

THEME TRAILS

Educational and walking wind rattle trail



Educational and walking wind rattle trail goes down from the Cerkevjak hills to the valley in Andrenci village and goes back to the church in Cerkevjak. The goal of the trail is that the visitors can spot 15 cultural and natural attractions. The visitors get an experience of the beauty and uniqueness of the land in Slovenske gorice. The wind rattle of Slovenske gorice is an ethnographical symbol of this area. It stands in vineyards with the task to make noise and to scare the birds away.

Wine Trail of Central Slovenske gorice - VTC 13 trail

Wine Trail of Central Slovenske gorice passes through the land of 11 municipalities: Benedikt, Cerkevjak, Destrnik, Juršinci, Lenart, Ljutomer, Sv. Ana, Sv. Andraž v Slovenskih goricah, Sv. Jurij ob Ščavnici, Trnovska vas and Ptuj. In Cerkevjak you are able to enjoy in a world of adventures: visit local wineries, restaurants, pubs, tourist and excursion farms and other providers (biodynamic - organic farm, beekeepers, fruit growing farms, ...).

Cycling marathon along the borders of the municipality Cerkevjak



Municipality of Cerkevjak organizes a "municipality festival" with lots of events each year in June. In the context of these events a "Cycling marathon along the borders of the municipality Cerkevjak" is also organized. The route begins in Cerkevjak and changes slightly each year. The route is approx. 25 km long and takes about 3 hours of cycling.

Pomurje Hiking Trail (PPP)

Pomurje Hiking Trail starts at the Hotel Diana in Murska Sobota. The path leads us to Negova, then to Archeological Park in Brengova and to the centre of Cerkevjak. Here you can find a sign with No. PPP-15. After this break the trail goes through villages Kadrenci, Peščeni Vrh to Sv. Jurij ob Ščavnici. For this section of the route Negova - Cerkevjak - Sv. Jurij ob Ščavnici you will need approximately 4 hours.

The important points in municipality Cerkevjak:

Municipality of Cerkevjak, (Občina Cerkevjak),
Cerkevjak 25, 02 729 57 00,
obcina@cerkevjak.si, www.cerkevjak.si

Primary School Cerkevjak - Vitomarci, (Osnovna šola Cerkevjak -
Vitomarci), Cerkevjak 34, 02 729 58 40,
os.cerkevjak@stol.net, http://www.o-cerkevjak.mb.edus.si/

Airfield Cerkevjak, (Vzletišče Cerkevjak)
156°-336' (16-34), 550m x 25m, N 46°32'52", E 15°54'55", 745 QNH

Sports and recreation center Cerkevjak,
(Športno rekreacijski center Cerkevjak)

TOURISM SERVICE PROVIDERS

Restaurants:

- Guesthouse at Anton (Gostišče pri Antonu), Cerkevjak 28, tel: 02/729 50 50, <http://www.gostiscepriantonu.com/>
- Grocery - catering Ploj (Trgovina - gostinstvo Ploj), Smolinci 88, tel: 02/703 42 93, <http://www.gostinstvo-ploj.net/>

Wineries (Vinotoči):

- Wittculture - Winery Pučko (Vinogradništvo - vinotoč Pučko), Stanetinci 29, tel: 02/703 40 16, 031 494 878
- Wittculture "Veberič - Kozar" (Vinogradništvo Veberič - Kozar), Cogetinci 14b, tel: 02/703 41 30

Bar/Pub:

- Bubi Bar, Cerkevjak 13a, tel: 02/720 66 06
- Šumica bar, Cerkevjak 3, tel: 02/720 58 46
- Pika bar, Cerkevjak 13b, tel: 02/703 40 80

Tourist farms, biodynamic farm:

- Tourist farm Firbas (Domačija Firbas), Cogetinci 60, tel: 02/703 50 90, 041 746 174, 031 855 814, <http://www.firbas.com/site/>
- Tourist farm Breznik (Izletniška kmetija Breznik), Komarnica 4, tel: 02/703 41 33, 041 310 559, <http://www.turizembreznik.si/>
 - Biodynamic - organic farm Purgaj, (Biološko - dinamična kmetija Purgaj) Vanetina 13, tel: 02/703 46 61, <http://www.kmetija-demeter.net/predstavitev/>
 - Farm Šipek (Kmetija Šipek), Peščeni Vrh 28, tel: 031 397 658, lidlja.sipek@stol.net

Other providers:

- Ethnographic museum collection of Mr. F. Rajh / Muzejska zbirka Feliksa Rajha, Cerkevjak 32, tel: 041 684 640
- Beekeeping museum collection Hauzer / Čebelarstva zbirka Hauzer, Cogetinci 25, tel: 031 433 860
- House of beekeeping / Čebelarški dom Čagona 70a, tel: 031 559 039, cd.ivan.jurancic@gmail.com
- Food preparation and delivery for special occasions, (Priložnostna priprava in dostava jedi), Kozar Srečko s.p., Cogetinci 14b, 031 637 659

INFORMATION AND CONTACT: TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICE CERKEVJAK

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MUNICIPALITY OF CERKEVJAK



INTRODUCTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY

The Municipality of Cerkevjak is located on hilly landscape, named Slovenske gorice. It lies between two small rivers Pesnica and Ščavnica, and covers the area of 24.55 km². It has the population of 2050. There are 15 villages which are a part of municipality: Andrenci, Brengova, Cenкова, Cerkevjak, Cogetinci, Čagona, Grabonoški Vrh, Ivanjski Vrh, Kadrenci, Komarnica, Peščeni Vrh, Smolinci, Stanetinci, Vanetina and Župetinci.



Neolithic settlements were also discovered here from around 2000 BC. There are some important findings from this period, such as Neolithic hatchet. The town Cerkevjak got the name from the church which has been standing here since the 13th century. Cerkevjak was first mentioned in written source in year 1460.



CULTURAL HERITAGE

Archeological Park - Graveyards of the Romans



Many graveyards of the Romans were found in wider area of Cerkevjak; most of them in the forests. The graveyards were discovered in villages Andrenci, Župetinci, Grabonoški Vrh and in Brengova, where a nice Archaeological Park is located. The park has a covered area where the roof protects the restored graveyard. Tourists, students and other visitors can study about this area and history. The park is located in beautiful nature (in the forest) where visitors can also enjoy the benefits of nature. At the graveyard there is a walking path with several benches. Group of 15 Roman graves were classified to date from 200 BC.

The Church of St. Anthony the Hermit



The Church of St. Anthony the Hermit was first mentioned in 1299. In connection with the church the name of the village Cerkevjak was formed. The church was built in Gothic style around 1516-1546, but it was rebuilt several times, mainly in the late baroque style. The church has a rich and harmonious interior with four beautifully designed altars.

Museum collection of Mr. F. Rajh in the countryside villa Tušak



The restored villa is a building with well-formed portal. The portal is extraordinary for this region, which stands out with its beautiful design. The richness of the interior represents an ethnographic collection of the Museum of Mr. Feliks Rajh with over 800 exhibits (furniture, household goods, garden equipment, musical instruments, small arms, photos, ...).

Chapel of St. Janez Nepomuk

In the middle of the village Cerkevjak is the chapel of St. Janez Nepomuk. The chapel is well known in the town. It was built from typical sandstones in vicinity, bearing the year 1752. The locals called it Chapel of Johannes.

The Hauzer beehives / apiaries collection



Six original retained apiaries (Styria and Upper Carniolan type) are in collection and were transferred from the surroundings of Cerkevjak. Also other objects, such as tools and accessories from traditional Slovenian beekeepers are found in this area. The collection includes a heritage of renowned apicultures of teacher Ivan Jurančič as well.



"Cimprača" house



In the area of the municipality Cerkevjak some characteristic "cimprača" houses are still preserved and embraced with rich Slovenian rural architecture. The houses were built from wood, plastered with clay, bleached with white lime, and covered with straw. These are homesteads, which are joined for living and for commercial premises (animals husbandry, traditional craftwork, ...).

Plague Memorials

Plague Memorial in Cogetinci is a stone carved memorial which dates from 1529. Cerkevjak Memorial is well designed and shaped and belongs to one of the most beautiful of its kind in Slovenia. The second typical memorial is located in Čagona from the year 1641. It has shallow niches in expanded tabernacle nozzle. The hip roof is covered with steep roof tiles. The Plague Memorial was located at the place where the dead suffered from the Black plague were buried and therefore separated from the graveyard next to the church.



NATURAL HERITAGE

Spring water "Lüba vodica"



The spring water in Andrenci village has a long history. The story says that the place is also blessed with miraculous spring water which does not dry up even in the warmest summer. Because of this, local people called this spring "Lovely spring water - Lüba vodica". The legend says that there was also a village with a church but it sank into the swamp.

Johanez grapevine



Johanez grapevine is a descendant of the oldest grapevine in the world (Maribor Lent). It is the variety of "modra kavčična" or "žametna črnina". The vine was planted in 2004. The fence surrounds the grapevine and represents the form of wine glass; common in Slovenia as "majolica glass". Grapevine is named after Chapel of Janez Nepomuk, which is located nearby.

Oak tree in Župetinci village

Oak tree in Župetinci is an oak of extraordinary dimensions, since the diameter is measured about 7 meters. Its age is estimated to about 400 years. The history of the oak says that it grows on the borders of the farmlands and it is the property of the three land masters. Under and near the oak tree is an orderly arranged picnic area. Here you are able to enjoy in pure nature.

