

Trail length >> 6.8 km

Duration >> 1 hour 20 min

Difficulty >> easy, great for families (even with little children) and nature lovers looking for a chance to serenely observe and enjoy the great outdoors.

## Starting point

Parking lot at the crossroads of Štorje – Štanjel and Štanjel – Sežana roads



We take the forest gravel road, which proves to be well kept and mostly flat, making it appropriate for children as well (1).

## THE BLACK PINE TRAIL

Štanjel – Avber























Walking under the shades of the black pines for about 25 minutes (approx. 2.3 km) we reach a junction with a forest path (2), and continue along the main gravel road, until we reach the crossroad for the Ponkive village (3) after about 3 kilometres. This brings us to an altitude of 370 m above sea level. We continue ahead.

After about 4 kilometres of walking in the typical Karst black pine forest, overlooking the Nanos plateau, the path joins the famous Jacob's Trail (4) which is marked with yellow arrow blazes. Continuing for another 400 meters brings us to the junction for Gradnje/Raša or Avber. We opt to go right for Avber (5). The canopy of mighty oaks and pines shields us from the sun (and the bora winds), while the sweet sounds of birdsong accompanies us along the path. We follow Jacob's Trail and reach the 100-year-old oak (6).

The trail then continues along the typical Karst environment, with vistas of meadows and vineyards. After about 6 kilometres we reach the beautiful church in the village of Avber (7), located in the centre square at an altitude of 396 meters.

From the main square we go to the Avber bus station (8), where our trail ends.