It was a fine October morning. We didn’t have to sit in the classroom, but went exploring the surroundings. Actually, we did a short hike along the Kres forest learning trail.

First, we walked up the hill a bit and then enjoyed the views of the green landscape surrounding the town of Železniki. The teacher explained that most of our surroundings are covered with forest. As we climbed Kres, we saw many species of trees and shrubs (beech, birch, linden, black alder). We also revised how the food chain in the forest was put together. Along the way, we collected mushrooms that smelled very nice. As we climbed almost to the top of the hill, we found out what the difference was between deciduous and coniferous forest and found that there was more light and undergrowth in the deciduous forest as the leaves were further apart.

We saw a new hunting lodge on the forest clearing, but for safety reasons the teacher did not allow us to climb onto it. As we descended towards Dašnica, we saw another trap for bark beetles there. This is a pest that has multiplied greatly in recent years and has caused a lot of damage in the forests.

Unfortunately, the end of the trail was approaching and we finished the day by studying the composition of the forest soil.

I learned a lot from the forest learning trail and I loved this experience – having lessons outside is simply great!

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