





## PEŠPOT | hiking trail

težavnost | difficulty  
višinska razlika | elevation gain  
dolžina poti | length  
čas hoje | walking time

lahka / easy  
500 m  
8,7 km  
2,5 h

# POT TREH GRADOV The Three Castles Trail

 **Pot treh gradov** je 8,7-kilometrski pot po okolici **Trške gore**, eni izmed najznamenitejših slovenskih vinskih gor, kjer je glede na površino največ zidanic na svetu. Na jugovzhodu smaragdna reka Krka obliha edini rečni grad v Sloveniji – grad Otočec, sicer pa se razprostira med slikovitima gradom Hmeljnik na zahodu in Starim gradom na vzhodu.

 **The Three Castles Trail** is an 8.7-kilometer trail through the **Trška Gora** area, one of Slovenia's most famous wine-growing hills, boasting the highest density of vineyard cottages in the world. To the southeast, the emerald Krka River surrounds the only river castle in Slovenia, the Otočec Castle, while it stretches between the picturesque Hmeljnik Castle in the west and the Stari Grad Castle in the east.



## STARI GRAD The Old Castle



Ime **Stari grad** se prvič omenja leta 1300, ko so ga oglejski patriarhi zgradili kot svojo najvzhodnejšo postojanko. Temu sledi pestra zgodovina menjave lastnikov, med katerimi je eden najbolj znanih gotovo grof Breckerfeld (1769–1806). Med vojno je bil grad požgan, po njej pa prešel v last novomeške tovarne Krka, ki ga postopoma obnavlja. V bližini gradu se nahaja kraška **Becelotova jama**, ki je imela pomembno vlogo v 2. svetovni vojni. Vanjo so se ob koncu roške ofenzive septembra 1942 zatekli nekateri aktivisti OF, vendar so se, potem ko so jih obkolili Italijani, predali. V odporu je vztrajal le narodni heroj Vinko Paderšič – Batreja, ki je zadnji naboj prihranil zase. Dan kasneje so padli pod sovražnikovimi streli tudi njegovi tovariši.

V bližini gradu teče potok Lešnica, ki pod Starim gradom oblikuje slikovito sotesko, dolgo 700 in globoko tudi do 35 metrov, tik pred izlivom v reko Krko pa se mu pridruži majhna ponikalnica, potok brez imena, ki je zanimiv zaradi **slapa Kobila**.



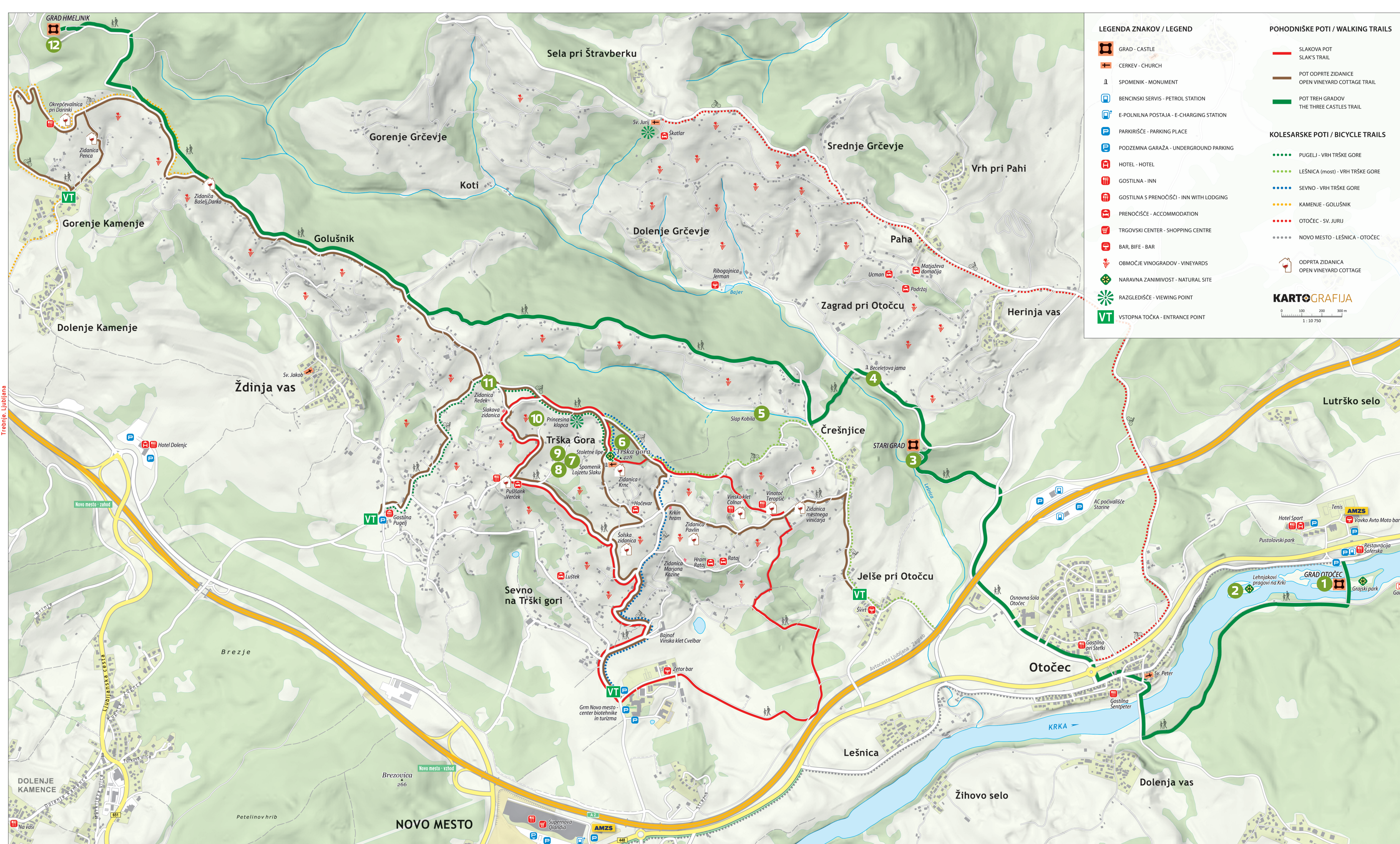
The name **Stari Grad** ("the Old Castle") was first mentioned in 1300, built by the Patriarchs of Aquileia as their eastern most stronghold. It has a rich history of changing ownership, one of the most notable owners being Count Breckerfeld (1769–1806). The castle was burned down during the war and later came under the ownership of the Krka factory in Novo Mesto, which is gradually restoring it. Near the castle lies the **Becel Cave**, which played an important role in World War II. In September 1942, during the Roška offensive, some activists of the OF (the Liberation Front) sought refuge there. However, after being surrounded by the Italians, they surrendered. Only the national hero Vinko Paderšič – Batreja resisted, saving the last bullet for himself. A day later, his comrades also fell under enemy fire.

Close to the castle, the Lešnica Stream flows, creating a picturesque gorge, which is 700 meters long and up to 35 meters deep and is located close to the Stari Grad Castle. Just before the Lešnica Stream joins the Krka River, it is joined by a small sinking stream, an unnamed brook notable for the **Kobila Waterfall**.



Grof Breckerfeld je pomemben tudi zaradi zavzemanja za trgatve v fazi tehnološke zrelosti posameznih sort. V tistih časih so mali dolenjski vinogradniki skušali na manjših parcelah pridelati čim več vina, zato so sadili rdece in bele sorte, ki so jih potem istočasno stisnili skupaj. Tako je nastal cviček.

Count Breckerfeld is also significant for advocating for the harvest of grapes at the peak of their technological ripeness. In those days, small winegrowers in the region of Dolenjska aimed to produce as much wine as possible on their small plots, so they planted red and white grape varieties together and pressed both sorts together, which resulted in the creation of the famous local Cviček wine.

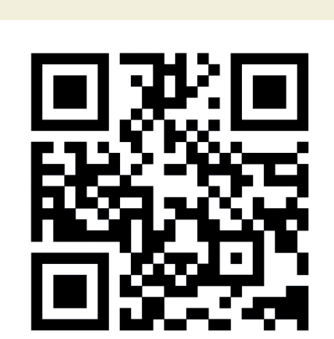


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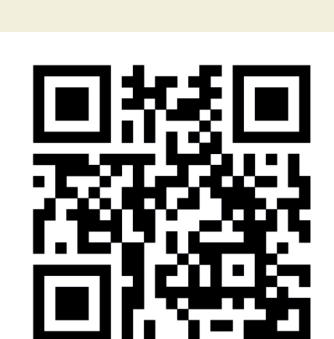
| Attractions on the way

- 1 grad Otočec / the Otočec Castle,
- 2 rečni lehnjakovi pragovi / river tufa barriers,
- 3 Stari grad / the Old Castle,
- 4 Becelotova jama / Becel Cave,
- 5 slap Kobila / the Kobila Waterfall,
- 6 Cerkev Marijinega rojstva / the Church of Our Lady of the Nativity,
- 7 spomenik NOB / the national liberation war monument,
- 9 spomenik Lojzetu Slaku / the Lojze Slak monument,
- 8 večstoletne lipe / centuries-old linden trees,
- 10 Princesina klopa / Princess's Bench,
- 11 Muzej Trške gore / the Trška Gora Museum,
- 12 grad Hmeljnik / the Hmeljnik Castle.

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