

Basic information:

Duration of construction: 1930–1933
 Total trail length: 42,586 m
 Trail length in Velebit Nature Park: 26,430 m
 Trail length in Northern Velebit National Park: 16,156 m
 Trail start: Zavižan, Northern Velebit National Park
 Trail end: Baške Oštarije, Velebit Nature Park

SECTION	DURATION
Baške Oštarije–Dabarska kosa	2,30 h
Premužić trail–Badanj	0,30 h
Premužić trail–Kiza	1 h
Premužić trail–Škrbina	0,20 h
Premužić trail–Butinovača	0,30 h
Dabarska kosa–Ravni Dabar mountain hut	0,30 h
Dabarska kosa–Skorpovac	2,30 h
Premužić trail–Visibaba	0,30 h
Premužić trail–Velinac	1 h
Skorpovac–Ograđenica mountain shelter	2,30 h
Skorpovac–Kugina kuća mountain hut	1,30 h
Skorpovac–Veliki Alan	8-9 h
Skorpovac–Budakovo brdo	1,15 h
Ograđenica mountain shelter–Veliki Alan	4 h
Ograđenica mountain shelter–Premužić trail	0,20 h
Ograđenica mountain shelter–Šatorina	1,40 h
Veliki Alan–Rossijevo sklonište mountain shelter	3 h
Premužić trail–Krajačev kuk	0,30 h
Rossijevo sklonište mountain shelter–Crikvena	0,30 h
Rossijevo sklonište mountain shelter–Gromovača	1 h
Rossijevo sklonište mountain shelter–Zavižan mountain hut	2,30 h



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Ivan Krajač

Ante Premužić

From idea to realisation

The dedicated work of Dr. Ivan Krajač raised the idea of constructing a longitudinal path and opening Velebit to tourists. As the then Minister of Trade and Industry, he provided the necessary funds for its construction.

The trail was designed and built by engineer Ante Premužić, who during several hiking climbs with Dr. Krajač fell in love with Velebit and people living there. Due to this task, the name of Ante Premužić will forever be inscribed in the history of Velebit's mountaineering, culture and tourism.

The 42-kilometre-long Premužić trail connects the peak parts of the northern and middle Velebit, from Zavižan to Baške Oštarije. The construction of the trail provided access to the then inaccessible and most beautiful parts of Velebit. The construction lasted only 4 years (1930–1933) and the works were performed by workers from nearby villages. Its altitude of about 1,500 m is rather uniform and it is routed to avoid steep climbs (10–12%). The trail is easily passable and shelter can be found in several mountain lodges located close by.

Due to the quality of its construction and its integration into the surrounding landscape, in 2009 it was included on the list of cultural goods of the Republic of Croatia.



Immeasurable value of the architectural, cultural and natural heritage of Velebit

PREMUŽIĆ TRAIL



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People and Velebit

The trail passes through landscapes full of memories created by people for centuries. Unfortunately, today they are but silent witnesses to the life, customs and culture of the inhabitants of the Velebit area.



St. Roko's church in Radlovac



Zorka and Vlado Čačić, Radlovac

Stupačinovo

Stupačinovo (1,000 m above sea level) is a small village located on a plateau at the foot of Kiza and Badanj, about 2.5 km north of Baške Oštarije. In the 21st century, Stupačinovo became a weekend settlement surrounded by meadows now decorated with the remains of stone walls (*Baburske ograde*).



Stupačinovo



View from Dabarska kosa



Remains of a dwelling in Skorpovac

Radlovac

Radlovac (950 m above sea level) is an abandoned mountain village completely surrounded by 200-300-metre-high peaks. The spirit of Radlovac is preserved in the church dedicated to St. Roko, the protector of people and cattle, which was built on the site of an older wooden church. The last (seasonal) inhabitants of Radlovac were Vlado and Zorka Čačić.

Mlinište

Mlinište (998 m above sea level) is an abandoned mountain settlement surrounded by the highest peaks of Middle Velebit: Ograđenik (1,604 m), Malovan (1,610 m) and Šatorina (1,662 m). Along with the neighbouring village of Radlovac, Mlinište is one of the largest pastoral settlements on Velebit. Its historical heritage consists of a small church dedicated to St. Jelena. Korita, a fresh water spring, which is still known among mountaineers, was of great importance to the population of that time.



Mlinište

A well in Mlinište

Vrbanska duliba

Vrbanska duliba (984 m above sea level) is an abandoned settlement located east of the forest road and Premužić trail. Once a seasonal settlement, at the beginning of the 20th century it had permanent residents who were engaged in cattle breeding and farming. Pastoral routes connected it with the coast and it was also connected with Radlovac, Jasenovača and Skorpovac.



A dwelling in Vrbanska duliba

Skorpovac

Skorpovac (958 m above sea level) is an abandoned mountain village located in the middle of the Alan-Baške Oštarije section on Premužić trail and along the forest road. The surname of the inhabitants of Skorpovac was Vrban and today their descendants live mainly in Slavonia. Due to its location, a mountain shelter was built in Skorpovac in 2011.

Rich biodiversity



Premužić trail leads through forests of various atmospheres, with proud beech and mysterious fir and spruce trees. Its grassy slopes provide endless views and the rocks bear witness to harsh conditions of life. There are about 650 plant species along this trail full of life, which makes 1/3 of all plant species of Velebit, and one can often be surprised by a casual encounter with the Velebit fauna.