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Travelling exhibitions; 🛃 Interactive kids' corner; Here you will find: Arachanski Balkan Nature park; Balkan Nature park;

👘 Tourist guides and professional trekking guides. Educational programmes, workshops with children and students on environment-keeping-related topics; information about places for accommodation and entertainment; 📩 General tourist and specialized information about Vrachanski Balkan Nature Park; The Centre provides: Vratsa, that was designated as architectural and artistic monument of culture.



NATURAL PARK "VRACHANSKI BALKAN"

ory in the end of 1989,

and since March 1997 it

was designated as pro-

tected site with interna-

tional importance. The

bark territory comprises

in area of 28 803.9 hect-

ares, including the Vra-

chanska mountain and

the Lakatnishki skali

(Lakatnik rocks) massif.

est natural park in Bul

garia. Large areas of

the park are occupied

by surface karst forms

like hollows, pools and

caverns, whose margins

are surrounded by huge

beech forests. Within

the park are found some

of the most fascinating

It is the second larg-



In Natural Park "Vrachanski Balkan" are preserved more than 1,000 species of higher plants. Unique and protected plants within the area are: Campanula jordanovii, Centranthus kellererii, Chamaecytisus kovacevii, Juniperus sabina, Lilium jankae, Slene velcevii and Traunsteneira globosa. Fauna is represented by 1,507 species of animals, including 276 vertebrate species and 1,231 species of invertebrates. "Vrachanski Balkan" is an important nesting place for 120 bird species including: black stork, long-legged buzzard, golden eagle, peregrine falcon, common rock thrush, green woodpecker and others. Over 170 species are objects of European conservation, and 157 species are protected under the Biodiversity Act.

Nature Park "Vrachanski Balkan" is one of the most important areas for butterflies in Bulgaria. Here one can find Mountain Apollo (Parnassius apollo), European Peacock (Inachis io), Old World Śwallowtail (Papilio machaon), etc. The territory of Nature park "Vrachanski Balkan" is part of the Na-

tional ecological network "Natura-2000". The following protected territories are located within its boundaries: "Vrachanski Karst" reserve; 5 natural landmarks: "Temnata dupka", "Ledenika", "Vratzata", "Ritlite", "Novata peshtera" and 5 protected ares: "Padinite", "Vola", "Vezhdata", "Borov kamak", "Lakatnik rocks". The management of the protected area is carried out by the Administration of "Vrachanski Balkan" Nature Park, established in 1996 within the Forestry Agency (Ministry of Agriculture and food).

Outside the territory of the park are located the following sites which are of great tourist interest: ARCHAEOLOGICAL COMPLEX "KALETO",

town of Mezdra

Located on a high rocky hill above the Iskar river. The fortress remnants are to be found on the last level, preserved and exhibited to the visitors. The exhibition hall shows unique objects and remains from various historical periods of the fortress existence. Stamp 16a of the

100 national tourist sites. *How to get there:* 16 km from the town of Vratsa towards Sofia, at the entrance of the town of Mezdra.

OSENOVLASHKI MONASTERY "SVETA BOGORODITSA" (HOLY VIRGIN)

The monastery dates back to the Second Bulgarian kingdom. The monastery church is unique for its design of seven separate altars - something that has no equiva-

lent in any other Bulgarian



BOZHIAT MOST (THE GOD'S BRIDGE)

A natural rock bridge with an entrance arch rising up at 20 m, with a width of 25 m. An eco-trail leads there, and there is an attractive recreational area, as well as remains from the Middle Age fortress Gradishte. Nearby is the Ponora cave and the picturesque Karst spring Zhaborek. One may enter the cave only with professional equipment and a guide. How to get there: Taking the road to the vil-

e of Chiren (direction town of Oriahovo) at out 15km north of Vratsa.

THE GORGE "VRATSATA"

The gorge Vratsata surrounds the gorge of the Leva River and



most popular climbing site in Bulgaria. Remains of the medieval fortress Vratitsa (X-XII century) are preserved in the gorge The road to the Ledenika cave, Parshevitsa hut and the village of Zgorigrad runs through the gorge. How to get there: by car or by foot, 1 km from town of Vratsa, direction village Zgorigrad, along the Leva river bed.

ENTERTAINMENT PARK "LEDENIKA" AND "LEDENIKA" CAVE



5D-movie, a rope garden, a climbing wall, an amphitheatre and topical fairy tail park. The visitors center offers walks along eco trails, sport games and competitions for all age visitors, artistic events related to the natural resources of "Vrachanski Balkan" Nature Park, quizzes, carnivals, photo-pleners on a specific theme, and many others. Stamp 16 of the 100 National tourist sites. How to get there: by car, on an asphalt road 16 km from the town of *Vratsa, passing through Vratzata gorge and taking right turn.*

1. VRATSA ECO TRAIL "BOROV KAMAK" - 3 hours

Red marking. The trail starts at the end of Zgorigrad village and follows the Canyon of Leva River. A climbing system of bridges and stairs on the both slopes of river gets to the "Borov Kamak" Falls , which soars some 63 meters. The trail passes under the waterfall and goes up by wooden stair on the right side. Above the waterfall you will find beautiful green meadows with s shelter and barbeque area. From here you have the following possibilities: 1. to continue to Parshevitsa hut, following a marked trail – 1 hour; 2 to go back to village of Zgorigrad, following a marked trail – 2 hours; to continue to Okolchitsa peak, following a marked trail – 4 hours.

2. VRATSA - LOCUMCHETO LOCALITY - ZAMBINA MOGILA LOCALITY - PARSHEVITSA HUT - 4 hours

Yellow . The trail starts at Natura Enviromental and Information Centre, following the road to the village of Zgorigrad and turning to the right after Vratsata Gorge takes the road to Ledenika Cave. After the first sharp turn in the road it turns to the left on a beaten cart track. Then a mountain path takes you to the main road again to turn to the left at the next sharp turn. The path then crosses a ravine with a running stream and through marvellous beech woods climbs up Lokumcheto ridge to reach the main road once again. Walking about one kilometer on this road, you have to turn to the right and come to the labour service men's fountain in a ravine. From the fountain you have to continue uphill, crossing the meandering road to reach the fork in the road to Ledenika and Parshevitsa Huts. Here you have to go to the left to Parshevitsa Hut.

3. VRATSA - SKAKLIA WATERFALL - PATLEINA LOCALITY -IZBATA LOCALITY - MOUNT OKOLCHITSA - 3 hours

Green marking. Near the street of the Fire Brigade(or past Hristo Botev General Hospital) you reach the outskirts of the city at Zora nursing home for the elderly. The path takes you past an old limestone quarry and turns left crossing the bed of a small rivulet falling from the waterfall. Then it climbs slightly and leads to a karst spring, where it crosses the rivulet once again and goes steeply up to the waterfall. Reaching its bottom, it makes a sharp left turn, climbs a very steep section past the entrance to a large but shallow cave and leads to a vast meadow in the upper part of the rock arch, where there is a rest point with benches and a table. The path turns right to the southwest across limestone pavements and leads to vast pastures with pens in Patleina locality. Up the rivulet it leads to a big karst spring with another



Historical trail *IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF BOTEV – 1 hour*



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of Okolchitsa peak End: roundtrip Access: by car or by foot, 22 km from Vratsa Difficulty: easy

Description:

The trail loops back to its starting

point, seeking to familiarize visitors with the formation and the course of the militant group led by Bulgarian revolutionary and great poet Hristo Botev from Kozloduy on the Danube to their last battlefields. The walking trail leads to the death place of Hristo Botev telling the stories of his militants after the death of their leader. This themed trail features information boards with photos and maps, illustrations and life stories of the most prominent militants.

Historical trail

ANCIENT AND MILEDIEVAL VRATITSA - 1 hour

Start point: the gorge Vratsata, after the "Chaika" restaurant *End:* roundtrip Access: by car or by foot, 1 km from town of Vratsa

Difficulty: easy Description

This trail was built in Gradishte locality, in the immediate vicinity of Vratsata Gorge, where the city of Vratsa was once established according to historical records. At the time of the second Bulgarian state the settlement was fortified with a wall and grew up to be a town center The trail familiarizes visitors with the archaeological excavations, with the functions of each of the sites and their historical and cultural importance. Visitors are shown photos of the tools and jewels found on the site.

Thematic trail VRATSA – LEDENIKA CAVE – 3 hours



Start point: gorge Vratsata End: cave Ledenika Access: by car or by foot, 1,5 km from town of Vratsa Difficulty: middle Description:

At the beginning the route passes through a pine forest

and after 30 min it reaches the Karierata camping site. There follows a steep climb and after 40 minutes the trails will take you to the spring Mechoto kladenche (Bear's well) with a place to rest. What follows is the steepest climb up to the rock wreath Garvanets, wherefrom you can take delight in marvellous views to the Vratzata gorge. Next comes a pleasant and easy half an hour descent to the Ledenika cave. Information boards along the route trace will make you familiar with various cave formations, caves in Bulgaria that are accommodated for tourists, the most interesting caves in the

Start point: next to the amphitheatre

Access: by car or by foot, 16 km from

The trail has been built

in the immediate vicinity of

Ledenika Cave. Walking, visi-

tors get familiarized with karst

landforms, the typical flora

and fauna and their interrela-

in front of Ledenika cave

End: roundtrip

Difficulty: easy

Description:

Vratsa

Thematic trail KARST AND BIODIVERCITY- 1,5 hours



entirely through a forest.

world, as well as the threats they face.

tion. Information boards provide visitors with information about the "Varchanski Karst" Reserve, the frontier of which is followed. Along the trail there are rest points and view tower towards the Danube plain. The trail is particularly suitable for hot summer days as it passes

Thematic trail

MOUNTAINEERING FOR BEGINNERS- 2 hours *Start point:* next to the Ledenika restaurant

End: roundtrip Access: by car or by foot, 16 km from town of Vratsa *Difficulty*: middle Description:

The trail passes through varied terrains - beech forest, open pastures with Karst formations, rock wreaths and caves. In the middle of the trail there is a fountain and a place for rest.



temple. Each altar in fact is a separate chapel with its own mural paintings and an iconostasis, and is devoted to a Bulgarian saint. Stamp 78 of the 100 national tourist sites. How to get there: 60 km rom Vratsa towards Sofia hrough the Iskar gorge, follow the road fork at Eliseyna railway station.

presents rarely beautiful and impressive cliff. It is a symbol of Vratsa and associated with the name of the town. The vertical walls of Vratsata, rising over 400 meters, are the highest on the Balkan Peninsula for this altitude and the

Ledenika cave is one of the most visited caves in Bulgaria. It is opened for visitors all year round. The cave is 320 m at length and has 10 halls. The entertainment park "Ledenika" is located immediately next to the cave and includes a visitor's center with exhibitions and a hiking trails.

"BOROV KAMAK" WATERFALL

cient oak trees.

Vratsa, therefrom with 1 hour climb you will reach the foot of the waterfall. The thematic trail Vratsa – Skaklya waterfall – Voyvodin dol passes there.

The nature sight is located on the left bank of the Iskar River, opposite

the village of Lyuti Brod. Four parallel to each other walls rise perpendicular to the river and reach the height of 200 meters in western direction. Locals

rails. In places west of the river, along the peaks of the massive stone walls, remains of old fortifications are visible. An ancient medieval village called Korintgrad and a monastery complex had been situated to the north of the walls. Nearby are located: the historical site Rashov dol where in 1876 ten revolutionaries from Botev's detach-

have appropriately likened them to cart

ments were killed, and the trail "Belite skali" (White rocks). How to get there: On the road from Vratsa to Sofia through the Iskar Gorge (27km)

"LAKATNIK ROCKS" PROTECTED AREA" They are located on the left bank of the Iskar River, between the

rivers Opletnenska and Proboinitsa. The 250th m high rocks are the "cradle" of Bulgarian alpinism and offer multiple modernly equipped routes with varying degrees of difficulty. Here you can also see the entrance of the cave Temnata Dupka (the Dark Hole more then 9000 m long), the karst spring "Zhitolujb", the shelter Ea-

gle's Nest and the monument "Septemvrijtsi". *How to get there:* On the road from Vratsa to Sofia through the Iskar Gorge (60km).

OKOLCHITSA MONUMENT



"CHEREPISH" MONASTERY



Revival it served as educational center. A church school was found and numerous books, biographies and gospels were written and copied. Relics such as the Cherepish Gospel, bound in 1512 with gold covers and decorated with biblical scenes, also date back to that period. In the monastery complex

mural paintings. reaches up to the monastery gates



you can visit the museum of the famous Bulgarian writer Ivan Vazov, the Chapel-house, Rushidova house and the church Saint George. How to get there: On the road from Vratsa to Sofia through the Iskar Gorge (30km)

TOURIST TRAILS IN NATURAL PARK "VRACHANSKI BALKAN"

TOURIST TRAILS (they are marked with tourist colour signs. They are suitable for experienced tourists)

rest point. A cart track takes you from here, climbing lightly up to the south-east to a fork in the road: a path leads to Parshevitsa Hut to the west-southwest and you have to keep the way onwards that climbs up to Tsarevo Livage locality and through Izbata and Kleno localities leads to the road to the monument on Mount Okolchitsa within tenminute walking distance.

4. VRATSA – MEDKOVETS QUARTER – JENSKATA LOCALITY - MOUNT OKOLCHITSA - 3 hours

Blue marking. From the centre of Medkovets quarter you have to reach the highest part on the outskirts of the quarter, and then turn to the left and cross the stream in Medkovski Dol. Here a stony cart track begins, turning and twisting and shortcutting the turns in the road leading to the rayine in the foothills of Mount Sveta Gora. The track enters a wood and past several pens leads to a karst spring. The path now runs through pine woods and crossing a vast clearing with young pine plantation leads to a cart track in Tsarevo Livage locality. Walking through Izbata and Kleno localities, you'd reach the monument near Mount Okolchitsa.

5. BOTEV'S ROUTE: VRATSA - IOLKOVITSA LOCALITY -MOUNT OKOLCHITSA – 3 hours

. The trail starts near Vratsa-Sofia Yellow marking and road at the fork leading to the village of Pavolche, climbing up a woodland path to a small terraced clearing in Kurdovitsa locality. The path meanders to take you to a vast meadow, Taushanitsa locality, then again enters the woods and up a brook leads to Leskovoto Kladenche. Here the trail turns left climbing steeply through beech woods, leading to fascinating meadows on the ridge in Vola locality and then to Izbata locality, a vast sloping pasture with a big drinking water fountain. From here, you have to take a stony cart track, which you have to leave after the turn to tread a path leading to Botev's death place in Iolkovitsa locality. From here, the monument near Mount Okolchitsa is within 20-minute walking distance.

6. MOUNT OKOLCHITSA - POGLEDETS LOCALITY -RASHOV DOL LOCALITY - LUTIBROD VILLAGE - 3 hours

Yellow marking. From the monument on Mount Okolchitsa you have to go down the road to Vratsa. In about 40 minutes you have to turn to the left and through a vast limestone pavement with a pen, the path goes down to Pogledets locality, where there is an arbour. Climbing further down through Krivulio locality past Pogledets shelter, it turns to the right at a hairpin bend of the meandering road (Pankov's Curve). Then it continues to Promkata locality, from where it descends

Information boards along it provide visitors with basic knowledge

of mountain safety and skills so that to have a nice and risk-free time:

information about walking and navigational techniques, mountain

equipment, tourism marking, mountain equipment, mountain safety

steeply to Rashov Dol locality. A broad pathway leads to the road from the village of Lutibrod to Vratsa, crosses the railroad and past the Ritlite rock formation climbs down to the village of Lutibrod. It is Botev Memorial Complex that maintains the trail.

7. PARSHEVITSA HUT - BOROV KAMAK LOCALITY -TSAREVO LIVAGE LOCALITY - MOUNT OKOLCHITSA -4,5 hours

Red marking, in open places - iron columns. Walking from the hut to the north takes you to the road to the old mine. After a 10-minute walk on the road, reaching the Red Turn, the trail starts climbing down through beech woods to a vast clearing over Borov Kamak Waterfall. Then it continues to the east-northeast through old beech woods, crosses Lokvite locality, vast pastures on the ridge in Zebrets locality and past a pen leads to a cart track. The track takes you through Tsarevo Livage, Izbata and Kleno localities to the monument near Mount Okolchitsa.

8. OCHIN DOL VILLAGE - PARSHEVITSA HUT - 4 hours

Yellow marking.. A steep pathway leads from the village square up to Presvetitsa locality to the north end of the village, where vestiges of an early Christian church of the fifth or sixth century has been unearthed, climbing further up on the road through Rachova Poliana to Padesh locality. Now the trail takes to the north on the ridge of Tomovski hillside, passing through Goren Kliuch locality with a small stone shelter. Crossing the east side of Mount Ostra leads to the broad Kuzmanishki Hollow. On the left, the cliff face of Kobilini Steni is seen and on the right, Mount Beglichka Mogila, the highest peak of the Mountain of Vratsa. A 30-minute walk down takes you to Parshevitsa Hut.

9. LAKATNIK RAILWAY STATION - MILANOVO VILLAGE – PARSHEVITSA HUT – 5 HOURS

Red marking. This trail starts at Zhitolub karst spring across off Lakatnik railway station. A pathway with handrails and rest points winds along the Chernata Stena leading to Alpiiska Poliana, where there are shelters and rest points. A broad pathway to the right leads to the Chernata Stena. Atop the cliff, an alpine shelter, Orlovo Gnezdo (Eagle's Nest) has been built on girders. The trail takes onto a pathway to the right, leading to the monument commemorating the revolutionaries killed in September 1923. Here the trail goes northwards on the ridge, crossing old hamlets and leading to the village of Milanovo. From the centre of the village you have to take the marked path. The path crosses the meandering road on more than one occasion going through the woods, Korita locality to take you to Kalichina Bara locality and Parshevitsa Hut.



Red marking. The trail starts at village Zverino. Following the valley of Kamenitsa river you will reach the Gradishka hill. It continues through wide meadows of Kosharen locality and after one hour and a half reachs the south slopes of Stagata peak. The trail goes under the peak Yavorets and continues down to meadow "Buchiva poliana". From here the trail, goes northwest through the hill Prepaskata and goes down to Yolkovitsa hollow and reaches the monument of Okolchista peak.



LOCATIONS FOR CAMPING AND PICNIC IN NATURAL PARK "VRACHANSKI BALKAN"

Camping place: "CAREER" locality – near village of Zgorigrad. crossroad for village of Zgorigrad. where is the camping.

THEMATIC ROUTES IN NATURAL PARK "VRACHANSKI BALKAN"

THEMATIC TRAILS (these are trails with educational and information boards erected along their paths, as well as shelters, places for rest, bridges, stairs, etc.)

Thematic trail TRAIL LEDENIKA CAVE-**GORNO OZIROVO VILLAGE – 5 hours**

advice and the basic principles of first aid.

Start point: next by visitor center Ledenika cave End: village Gorno Ozirovo Access: by car or by foot, 16 km from town of Vratsa *Difficulty*: middle

Description: The trail runs through varied natural terrains, from clearings to marvellous beech woods. During your walk you'd get famil iarized with the ten nature parks in Bulgaria and receive interesting information about their biodiversity and the opportuni-ties for tourism each of these provides. Along the trail, there are rest points and a shelter in case of bad weather. The trail runs by Barki 14 cave, believed to be among the most challenging in

Thematic trail **GRIFFON VULTURE IN** VRACHANSKI BALKAN NATURE PARK - 2 hours



this country

Start point: the center of village Dolno Ozirovo End: site Izvora Access: by car or bus, 26 km From town of Vratsa fficulty: easy Description.

The trail reveals the world of nysterious an almost unknown in Bulgaria birds, vultures. Providing you with interesting information, the trail affords meetings with griffon vultures in their natural environment from an observation point built for the

purpose and from other watching places. When passing along the trail follow the marking, and do not disturb the vultures. In the end of the route there is a spring and a place for rest.





Sport-tourist trail

The trail is an excellent opportunity or visitors to combine outdoors fitness training with a nice walk in the mounwith Kozloduy NPP mountain hotel



Description: The trail starts on the main road Mezdra - Sofia and follows the river Kamenitsa.

Climbing further up takes you to Staro Selo neighbourhood and the Church of the Most Holy Mother of God, built back in 1492. Information boards along the trail tell the stories of the locality and the

men who used to live here. From this point it takes 30 minutes to walk to the village of Milanovo or 2 hours to Parshevitsa Hut.



fall from the east and a steep descent down the ravine begins. The trail cross trough the "Vrachanski karst" Reserve.

Start point: village Lyutibrod *End:* roundtrip Access: by car. The road from Vratsa to Sofia through Iskar Gorge – 27 km Difficulty: easy

Description The route starts near the bridge over the Iskar river in the village of Lyutibrod. It features erected places for rest and information boards for the history of the village. It passes along the historical locality Rashov dol, remains from a Middle Age church dating from the XII-XIV century, early Christian basilica dating from the V century, and the ancient settlement Koritengrad.

Start point: the beginning of Ochin dol *End:* roundtrip Difficulty: easy Description

The route passes along varied terrains of pine forest and open meadows. Information boards make the visitors familiar with the geology, the flora and fauna in the region. The little ones can enjoy a small wooden house and an open air school.

of Vratsa

Access: by car or bus, 26 km from town ifficulty: easy Description:

tain. There are five grounds with various fitness facilities along the trail and guides informing visitors about the recommendable exercises and proper amounts of training load. Up the highest point of the trail, there is a relaxation and meditation area. The trail links the Forest house (Gorski dom)



Start point: Svrazhen neighbourhood of the village of Milanovo End: Staro Selo neighbourhood of the village of Milanovo

Access: by car by car. The road from Vratsa to Sofia through Iskar Gorge - 45 km; by train

- station Lakatnik and 4 km by

foot on asphalt road.

Difficulty: middle

sites (it is stamped in the museum house "Baba Iliutsa" in the village of Chelopek or in the Regional The Cherepish Monastery "Uspenie Bogorodichno" dates back to

The monument is an eight-edge Orthodox cross, erected on the vear traditional celebration festivities are held on the 2nd of June in the



foot of Okolchitsa mount. Two km away, in Yolkovitsa locality, Hristo Botev's place of execution is found. Stamp 17 of the 100 national tourist

Historical Museum Vratsa) *How to get there: 2*2 km from Vratsa, taking the road to Pavolche village.







trail – by car or by foot, 4 km from town of Vratsa, at the end of the village Zgorigrad. "SKAKLYA" WATERFALL Skaklya is the highest intermittently flowing waterfall in Balkan Penincula 141 meters. It is located 1.5 km. south of Vratsa, behind the hill Kaleto. The region also contains remains of the medieval Bulgarian settlement Patleina. Beautiful in all seasons, from the top of the water-

> fall there are stunning views over the town of Vratsa and the Vratsa field. The waterfall is intersection of several How to get there: by car or on foot, to he area above the hospital in the town of

Borov Kamak is located southwest to the

village of Zgorigrad and has a height of 63

meters. One of the most attractive and popu-

lar ecopaths in the country - the Vratsa eco-

path – leads to the waterfall. The trail follows

the canyon of the Leva River, with wooden

bridges, many stairs and railings built on

both sides of the river. Besides the majestic

waterfall, the area is also famous for its an-

How to get there: the beginning of the

"RITLITE" PROTECTED AREA



village of Ochin Dol, on a cliff, overhanging the Iskar River and the railroad, mentioned in Vazov's short story. The monument is 5m tall, made of white local limestone. Every year the area around the monument is a venue of the "Where Bulgarian Is" national folk fair. Nearby there is a round thematic trail: "Gorski svyat" (Forest world), and next to the village of Ochin dol a large early Christian temple was discovered dating V-VI century. Tourists can visit also an exhibition of wooden figures of a local wood carver in the village. How to get there: On the road

om Vratsa to Sofia through the Iskar Gorge (50km).

TOURIST TRAILS IN NATURAL PARK "VRACHANSKI BALKAN"

10. ZVERINO VILLAGE - PEAK YAVORETS -PEAK OKOLCHITSA - 4 hours

The place can be reached: By car or by bike – follow the road to the cave Ledenika. The campsite is located in two road turns after the Walkinkg: Take the cognitive route "Vratsa - Ledenika cave" starting point Vratsata Gorge. After 30 minutes you will reach an old career

THEMATIC ROUTES IN NATURAL PARK "VRACHANSKI BALKAN"

Thematic trail "VOIVODIN DOL - WATERFALL SKAKLYA" - 4 hours



Start point: after the Vratsata Gorge towards village Zgorigrad End: town of Vratsa Access: by car or by foot - 1 km from town of Vratsa *Difficulty:* high

Description: The trail climbs on Voivodin Dol in fascinating beech woods. On the ridge, there is a shelter and 100m south of it, a fountain. The trail then follows the ridge and reach the vertical wall of Skaklia Waterfall. Here the trail goes round the upper part of the water-

Thematic trail ECOTRAIL "BELITE SKALI" (THE WHITE ROCKS) - 1 hour

Thematic trail "FOREST WORLD" – 1 hour

Access by car. The road from Vratsa to Sofia through Iskar Gorge - 50 km