

CROATIA

The Trail Running Paradise
VELEBIT-PAKLENICA-ZRMANJA

CLIMBING
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Welcome to a World Biosphere Reserve,
feel free to take a deep breath!





Velebit is the largest Croatian mountain range (2274 km²), deeply interwoven into the space, lives and consciousness of the locals. Due to the impressive beauty of the landscape, the variety of relief shapes, flora and fauna as well as the untouched nature, it was declared a Nature Park and placed in the World Network of Biosphere Reserves (UNESCO, 1978)

Numerous hiking trails, historical buildings, old regal trails, fortresses and sacred monuments are evidence of man's centuries long relationship with this mythical mountain range.

South Velebit is part of Zadar region in Dalmatia - the region of the sea, mountains, rivers, lakes and island. There are 4 National Parks (Paklenica, Kornati, Krka, Plitvička jezera) and 3 Nature Parks (Velebit, Vransko jezero, Telašćica), all within 100 km range!



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A breathtaking beauty of Velebit reaches its peak in Paklenica National Park, recognized for its monumental canyons vertically incised into the slopes of the mountain. On a relatively small area of a mere 95 km² you will find exceptional landscape, over 4000 different fauna species, more than 150 km of hiking trails and over 400 climbing routes. The particular attraction of the area is the closeness of the seacoast, known as Paklenica Riviera.

Along 20 km of seacoast gently laid out at the foot of Velebit mountain, Paklenica Riviera offers staying in a small places of preserved simplicity. Starigrad-Paklenica as the center of the area is a pleasant seaside resort as well as a traditional gathering place for hikers, climbers and all nature lovers who come to enjoy the beauties of the sea and the mountain.

The area offers endless opportunities for an active holidays. Hiking, climbing, trekking, rafting, kayaking, caving, diving, mountainbiking and jeep tours are only some of activities.





Where the mountain
touches the Sea...

MAY

International Climbers Meeting

The history of rock climbing in Paklenica began as far back as 1938. Traditionally, at the beginning of May each year National Park Paklenica becomes the place of international climbers meeting. Beside "Big Wall Speed Climbing" - world unique climbing competition as the central event, there are climbing competitions for kids, outdoor film festival, climbing marathon "From dawn to dusk", climbing for beginners, lectures, concerts, etc...

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MAY

Paklenica Trail

Passion for nature and love for running is the major force of Paklenica Trail mountain running race. The race trail leads you through the most attractive parts of National park Paklenica, traverses over 3 canyons.

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JUNE

Velebit Ultra Trail

Unique experience and spectacular ultra-trail race in the last European wilderness, where the mountain arises from the sea: Paklenica national park and Velebit mountain in Croatia! Sea, mountain, canyons, peaks, ridges, meadows, forests and 100% civilization free: just you and this mythical mountain!



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If you think you are a trail runner -
try **Velebit Ultra Trail!**



International Mountain Race Starigrad-Veliko Rujno

AUGUST

From the center of Starigrad-Paklenica to Veliko Rujno, the largest plateau on Velebit at 900m a/s/l. The race is inspired by the traditional pilgrimage to the Church of Our Lady, a votive shrine of the Velebit population and hikers on the Feast of the Assumption 15th of August.



Absolute Paklenica

SEPTEMBER

1th vertical race on Velebit mountain!

Karst terrain, varied landscape and over 150 kilometers of marked trails in NP Paklenica ranks this park among the most attractive area for mountain runners. Race starts by the sea and follows the most direct path to the finish (Sv. Brdo 1753m/asl).

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SEPTEMBER

Velebit MTB Marathon

Need something more exciting than just a regular bike ride? Choose MTB trails among the peaks and hills of the south Velebit Mountain, towards the rocky karst phenomena, along the river canyons, with beautiful panoramic views. This race leads you from the Zrmanja River canyon to the peaks of the South Velebit.

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