

## **Hike the Rječina Canyon**

It may come as a surprise but there is a dramatic 25km marked hiking path starting in the centre of Rijeka. It follows the course of the small river, the Rječina, in its entirety from Rijeka to its source near Kukuljani.

The first part runs through a steep sided canyon with waterfalls and abandoned watermills. The middle section is more open, passing the reservoir that provides water to Rijeka and sleepy villages. The final section is in the wilderness following the river to its source where it bursts out of a cliff face.

The classic start of the route is Trsat, just over the road from the bus stop by the church (Point 1: route 2; zone 1). Combining the hike with a visit to the castle is an ideal way to enjoy the spectacular views over the city and the canyon before descending into it. This start involves a short but steep descent down to cross the road and to the canyon floor.

An alternative start, which avoids the steepest section, can be made by starting in the city centre. From Titov Trg follow the road on the right hand river bank towards the obvious tower of the old paper mill, past Plodine supermarket, then through the spooky, abandoned factories and warehouses of Rijeka's industrial past. The incongruous sentry boxes date from the period when the river was the border between Italy and the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes.

The path goes down the sharp left hand bend in the canyon where it crosses the river. The path is narrow and weaves its way up and down the hill side before eventually coming out at the bridge at Pasac village (Point 8: bus 13; zone 1).

Crossing bridge the path drops down again to follow the opposite side of the river before crossing twice over small bridges to arrive below a large dam. This is passed on the right and up through the forest to Lukezi village (Point 9: bus 12a, 16A; zone 3, change in Drazice). The next section is more open, through fields and forests.

The path arrives at Kukuljani, the last village on the route. From here the path follows the left hand bank of the river to the source where the river gushes out of the cliff face. In case of muddy condition there is better maintained jeep track on the other river bank from Kukuljani. From the source it's necessary to return to Kukuljani to get the bus back to Rijeka (Point 12: bus 12A; zone 4, change in Drazice).

### **Access**

The route can hiked/run in its entirety or broken into sections using buses to access different points along the route. There is not much by way of shops or water along the route so bring what you need with you. Walking the whole route takes 5-6 hours, running takes 2-3 hours.

The route can be hiked all year round, except after snowfall which does occur occasionally in winter. It can be hiked in either direction. The advantage of starting in Kukuljani and returning to Rijeka is avoiding a potentially long wait for a bus.

Tickets for buses can be bought on the bus but are cheaper in kiosks. All buses from Rijeka start from the Delta bus station. Timetables can be found at [www.autotrolej.hr](http://www.autotrolej.hr)

# Šetnica uz Rječinu

Mjerilo: 1:50 000  
ekvidistanca = 20m

## Legenda:

	Šetnica uz Rječinu
	Frankopanski trg na Trsatu
	Cesta Orehovica-Rijeka
	Mlin Žakalj
	Križanje cesta u Orehovici
	Matešičev mlin
	Križanje u G. Orehovici
	Mlin Binovsky
	Pašac
	selo Drastin
	Martinovo selo
	Trnovica
	Kukuljani
	Izvor Rječine
	Izohipse - slojnice
	Vrtača
	Otvoreno - poluotvoreno zemljište
	Pješačka staza
	Kolski put
	Bijela cesta - makadam
	Uska ceta - asvalt
	Cesta
	Poluauto cesta
	Željeznička pruga
	Povremeni vodotok
	Potok
	Rijeka
	Zgrada
	123 Izmjera visine
	Park - šuma
	Groblje
	Kapelica
	Crkva
	Područje grada Rijeka



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