

NATIONAL PARK · CROATIA · LIKA

# Plitvice Lakes

*at a glance*

Over wooden boardwalks, along turquoise lakes and from one waterfall to the next.

16

LAKES  
named, linked by tufa barriers

8

ROUTES  
from 3.5 to 17.5 km

2

ENTRANCES  
about 3 km apart

1949

NATIONAL PARK  
Croatia's first

## BEFORE YOU GO



### Entrance and time slot first

Choose entrance, route programme and entry time together. An online ticket is valid for that entrance only.



### Without a car

Scheduled buses stop at Entrance 1 and 2. Check the return journey before you go.



### In winter

The Upper Lakes are usually closed; the Lower Lakes are normally open.



### No swimming

Swimming in the lakes is not allowed.



### Stay on the boardwalks

Trails run over narrow wooden boardwalks. Leaving them is not allowed.



### No drones

Remote-controlled aircraft are banned in the national park.



### Fees and opening hours, up to date

Fees and times change. The park page lists them with source and date:  
[nationalparksatlas.com/en/croatia/plitvice-lakes](https://nationalparksatlas.com/en/croatia/plitvice-lakes)

# Boats and trains link the lakes

## ELECTRIC BOATS ON LAKE KOZJAK



P1

short line

P2

long line

P3

Rowing boats

Change here

Kozjačka draga

## PANORAMIC TRAIN



St1

St2

St3

above the Lower Lakes

near Entrance 2

Labudovac

Electric boats run on Lake Kozjak, and a panoramic train on land. Both are free to use with a valid entrance ticket; seven of the eight programmes include at least one of the rides.

The electric boats shuttle on a short line between P1 and P2 and on a long line between P2 and P3. The panoramic train links stop St2 with St1 and with St3. The park authority publishes the timetables with its hours of operation.

[Current timetables on the park page](#)



### Leaving luggage

Free luggage storage is offered at Entrance 1, Entrance 2 and the auxiliary Flora entrance.



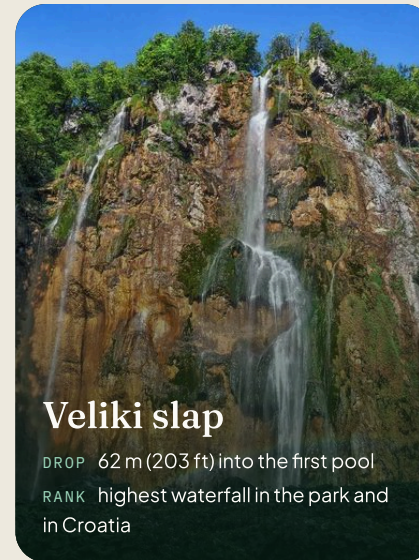
### With a dog

Dogs must be kept on a lead. Check the rules for transport and facilities when planning your visit.



### With a wheelchair

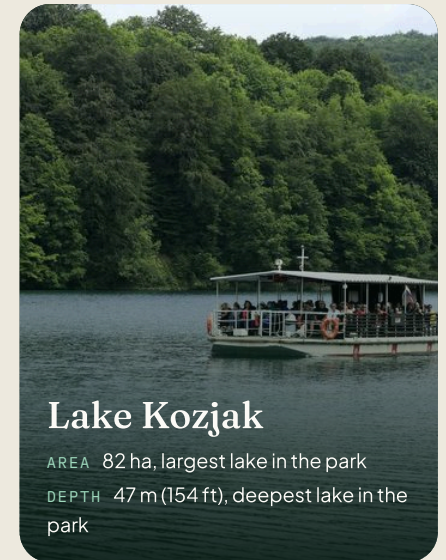
Not all trails are accessible. Staff at the entrance will recommend a route to suit your mobility.



## Veliki slap

**DROP** 62 m (203 ft) into the first pool

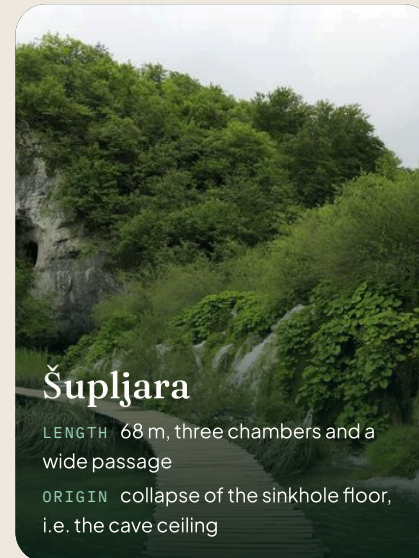
**RANK** highest waterfall in the park and in Croatia



## Lake Kozjak

**AREA** 82 ha, largest lake in the park

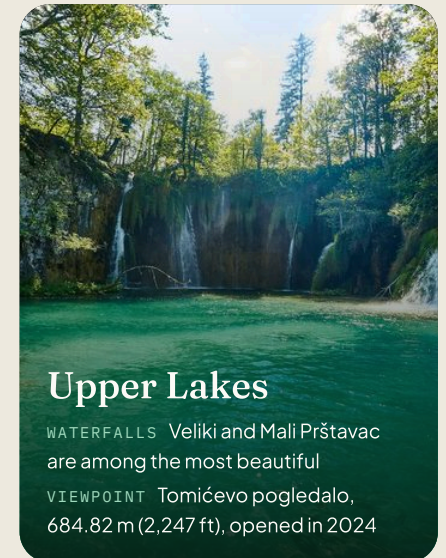
**DEPTH** 47 m (154 ft), deepest lake in the park



## Šupljara

**LENGTH** 68 m, three chambers and a wide passage

**ORIGIN** collapse of the sinkhole floor, i.e. the cave ceiling



## Upper Lakes

**WATERFALLS** Veliki and Mali Prštavac are among the most beautiful

**VIEWPOINT** Tomičevo pogledalo, 684.82 m (2,247 ft), opened in 2024

## WHY THE LAKES GROW

### How the lakes form

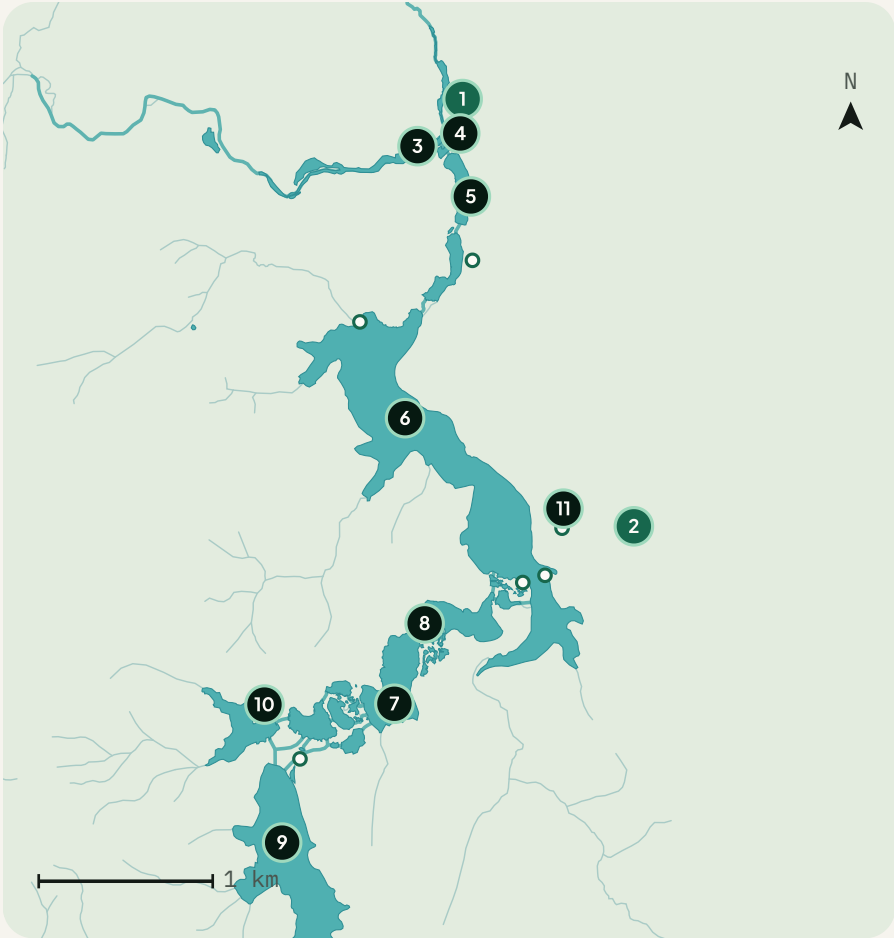
Tufa grows where water tumbles over obstacles and carbon dioxide escapes: calcium carbonate precipitates and settles as tiny crystals. Mosses and micro-organisms in the water speed up the process.

### The barriers are still growing

The active tufa barriers are estimated to be 6,000 to 7,000 years old. They grow about 13.5 mm a year, around 17 times faster than lake sediment is deposited, which is why the water levels are rising.

### A sunken waterfall in Lake Kozjak

Until about 400 years ago there were two lakes here, separated by a tufa barrier about 400 m wide and 36 m (118 ft) high.



- 1 Entrance 1
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- 6 Lake Kozjak
- 7 Galovac
- 8 Veliki Prštavac
- 9 Prošćansko jezero
- 10 Tomičevo pogledalo
- 11 Hotel Jezero

Green: entrances. Small circles: boat landings and stops. Map data © OpenStreetMap contributors (ODbL).

EIGHT ROUTES, TWO ENTRANCES

|    |                       |                   |           |            |
|----|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------|------------|
| A  | Lower Lakes           | 3.5 km (2.2 mi)   | 2–3 hours | Entrance 1 |
| B  | Lower Lakes & boat    | 4 km (2.5 mi)     | 3–4 hours | Entrance 1 |
| F  | Lower Lakes           | 4.6 km (2.9 mi)   | 3–4 hours | Entrance 2 |
| C  | Upper and Lower Lakes | 8 km (5 mi)       | 4–5 hours | Entrance 1 |
| H  | Upper and Lower Lakes | 8.9 km (5.5 mi)   | 4–6 hours | Entrance 2 |
| E  | Upper Lakes           | 5.1 km (3.2 mi)   | 2–3 hours | Entrance 2 |
| K1 | long lakes circuit    | 16.5 km (10.3 mi) | 6–8 hours | Entrance 1 |
| K2 | long lakes circuit    | 17.5 km (10.9 mi) | 6–8 hours | Entrance 2 |

The park authority runs the trails as fixed programmes. Your ticket must match the entrance. [All routes on the park page](#)

TOURS AND GETTING THERE · AD



**DAY TRIP · FROM ZAGREB**  
**From Zagreb: Plitvice & Rastoke guided tour with ticket**  
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**GUIDED TOUR · FROM SPLIT**  
**From Split: Plitvice Lakes guided tour with entry tickets**  
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**GUIDED TOUR · FROM ZADAR**  
**From Zadar: Plitvice Lakes tour with boat and train**  
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**GUIDED TOUR · FROM ENTRANCE 1**  
**Plitvice early in the morning: guided tour from Entrance 1 at opening time**  
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**GUIDED TOUR**  
**Plitvice Lakes guided walking tour with ticket reservation**  
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**GUIDED TOUR · FROM ACCOMMODATION AROUND THE PARK**  
**Plitvice from your accommodation near the park: private tour with pick-up and tickets**  
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**From Sinj: private scenic flight over Krka, Velebit and the Plitvice Lakes**  
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