NATURAL PARK "VRACHANSKI BALKAN"  

The natural park "Vrachanski Balkan" was designated as a protected territory in 1995, on a surface of 42,500 ha. It is located at the central-east part of the Vratsa region and extends along the Vratsa – Sofia direction. The park is administered by the "Vrachanski Balkan" National Park Administration with its headquarters in Zgorigrad village. The park is a part of the Natura 2000 network, which makes it a part of the Pan-European Protection Network. It is a site of international importance and belongs to the "Evros – Mesta – Mavrovo – Vrachanski Balkan" Global site. The park is divided into two sections: North and South. The North section is the larger one, covering about 27,000 ha, while the South section covers about 15,500 ha. The park is characterized by its diverse vegetation, with a rich variety of flora and fauna. It is also known for its important role in the protection of biodiversity. The park is visited by many tourists and is a popular destination for hiking, photography, and other nature-related activities.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL COMPLEX "KALETO", town of Vratsa  

Located on a high rocky hill, 5 km south of the town of Vratsa. The complex is rich in ancient finds and is covered by the ruins of a medieval castle. The castle was built in the 13th century and defended the pass between the Vratsa and Vratsa field, ensuring the security of the region. The complex includes remains of a medieval castle, a church, and multiple graves, as well as a number of artifacts and inscriptions. Some of the most notable finds include mosaics, lamps, and figurines, which provide valuable insights into the cultural and historical context of the region. The site is accessible by car, and information boards in English and Bulgarian are available. A car park and a toilet are located nearby. The complex is open to the public, and there is an admission fee for visitors. It is a popular destination for researchers and tourists interested in history and archaeology.

OSNOVLISHKI MONASTERY  

"STOYA ROGOZDITA" (HOST SURRENDERED)  

The monastery is located 2 km from the Second Bulgarian Kingdom. The monastery church is unique for its design of seven separate altars – some

OSTOIMISHKI BRIDGE (THE GOD'S BRIDGE)  

A ruined arched bridge with an entrance on both sides, with a width of 20 m. The bridge is located in an area of low vegetation, and its remains can still be seen. The bridge is located in an area of green meadows with s

OUTSIDE THE TOWN OF THE PATH ARE FOLLOWED  

KARST AND ROCK FEEDING  

The gorges of Vratsa contain the gorges of the Lava River and two upper gorges of the river, which are a headwater of the Strumitsa River. They are the two most popular climbing sites in Bulgaria. The gorges of Vratsa are divided into two main sections: the Karst and Rock Feeding section and the Gorges of Vratsa section. The Karst and Rock Feeding section is characterized by its karstic formations, which include cliffs, caves, and natural arches. The Gorges of Vratsa section is characterized by its steep cliffs and narrow gorges. Both sections offer challenging routes for climbers of all levels. The gorges of Vratsa are a popular destination for climbing enthusiasts, and numerous climbing routes are available. The gorges are accessible by car, and there are car parks and toilets located nearby. The gorges are open to the public, and there is an admission fee for visitors.