



NARAVNA VREDNOTA SAVINJA S PRITOKI

NATURAL VALUE OF THE SAVINJA RIVER AND ITS TRIBUTARIES



Pot ob Savinji The Savinja Path



Naravna vrednota Savinja s pritoki

Reka Savinja, po kateri nosi ime naša dolina, je s 102 km najdaljša reka, ki v celoti teče po slovenskem ozemlju. Izvira v osrčju Kamniško-Savinjskih Alp. Njen zgornji tok je divji in koritast, pod Ljubnim pa se umiri v široki aluvialni ravnici, ki se razteza vse do Celja.

Kljub regulaciji ob koncu 19. stoletja, ko so izravnali njeno strugo med Mozirjem in Celjem, je Savinja v veliki meri ohranila svoj neukrotljivi značaj. Visoke vode občasno še poplavljaajo bližnje travnike in gozdove – loge, dragocene, a skromne ostanke nekdanje gmajne, naravni procesi ob njenih bregovih pa ustvarjajo slikovita prodišča in raznolike obvodne združbe, ki so ključen življenjski prostor in selitveni koridor za številne organizme.

Celoten tok reke s pritoki je zavarovan kot naravna vrednota. V Občini Žalec med najboljše ohranjene dele sodi **Zgornja Gmajna pri Žalcu**, izjemen pomen za naravo pa imata tudi **ribnik Vrbje z zaledjem** in **potok Lava**.

Ta ranljivi ekosistem danes ogrožajo grobi tehnični posegi (gradnja nasipov, odstranjevanje prodišč, uničenje obvodnega rastlinstva), intenzivno kmetijstvo in pozidava poplavnih območij.

Da reka potrebuje svoj prostor, so nas opozorile uničujoče poplave avgusta 2023, ko si je Savinja vzela nazaj ozemlje, ki ji je nekoč že pripadalo.

S spoštovanjem do njene moči jo ohranimo zeleno in živo.

Natural Heritage of the Savinja River and Its Tributaries

The Savinja River, after which the valley is named, is the longest river flowing entirely within Slovenia, stretching 102 kilometres. It rises in the heart of the Kamnik-Savinja Alps. Its upper course is wild, flowing through steep gorges, before slowing as it enters the broad alluvial plain above Ljubno, which extends as far as Celje.

Despite river regulation in the late 19th century when its channel between Mozirje and Celje was straightened, the Savinja has largely retained its untamed character. During periods of high water, it still occasionally floods nearby meadows and riparian woodland—precious yet modest remnants of former common land—while natural processes along its banks create picturesque gravel bars and diverse riverside habitats, providing a vital habitat and migratory corridor for numerous organisms.

The river and all its tributaries are protected as natural values. In the Municipality of Žalec, the section at **Zgornja Gmajna** is among the best-preserved, while the **Vrbje Pond and its surrounding area**, together with the **Lava Stream**, are also of exceptional importance for nature conservation.

Today, this vulnerable ecosystem faces its greatest threats from major engineering works, such as embankment construction, gravel extraction, and the destruction of riparian vegetation, as well as from intensive agriculture, and development in flood-prone areas.

The devastating floods of August 2023, when the Savinja River reclaimed territory that had once been part of its natural floodplain, served as a stark reminder that rivers need space. Let us respect its power and keep the river green and vibrant.



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LEGENDA

- Hmeljska pot
- Ekološka učna pot Vrbje
- Pot ob Savinji, 1 - 9
- Pot naravne in kulturne dediščine
- Savinova sprehajalna pot
- kolesarska povezava Celje Vransko

LEGEND

- Hop Trail
- Eco-Learning Path Vrbje
- The Savinja Path, 1 - 9
- Path of natural and cultural heritage
- Savin's walking Path
- Celje-Vransko Cycling Route

INFO TOČKE

- hmeljarstvo
- kulturna dediščina
- naravna dediščina
- turizem
- Fontana piv
- tukaj sem

INFO POINTS

- Hop-growing
- Cultural heritage
- Natural heritage
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- Beer fountain
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