

The three castles path

Škofja Loka



Loka castle



Krancelj tower



Wild Loka



The Three Castles Path is closely associated with the year 1511 when Škofja Loka was hit by the strongest earthquake in its history. The castles of Škofja Loka were also severely affected. Among the three castles along this path only the main one, now known as The Loka Castle, has been reconstructed. The late Gothic fresco painter Jernej of Loka, during the refurbishment of the churches, used a motif of St. Christopher with the mythological creature Faronika (Pharaonica) at his feet, in numerous variations. As believed by the people of that time, Faronika in the image of a fish-women with a double tail made a wave – and caused that disastrous earthquake 500 years ago. By regulating this Three Castles Path we would like to offer our visitors just another view of Škofja Loka's historical, cultural and natural heritage. We hope the interest of visitors in the coming years will lead to further steps forward in the reconstruction and recovery of these wonderful monuments of the powers of nature and man.

Lenght: 5km




Time: 2h

Difficulty: **medium**

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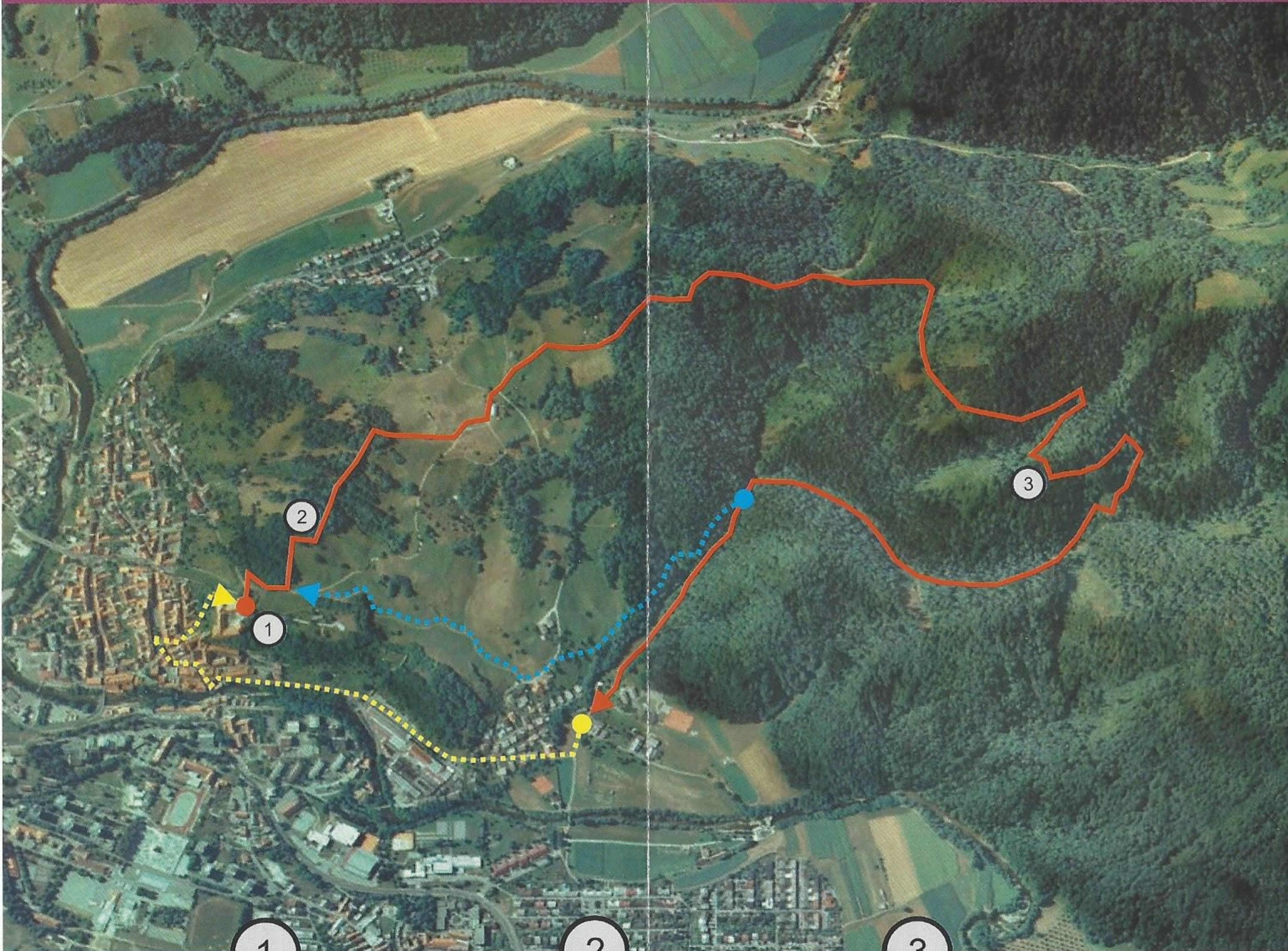
The map

-  The three castles path
-  back to starting point
-  to the city center



follow these labels along the way

path description



1

LOKA CASTLE: The Three Castles Path starts with the information table that stands by the entrance to Loka Castle. We can arrive here on foot from two starting points in the town centre: from Homan house or from the southern side by the walls. Here we get to know the path course and contents, if we haven't done that already from this brochure, and the story begins. The image of a medieval page boy, the symbol of the path, will guide us. After approximately 100 meters, by / along the walls, we arrive at a rock with the page boy image printed on it which directs us upwards to the hill on the left.

2

TOWER ON KRANCELJ: We soon catch sight of the ruins of the Tower on Krancelj. These ruins bear witness to the former mightiness of the castles defences, even today. A few minutes for a break and sightseeing could be welcome here. We might also stop and think about world's glory that can fade away so fast. After sightseeing, we continue on our way over Stajngrof and downwards to the next information table (a round horizontal plate) showing directions to a range of mountain peaks. We follow the image of the medieval page boy, which takes us past the farm 'Pri Grebenarju'. There are two interesting natural sights, the Mary's and the Migut's abysses. The path leads us straight to the forest border where there's a modest monument to Slavko Flis, the founder of Loka's tourism. He started work on this walkway in 1897.

3

WILD LOKA: From here on, the path runs through the forest to Kobilja pass, where the page boy image directs us to the right towards Wild Loka Castle. After approximately a twenty-minute walk, through the trees we catch sight of the ruins of Old Castle or Wild Loka. The castle was built on a steep slope of Lubnik, where it had excellent natural protection. The view from its tower reached far towards the north-east, to the plain of Sorsko polje, as the forest did not screen it at the time. We continue to the last part of the path along a longer but more suitable route, which descends behind Wild Loka Castle slightly to the right. It takes us to the settlement of Vincarje, where we can rest a little bit and refresh ourselves at the Mini hotel. It's only a ten minute walk from here to our starting point in the town.

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Loka castle

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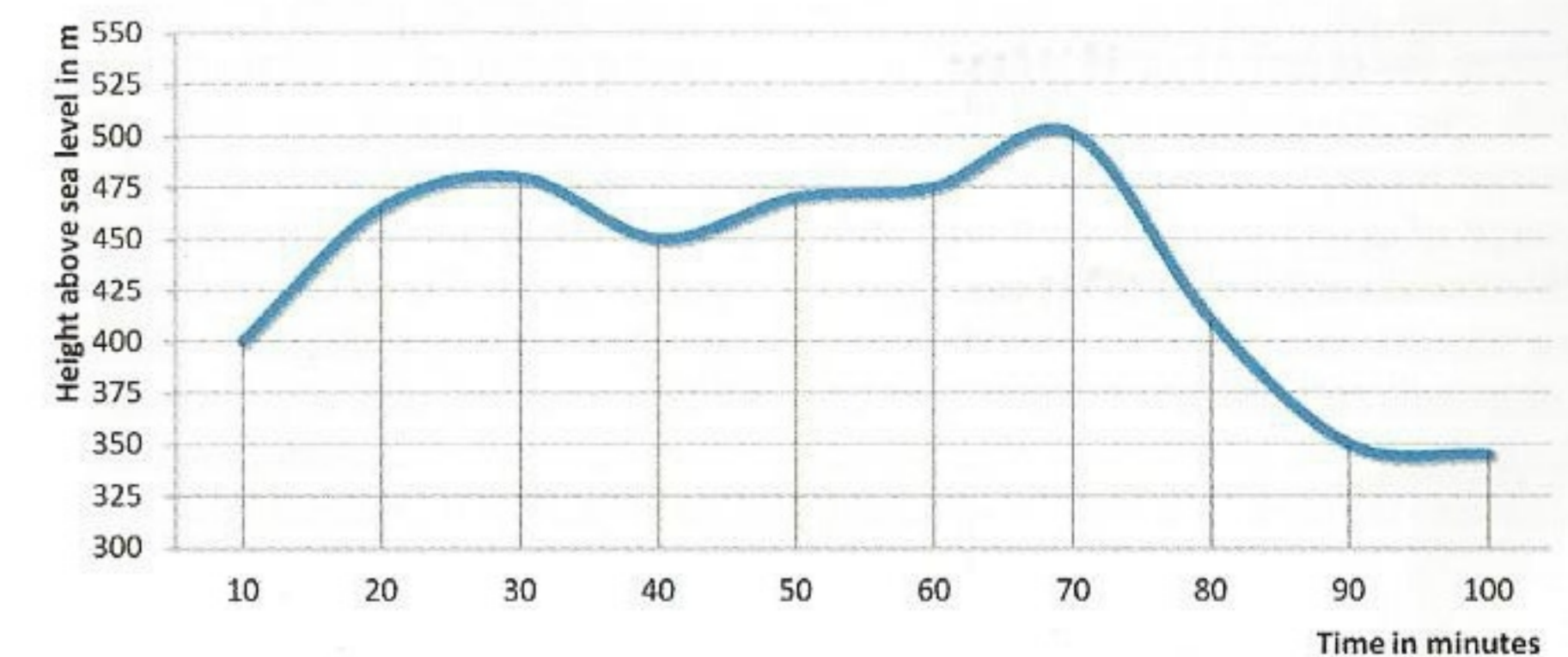


Krancelj tower

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Wild Loka



Path profile

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