

**PLANINA POLJE** (Planina Plain) is one of Slovenia's most picturesque karst landscapes (also known as *karst polje*). It measures 6 km in length, 2 km in width and is crisscrossed by the Unica and its side streams. It is flooded several times a year, with water levels rising in excess of 10 m. The waters of Planina Plain disappear in over 150 sinkholes in the northeast, taking 2 to 5 days to reemerge as the river Ljubljanica.

Planina polje (Planina Plain) is part of the European environmental conservation network **Natura 2000** due to its rich flora and fauna. Additionally, it is of particular national importance due to its geomorphological features. Southern part of the polje, including Planina Cave, was deemed as a nature park in 1984 and is protected as such.

*Karst polje is a large karst hollow with a mostly level bottom; as such, it is host to a sinking river that surfaces on one side of the field and disappears underground on the other. Karst polje tends to well up into lakes following heavy rainfall.*

*The Squill trail* received its name from the amethyst meadow squill (*Scilla litardierei*), an endangered plant typical for karst landscapes. Within the boundaries of Slovenia, it can be encountered solely on the Planina Polje. The trail consists of two loops:

- South: 4,7 km
- North: 6,8 km

The trail has 4 entry points:

- Ravbar tower (info board 1)
- Planina village (info board 4)
- Laze village (info board 19)
- Grčarevec village (info board 13)

The undemanding marked trail is dotted with info boards detailing the special features of Planina Plain, ranging from the secrets of Planina Cave and the specifics of the grasslands all the way to the nature of the floods and local flora and fauna.

**PLANINA CAVE** is about 7 km long and is the largest active cave in Slovenia. Inside the cave you will find cave animals, numerous lakes and an underground confluence of rivers Rak and Pivka. You can explore the cave on foot or by boat.

**RAVBAR TOWER** was built in the late gothic style. At the time, its purpose was protection of an important transport connection between Ljubljana basin and Adriatic coast.

Visiting both heritage sites is possible only with a guide and by prior arrangement. For more information and booking contact:

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*The Squill trail*





**Legend:**

-  Educational trail
-  Entrance points
-  Info boards
-  Spring
-  Sinkholes (Ponor)
-  River
-  View point
-  Parking place
-  Bats
-  Arthropods
-  Birds
-  Plant diversity
-  Waters of Planina Plain
-  Cave animals

Thank you for sticking to marked pathways and respecting local wildlife by abstaining from picking the flowers, littering and emitting loud noises. This helps contribute to the conservation of Planina Plain for generations to come.