

HAVE A SAFE OUTDOOR VACATION IN GOLDEN SLAVONIA

Enjoy the nature, culture, and hospitality of our region – **SAFELY AND RESPONSIBLY.**

A Golden Valley of Green Mountains

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A SAFE OUTDOOR VACATION

1. PLAN YOUR ROUTE



Before heading out into nature, plan your route, check the weather forecast, and inform someone of your plans.

2. DO NOT LIGHT FIRES



Lighting open fires is strictly prohibited. If you spot flames or smoke, call **112** immediately.

3. DO NOT LITTER



A discarded cigarette butt or bottle can spark a wildfire and damage nature. Please take all your trash with you.

4. PROTECT NATURE



Do not damage plants or disturb wildlife. Leave nature as you found it.

5. STAY HYDRATED AND STAY PROTECTED



Drink plenty of fluids. Use sun protection and keep your phone fully charged. Be sure to wear suitable clothing and footwear, and bring an adequate supply of food and water.



IN CASE OF EMERGENCY – WHAT TO DO?

IN CASE OF FIRE

- Stay calm and call **112** immediately.
- Move away from the fire site in the opposite direction of the fire's spread.
- If you are in a vehicle, park in a safe location and move away on foot.
- Do not enter the fire area and do not obstruct firefighters.
- Follow the instructions of emergency services.

IF YOU GET LOST IN THE FOREST

- Call **112**
- Stay at the exact location from which you called.
- Do not wander – staying in one place makes it easier for rescue teams to find you.
- Try to identify a prominent landmark nearby (a large tree, a distinctive rock, a trail junction, a water source, etc.) and pass this information to the rescuers.

ENCOUNTERING A SNAKE

- Do not approach or attempt to touch the snake.
- Slowly move away and give it plenty of space.
- Snakebites are rare, but if one occurs, call **112** immediately.
- Stay calm, immobilize the affected limb, and drink plenty of fluids.
- Follow the instructions of medical personnel.

SEVERE WEATHER

- Monitor weather forecasts and warnings.
- Avoid exposure to thunderstorms; do not take shelter under isolated trees or on exposed high ground.
- During strong winds, stay away from trees and hanging branches.
- In the event of floods or landslides, call **112**
- Avoid approaching rivers and streams, and stay clear of at-risk areas.

SMART IN NATURE

EXTREME HEAT AND SUNSTROKE

- Avoid prolonged exposure to direct sunlight between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Wear a hat and lightweight clothing, and drink plenty of water.
- Never leave children or pets unattended in a parked vehicle!

TICK PROTECTION

- Apply insect and tick repellent.
- After spending time outdoors, check your body and clothing for ticks.
- If bitten, monitor the bite area and consult a doctor if redness or symptoms occur.

ROAD SAFETY

- Drive carefully on narrow and winding roads.
- Watch out for tractors, cyclists, and wildlife.
- Do not park vehicles on forest roads or fire access routes.

PET SAFETY

- Keep dogs under control and on a leash where required.
- Bring plenty of water for your pets.
- Clean up after your pet.

LOSS OF MOBILE SIGNAL

- Mobile phone coverage can be weak on Mount Papuk and in certain remote areas.
- Before setting out, fully charge your phone and download offline maps or routes.
- Emergency number **112** can be reached even without mobile network coverage (on most networks in Croatia).

BEFORE SETTING OUT, CHECK:

- ☒ Bring enough food and water.
- ☒ Wear appropriate clothing and footwear.
- ☒ Check the weather forecast.
- ☒ Let someone know your planned route.
- ☒ Fully charge your phone.
- ☒ Check your map or trail route.
- ☒ Bring a flashlight.

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EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Calling **112** connects you to the police, fire service, emergency medical services, mountain rescue (HGSS), and other civil protection services and volunteer organizations.



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