

MOUNTAIN:IVANSCICA IN CROATIA



Ivanščica (also called Ivančica, and Ivaneci-hegység in Hungarian) is the highest mountain of Hrvatsko Zagorje region. North slope of the mountain that descends into the valley of river Bednja has a very nice mountain terrain.



It is very steep and has its special vegetation. Ivanščica is about 30 km long and 9 Km wide. Its spreading from east to west and its a very nice example of chain type of mountains with its highest peak of 1060 meters.



It can be considered as the farthest southeast end of the Alps. The mountain has a smaller western mass north to Krapina, with its highest elevation of 846 m. The west-east ridge of the mountain is the watershed between the valley of Drava in north and the valley of Sava in south.

Mountain belt above 300 meters is mainly covered by beech tree forests. In lower parts forests consist mainly of oak trees. For the first look this mountain looks pretty tame but its steep slopes and bare rocks tell a different story.

Some parts of the mountain like stone reef of Legisičine, rocks under Belige and the steep slope near Belecgrad ancient ruins have climate that is pretty much like in the Alps.



With rich views, shade of dense forests, and the highest peak of northern Croatia Ivanščica is mountain climbers' paradise. For a considerable part of Hungary this mountain is the nearest mountain with a peak over 1000 m, and it makes this mountain popular also for Hungarian hikers.