



PAPUK GEOPARK EUROPEAN - UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK

EDUCATIONAL AND VISITOR CENTRE

The Educational and Visitor Centre is located in Velika, a village 14 km far from the city of Požega. Velika represents the main entrance to the Papuk Geopark. The Centre is situated in a historical building dating back to 19th century which was fully renovated in 2007.

There are permanent and temporary exhibitions showing in the Educational and Visitor Centre. It also has an audio-visual hall and a conference room. In the vicinity of the Centre there are many tourist and recreational facilities (thermal spa, educational trail "Lapjak", hiking routes, paragliding lift off site and free climbing site "Sokoline").



Educational and visitor centre Velika



Multimedia hall



During the workshop



Permanent exhibition

The permanent exhibition covers the most interesting biological, geological and historical exhibits from the Geopark area. Visitors have the opportunity to discover geological heritage of the Papuk Geopark by looking at posters and observing rocks and crystal samples. A very rich fossil collection is also presented here. Biological exhibits include birds' nests and insect collections. Archaeological exhibits comprise artefacts from the Late Stone and Early Iron Age, but also glass pieces from famous 18th-century glaziers' manufactures. A Geopark Corner is available inside the Centre providing information about the International Networks of Geoparks (EGN and GGN).

There is a multimedia hall that can host up to 70 visitors. Besides that, there is a smaller, workshop hall which can be used for organizing educational programmes, lectures, workshops and training courses. At the reception of the Centre visitors can buy souvenirs (postcards, books, T-shirts, maps, pottery...) and receive all of the important logistic information. Papuk Geopark's offices are located on the first floor of the Educational and Visitor Centre. There is also an apartment (with 7 beds) on the same floor which is used for accommodation of experts, scientists and similar official visitors.

The Centre is open on work days. Lectures and educational workshops are organized for schools and organized groups with booking required in advance.

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