Vyšný Hámor

→ 1.8 km Ferčekovce → 3.4 km Nov. Huta → 4.5 km Pod Flaišerom

DISTANCE DURATION DÍ ŽKA TRASY TRVANIF

28 km

ELEVATION PRFVÝŠFNIF

DIFFICULTY NÁROČNOSŤ

→ 5.6 km Medvedia hlava, saddle → 3.5 km Koš, briežok → 4 km Sp. Nová Ves - Mier → 1.5 km Sp. Nová Ves, train station



ROUTE DESCRIPTION POPIS TRASY

Unpretentious, cycle circle with a profile well suited for the less skilled and less experienced cyclists. Its distinctive course passing mostly through forest environment and in the central part through serenity and quiet, allows you to explore every new nook and cranny of the nature near the city. It runs through the protective zone of the National Park Slovak Paradise.

The circuit begins and ends in front of the railway station in Spišská Nová Ves and the whole follows the blue CTZ 2711. Start in front of the train station and cycle to the east of the town following the town road. At the first roundabout take the third exit, after eight hundred meters on the second roundabout take the second exit. From SP Madaras (junction with CTT 014) continue in a southerly direction (still following the blue cycle trail), past the ZOO on the left, up the hill and turn left. You are on the edge of town, where the asphalt road changes in the field path with reinforced and natural surface. Crossing over the bridge the cycle trail enters the housing estate of Ferčekovce. Following CTZ on the asphalt road you will get to SP Ferčekovce, turn left and continue to the skiing slope following the road with reinforced later penetrated surface right to the next local section of the city, to Novoveska Huta. From that place the blue mark merge with green CTZ 5754. Both marks crossing the 2nd class road and passing the signpost Novoveská Huta continue on the left by the penetrated path right to SP Pod Flajšerom. From SP the blue cycle trail leads you straight ahead along the penetrated path all the way to the meadow Lanovka on the right. Ascending continue by the reinforced forest road and join another paved road and after turning right traverse further on passing several intersections of forest roads all the way to SP Medvedia hlava (Bear head) –saddle. Descending steeply (3.5km) continue carefully to the northeast by penetrated forest road up to Košiarny briežok. From the intersection of biking and hiking trails continue to the right, still following the blue cycle trail. Pass the lodging area and continue through open land with views of Spišská kotlina (basin), the High Tatras, Levočské vrchv (mountains) and town of Spišská Nová Ves. After appx. 1 km vou enter the town, Cross several intersections of local roads and at the junction of the river Hornád (signpost Spišská Nová Ves - Mier) turn left into north-westerly direction, and keep the blue cycle-touristic trail, which together with the red CTT leads you to the roundabout. Take the second exit at the first roundabout and third exit on the second roundabout. Ascending slightly continue straight on past the shopping centres and across traffic lights. Finish the circuit in front of the railway station.









POINTS OF INTEREST / ZAUJÍMAVOSTI

- ZOO

CIRCUIT

AROUND SLOVAK PARADISE

DISTANCE DURATION ELEVATION DIFFICULTY DÍ ŽKA TRASY TRVANIF PRFVÝŠFNIF NÁROČNOSŤ

SIGNPOSTS RÁZCESTNÍKY CYKLOTRÁS

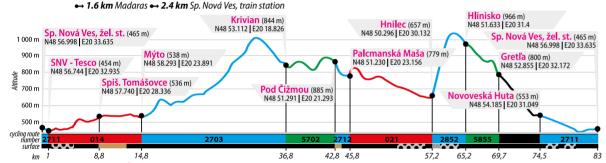
0 km Sp. Nová Ves. train station → **5 km** Smižianska Maša → **1.8 km** Čingov. crossina

- → 0.8 km Ďurkovec, crossina → 1.2 km Sp. Tomášovce → 5 km Hrabušice → 1 km Mýto
- → 1 km Pri Podlesku → 16.5 km Kopanec, saddle → 4.5 km Krivian → 6 km Pod Čižmou
- → 1.5 km Dobšinská Maša → 1.5 km Palcmanská Maša → 1 km Biele Vody, crossina

83 km



→ 1 km Hlinisko → 3 km Hnilčík-Cechv → 1.5 km Gretľa → 4.8 km Novoveská Huta → 3.4 km Ferčekovce → 1.8 km Vvšný Hámor



•• 0.7 km Prostredný Hámor •• 1.9 km Mlvnky •• 1.6 km Rakovec •• 3 km Svkavka •• 3.2 km Hnilec •• 7 km Pod Grainárom

ROUTE DESCRIPTION POPIS TRASY

Experience rewarding and challenging circuit, demanding thanks to it ascend and length, passing alternately through both little and abundantly visited parts of the Slovak Paradise, gives you access to the jewels of the North and South part of the Slovak Paradise and takes

you through even a little frequent, but an interesting territory of region. The circuit starts in front of the railway station in a westerly direction through the streets of the city following the blue CTZ 2711. At the first roundabout take the second and at the second roundabout the first exit. Follow the red CTZ 014 (Spiš cycle arterial track) along the embankment of the river against its flow past the village Smižanská Maša. After a short, but challenging ascend at its top you are rewarded by panoramic views of the High Tatras, a large part of the Volovské vrchy (mountains), and in your back the town Spišská Nová Ves. Then there follows a relaxing stretch of track circuit. Continue to the intersection of Čingov (turn right), pass the SP Pod Ďurkovcom and enter a village of Spisské Tmášovce. ! From the cycle-touristic signpost the stretch of Spiss arterial track starts. In the rain the stretch is impassable as the trail surface is soil and unreinforced! After approximately 4 km ride through the open country by the field path and enter the village *Hrabušice*. From the SP *Mýto* behind the village follow the blue CTZ 2703 and continue through the picturesque valley of *Biele Vody* which offers hiking trails in the Slovak Paradise (gorges - Suchá Belá, Piecky, Veľký Sokol), and the bus stop at the tourist centre Podlesok, After a relaxed section of the route from the entry of the gorge Velký Sokol you start ascending (approx. 12 km) very slightly at first, later more steeply up the rod to the saddle Kopanec. From the saddle on the left enjoy the charming view of the valley which you will pass later and the surroundings of the mount Javorina (1181 m). There you are captured by the impressive Kopanecké mountain meadows with many types of plants, blossoming throughout the whole growing season (the highest biodiversity in Europe-up to 75 species of higher vascular plants per m²). After a short rest continue descending 4 km to the intersection of state roads and SP Krivian. Turn left. (After turning right and riding two more kilometres, you can visit the world-famous Dobšinskú Ice Cave.) On the left hand a natural reservation Srnčie skalv catches your attention. Before the road tunnel turn left and continue through the magical Stratenský kaňon (canyon). After re-joining the state road behind the tunnel, continue through the picturesque village Stratená which is hidden in the charming environment of the Slovak Paradise. Behind the village turn right. Ascend first through the forest, later through an open country of mountain meadows Voniarky. To the left of the tourist signpost is a wonderful view of the dam Palcmanská Maša. Here turn left and follow the blue mark CTZ 2712 descending by a steep field trail to Dobšinská Maša. Continue past the water, through the forest and again near the water surface, and over the bridge below the reservoir wall to the intersection of roads and cycling routes. Here turn right and continue following the red trail CTZ 021 (Hnilecká arterial track) through six parts of the village Mlynky – Palcmanská Maša, Prostredný Hamor, Mlynky, Rakovec, Biele Vody and Sykavka. From Sykavka up to Hnilec, another picturesque village of Hnilecká dolina (valley), you pass 3 km unpretentious stretch of the route on the local and forest reinforced road. Behind the second underpass under the rail track from the junction of the CTT, after turning right continue on a penetrated road of a short common stretch of CTZ (red 014 and blue 2852). At the nearest intersection of local roads turn left and follow the blue CTZ 2852.

After eight hundred metres turn left into a paved forest path and after a further three hundred metres turn right. To manage a bit demanding ascend of the forest road up to

Polana pod Jayorom (Meadow under Maple), you need to make the best use of your riding skills. After that a nice leg of a journey on the forest path follows. From the SP Pod

Grajnárom continue on the right along the state road following the cycle – touristic trail (blue CTZ 2852, after 1 kilometre the green CTZ 5855) all the way to SP Gretla. From

there follow a state road all the time, but this time without cycle -touristic trail up to Novoveská Huta. Here at the crossroads turn right and follow the blue trail CTZ 2711

which through Ferčekovce, Vyšný Hamor, past the ZOO, shopping centre Madaras and the streets of the city, takes you to the end of cycle circle – in front of the railway station.





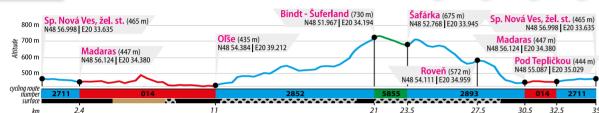
- the Gorge of the Slovak Paradise
- Stratenský kaňon
- Blaizloch staging site with an artificial mountain pond
- Kopanickélúky-thehighestbiodiversityinEurope - up to 75 species of higher vascular plants per m²
- Hansiakubová / Krivian staging site with an artificial mountain pond

ALONG THE TOP OF MINING RAILWAY

DISTANCE ELEVATION DIFFICULTY DURATION DÍ ŽKA TRASY TRVANIF PRFVÝŠFNIF NÁROČNOSŤ 35 km

SIGNPOSTS RÁZCFSTNÍKY CYKLOTRÁS





ROUTE DESCRIPTION POPIS TRASY

The route catching due to its historical landmarks in Markušovce, natural resources in Markušovská Valley, famous history of mining in the Spiš Area (part of the narrow mining railway, fragment of applomerative smelting furnace, a little mining belfry in Bindt.)

and descending to Teplička also due to the views of the part of the Hornádskej basin and the High Tatras. The start and goal of cycle circuit is in front of the railway station in Spišská Nová Ves. Start in easterly direction following the blue marked trail (2711) along the main road. After passing two roundabouts, descending shortly you get to the bridge over the river Hornád to SP Madaras. At the intersection behind the bridge turn left and continue following the red cycling trail (014) on the asphalt road up to the SP Pod Tepličkou. Here leave the asphalt road and continue straight on first on the penetrated, then on a field path with an unreinforced surface (red cycling trail 014, having the rail track on your left). Ascend gently to the right, under the village Teplička, then turn left and descend slightly to the wood. From the wood continue to the underpass under the railroad track, turn right and continue straight on between the right bank of the Hornád River and the rail track. At the intersection turn left, cross the bridge and get onto the main road in Markušovce. In front you see Markušovský kaštieľ (mansion - museum of furniture), the Dardanelles renaissance Palace (Museum of keyboard instruments), and on the left the ruins of Markušovský Hrad (Castle). After turning right, continue on the asphalt path up to advanced SP Olse. Here leave Spis cycling arterial track, turn to the right, and then continue to Bindt up to the saddle following the blue cycling trail (2852) Suferland. After a brief gentle descent past the former mining factory start ascending squiggly to the edge of the dredging pond, remains of mining activities. Pass it on your right, at the end of path descend a long stony path and then start ascending gently through Markušovské údolie (Valley). At

10 the intersection of forest paths do not turn, continue straight on. At the end of Markušovský potok (creek) after crossing to his left side, continue on the forest path

along the edge of the forest and through the forest to the fragment of agglomerative smelting furnace in *Bindt*. From there ascend to the left up to the signpost *Bindt*. At the crossroads after turning right you can stop to relax at the renovated mining belfry (150 m). Continue turning left and ascending steeply along the asphalt path. Pass the panels of the educational mining walkway and do not miss entries into the mining galleries or the warehouse of explosives. Gradually ascend up to the signpost Bindt-Šuferland. Before reaching the top on the right over the Markušovské údolie (valley) you have an amazing view of the Spišský hrad (Spiš Castle) with the Branisko in the background. If you have enough time, you can leave the circuit and turn to the left at the bottom of the blue cycling trail (2852) to the village Hnilčík and visit the Mining Museum. The circuit, however, continues to the right following the green cycling trail (5855) among the lodges along a comfortable paved forest path, which leads again along the body of the former narrow gauge mining railways up to the signpost Šafárka. From here after turning right continue through the forest along the body of the railway changing the green cycling trail into the blue one (2893). On the right you have a beautiful view of the mountain village Závadka. At the intersection of forest paths turn to the left and ascending slightly through the woods get to the edge of the forest and an open area where on the right you see Branisko, Levočské vrchy mountain range, the High Tatras, and village Teplička, where you head for. Descend rather steeply turning right sharply along the not very hard macadam path. Caution! We recommend to increase the alertness! After a long descent with amazing panoramic views, and then ascending gently you get to crossing Roven. Here you can choose from two cycling trails, which both meet again at signpost CTT Pod Tepličkou. If you choose the blue cycling trail, continue straight on, passing the village Teplička where you can get some refreshment or visit the church. At the crossroads of tourist and cycling routes in the village turn to the left and climb up slightly. On the horizon you can enjoy amazing panoramic views of the Hornádska kotlina (basin) with the Levočské vrchy (hills) and the High Tatras in the background. Descend steeply down the asphalt road to meet the city district Pod Tepličkou. If you choose the second option, turn to the left following the vellow cycling trail (8922) first descending sharply along the field path past the lodging area Pod Tepličkou and consequently along the penetrated path through the valley of Teplický Brusník up to crossing Pod Tepličkou. From there turn left onto the red cycling trail (014). Do the last part of cycle circuit Pod Tepličkou – Madaras – Spišska Nová Ves, railway station in the opposite direction than at the beginning of cycle circuit.





- Markušovce Manor House and summer House
- Museum of the Dardanelles, exhibitions, concerts
- Ruins of Markušovský hrad (castle)
- mining peculiarity mining gallery/adit of Orenburg diverts water of Markušovský potok (creek) away from the dredge pond – into the next valley (bicycling passable)
- the remains of mining operations in Bindt mining gallery/adit, fragment of agglomerative smelting furnace, belfry, and educational trail, cycling along the superstructure of the former mine railway

SIGNPOSTS

RÁZCESTNÍKY

CYKLOTRÁS

AROUND AND THROUGH GALMUS

0 km Krompachy → 5 km Slovinky → 3 km Ploštiny → 8 km Poráč → 10 km Galmus

→ 4.5 km Za horou → 0.8 km Kondrátka → 3.2 km Kolinovce → 3 km Krompachy

DÍ ŽKA TRASY

37,5 km

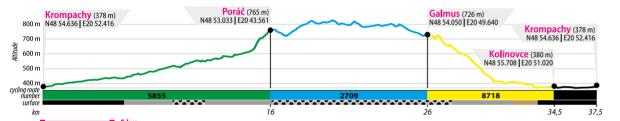
TRVANIF

ELEVATION

DIFFICULTY NÁROČNOSŤ

PRFVÝŠFNIF

570 m





Circuit provides a nice cycle route in the natural environment. It passes a significant country and natural territory of Galmus, including the natural reserves Červené skaly and Galmuská tisina.

Start your cycle route in the centre of the town Krompachy at the information signpost near the Town Office. At the beginning ascend gently 5 kilometres along the main road following the green CTZ 5855. After getting up at the beginning of the village Slovinky at the intersection near the cemetery turn right and continue in a comfortable ride through the Valley of Poráčsky jarok (creek) to the lodge Čierny bocian (Black Stork). From there the road surface changes in reinforced and the path ascends more dramatically. At the same time you are passing a stretch lined by the protected natural area of Červené Skaly (Red Rocks). From the Relaxsport center Poráč Park, continue by penetrated path ascending steeply up to Poráč. At the first intersection turn right and continue following the blue cycle trail (2709) ascending gently to the woods above the village. From here enjoy "swinging" profile of cycling trails up to the intersection of tourist and cycle trails Galmus. Here change the blue into yellow cycle trail. Turn left and start descending along the forest path. The loss of altitude signalises that the Recreation Center Za horou is not far away. At the crossroads of tourist and cycling routes turn to the right and continue following the joint stretch of the yellow and red cycle trail (014 Spiš arterial track) to the signpost Kondratka where you turn right onto the forest path and follow only the yellow cycle trail. Go through the underpass beneath the railway tracks, and over the bridge over the river Hornád. From the local road in Kolinovce turn right onto the main road (end of cycle - tourist markings), where you can experience a couple of unpleasant kilometres of busy traffic. At the main intersection in Krompachy turn right and continue by a local road to your destination – the end of cycle route.













- the original preserved architecture of the rural folk
- Poráč - natural reservation Červené skaly and Galmuská tisina

0 km Poráč → 8 km Ploštiny → 3 km Galmus → 10 km Poráč





RÁZCESTNÍKY

CYKLOTRÁS

A pleasant, unpretentious, cycle-touristic circuit with one more demanding ascend. It leads through very significant country and nature territory of the Volovské vrchy (mountains) - through Galmus.

Cycle-touristic circuit begins and ends in front of the Mayor's Office. Set off eastward following the blue CTZ 2709. At the first junction continue straight along with the green CTZ 5855, after a hundred meters of the common stretch turn right at the road junction, and follow the green CTZ 5855 descending steeply up to Relax and Sports Center Poráč Park. Descending gently, enjoy the picturesque valley Poráčska Dolina, with a nature reservation Červené Skaly on its edges up, to SP Plošiny. Turn left and start ascending to SP Galmus (3.5 km). Once again turn left and follow the blue CTZ 2709 all the way up to the finish of circle. The rest of the circuit is pleasantly comfortable for hikers and cyclists due to its undemanding segmentation.





Slovinky







POINTS OF INTEREST / ZAUJÍMAVOSTI

- natural reservation Červené Skaly (Red rocks)

the nature reserve Galmuská tisina



2709

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FOLLOWING PANORAMA...

DÍ ŽKA TRASY

56.5 km

DURATION TRVANIF

ELEVATION PRFVÝŠFNIF

DIFFICULTY NÁROČNOSŤ

→ 3 km Chrast n/Hornádom → 1 km Vítkovce → 3 km Olcnava → 2.5 km Blatná

0 km Poráč → 3 km Pod Holým vrchom → 3 km Rovná lúka → 2.8 km Smrečina

→ 3.4 km Závadka → 0.8 km Závadské skalky → 2 km Seliská → 1 km Labková

→ 0.3 m odboč doprava → 1.5 km Bindt → 9.3 km Oľše → 2 km Matejovce n/Hornádom



ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Due to lots of beautiful views, expansive mountain meadows, forest and open country, but also the elements of the original well-kept village the cycle circle portrays a great scenery of Spiss country. It is a difficult cycle circle.

POPIS TRASY The route starts in the village *Poráč* at the SP of cycle trails following the green CTZ 5855 in a southerly direction. After a comfortable one kilometre ride cross the state road. Continue by the field reinforced path which enters woods after two hundred meters. Cycle trail leads you gently by alternately steeper ascend. At the tourist spot Pod Holým vrchom an open country of forest meadows outstretches its pastures with a lot of amazing views, of which the most amazing is a panoramic view of the village of Závadka. The view of Hornádska kotlina (basin) in the background with a picture of the High Tatras, Levočské vrchy (hills) and Braniskom with Spišský hrad (castle) is also charming. After a short descend enter the mountain village of Závadka with preserved original architecture and features of the original way of life typical of Ruthenian ethnic group. Two chapels located on the route are also interesting. Leaving the village on the left hand you can admire the natural monument. From the SP Závadské skalky follow the green CTZ 5855 passing an open landscape with views. Three hundred meters beyond the tourist place Labková at a small cycle signpost turn sharply right onto the state road and follow the blue CTZ 2852 descending to Bindt. On the route in the vicinity of Bindt up to Olse you can see numerous evidence of rich mining activities in the past. At the intersection of roads and SP Bindt turn right on the road with the macadam surface. After a short descend continue in a comfortable ride along Markušovská dolina (valey) on the body of former mining railway. At the bottom of the valley on the left hand you

pass the edge of dredge pond. After descend under the dredge pond you pass the former mining sites. Continue along the asphalt road following the blue cycling trail which ends in the area of the former settlement O/se at the cross under a lime tree (Božia muka). From here follow the red CTZ 014 of Spis arterial track and continue along the River Hornad valley through the villages Matejoyce and Hornadom, Chrast and Hornadom and Vitkoyce up to Olcnava. On the way a natural attraction Siklavá skala might catch your attention. From Olcnava we head for the northern slopes of Galmus. still Ifolowing CTZ Spiss arterial track and passing relax and recreational sites, Blatná, later Za horou. At SP Za horou turn, and continue ascending over four kilometres by the yellow CTZ 8981 up to SP Galmus. Here turn right and follow the blue CTZ 2709 which takes you to Poráč.









- the preserved original folk architecture of countryside
- Poráč, Závadka
- the natural monument Závadské skalky Bindt – the belfry, heat/smelting furnace
- natural attractions Sikľavá skala
- natural reserve Galmuská tisina

SIGNPOSTS

RÁZCESTNÍKY

CYKLOTRÁS

TO KOJŠOVSKA HOĽA

DÍ ŽKA TRASY

DURATION TRVANIF

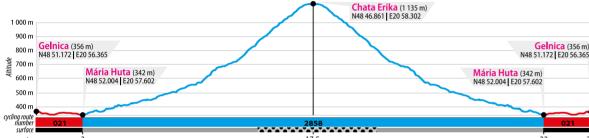
ELEVATION PRFVÝŠFNIF

DIFFICULTY

NÁROČNOSŤ

0 km Gelnica → 3 km Mária Huta → 2.6 km Kysel → 7.3 km Izbica → 0.9 km Polianka, Hlboká dolina → 3.7 km Chata Erika → (1 km Kojšovská hoľa) → späť → 3.7 km Polianka, Hlboká dolina → 0.9 km Izbica → 7.3 km Kysel → 2.6 km Mária Huta → 3 km Gelnica





ROUTE DESCRIPTION POPIS TRASY

The route is suitable for the physically and technically capable cyclists. A kilometre easterly from the end of the marked cycle trail at the lodge Erika you see a known mount Koišovská hoľa (1246 m) with a unique panoramic view. The surface of roads is asphalt and penetrated, only in the final part a long ascend it is reinforced and stony.

A starting and target point of the circuit is at the intersection of roads on the southwest entrance to the city on the left bank of the river Hnilec at the confluence of Turzovský potok (creek) with the river Hnilec. Walk across the bridge. Turn left behind the bridge and follow the asphalt path along the right bank of the river Hnilec. After approximately 500 metres on the left hand, a massive stone structure of the bridge dated back to 1837 (technical monument) crosses the river. Follow the main road = Hnilecká arterial track (021). In the local part of the town called Mária Huta at the end of descend leave main busy road and turn to the right (signpost CTT Maria Huta). Continue through the valley of Perlový potok (creek) following the blue cycle trail (ev., no. 2858). Behind the last houses of Perlová Valley enter the forest "Kingdom", which makes tough, lengthy and later on also steeper ascend pleasant. Gradually pass signposts of hiking tracks – Kysel, Izbica, Polianka-Hlboká dolina while taking the altitude. In the final part of ascend, the surface of the road changes from penetrated to reinforced, which calls for better physical and technical skills. In the upper part of the 18 route a difficult ascend can be made more pleasant by views whose number and range depends on the current biological activity in the woods. However, dependent only on the weather, there is a wonderful panoramic view of *κοjsονsκα ποια* (1240 III), which is a line certain of the ride back. Descend by a long it following the yellow tourist mark. At the lodge Erika after a prolonged ascending draw lost energy and get ready for the ride back. Descend by a long it following the yellow tourist mark. At the lodge Erika after a prolonged ascending draw lost energy and get ready for the ride back. Descend by a long it follows tourist mark. At the lodge Erika after a prolonged ascending draw lost energy and get ready for the ride back. Descend by a long it follows tourist mark. At the lodge Erika after a prolonged ascending draw lost energy and get ready for the ride back. Descend by a long it follows tourist mark. At the lodge Erika after a prolonged ascending draw lost energy and get ready for the ride back. Descend by a long it follows tourist mark. At the lodge Erika after a prolonged ascending draw lost energy and get ready for the ride back. Descend by a long it follows tourist mark. ent only on the weather, there is a wonderful panoramic view of Koišovská hoľa (1246 m), which is a nice reward for the effort involved. You will get to abilities and skills and do not jeopardize the safety and health of other track users. Cycle to enjoy your ride. At the end of descend in Mária Huta turn to the left onto the busy main road and change the blue cycle trail into the red one (Hnilecká arterial track). On top of the last ascend of the route enjoy the views of the valley of the river Hnilec, on both sides lined by the mountains ridges and the view of the emerging historical town of Gelnica. Continue comfortably towards the town and up to the finish of our cycle route.









POINTS OF INTEREST / ZAUJÍMAVOSTI

- technical monument the stone bridge from 1837 built from
- the ruins of the building material of castle orig.aGothicRome.-catholicChurchfromtheendofthe14.cent.
- Mining Museum - Zámčisko - the remnants of the Gothic Castle of 13, cent.
- the most tranguil area of the town-square at the ev. church

- Turzovské artificial water reservoirs

SIGNPOSTS

RÁZCESTNÍKY

CYKLOTRÁS

LONG CIRCUIT WITH MOUNTAIN RIDGE PANORAMA

0 km Gelnica → 6.5 km Prakovce → 3.5 km Helcmanovce → 6 km Mníšek n/Hnilcom

→ 8 km Švedlár → 8.5 km Nálepkovo → 1 km crossina → 3.3 km Závadské skalkv

→ 0.8 km Závadka → 3.4 km Smrečina → 2.8 km Rovná lúka → 3 km Pod Holým

vrchom → 3 km Poráč → 8 km Ploštiny → 3 km Slovinky → 5 km Krompachy

DISTANCE DURATION DÍ ŽKA TRASY TRVANIF

ELEVATION

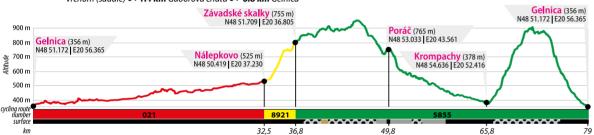
DIFFICULTY

PRFVÝŠFNIF

NÁROČNOSŤ

1550 m

→ 4.2 km Pleisy-chaty → 0.4 km Pleisy-Priehyba → 0.4 km Sedlo pod Krompašským vrchom (saddle) → 1.4 km Gáborova chata → 6.8 km Gelnica



ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Challenging cycle circuit, it is advisable to schedule it as a full day cycling trip. It runs through deep valleys and meadow hills. With its diversity and picturesqueness provides a strong cyclist experiences.

POPIS TRASY The same as the cycle route to Kojšovská hoľa the cycle route begins and ends at the intersection of roads on the southwest entry into the town on the left bank of the river Hnilec at the confluence of Turzovský potok (creek) with the river Hnilec. Cross the bridge, turn right behind the bridge. The route consists of more than 26 kilometres of easy driving through the picturesque Hnilecká dolina (valley) along the main road following the red cycling mark (Hnilecká cycle arterial track) and of the more demanding about 50 kilometres along local, forest and field roads following yellow and green cycling trail. This challenging stretch of the circuit for its scenery, attractions and experiences meets, and in many cases surpasses your expectations. The start of your trek up the Hnilecká doling (valley) is characterized by quiet. smooth ride, with possible stops at attractions, or due to rest, or to energy supplies. Pass the villages of the valley in the following order: Helcmanovce, Prakovce, Mníšek nad Hnilcom – at the intersection of state roads turn right, continue through Švedlár pass turnings on your left into the village Stará Voda and soon to Henclová. Enter

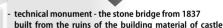
the village Nálepkovo, where you pay more attention to turning correctly, therefore follow the red cycling trail more closely. First, leave the main road ascending gently and turning to the left onto a local road and after 200 metres of gentle descent immediately after the signpost of cycling routes Nálepkovo and behind the bridge over the Železný potok (creek), turn to the right into the yellow cycling route (8921) which starts here. Continue straight ahead, past Evangelistic Church on your right hand and followed by a small square with an open belfry with two bells GLAUBE and LIEBE. Getting to the main road turn left and continue along the road following the yellow cycling trail in the direction to Závadka. Leave the main road at the first intersection and follow the yellow mark for a few kilometres ascending up to the signpost of Závadské skalky. Enjoy panoramic views of the nearby Chapel of Virgin Mary consecrated to Passage of Saint God Mother. This site has one more point of interest – a natural monument Závadské skalky. After enriching relaxation continue following the green CTZ 5855 and after turning ascend to Závadka. The path is lined with charming original small wooden cottages. In the middle of the village cycling sign post leads on to Porác. Continue straight on a local road and at the next junction turn right, there you start ascending for 500 meters, from the last houses, the more difficult pebbly- and drained path. "Climb" up to contour line and enjoy perhaps the most amazing panoramic view of the Spiš area being enchanted by views of the Hornádska kotlina (basin), the High Tatras in the background, Levočské vrchy (hills), Branisko with Spišský hrad (castle), or the Slovenské Rudohorie mountain range on the left. Traversing Sosninka hill you will get to another chapel in the village consecrated to Jan Baptist from the year 1834. Riding the mountain ridge the trail ascends and descends through the alternate planes and open forest and mountain landscape. At the signpost of hiking trails Pod Holým vrchom on the left enter the woods and start descending two kilometres to the main road, cross the road and continue by customized road passing the tower of the mine Poráč on your left. After getting to the main road enter Poráč, a small village whose inhabitants who have preserved elements of folk architecture, still maintain their customs and traditions. At the first junction in

the village turn right and after more than 100 meters right again. Follow the green cycling trail (5855) descending steeply to the valley of the Poráčsky potok (stream)

near the Relaxsport Centre Poráč Park. Descend gently and enjoy the picturesque Poráčska dolina (vlley) lined with nature reserve Červené Skaly (Red Rocks). The road

surface is first reinforced later at the lodge Čierny Bocian (Black Stork) turns into penetrated. From there, descending for a while through the valley of Poráčsky potok you approach the village Slovinky. At an intersection in the village turn to the left, join the main road and descend slightly 1 kilometre to Krompachy, then once again ascend

more steeply 5 kilometres along *Pleisy* up to the saddle beneath *Krompašský kopec* (hill). From there, descend more than seven kilometres through the woods along the POINTS OF INTEREST / ZALIJÍMAVOSTI



- Gothic Rome,-catholic Church from the end of the 14 cent.
- Mining Museum
- Zámčisko the remnants of the Gothic Castle of 13, cent. the most tranquil area of the town-square at the ev. church

- Zavadské skalky natural reserve
- two chapels in Závadka
- Červené skaly nature reserve
- folk architecture of villages Závadka and Poráč
- Ski resort Pleisv
- Turzovské artificial water reservoirs



paved path at times alternated by flatland, from *Turzov* on the asphalt road up to the target of circuit.



AROUND GALMUS WITH SPIŠ PANORAMA

DISTANCE DURATION DÍ ŽKA TRASY TRVANIF

45 km

ELEVATION PRFVÝŠFNIF

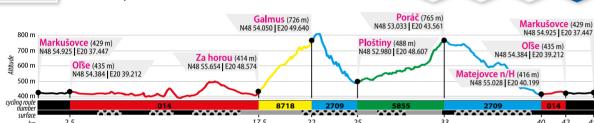
DIFFICULTY NÁROČNOSŤ

SIGNPOSTS RÁZCESTNÍKY CYKLOTRÁS

0 km Markušovce → **2.5 km** Oľše → **2 km** Mateiovce n/Hornádom

→ 7 km Mateiovce n/Hornádom → 2 km Oľše → 2.5 km Markušovce

→ 3 km Chrast n/Hornádom → 1 km Vítkovce → 3 km Olcnava → 2.5 km Blatná → 3.5 km Za horou → 4.5 m Galmus → 3 km Ploštiny → 8 km Poráč



ROUTE DESCRIPTION POPIS TRASY

The route is catching not only by historical landmarks in Markušovce, but also by the natural resources in the Valley of the Hornád River (Siklavá rock) and protected area Galmus, by the preserved architecture in the mountain village of Poráč, and by interesting views of the part of Hornádska basin and the High Tatras mountains when descending to Matejovce.

The start and finish of cycling route is in front of the Mayor's Office in the vicinity of the chatteau Dardanely and the ruins of Markušovský hrad (castle). Start eastward along cyclo-tourist unmarked main flat road, ascend gently and at the cross at signpost Offse turn left towards Matejoyce nad Hornádom along the red cycling trail 014 (Spiš arterial track). In Matejoyce follow the red cycling trail, which at the lower valley of the Hornád River takes you out of the village. On the left hand you pass rail track. Behind the village the road surface turns into reinforced. After 1 km you approach the river and you continue along the right bank of the Hornád River passing Sikľavá skala – a natural attraction and rarity. This 300 metres long and 40 metres high rock formation with always dripping, sometimes flowing water is a part of the territory of European significance SKUEV 028 Lime stones in the Valley of the Hornád River. The Hornad moves away to the left and you continue along the reinforced path with the rail track on the left. In Chrast cross two intersection following the path with the railway track still on the left hand. After about 200 metres behind the second intersection cross the railway track. In Vitkoyce at the first crossing with the ability to turn right, turn to the right. At the next junction turn left and then immediately to the right onto the field path and traverse the knoll Brezie ascending slightly. At the top of ascend of the mountain you are rewarded by a nice view of the village Olcnava, the Valley of the Hornád River opens and on the right the massif of Galmus. Descend passing the football stadium on the left. At the crossing turn right onto the main road,

cross the bridge and continue straight ahead and behind the underpass, slightly to the left. At the next junction turn left, across the first intersection and at the next crossroads turn right into Zelená ulica (Green Street). At the end of the street leave Olcnava and continue along the field path to the woods. The red trail leads you comfortably through Blatná to the tourist centre Za horou. At the signpost Za horou change the red cycling mark into the yellow one (8981), turn to the right and start the first kilometres of challenging climb up to the point Galmus where the yellow trail ends. Turn slightly to the left to Ploštiny and continue descending the blue cycling trail (2709) up into the Valley of Poráčský jarok. Here turn right and follow the green cycling trail (5855) up the Valley to the lodge Čjerny bocian (Black Stork). From there, ascend noticeably passing a stretch lined by protected natural area of Čeryené skaly (Red Rocks). From the Relaxsport center Poráč Park continue by a penetrated path ascending steeply up to Poráč, the village with well-kept elements of folk architecture. At the first intersection turn left and continue straight along the blue cycling trail (2709), ascending slightly to the centre of the village. Riding from the village to Mateiovce enjoy amazing views of the Hornádska kotlina (basin), and a number of mountains, including the High Tatras. The blue trail ends in Matejovce. Continue along the red cycling trail on the left (014 Spiš cycle arterial track) towards Olše and after turning right up to the finish of cycle circuit in Markušovce.









POINTS OF INTEREST / ZAUJÍMAVOSTI

- Markušovce Manor House and summer House - Museum of the Dardanelles, exhibitions, concerts
- ruins of Markušovský hrad (castle)
- natural attractions Sikľavá skala
- -natural reservation Galmuská tisina

the original preserved architecture of the rural folk - Poráč



SHORT LEISURE CIRCUIT

→ 3.3 km crossina → 3.4 km Hnilčík

DISTANCE DÍ ŽKA TRASY

DURATION TRVANIF

ELEVATION PRFVÝŠFNIF

DIFFICULTY NÁROČNOSŤ

SIGNPOSTS RÁZCESTNÍKY CYKLOTRÁS

0 km Hnilčík **→ 1.7 km** Bindtianska cesta **→ 0.7 km** Hnilčík-Šuferland

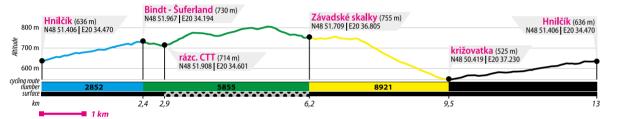
→ 0.5 km rázc. CTT → 0.3 km Labková → 1 km Seliská → 2 km Závadské skalky











ROUTE DESCRIPTION POPIS TRASY

A short, unassuming and interesting at the same time cycle circle, which offers a relaxing ride on not very busy roads. Provides superb views of the natural and historical beauty of Spiš

The circuit starts at the intersection of roads from SP Hnilčík along the state road following the blue cycle-touritic trail 2852 in a northerly direction (Spišská Nova Ves). After turning right to Bindt, a gentle ascend at the beginning turns into steeper up to the saddle Šuferland. Subsequently, from the intersection of cycling routes, after turning right, continue by a pleasant descend. On the left over Markušovská dolina you have an amazing view of the Spiš Castle with the mountain range Branisko in the background. Shortly after the view behind the cross on the right hand (Božia muka) pay ATTENTION - don't miss the turning to the right. Further on follow the green CTZ 5855 ascending the reinforced forest path past Labková. After the top of ascend, later a pleasant plain and descent through the woods, in the saddle Seliská, you will have other ridge views. We also have panoramic views at the intersection of cycling routes Závadské skalky and at the near Chapel consecrated to The Passage of Saint Mother of God. This site has one more point of interest – a natural monument Závadské skalky. After enriching relax continue descending slightly the yellow CTZ 921 towards Nálepkovo, later descending more steeply up to the lowest point of the cycle circle – the intersection of roads. Turn right onto the main road and continue along the unmarked road through the valley of the stream of *Železný potok* to the finish a small circuit.









- the Museum Exposition in the building of the former school (Banský skanzen)
- natural monument Závadské skalky
- the chapel consecrated to Passage of Saint Mother of God



SIGNPOSTS

RÁZCESTNÍKY

CYKLOTRÁS

ROAMING ALONG HNILECKA VALLEY. THE SADDLE AND FOREST OF GRAJNAR

DISTANCE DURATION DÍ ŽKA TRASY TRVANIF

ELEVATION PRFVÝŠFNIF

DIFFICULTY NÁROČNOSŤ

→ 5.5 km crossina CTT → 6.5 km Pod Grainárom → 1 km Hlinisko → 3 km Roztoky → 2 km Hnilčík

0 km Hnilčík → 3.4 km crossing → 1 km Nálepkovo → 9 km Nad Pekliskom



ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Short less difficult, yet interesting cycle circle runs through valleys on the forest roads with a penetrated asphalt surface. It offers pleasant experiences, tracing undiscovered and providing a good relax. Some sections requires better cycling skills

POPIS TRASY At the starting point of the cycle circle from the signpost Hnilčík descend first kilometres along the main road towards Nalepkovo. After entering Nálepkovo at the first intersection follow the yellow CTZ 921 and continue descending gently down the village. Pass the square of the village, where to the left of cycling paths a pair of bells GLAUBE LIEBE catches your attention. Two hundred meters behind the Evangelical Church dated back to 1785 at the intersection change the yellow to the red CTZ (021 Hnilecká arterial track). Turn right and continue through a serpentine-like community. After leaving the last houses, continue through the underpass of railway and after a short ascend start enjoying a pleasant ride down the asphalt road up the Hnilecká dolina (valley) past the scattered cottages, hamlets and dwellings. At the intersection of cycling trails Nad Pekliskom turn right and after a short descent under the railway track turn to the left. Enjoy next kilometres of cycle circle by a comfortable ride in close proximity to the river Hnilec (on the right). After 1.5 kilometre initially reinforced local path changes into the asphalt penetrated path, which increases the comfort of the ride. At the crossroads of local roads before the village Hnilec, turn and after a brief ascend enter the village. The circuit route meanders among houses and leaves them soon. ATTENTION! Now, after a slight ascend on the horizon, and then a short descent to the junction of local roads, don't miss the sharp turn to the right. Leave the red CTZ and from there the blue CTZ 2852 leads you to the finish of circle. After eight hundred metres of the straight path with penetrated surface at the intersection turn left on forest reinforced path and after next three hundred meters at the intersection of forest roads turn right.

To manage a more demanding ascend up the forest all the way to *Polana pod javorom* (Madow under maple tree) make the best use of your riding skills.

Traversing the massif *Holičky* and later ascending gently enjoy views of the village *Hnilec* on the left and opposite mountain ridge. On the top of ascend at the big forest crossroads take the path across from you, slightly to the left. Enjoy 1 kilometre of a pleasant ride on the forest path of better quality and from the signpost *Pod Grajnárom* joining the main road (turn right) do the next kilometre of a comfortable ride on the asphalt path. After 1 kilometre pay extra attention and follow marking more closely as the circuit route leaves the main path at the intersection of cycling trails Hlinisko (right below the path). After a sharp turn to the right follow the marked cycling path (blue) along the forest path which ascends and descends from time to time up to the intersection of forest roads. In its rear part, select the path to the right, Immediately after crossing, the path begins to descend, first slightly, later more steeply and again slightly up to Roztoky. This part of the village Hnilčík is characterized by a narrow valley which meanders between cottages and several artefacts of mining past presented by the route information boards.

Definitely pay a visit to the local museum exposition at the premises of the former school, which is part of the Open Air Museum of Mining in the village. Continue down







the valley of the creek and enjoy last meters of the route before the final stop.





- Bindt torso of heat/ smelting furnace Bindt – mining the belfry
- Roztoky mining colony Mining open-air museum - the Museum Exposition in the building of the former school

SIGNPOSTS

RÁZCESTNÍKY

CYKLOTRÁS

FOLLOWING UNESCOSIGHTS

0 km Spišský Hrušov → 1.7 km Miloi, crossina → 1.6 km Miloi, ruin

→ 1.5 km Baldovce → 3.5 km Spišské Podhradie → 2.1 km Studenec

→ 2.5 km Ordzovany → 1.8 km Bijacovce → 3.5 km Spišský hrad, crossina

→ 3.9 km Domaňovce → 4.4 km Klčov → 2.1 km Nad Buaľovcami → 1 km Buaľovce

→ 1 km Hodkovce, chateau → 1.7 km Žehra → 3 km Oľšavka → 3.5 km Spišské Vlachy



DISTANCE DÍ ŽKA TRASY







DIFFICULTY NÁROČNOSŤ

TRVANIF





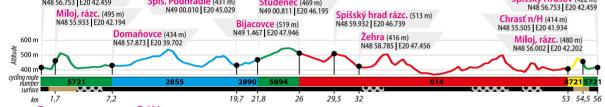












ROUTE DESCRIPTION POPIS TRASY

Cycling circle which leads you to the historic and natural landscape jewels of Spiš registered into the list of the world cultural and natural heritage of UNESCO. The entire day cycling route.

Start in Spisský Hrušov and cycle to the South along the Green 5712 bike trail and head to the first historical sight. Go along a local communication, which on the outskirts of the village turns into a field path, later cycle along the woodland edge with nice panoramic views. From the woodland descend to the middle of the field, to the dominant feature of the defunct medieval village Miloj - the ruin of the Tower of Gothic church consecrated to St. Stanislav. This site is called "Pri koscilku" by the locals. Cross the main road and continue along the field path upstream a small little creek Lodina. At the exit to the main road turn right towards Domaňovce. From the crossing of bike paths in the village (the end of the Green trail) continue along the main road following the blue bike trail 2855. At the intersection of roads before Klčov turn sharply to the right to the little busy road. Pass the villages Buglovce, and later Baldovce famous for the source of the mineral water. You are approaching the site full of splendid historical monuments and natural points of interest. Due to its uniqueness the area was entered in the List of the world cultural and natural heritage site UNESCO under the name of Levoča, Spišský hrad and the associated cultural monuments.

Before Spišské Podhradie (opposite the Spišská Kapitula) raise your attention when entering the main road, turn right and descend to Spišské Podhradie. Do not miss a tour of a small church town, sometimes called "the little Slovak Vatican". Spišská Kapitula (UNESCO) is currently the seat of the Spiš Bishop and the centre of Spišská Diocese as well as the centre of the theological Institute of the Catholic University Ružomberok. After sightseeing Spišská Kapitula and its landmark Romanesque cathedral of Saint Martin, join the bike route right off the lower gate of church town. Over Podhradie a huge complex of towering Spiš Castle catches your attention. In Studenec change the blue bike route in green (5894) and continue through Ordzovany to Bijacovce. Here again, change the bike route. The Red cycling trail (014) will lead you 27 kilometres up to Chrast nad Hornádom. After crossing the main road ascend gently up the ridge to the crossing Pod Spišským Hradom, where after turning right and ascending steeply, you can see the area of one of the largest castle complexes in Central Europe. Spiš Castle (UNESCO). From the crossing Spiš Castle, walk around the National nature reserve (UNESCO) Dreveník (on the right hand), the territory with extraordinary scientific importance (archaeological finds, rare and diverse flora, caves and abvsses) and with the possibility to perform rock climbing ascents. In Hodkoyce, visit the Baroque-classical Manor House of Csakys with a French park. In Zehra you can see another historic gem. the Church of Holy Spirit, in the cultural world well known due its interior rare Gothic frescoes admired by hundreds of visitors from all continents (UNESCO). From Žehra the cycling trail continues to the village O/šayky along the soft path and later on the main road, and after turning right it leads you to the small town of Spišské Vlachy. At roundabout choose the direction to the recreation site of regional significance Za Horou. Cycle along the mountain range Galmus on its northern edge in the Valley of the Hornád River. In Olcnava behind the bridge turn to the left and slightly ascend to the top of the ridge, where you get the views of the Hornád River Valley, left on Galmus. Continue descending to Vitkoyce. After Vitkoyce cycle

over the Hornád and through the underpass beneath the railway tracks to the forest. Continue to the right, into the Valley of Chrast nad Hornádom passing railway line

on your right. In the village at the crossing of cycling trails change the red (014) into yellow (8721), turn right and continue to the crossing Miloi where turning right you





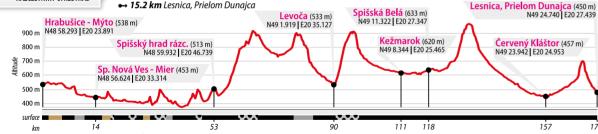
get back to the known route but in the opposite direction, continue to the destination in Spisský Hrušov.

- the ruins of the Tower of the Gothic church of defunct medieval village Miloi
- Spišská Kapitula the church town (UNESCO)
- Spiš Castle one of the largest castles in Central Europe (UNESCO)
- Dreveník the territory of a special scientific and tourist importance (UNESCO)
- Baroque Classicist Manor House with a French park in Hodkovce
- the parish church of Holy Spirit in Žehra with Gothic frescoes (UNESCO)
- Za Horou a holiday resort with a little area

Cycling arterial roads are basic "arteries" of the network of cycle routes in Slovakia. Two long-distance cycle routes run through the area of Spiš – SPIŠSKÁ CYCLE ARTERIAL ROAD (014) of 173 km length and HNILECKÁ CYCLE ARTERIAL ROAD (021) with the length of 70 km. Together with local cycle routes they offer an access to other interests and beauties of Spiš and provide a lot of opportunities for designing unique cycling circuits.

DISTANCE SCM DĹŽKA TRASY SPIŠ CYCLING ARTERIAL ROUTE 173 km STARTING POINTS from the south: **Hrabušice-Mýto** from the north: **Lesnica. Prielom Dunaica** VÝCHODISKÁ SCM runs along the 2nd and 3rd class roads, local roads and along field and forest paths in its southern part and in the surroundings of Levoča.

0 km Hrabušice-Mýto → 14 km Spišská Nová Ves → 7.8 km Markušovce → 28.4 km Žehra → 41 km Levoča → 21.7 km SIGNPOSTS Kežmarok → 7.6 km Spišská Belá → 13.3 km Magurské sedlo → 24 km Červený kláštor RÁZCESTNÍKY CYKLOTRÁS



north near the gorge Prielom Dunajca. The other peculiarity is the access to two monasteries – ruins of Carthusians monastery at Kláštorisko in the south

ROUTE DESCRIPTION POPIS TRASY

Spišská cycle arterial road (SCM) offers the possibility to see natural, cultural and spiritual riches of historical Spiš from the south of Spiš up to the Polish border. Being on the track the cyclist will experience a lot of historical and natural gem. The curiosity of SMC is the fact that in both starting points in the south and in the north, as well, it runs through national parks. In the south through the National park Slovenský raj and in the north through Pieninský national park. In the south, SMC starts near the gorge Prielom Hornádu and in the and in the north a little younger and more preserved one in Červený Kláštor. SMC runs through the area registered as "Levoča, Spišský hrad and surrounding sights in the List of World Cultural Heritage UNESCO.

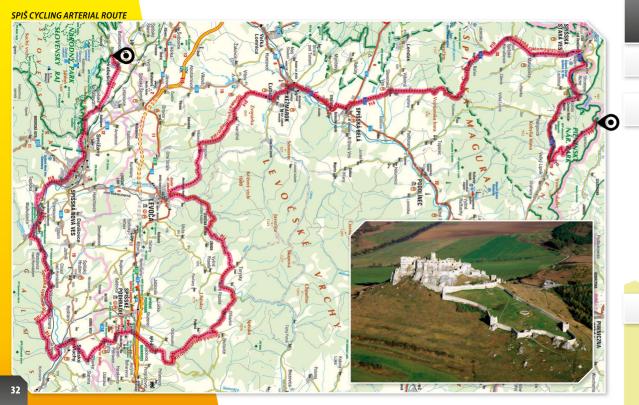
The south part of SMC starts in Hrabušice – Mýto and up to Spišské Vlachy it runs along the valley of the river Hornád where such natural beauties of Slovenský raj as gorges and historical and archaeological rarity Kláštorisko are approachable when using local network of cycle and hiking routes. After Hrabušice there is a stretch which might be difficult or even unpassable on bad weather conditions. From Spišské Tomášovce vou continue to Spišská Nová Ves (the town famous for the highest church spire in Slovakia, the longest lens-shaped square in Europe and other valuable historical buildings, theatre, museum, gallery, ZOO) up to Pod Tepličkou. From there you continue along a field path and later local road to Markušovce where you can visit Markušovský kaštieľ (mansion house) with a furniture exhibition, a summer chateau Dardanely (museum of keyboard musical instruments) and ruins of Markušovský hrad (castle). Behind Matejoyce the route continues through the valley of the river Hornád passing a natural curiosity Siklavá skala up to Olcnava and passes the mountain range Galmus, crosses the lodging area Za Horou and finally enters Spišské Vlachy. Not far from Spišské Vlachy you can visit the treasure of Spiš – Spišský hrad (castle). Žehra (church frescos), Dreveník, Spišská Kapitula, Sivá Brada.

Spišská cycle arterial road after crossing Levočská and Oľšavická planina (plain) with original villages Torysky and Nižné Repáše (historic sight folk architecture) passes a medieval little town Levoča (UNESCO). From Levoča it ascends along field and forest paths up to the crest of Brezová with beautiful views of wide surroundings. After descending from Brezová and passing Spiš historical villages Tvarožná and Ľubica SMC enters another Spiš town full of historical gems – Kežmarok (wooden evangelic church (UNESCO), Kežmarský castle and others). On the way to Spišská Belá you get the view of the High Tatras and before Spišská Belá you see a chateau Strážky and in the town Museum of Jozef Maximilián Petzval, Roman-catholic church of St. Anton etc.) The route continues through Slovenská Ves in direction to the mountain Spišská Magura to the region called Zamagurie famous for well-preserved folk architecture. SMC continues through the villages Zamagurie, Spišská Stará Ves to Červený Kláštor where is the possibility to sail down the river Dunajec on traditional rafts and visit Carthusians monastery (national cultural sight). After Veľký Lipník the route enters Pieninský National park and after ascending the saddle Lesnícke sedlo it descends to a picturesque village Lesnica which is 2 km from the north starting point of SCM. Here you can admire wonderful scenery of Pieniny, visit a lot of interesting spots either in Slovakia or Polland. Cyclists can, for example visit near polish spas Szczawnica.





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HNILEC CYCLING ARTERIAL ROUTE



DÍ ŽKA TRASY

STARTING POINTS VÝCHODISKÁ

HCM

from the west: **Dedinky** from the east: **Maraecany**

HCM runs along the 2nd and 3rd class roads, local roads, and in its upper part along field and forest paths.

SIGNPOSTS RÁZCESTNÍKY CYKLOTRÁS

0 km Dedinky → 5 km Mlynky → 7.7 km Hnilec → 14.6 km Nálepkovo → 9.8 km Švedlár → 7.5 km Mníšek n/Hnilcom → 15.6 km Gelnica → 2.2 km Mária Huta → 3.3 km Jaklovce → 2.9 km Maraecany



ROUTE DESCRIPTION POPIS TRASY

Hnilecká cycle arterial road (HCM) runs through the picturesque valley of the river Hnilec with the mountain range Slovenské Rudohorie on its both sides. It connects two water reservoirs - Palcmanská Maša near Dedinky and Ružín near Margecany, which are important resorts of tourism. It is less demanding, comfortable cycle arterial road suitable for any cyclist. It is 70 km long

and passes through 11 villages with well-preserved authentic life in the country with elements of original architecture, for example miners houses in Rakovec, wooden cottages in Minky, Hnilec and Švedlár, as well sacral and secular historically important buildings mainly, in the central and lower part of Hnilecká vallev.

It is more comfortable to take Hnilecká arterial road at the starting point Dedinky as the route descends evenly up to the other starting point in Margecany, although there is a short steep ascent behind Sykavka. Cycle arterial road runs mostly along the asphalt penetrated surface and in the stretch Sykavka – Hnilec (3,3 km) and in the area over Peklisko (1,5 km) along reinforced path. In the upper part of HCM you can take longer and more challenging cycle route or take stellar cycle trips.

Marked cycle routes in upper part:

Blue cycle route 2712 Palcmanská Maša – Dobšiná

Blue cycle route 2851 Biele Vody – Havrania Dolina – Mlynky Blue cycle route 2853 Rakovec – Súľová – Nad Pekliskom

Blue cycle route 2852 Hnilec – Pod Grajnárom – Hnilčík – Bindt – Oľše

Yellow cycle route 8921 Nálepkovo – Závadské skalky

Marked routes in lower part:

Green cycle route 5855 Gelnica – Krompachy – Poráč – Závadka – Gretľa – Hlinisko

Blue cycle route 2858 Mária huta – chata Erika

The valley of Hnilecká dolina leads along the railway track with regular trains, which might be used by cyclists.

Important HCM spots:

- Water reservoir Palcmanská Maša and the village Dedinky with its part Dobšinská Maša water sports (rowing, swimming, windsurfing), fishing, accommodation, boarding facilities;
- Zeimarská roklina (gorge) starts in Biele Vody which is the part of the village Mlynky, take blue cycle route 2851:
- Mlyky and its parts provides boarding facilities, accommodation, refreshment; artefacts of mining activities;
- The village Nálepkovo provides cultural sights: Town hall baroque, dated in the end of 18th century, Catholic church St Stephan baroque dated 1770 1781, Evangelic church baroque and classicist dated in 1785, belfry; refreshment;
- The village Svedlár technical historical sight sawmill, St Margarita church originally gothic dated back to 2nd half of 14th century with brass pulpit dated 1360, Evangelic church, cultural institution of Carpathian Society of Germen:
- Mníšek Catholic church (baroque classicism) dated 182ó, Evangelic church (classicism) dated 1787; possibility to visit the old mining village Smolník (appx. 15km), artefacts lake Úhorná, accommodation, boarding facilities;
- The village Henclová mansion house (classicism) half of 19th century, St Michal church (Orthodox) beginning of 16th century;
- The town Gelnica protected town zone with cultural and historical sights, mining museum, accommodation, boarding facilities;
- Jaklovce mansion house; Ružín water reservoir used for relax (swimming, rowing, water skiing, windsurfing, fishing), accommodation, boarding facilities, tennis, etc.













SPIŠSKÁ NOVÁ VES

STARTING POINT / VÝCHODISKO

CIRCUIT no. 14

Sp. Nová Ves, train station, Hájenka, Pod Kačelákom, Harichovce, Sans-Souci, Iliašovce, Sp. Nová Ves, train station













ROUTE DESCRIPTION CHARAKTERISTIKA TRASY Heading north from Spišská Nová Ves, it initially runs along the blue marked route. At the second roundabout continue along the main road up to Danišovce, go via Danišovce and under the former cooperative farm up to the CTT, leading from Hájenky to Iliašovce. The route runs through the historic place of the former summer house and relaxing zone of the Csákys - Sans Souci with beautiful views of the High Tatras and the Hornádska basin.

CIRCUIT no. 15 Sp. Nová Ves, train station, Madaras, Vyšný Hámor, Ferčekovce, Nov. Huta, Gretľa, Šafárka, Bindt Šuferland, Závadské skalky, Závadka, Poráč, Matejovce n/H, Oľše, Sp. Nová Ves. train station









ROUTE DESCRIPTION CHARAKTERISTIKA TRASY A challenging and bumpy circuit - one of the most interesting routes with beautiful views, mostly running along the forest roads and meadow ridge It runs through the mountain villages with preserved folk architecture and rural way of life and also around the protected natural territories of the Závadské skalky (rocks). The mountain bike is one of the fundamental prerequisites for its successful management.

CIRCUIT no. 16 Sp. Nová Ves, train station, Madaras, Vyšný Hámor, Ferčekovce, Nov. Huta, Gretľa, Šafárka, Bindt Šuferland, Bindt, Oľše, Sp. Nová Ves, train station













A less challenging cycling route running through the public roads and field and forest paths, as well. In the flat part of Šafárka-Bindt Šuferland it runs along the forest path, which follows the route of the former narrow-gauge mining railway. At the bottom part of Bindt, it passes the evidence of rich mining history – the portal of mining tunnel, calcine furnace, mining belfry. At the end of the Markušovská Valley the circuit passes around the purging pond and the former mining area. The last stretch of the unmarked circuit runs along the state road.

CIRCUIT no. 17

Sp. Nová Ves, train station, Harichovce, Pod Kačelákom, Šibeník, Levoča-Košická bráno Levočská dolina-turnina, Levočská dolina-Kováčova vila, Levočská dolina-rampa, Levočská dolina-osada, Levočská dolina-Pod Hrby, Hrby, Torysky, Nižné Repaše, Pavľany-saddle, Lúčka, Jablonov, Spišský salaš, Sp. Kapitula, Baldovce, Klčov, Domaňovce, Hájovňa, Danišovce, Sp. Nová Ves, train station











ROUTE DESCRIPTION CHARAKTERISTIKA TRASY

CIRCUIT no. 18

Sp. Nová Ves, train station, Harichovce, Pod Kačelákom, Domaňovce, Klčov, Baldovce, Sp. Podhradie, Studenec, Ordzovany, Bijacovce, Beharovce, Granč-Petrovce, Žehra, Oľšavka, Sp. Vlachy, Za horou, Galmus, Poráč, Matejovce, Oľše, Markušovce, Sp. Nová Ves. train station











ROUTE DESCRIPTION CHARAKTERISTIKA TRASY The cycling route is one of the two longest recommended circuits. It runs out of the busy roads and allows you to get unforgettable experiences not only by riding the bike in the forest and meadow environment, but also by getting to know the rich history of the Central Spiš and protected nature, as well as by unique perspectives. The circle belongs to a group of demanding circuits, in particular due to its duration, in the second part due to its challenging ascent. The ascent to Galmus can be avoided by taking the less demanding stretch along the Valley of the Hornád River (CTT 014) from the signpost Za Horou. However, the cyclist will miss breath-taking views of the part of the Hornádskej basin and the High Tatras when descending from Poráč to Matejovce.

CIRCUIT no. 19

Sp. Nová Ves. train station, Madaras, Vyšný Hámor, Ferčekovce, Novoveská Huta, Pod Flajšerom, Čertova hlava (saddle), Hajdúkova lúka, Havrania Dolina, Mlynky, Rakovec, Súľová, Nad Pekliskom, Hnilec, Pod Grainárom, Hlinisko, Hnilčík-Cechy, Gretľa, Šafárka, Roveň, Teplička, Pod Tepličkou, Madaras, Sp. Nová Ves, train station









ROUTE DESCRIPTION CHARAKTERISTIKA TRASY One of more challenging cycling routes in its length, as well as its relief. It is recommended to physically and technically capable cyclists, Two thirds of the route runs through the forest environment along the paths with mainly penetrated and reinforced surface. Cycling route is also characterised by steep and lengthy ascents and descents. Its successful completion will be the challenge for cyclists and their physical and psychic abilities.

CIRCUIT no. 20

Sp. Nová Ves, train station, Madaras, Vyšný Hámor, Ferčekovce, Košiarny briežok, Sp. Nová Ves - Mier, Sp. Nová Ves, train station









The shortest and the easiest recommended circuit with starting point in Spišská Nová Ves. It runs through the streets of the town along field and forest paths. This short cycling circle provides views of the town and mountains, in particular, to the north and northwest of the town, it passes through the lodging area – Košiarny briežok.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION CHARAKTERISTIKA TRASY The circuit runs through the historic town of Levoča to Levočské mountains, and through the characteristic mountain villages with the view of the Spiš Castle and the surrounding countryside. It takes you to an excellent traditional restaurant (salaš) and historic Spis Kapitula. You can also refresh in the accessible spring of Baldovská mineral water and through other Spiš villages, you will return to the town of Spišska Nova Ves.

Krompachy, Pod Kromp, vrchom, Thurzov, Gelnica, Hutno, Prakovce, Helcmanovce, Mníšek n/Hnilcom, Švedlár, Nálepkovo, Závadské skalky, Závadka, Smrečina, Rovná lúka, Pod Holým vrchom, Poráč, Ploštiny, Slovinky













ROUTE DESCRIPTION CHARAKTERISTIKA TRASY The circle is identical to the circuit No 18 with the starting point in Gelnica. It starts with the toughest section of the circuit - a steep lengthy ascent along Pleisy up to the saddle Pod Krompašský vrch. After a long descent to Gelnica it continues up the picturesque Hnilecká Valley. From the village Závadka it runs through the meadow ridge with the most beautiful views of Central Spiš, along the Poráčská Valley with a protected natural area, through Slovinky and back to Krompachy. For cyclists with average physical and technical skills the circuit is recommended as the whole day trip.

CIRCUIT no. 22

Krompachy, Slovinky, Ploštiny, Poráč, Matejovce, Chrasť, Vítkovce, Olcnava, Blatná, Za horou, Galmus, Ploštiny, Slovinky, Krompachy











ROUTE DESCRIPTION CHARAKTERISTIKA TRASY

The cycling route provides a pleasant ride on the bike through the natural environment. It runs through Poráčska Valley past the protected natural territories of the Red Rocks, through the village Porač with preserved folk architecture and other interesting nooks and crannies of this part. When driving from the village Poráč to the Matejoyce the cyclists get the view of the Hornádska valley and several mountains. including the High Tatras. From Olcnava up to Matejovce the route leads through the Valley of the river Hornád past the protected natural rock

with a small waterfall - Siklaya skala. Beyond Olcnaya after a few hundred meters the circuit enters the forest environment and from a small recreational centre Za Horou it leads up ascending 4 kilometre challenging trail to the intersection of marked cycling routes - Galmus. After descending three kilometres the cycling route heads to the Poráčská Valley and through the valleys of the Poráčský Creek Slovinský stream and from the intersection of marked cycling trails Ploštiny it descends to Krompachy.

PORÁČ

STARTING POINT / VÝCHODISKO

CIRCUIT no. 23

Poráč, Ploštiny, Galmus, Za horou, Blatná, Olcnava, Vítkovce, Chrasť, Matejovce, Poráč















ROUTE DESCRIPTION CHARAKTERISTIKA TRASY

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CIRCUIT

no. 24

Up to Matejovce, a stretch of the route is identical to the part of the circuit No. 19. From Matejovce, the circle continues along the blue CT trail with a seven - kilometre ascent and with views of up to Poráč in the back. The part of the circuit from Poráč to Bindt Šuferland, which runs through forest and field paths and the ridge with mountain meadows, provides unique experiences of the natural environment in conjunction with its use by the man, the most beautiful views of the territory of Spiš (over Závadka) and from cycling point of view, the technical variety of riding the bike. Bindt entails a number of testimonies of the mining past, around which the circuit runs (portal tunnels, remnants of calcine furnaces, mining belfry). Riding along the Markušovská Valley and joining the public road in Olse, where the circuit ends, provides a pleasant relax and cooling-off.

HNILČÍK

STARTING POINT / VÝCHODISKO

CIRCUIT no. 25

Hnilčík, Mraznica, Roztoky, Hlinisko, Hnilčík-Cechy, Gretľa, Šafárka, Bindt šuferland, Bindt, Oľše, Matejovce, Poráč, Pod Holým vrchom, Rovná lúka, Smrečina, Závadka, Závadské skalky, crossing, Hnilčík

Markušovce, Oľše, Matejovce, Poráč, Pod Holým vrchom, Rovná lúka, Smrečina,

Závadka, Závadské skalky, Seliská, Labková, Bindt, Oľše, Markušovce









A moderately challenging circuit can be handled by cyclist with the basics skills. It runs through a pleasant forest environment and in its second half through a not very rugged profile. In the flat part Šafárka - Bindt Šuferland, the route runs through the forest path following the track of the former narrow-gauge mining railway.

CIRCUIT no. 26

Hnilčík, Bindt Šuferland, Bindt, Oľše, Matejovce, Poráč, Pod Holým vrchom, Rovná lúka, Smrečina, Závadka, Závadske skalky, crossing, Hnilčík











A rather rugged cycling route passing mountain villages, valleys, woods, and an open meadow ridge with magnificent views. Under the village of Závadka it is possible to admire the protected territory, landscape and geo-morphologically significant rock formations – Závadské skalky.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION CHARAKTERISTIKA TRASY

The cycling route is in the part Poráč – Ploštiny – Galmus identical to the circuit no. 14. From the signpost Galmus it descends 4 kilometres following the yellow cycling trail to a small recreational centre Za Horou. After joining the Spiš arterial cycling road (the red mark CT 014), the circuit continues in the direction of Olcnava and further through the Valley of the river Hornád up its stream to the village Matejovce. From Matejovce, the circuit ascends along a blue CT trail with views of up to Poráč (behind your back).

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