

The following are a selection of our favourite walks; all are near the chalet or around the local area. The walks with a * are recommended. Some of the walks are included in guide books that you can find on the bookshelf at the chalet. Maps are also available.

AROUND THE VILLAGE

Three short walks from the chalet 20 – 30 mins, 100m climb **EASY**

1. Walk down to the church and turn right down the left side of the grave-yard, then follow the road round to the right and up the valley towards Menten. Return the same way.
2. Walk down to the church and go left downhill to the river and natural spring (which is drinkable). Return the same way, or walk up and round on the road.
3. Turn right on the road at the bottom of the drive and walk along the valley, up the river following the road and then a track through the forest. Return the same way.

*** Viewpoint in the village (partly by car)** 15 mins, 20m climb **EASY**

Turn right at the bottom of the drive and head up the road through the village. Turn left at the signposts, over a bridge and steeply uphill. Just before the end of the road park in a lay-by. There are good views from here of the Julian Alps including Triglav and you can walk up a path for better views (path leads off from the right side of the road on the left of a barn). This is a good place for a picnic.

*** To Plavski Rovt** 3 – 4 hours, 300m climb **MODERATE**

Walk down to the church and go left downhill to the river and natural spring. Turn right and cross the bridge, then go left uphill. Head straight on contouring round the hill to Plavski Rovt (1 hour). Turn right at the asphalt road and walk uphill until you reach a flatter part and then a small track going off at an angle to the right and downhill. At the bottom turn right over the river and follow the track uphill keeping left at a fork. Make your way through meadows as you gain views of Planina pod Golico again. Head to the right downhill, following farm tracks which take you back to join the outward route at a house with an unmissable Alsatian dog (well tied-up). This walk is nice in May as it takes in a lot of the wild flower meadows in the valley.

Climb of Španov Vrh 3 – 4 hours, 400m climb **MODERATE**

Climb up by the path underneath the ski lift to Španov Vrh for excellent views. It might be possible to ascend using the ski lift. Over the back, there're a number of forest tracks to choose from, that will return you to the chalet (either round to Savske Jame and down, or round to Prihodi and back up). You can stop for lunch at Dom Pristava in the summer, and just down the road, there's a waterfall to cool off in - Javorniški Slapovi.

Circuit via Zakamnik 3 – 4 hours, 400m climb **MODERATE**

Walk down to the church and turn right down the left side of the grave-yard, heading downhill to the river. Head round to the right at the bottom, along the road and then take a small path leading off on the left after 50m or so. Look for red and white target marks and a signpost for Rožca. Climb steeply for half an hour until you find a forestry track crossing your path. Turn left and follow it for an hour or so to Zakamnik and then Plavski Rovt. This part is a gentle downhill on forest tracks. In the very centre of Plavski Rovt, turn left (signed Pl. pod Golico) and walk past some houses onto a small track. Follow this for half an hour in the same general direction until you reach Planina pod Golico. Cross the river and turn left, following the river, back up to the church. You can shorten this walk by picking your way downhill around the near-side of Kogel. This small path is hard to find - there are markers - but take a map and a good sense of direction!

Španov Vrh (partly by car) 1 hour, 150m climb **MODERATE**

Drive up the forest track at the head of the valley (follow the road through the village and go straight-on at the signposts and bridge). After 3km of rough dirt road, at a T-junction, turn right and continue uphill to the crossroads and religious monument. Turn right here and park along the track just past a road leading downhill on the right. This is a public road and it is possible to drive in a normal car if you don't mind a bit of off-asphalt driving! Continue uphill on foot to the highest point of the track. Turn right on a path that eventually leads towards the summit of Španov Vrh. Take a map as this route can be tricky to find!

**** Klek and Golica circuit** 4-6 hours, 1200m climb **LONG**

Follow the first half hour of the 'Circuit via Zakamnik' walk above, but continue straight-on over the forest track to the top of Klek via Rožca. The views from here are fantastic. There are a number of routes back down after traversing the border ridge North-East. Walking around the head of the valley, and up to the top of Golica, and then down via Koča na Golici mountain hut, makes this a worthy day walk. .

*** Golica Climb** 3-5 hours, 900m climb **MODERATE**

Turn right at the bottom of the drive and follow the road through the village turning left over a bridge at some signposts. At the top, take a path to the right, up to the woodland, over a forest track and up to the goods lift (you can drive this far if you wish, although the road via Savske Jame can be rough). Take either of two paths to Koča na Golici mountain hut and optionally tackle the summit ridge. You'll be rewarded with spectacular views of the Julian Alps and Triglav. The hut provides drinks and a limited variety of meals. You can return the same way or take the steeper route which runs down a ridge (go straight on at the spur after about 300m, as you descend from the hut).

FURTHER AFIELD

* **Vintgar Gorge** 1 hour, 50m climb **EASY**

You can start this walk from either end of the gorge and either leave a car at each end, or walk both ways (driving directions: www.planina.co.uk/location.pdf). Perfect on a hot summer day or when the weather doesn't permit walking in the mountains. At the bottom end, don't miss the small waterfall. There is a restaurant at the top end of the gorge.

* **Around Lake Bled** 1.5 hours, no climb **EASY**

Follow the obvious path around the lake in either direction. Park in Bled, or at the opposite end near Zaka Camping, where you can swim. Great views of the church, castle and surrounding mountains. You can also hire row boats or take a boat trip over to the church. There is an optional side trip to climb up to the castle (look out for a 'Grad' sign). If you tire of walking, just hop on the road train back to Bled.

** **Osojnica Viewpoint, Bled** 2-3 hours, 500m climb **MODERATE**

Halfway between the road to Bohinj and Zaka Camping, turn up a small residential track with a sign for rooms/zimmer/sobe. Park in a lay-by on the right. Walk straight on up the same track and round to the left following signs to Osojnica. There is a magnificent viewpoint off to the right, at Ojstrica (postcard photos of Bled Lake). Returning from the viewpoint, continue round the circuit to two further viewpoints. Descend via a steep path back to the parking area.

** **Lake Bohinj north side** 1-2 hours, flat **EASY**

Park in Stara Fužina and take the tourist boat to the far end of the lake (or take two cars and leave one at each end of the lake). Take a small road heading north through the trees from Hotel Zlatarog; across a bridge over an emerald green pool. Fork right onto a track, then turn left, go over a stile and out into a meadow where you can swim and buy refreshments. At the end of the meadow, near the lake, a path leads off and around the lake shore, eventually returning you to Stara Fužina. An excellent walk on a hot summer's day. There are many small beaches along the lake side, which are quieter than those on the other side of the lake.

** **Rudnica, Bohinj** 3-4 hours, 600m climb **MODERATE**

Head out of Stara Fužina towards Srednja Vas and turn right at a sign for Rudnica. Park and follow signs to the top of Rudnica, the hill that splits the Bohinjska valley in two. There is a refreshment hut near the top with great views of Lake Bohinj. From the top, head back towards the hut, but keep left and turn left into a gully and down to Srednja Vas. Pri Francki makes a perfect lunch stop, before heading back to the car.

**** Sleme, Vršič** 3-4 hours, 400m climb **MODERATE**

A good walk from Vršič Pass (near Kranjska Gora) is to Sleme or Slemenova Špica. Take the path running north at an angle up the side of Mojstrovka to Vratca Pass. At the top go straight on and then head west through a pine filled valley under the imposing wall of Mojstrovka. The path climbs, and just before it descends steeply to Planica, turn right and climb to Sleme meadow and on to the top of a small hill called Slemenova Špica. From here you are surrounded by the majesty of the Alps and the views in all directions are truly spectacular. Back at Vršič you can get lunch or a drink at one of the huts.

*** Bukovlje Forest, Vrata** 1-2 hours, 50m climb **EASY**

Drive towards Kranjska Gora and turn left about 1km before Mojstrana, signed Vrata and Aljažev Dom. It's a 10km road (partly dirt) up to Aljažev Dom where there is some pay-per-day parking. Head up the large path along the centre of the valley to the Partizan Memorial, or further. It's worth the drive, even if you're not walking, just to stand at the hut and look at Triglav's mighty 1km high north face.

**** Prisojnik Window** 5-6 hours, 600m climb **HARD**

An excellent introduction to via-ferrata, this route should only be undertaken with appropriate climbing gear, or lots of confidence and a good head for heights. One of the hardest parts of the climb is in the first 50m. You get a good view of this route if you stop in the second major lay-by, about half-way up the road to Vršič Pass. The guide book by Mike Newbury, available in the chalet and referenced on the hiking page of our website, has a route description. Another highly recommended via-ferrata route is the Hanzova Pot to the top of Mojstrovka.

*** Ascent of Triglav, Julian Alps** 2-3 days, 1800m climb **HARD**

Climbing equipment and a guide book are recommended. Start the same as the Bukovlje Forest walk above. At the Partizan Memorial turn left into the forest and follow the steep path climbing through the beech forest and onto the Tominškova via-ferrata route. Eventually join the Prag route as you descend a rock ramp, and continue the climb to Staničev Hut (keep left at the junction). This is probably the best overnight stop as it's quieter than the larger huts nearer Triglav; and the ladies that run the place are friendly. If you have any energy left, you can climb Vrbanova Špica in the afternoon or evening, for fine views of Triglav, Škrlatica ridge, Rjavina and as far as Golica. The ascent of Triglav, via Mali Triglav, takes most of the second day, but you can easily return to the car, via the Prag route, on the same day. If you want to stay an extra day and do some harder via-ferrata, try tackling Rjavina's north-west face and return to the hut along the ridge running south-west towards Triglav. Sleeping bags are not required, although a sheet sleeping bag is useful. You can pick this hut out from the bottom of our drive if you have a keen eye and a snowy background to help you!