



Above the confluence of the Soča and Idrija rivers, the Banjšice Plateau rises to the south. At its most north-western part you can find a dry valley whose slopes are populated with small and large groups of houses that form the villages of **KANALSKI** and **TOLMINSKI LOM**, while across the ridge, above the dry Čepovan valley, you can find a small village of **GRUDNICA**. This is the area of Lom. The circular hiking trail, **LOM IS MY HOME**, runs through these villages and across colourful meadows, grasslands, pastures, and through cool forests on their edges. Information boards, placed along the trail, bring us closer to the past and the present-day life in this area. There are no permanent watercourses in this karst area, however, you can find many sinkholes, abysses and hollow caves. There are several sites where the locals dug stone plates, which were used for roofing purposes. Even today, you can still admire the village

church and the oldest preserved house which are covered with such stone plates. In this hilly countryside, crops were cultivated on small fields, while livestock was pastured on higher ground and in the forests. Picturesque vistas open up along the trail. The church of St. Primus and Felician welcomes visitors on a slope in the centre of Kanalski Lom. Above Kanalski Lom, you can admire the Kolovrat ridge in the south-west direction, and even the Italian Dolomites if the weather is clear enough. From the ridge that stretches from Široko to Mt. Veliki vrh, and further to the hills above Lokovec, the view extends from the ridge of Mt. Kolovrat, across Kanin and the Tolmin-Bohinj Mountain chain to Mt. Porezen and other Idrija-Cerkno hills; at the Široko viewpoint, it is possible to admire them from up close with the help of binoculars.



1 Chapel of St. Mary



Above the hamlet of Ravne, where the parish church can be seen from the trail from Široko, lies a chapel, which was built by the nearby inhabitants in the 1930s as an intercession to St. Mary for good health.

2 Trough



In the past, it was difficult to ensure sufficient water supply, as the area of Lom stands on karstic ground. The local inhabitants mostly used

rainwater, and also built troughs near the rare springs, which were used to provide water for livestock.



3 4 Periuca Stone and Andrej Murovec's Chapel



While the large flat stone looks completely ordinary on the outside, it boasts a rich history. It was used in the process of making linen cloth, for washing laundry, and also as a bridge.

A self-taught sculptor, Andrej Murovec, who carved stone statues and monuments, lived in Lom in the middle of the 19th century. He also carved a beautiful chapel that stands next to the road above his former home.



5 Martin's Homestead



The old homestead is comprised of a residential house, a hayrack, which can be seen from far away, a small building intended to accommodate

farmhands and maidservants, a pond for supplying water for livestock, as well as an old building which, among other purposes, housed a dairy.

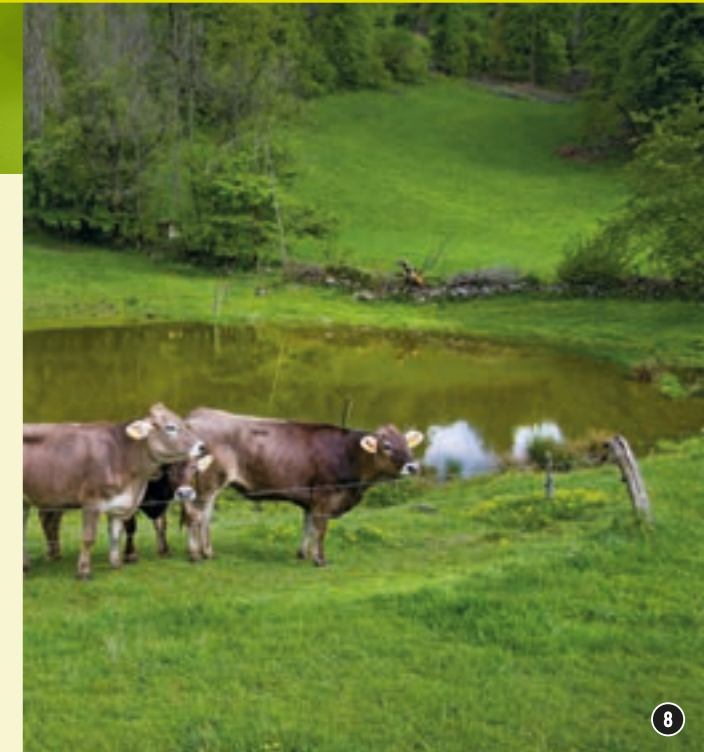


7 Arnej's Forge

There is another building with a stone roof inviting you to the hamlet of Dol. The oldest building in Lom also housed the parish church and a forge. In order to build the extension, the locals used the material from the demolished church.

8 Pond on Kal

In the small basin above Lom, you can find a pond, which was used to supply water for livestock which grazes on the common pastures that extend from Kanalski Lom to Mt. Veliki vrh.



6 Church of St. Primus and Felician



This church, which was built in 1791, stands on the slope in the centre of Kanalski Lom. Although simple, it is very interesting because of the stone roofing and separate bell tower, which distinguishes it from most churches in the area. In the vicinity of the church you can find stone masterpieces, which were carved by the self-taught sculptor Andrej Murovec at the end of the 19th century. Statue of St. Joseph is the nicest of them and adorns the niche above the entrance to the church.

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9 The Abyss in Špile

Lom lies in the northernmost part of the Dinaric Karst plateaus, known for numerous karst phenomena. One of them is also the 55-metre-deep abyss in Špile with a natural bridge extending over it.

10 Boundary Stone

For most of its history, Lom was divided between the Tolmin and the Kanal authority, which is why you can still find two separate settlements - Tolminski Lom and Kanalski Lom. The border between the two villages caused issues in the past and was finally set in 1738.



Mt. Veliki Vrh

World War I and the Isonzo Front also left their mark in this area. Heavy fighting took place near Lom during the 11th battle. Mt. Veliki vrh, the highest peak on the Banjšice Plateau, provided an excellent view of the positions on the front. Even today, an observation post with a cavern is still preserved nearby.



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Viewpoint Ledince

High above Kanalski Lom lies the village of Ledince, that offers a beautiful view of Kolovrat ridge, Mt. Matajur, Mt. Kanin and the Krn mountain range, and even the Italian Dolomites if the weather is clear enough. The information board displays how farm work was done in the past.



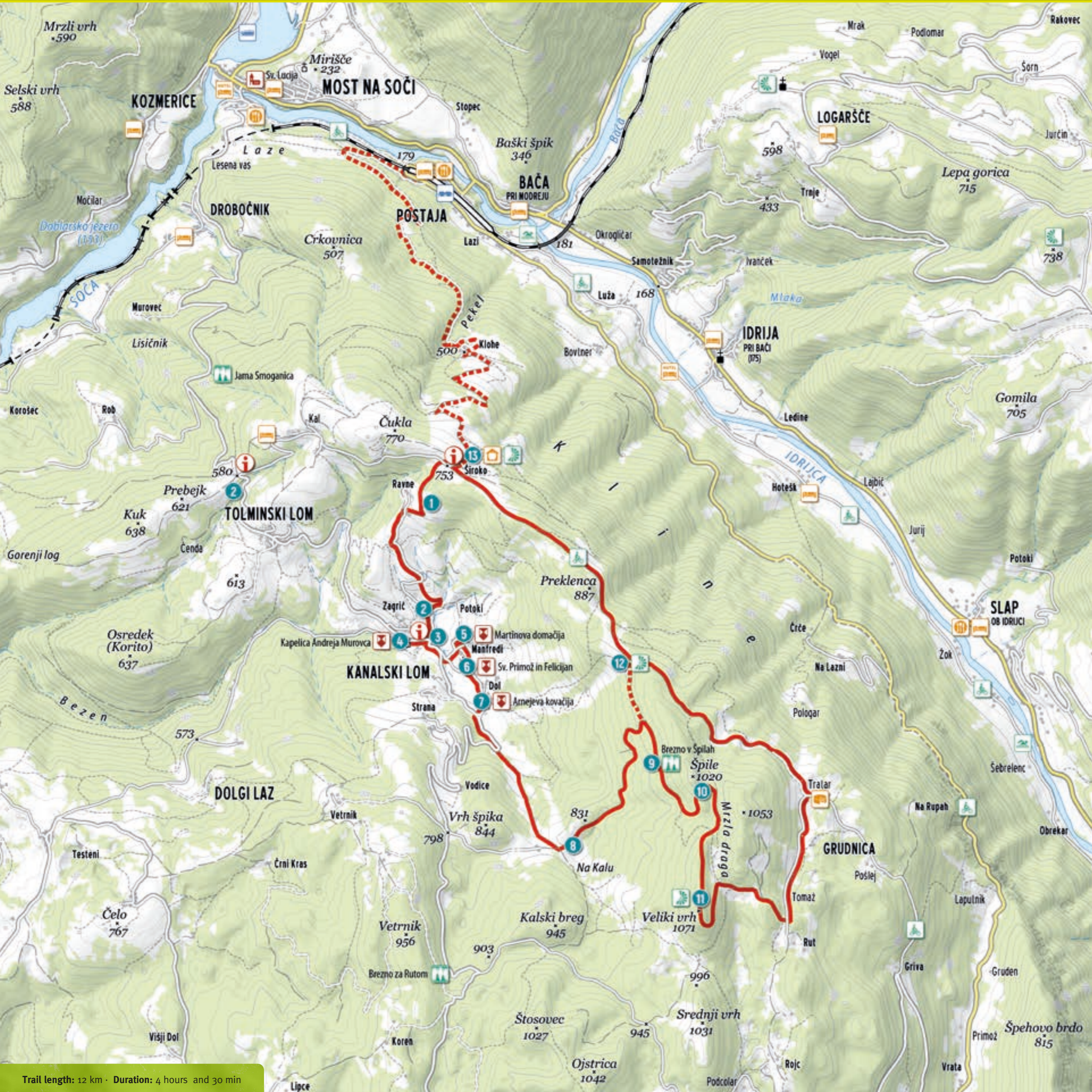
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Viewpoint Široko

On the ridge above the Široko tourist farm lies one of the most beautiful viewpoints in Soča valley. The view extends from Kolovrat ridge, across Mt. Kanin and Bohinj-Tolmin mountains to the Idrija-Cerkno mountain range.



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Trail length: 12 km • Duration: 4 hours and 30 min

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Ascent to Široko

Each year on 15 August, road and mountain bike cyclists, as well as runners, compete against each other in the Ascent to Široko race. Upon arriving at the finishing line at the Široko tourist farm, their efforts on routes of varying lengths and profiles are rewarded by their racing accomplishments, as well as beautiful views, good company, and excellent food.

Local Dishes

At the Široko tourist farm, you can refresh yourself with typical local dishes. They are best known for their delicious "štruklji". Along the Lom is My Home Trail you can find the Tratar cheese dairy, where you can purchase high-quality homemade cheese, cottage cheese, and other dairy products.



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