

Sparkling Cycling Trail 1 (Main Cycling Trail): Brnik–Kranjska Gora was created as an extension of the Sparkling Cards project. The trail presents in detail the Sparkling Cards, featuring scientists, writers, painters, sculptors, athletes, and other remarkable personalities. The cards were created within the PanUp project based on the original concept by Marko Arnež and Polonca Hafner Ferlan from the School Centre Kranj (ŠC Kranj). Illustrator Ciril Horjak portrayed 18 distinguished figures from Slovenia's cultural and historical heritage. Their portraits became the faces of kings, queens, jacks, and jokers in the card deck.

Sparkling Cycling Trail 1: Brnik–Kranjska Gora features 17 Sparkling Cards.

This is a moderately challenging cycling trail divided into five stages, with a total length of 130,3 km. Along the route, cyclists climb 1,846 m, descend 1,425 m, and complete the trail in a total cycling time of 13 h 5 min.

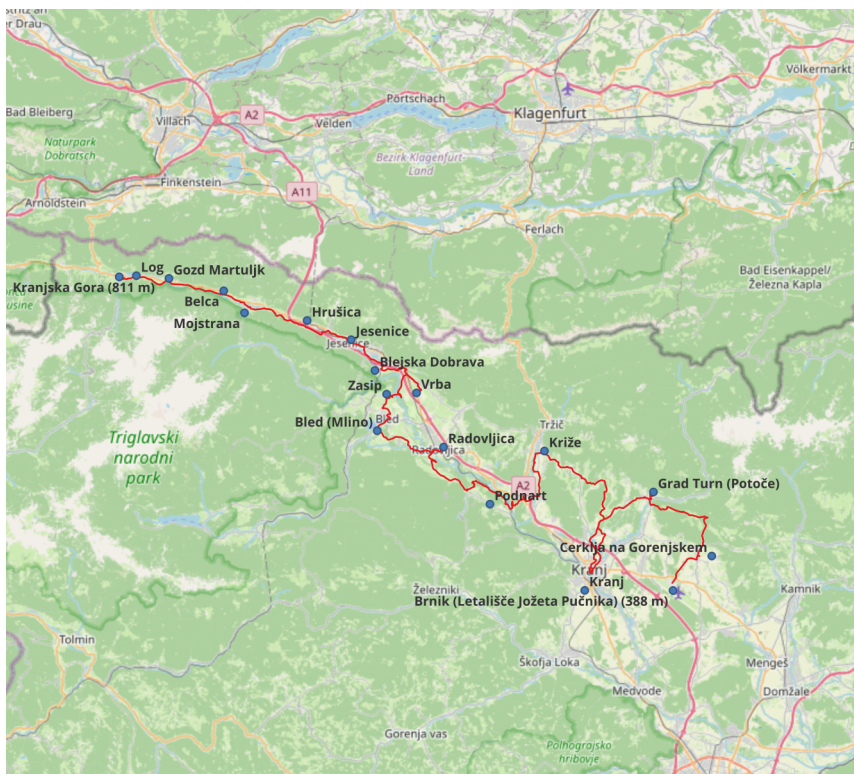
Stage 1: Brnik–Kranj (29.9 km, ascent 506 m, descent 513 m, cycling time 3 h 5 min).

Stage 2: Kranj–Podbrezje (26.6 km, ascent 357 m, descent 257 m, cycling time 2 h 20 min).

Stage 3: Podbrezje–Bled (25.5 km, ascent 431 m, descent 428 m, cycling time 2 h).

Stage 4: Bled–Jesenice (24.0 km, ascent 288 m, descent 188 m, cycling time 2 h).

Stage 5: Jesenice–Kranjska Gora (24.3 km, ascent 264 m, descent 39 m, cycling time 2 h 10 min).



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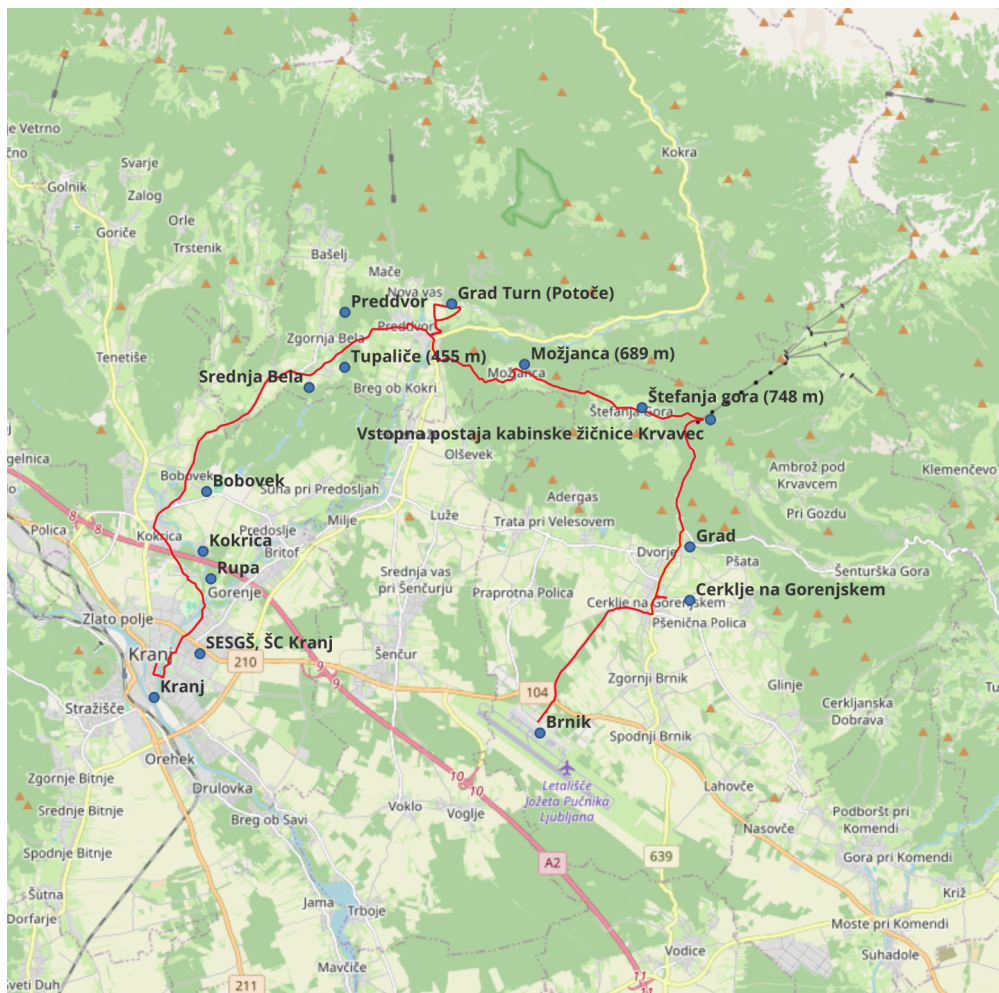
SPARKLING CYCLING TRAIL 1: BRNIK–KRANJSKA GORA (MAIN CYCLING TRAIL)



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**Stage 1: Brnik–Kranj | Stage 2:
Kranj–Podbrezje | Stage 3:
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STAGE 1: BRNIK–KRANJ



From Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport (Brnik), the route heads towards Cerklje na Gorenjskem. Here, cyclists can visit the birthplace of Ignacij Borštnik, represented by the Sparkling Card Jack of Spades. The trail continues towards Grad and then to the lower station of the Krvavec cable car. From there, it proceeds to Štefanja Gora (748 m) and Možjanca (689 m). The route then descends to Tupaliče and Preddvor, where visitors can explore Turn Castle in Potoče, home to the Sparkling Card of Josipina Turnograjska (Queen of Hearts). The final section continues through Srednja Bela, Bobovek, Kokrica, Rupa, and ends in Kranj. Distance: 29.9 km, ascent: 506 m, descent: 513 m, cycling time: 3 h 5 min.

SPARKLING CYCLING TRAIL: BRNIK–KRANJSKA GORA

Štefanja Gora, stage 1



Kamp Trnovc, stage 2



Along the Sava Bohinjka (stage 3)



Bled (stage 4)



Cycling trail at Hrušica (stage 5)

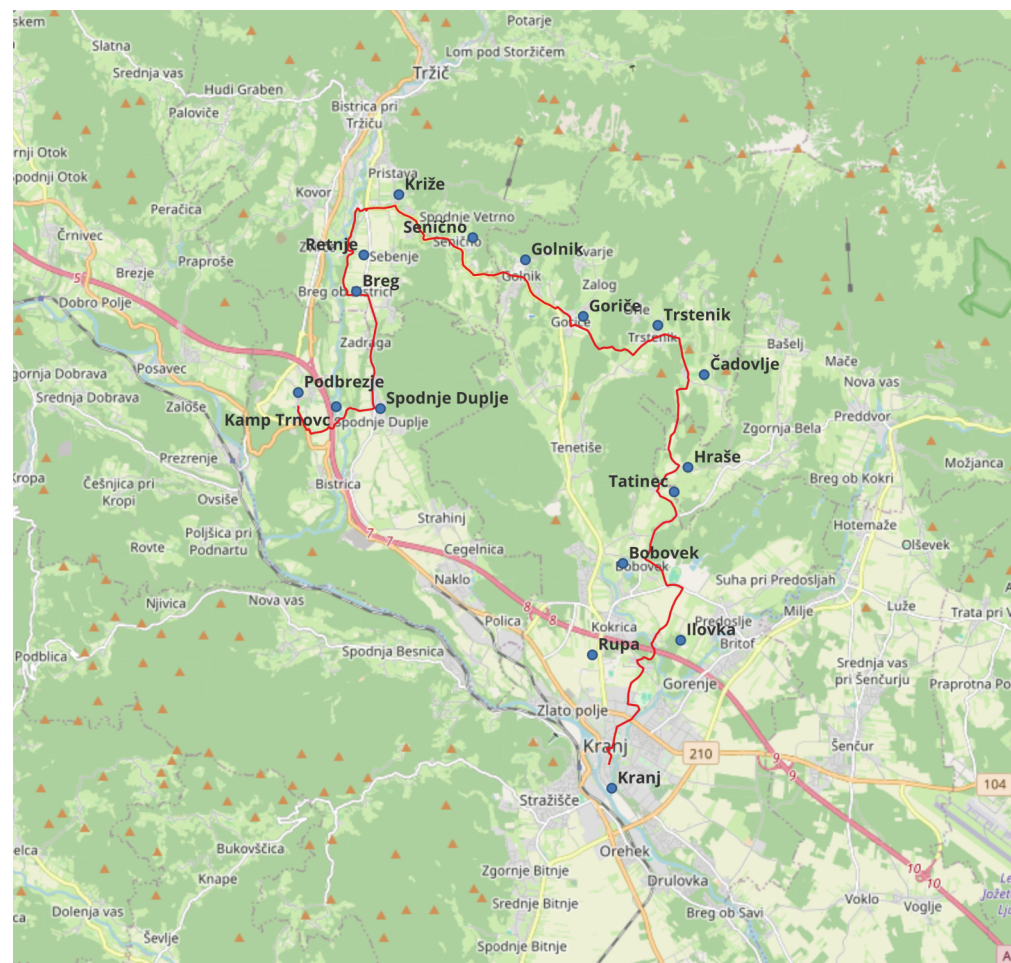


STAGE 5: JESENICE–KRANJSKA GORA



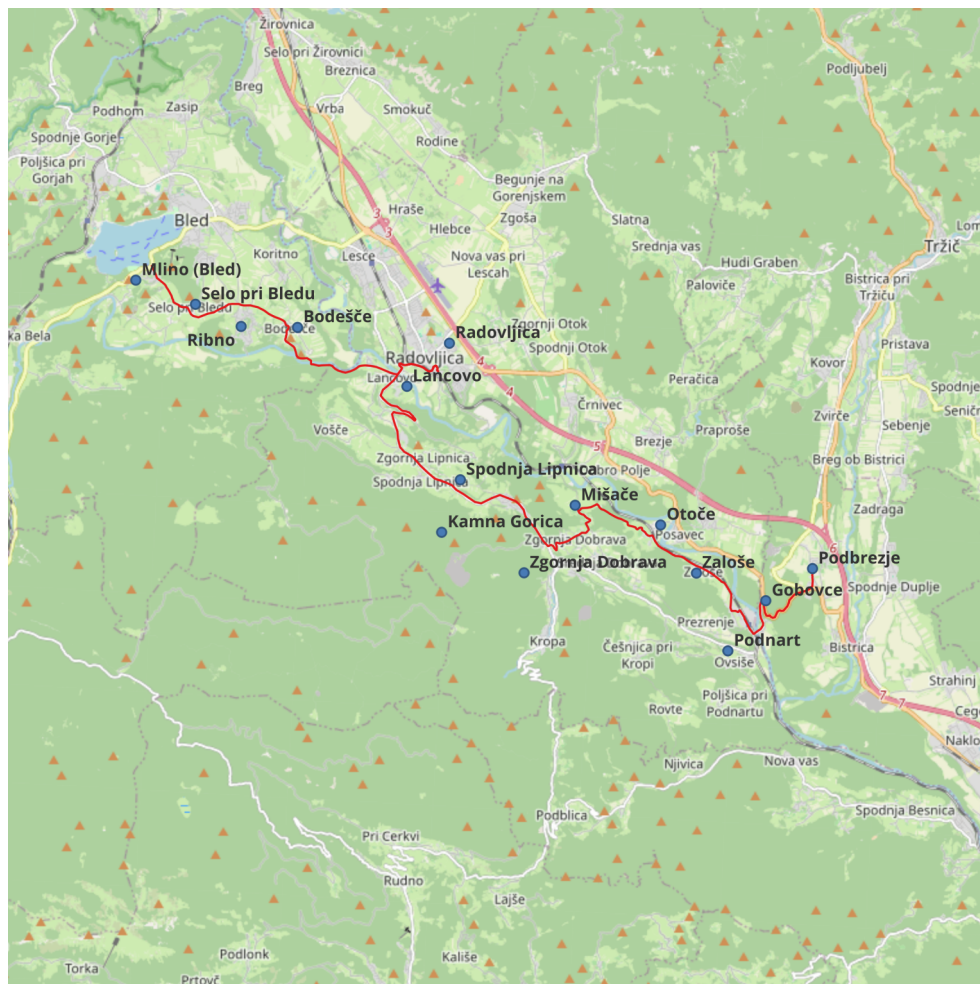
From Jesenice Railway Station, the route leads through the town of Jesenice. Near the Petrol service station by the motorway, it crosses the motorway and continues along the cycling path past the Karawanks Tunnel to Mojstrana. In Mojstrana, the Slovenian Alpine Museum features three Sparkling Cards: Jakob Aljaž (King of Clubs), Pavla Jesih (Queen of Clubs), and Angela Piskernik (Queen of Spades). The final section follows the cycling path to Kranjska Gora, passing through the settlements of Belca, Gozd Martuljek, and Log. Distance: 24.3 km, ascent: 264 m, descent: 39 m, cycling time: 2 h 10 min.

STAGE 2: KRANJ–PODBREZJE



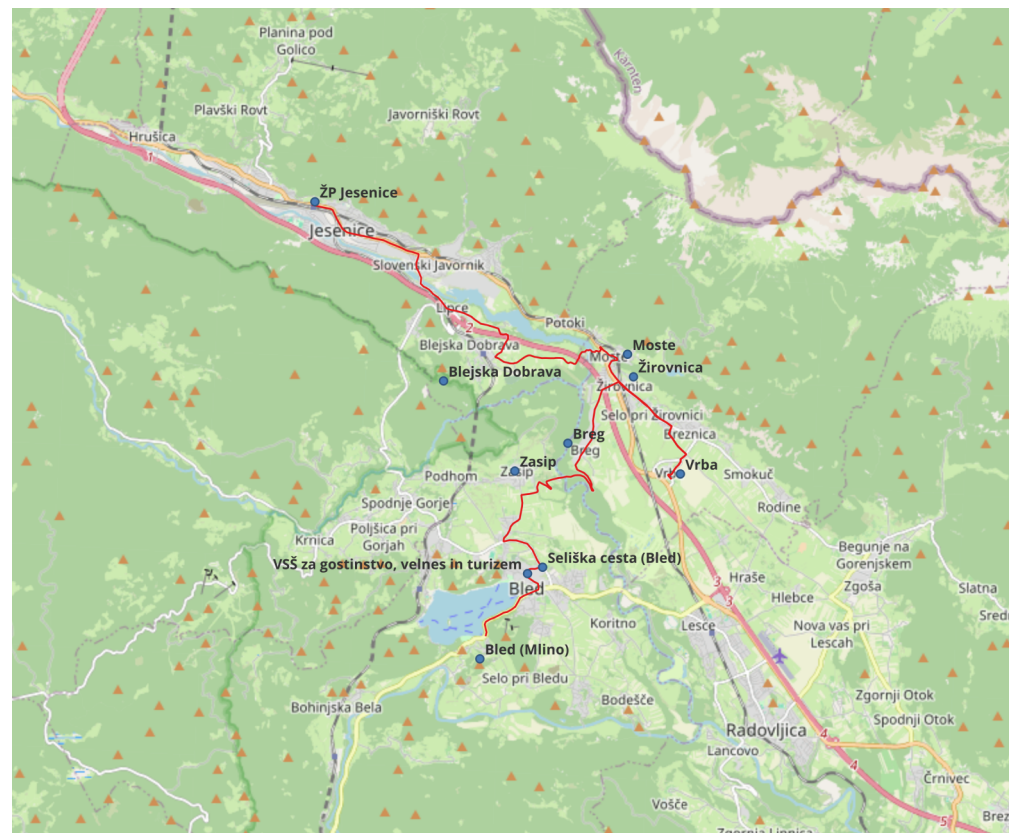
From Kranj, home to the Sparkling Cards of Janez Puhar (Jack of Clubs), Ivan Tavčar (Joker), and Hinko Smrekar (Joker), the route continues through Rupa, Ilovka, Bobovek, Tatinec, Čadovlje, and Trstenik. In Trstenik, cyclists can find the Sparkling Card of Janez Bleiweis (Jack of Hearts). The trail then continues through Goriče, Golnik, Senično, Križe, Retnje, Breg ob Bistrici, Spodnje Duplje, and the Trnovc Campsite before reaching Podbrezje. In Podbrezje, visitors can find the Sparkling Card of Ivana Kobilca (Queen of Diamonds). Distance: 26.6 km, ascent: 357 m, descent: 257 m, cycling time: 2 h 20 min.

STAGE 3: PODBREZJE–BLED



The route starts in Podbrezje and heads towards Podnart, descending through Gobovce to reach the village. It then continues towards Radovljica, passing through the settlements of Zaloše, Otoče, Mišače, Zgornja Dobrava, Kamna Gorica, Spodnja Lipnica, and Lancovo. In the historic centre of Radovljica, cyclists can find the Sparkling Card of Anton Janša (King of Diamonds). From the old town, the route descends past the railway station and crosses the bridge at Lancovo towards the confluence of the Sava Dolinka and Sava Bohinjka rivers. Here, cyclists enjoy a short section of wide, well-maintained gravel road leading to the bridge over the Sava Dolinka River. The final part of the route passes through Bodešče, Ribno, and Selo pri Bledu, followed by the village of Mlino (Bled), where the trail reaches the southeastern shore of Lake Bled. Distance: 24.0 km, ascent: 288 m, descent: 188 m, cycling time: 2 h.

STAGE 4: BLED–JESENICE



From Bled (Mlino), the route heads towards the centre of Bled and the College of Hospitality, Wellness and Tourism. Here, cyclists can find the Sparkling Card of Jožef Plemelj (Jack of Clubs). The route continues along Seliška Road to Zasip. From Zasip, it heads east towards the Sava Dolinka River, where it follows a gravel road to Breg. The trail then continues through Breg, Moste, Žirovnica, and Vrba. In Vrba, visitors can explore the birthplace of France Prešeren, represented by the Sparkling Card King of Hearts. The route returns to Moste and continues through Blejska Dobrava and Lipce before reaching Jesenice. It passes Jesenice Railway Station, where cyclists can find the Sparkling Card of Alma Karlin (Joker). In her published travel writings about Slovenia, Alma Karlin describes her train journeys to Gozd Martuljek, Bled, Kranj, and other destinations. Distance: 24.0 km, ascent: 288 m, descent: 188 m, cycling time: 2 h.