

Trail length >> 10 km

Duration >> 3 hours

Difficulty >> medium, part of the path is uphill. Suitable for active people and families, and also for mountain bikers.

## Starting point

Dutovlje – village square



On a lovely sunny day in we start at Dutovlje, where we park our car in the centre (1). We head along the main road towards Štanjel, and after approximately 50 meters take a left turn, following the sign for Šuc winery/the Dutovlje Teran Circular Trail. The road leads us past the Šuc homestead. After about 150 meters the asphalt road ends.

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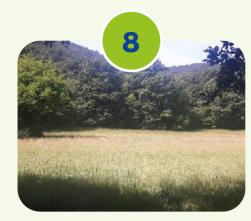














We continue along the unpaved road that takes us above the olive grove on the right and the vineyards on the left (2). We cross a smaller railway bridge, and turn left immediately after reaching the other side. On our left is the blaze for the Dutovlje Teran Circular Trail, and we follow it. The road leads us past the Šuc homestead. We continue following the Teran Circular Trail and take the narrower forest path (3). After just a few minutes we stumble upon the sign for Kaverna, i.e. a shelter from World War I (4). Kaverna is a cave that was carved from the rocky terrain. It used to serve as a shelter from artillery attacks and air raids, and could also serve as a weapons cache (5).

After about 200 meters walking a forest path we come upon an unpaved road, and turn right. There we are greeted by the Karst weather forecasting stone (6). Next we get to a crossroad where we can see a billboard describing the Maria Theresa road (14th station of the Dutovlje Teran Circular Trail) (7), here we take a right to break off from the Teran Circular Trail, as it leads back to Dutovlje, and turn right again at the crossroad, about 50 meters ahead is a second crossroad, where we turn left onto a smaller gravel road. The rest of the path takes us through the shade of the trees. On the left is a fence for livestock. After about a kilometre and a half from the Maria Theresa road billboard the gravel road splits in two, and we take another left continuing in the forest's shade (8). The path gives great vistas of the surrounding area, on our left we notice a beautiful forest clearing with a hunters' lookout (9).

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About 500 metres ahead from the lookout there is another crossroad, where we take another left to a forest rescue path, i.e. a fire-break, as the sign along the path informs us. Next to the sign is an old bunker (10). We continue along the forest trail and soon begin climbing. After we've gained about 100 vertical meters and cleared the forest, there is a great view to the left, over Karst and Karst villages (11). We get to the top of the hill after climbing about 200 vertical meters. The rescue path ends before the village of Voglje. It leads us on a gravel road, where we take a right, and continue along the road. This is the edge of the village, located on our left, down in the valley (12). Before the village is a watering hole for animals. Behind the watering hole is a crossroad, with the main road leading to the left towards Voglje. We decided to skip the village this time, and turn right onto a smaller gravel road, after a few meters we can see the border stone (13). The remains of the former border control point and the signs marking the state border are still visible along the trail (14). The path brings us to a paved road just before the village of Repentabor in Italy. We take a left and arrive at the village square in a few minutes, then clamber up to the church, which is the destination of this trip (15). Repentabor (Monrupino in Italian) is a settlement with 867 inhabitants in the Trieste region in Italy, and also the seat of the municipality that bares its name. Most of the inhabitants are of Slovenian nationality. The village is most famous for its Church of St. Mary. It stands at an altitude of 418 meters on a rise named Tabor, which provides great views of the Adriatic Sea and Italy on one side, and the Slovenian Karst on the other (16).