

# MONTE NEGRO



## BIKING ROUTES BERANE

## PEŠIĆA LAKE

View from Zekova glava



## IMPRESSUM

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## *The Mountain Biking Routes in the Region of Berane*

The territory belonging to the municipality of Berane is very attractive for mountain biking and hiking. It is enough to say that a large part of the fabulous mountain Bjelasica, including its highest peaks and the five glacial lakes belongs to Berane municipality, and if we also mention mountains Mokra and Cmiljevica, it is clear that the statement above is no propaganda exaggeration. All three mountains are characterized by large complexes of forests and endless pastures on which the numerous katuns are scattered while there is an abundance of spring wells and water flows. The whole story is further adorned with pretty villages that lie on mountain slopes, which can be interesting

to fans of rural tourism while the river Lim which is ideal for kayaking and rafting becomes a bathing site in the summer with countless isolated beaches.

Berane biking routes are designed to support the development of rural and mountain tourism, which is only beginning to develop in this region. The network includes a number of villages, spring and summer katuns, beautiful mountain landscape and they are intended primarily to tourists. Apart from the first route, each requires considerable level of physical condition and are not designed so that they can be easily conquered by beginners. Some of these routes are a real adrenaline challenge and an adventure gem.

If you have mobile Internet, GPS track can be downloaded directly by reading QR codes from any of the pictograms and imported it into the navigation applications. If you do not have Internet access, by reading another QR code you can get a route itinerary which will enable you to navigate easily with the help of printed map. If necessary, you can also use the web site [www.pedalaj.me](http://www.pedalaj.me) as navigator, and in addition there are information boards with maps at the starting positions of the trails containing all the necessary information.

All biking routes in this region are entered in OSM database, so they are visible in the Open Cycle Map and on Waymarked Trails: Cycling, and if you have any of Garmin devi-

ces, we recommend that you use the map ROUTABLE BICYCLE, which we update regularly.

It is recommended that you ride these routes in company. Due to the challenging terrains the bicycle service equipment it required, and, besides carrying a GPS device (in case it fails) it is desirable to have a compass and a printed map.

One of the top biking trails - Enchanting East (TT3) passes through the territory of the municipality of Berane as well as new beautiful Katun route that connects the border mountains Cakor, Mokra, Cmiljevica and Hajla, which is equipped with free camping sites and the complete route is well marked with signalization.

## SIGNPOSTING

● SENIĆA KATUN	BA05	4,3 km
● PEŠIĆA RUPA	BA05	5,5 km
● PEŠIĆA LAKE	BA05	6,5 km
● OLOMERSKA	BA05	6,8 km



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## Route BA01

# Circle Around Berane

This biking route leads through suburban and rural areas of the municipality of Berane. It is a beautiful area, mild green landscape of the valley of Lim decorated with small plantations and orchards.

The route starts in the village of Budimlja on the northeastern side and ends in the village of Lubnice on the southwestern side of the town, next to the river Bistrica, on the main road to Lubnice. Together with a section of Top biking trail 3 - Enchanting East (TT3) it forms an interesting biking ring around the town (30 km), which is very convenient for undemanding local cyclists or for tourists who have stayed in the town and wish to quickly explore surroundings on two wheels and do not have time to ride the attractive mountainous terrain covered by other Berane routes.

There are several historical sites on the route, most interesting of which (if you take full circle) is the Monastery Djurdjevi Stupovi (XII century).

As natural sites, particularly interesting might be numerous caves, in particular Djato in Petnjik village, Vrelo in Navotina village, as well as numerous caves that can be explored at the beginning of the canyon Bistrica.







## Route BA02

# *Through the Woodlands of Turija and Jelovica*

Very demanding mountain route with constantly alternating pastures and large complexes of coniferous and beech forests.

The route passes through several katuns - (Lokva, Konjsko brdo, Meka, Turija, Patkovic, Kapetanov laz, Jelovica), and there is an abundance of fresh water springs for which Bjelasica mountain is famous. The road consists of a small percentage of asphalt road, followed by dirt road, and at the highest altitudes there are paths that meander through meadows and occasionally forest.

The route has two starting positions. One is village Lubnice, and the other is village Buce from the point where the biking route BA01 ends. Both starting positions are connected by Top biking trail TT3.

Departing from Lubnice is convenient for those who have chosen the accommodation in some of the rural households that provide tourist services and there are more and more of them in this area, while departure from Buce is a nice option for those who are moving from the direction of Berane. This route, at the location of Jokov grob, connects Berane network of biking routes with Andrijevic routes (which have further connection to the Plav-Gusinje routes), which altogether, along with national

routes passing through the region, opens a great possibility of combining different options in different mountains and the opportunity for several days of top ride through Bjelasica, Komovi and Prokletije.

There are several great vantage points on the route with a view of the Jelovica, the highest summits of Bjelasica, Berane town and the valley of river Lim, while particularly captivating is the view of the Komovi and the surrounding mountains and peaks (Mojan, Paunova, Ilijina glava, Žijeva, Crnogora, Tomova glava, Biograd) and it really leaves you breathless.

As icing on this biking cake is the lengthy descent from Patkovic (AN04) to Idzov Izvor continuing through Ravna Jelovica, once a large katun settlement and nowadays more of a weekend and picnic resort and for Berane residents.

Here, the route passes by two hotels that are located right on the road making this location a nice place for a break and a pleasant refreshment before moving on to Lubnice or Berane.

This trail should be ridden in the summer months since its sections in higher altitudes are mostly impassable as the autumn comes.





**BA02**

**THROUGH THE WOODLANDS (48 km)**



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Total Climb 2115m



# BJELASICA



## Route BA03

# *Through the Backwoods of Berane Villages*

The official starting point of this route is the monastery of Djurdjevi Stupovi (XII century), directly from the TT3 national trail, but you can also start from village Lubnice connecting via route BA04 across the village Bastahe or via alternate route BA04 across village Glavaca, which is slightly different option with a couple of kilometers longer ride.

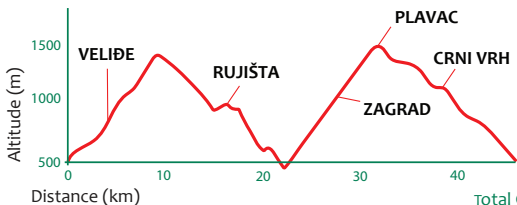
This is a genuine rural route because it passes through seven villages - Velidje, Rujista, Kaludra, Zagrad, Vuca, Glavaca and Crna Glava - and also through several lowland katuns that are crowded with shepherds during spring and autumn until the first snow.

The route begins with a steep climb along the paved road to village Velidje and then continues on macadam road up to beautiful and flat hill Sestarevac (1440m), which is a nice vantage point and convenient place to rest. On this stretch there is an attractive canyon of river Susica and cliffs of Tikva hill, as well as a village road winding through the village Velidje, across Garevina to Šestarevac. From Šestarevac follows a downhill ride through beech and oak

forests to the spring katun Kosutnjak (1270m), and then via the region which is called Rebra leads to the village Rujista. From Rujista the trail leads to Kaludra village, and at the end of the descent the trail reaches the asphalt road that leads to the village of Zagrad.

Following the road to Zagrad very quickly you will reach the place called Samograd where you need to make a break. This is a very important archaeological site which dates from 390 AD. Originally there has been an early Christian basilica that was destroyed by the Goths in the fifth century, but the foundations were conserved and can be viewed from the road. The entire complex of Samograd was renovated during Emperor Justijan's reign (Eastern Roman Empire), as a city, fortress or spiritual center continuing to exist to modern times.

After Samograd, and a few curves on asphalt road, you reach the village called Zagrad (village Behind the town - Samograd), then the route continues towards slightly higher mountain regions, on dirt road across the Debelo Brdo hill toward the Ravni Pla-

**BA03****THROUGH THE BACKWOODS (45 km)**

vac pass(1508m). From this pass on, you can make a 1.5 km detour to the katun Plavac where you can order homemade meal - bread, corn, sir, cream, jardum milk, sour milk, eggs.

From this point on, all the way to Berane or Lubnice, altitude is constantly declining so that the ride is completely relaxing, over the top of Vuca pass, and then continuing along the gravel road to village Crni Vrh. This section will offer two turning points leading to Lubnice via villages Glavaca or Bastahe.

From hamlet Rosca near Crni Vrh, the downhill intensifies and the route continues directly through the village of Crni Vrh all the way to Djurdjevi Stupovi monastery, which was the start but also is the end of this rural adventure.

All in all this is one beautiful route that can be ridden from early spring to the late autumn when the colors go crazy and leaves rustle under the wheels, when the shepherds return from their katuns bringing the sounds of sheep bells back to the meadows, when the brandy is made in villages and the orchards are bent under the weight of autumn fruits.









URSULOVAC LAKE



## Route BA04

# Bare Highlands of Bjelasica

A beautiful route that leads from Lubnice through villages Bastahe and Glavaca to the fourth reef of Bjelasica, the least known region of Bjelasica to tourists, which is no less attractive than other popular parts of this mountain.

In the first 11 km route takes us through farms and then directly from the village Glavaca a new ascent begins towards the mountains and katuns Gojnovac and Rasova and further on to the plateau Potrkovo (1967m) offering a fantastic view on all four corners of the world.

From Potrkovo route continues towards katun Bujanjska Rupa, and then through Ostrikovci that includes the katuns Senjak and Brklje, continues to Torine where the route re-enters the forest area, and over Vijogora and summer katuns Bunjevice, Lazine and Novakov Do leads out to the wide pasture plateau Suvo Polje (dry field) (1920m), which is not so

dry and lean with numerous ponds and shepherd's huts.

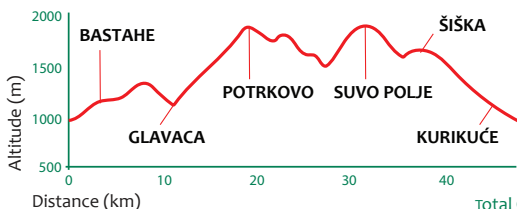
From Suvo Polje route enters the second stage, with a descent through the summer katun Kojanovac and Lainska, towards Sisko lake (1665m) where it enters the zone of NP Biogradska Gora.

From Sisko lake, through katun Siska and Sevarinsko lake, a very beautiful and attractive region, where there are the two national top biking trails TT2 and TT3, the downhill route continues through the katuns Livadice and Suvodo and then through the village Kuričke it finally arrives in Lubnice.

Before arriving in village Kuričke you will come across a mountain lodge Suvodo, which offers accommodation and good local food including fresh trout and often can you find the melon chilled in the spring well that the bikers will especially appreciate after a long summer ride.

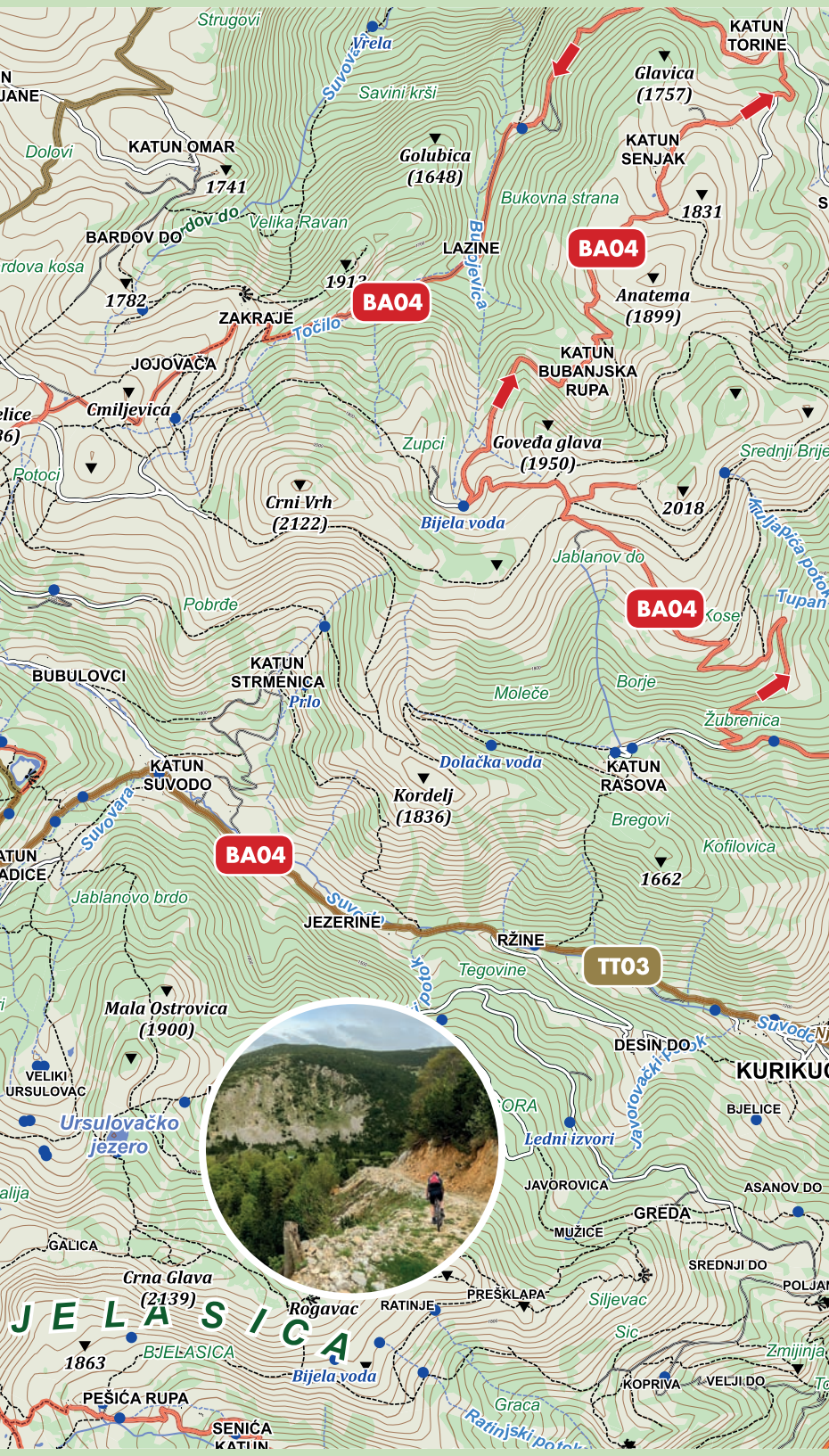
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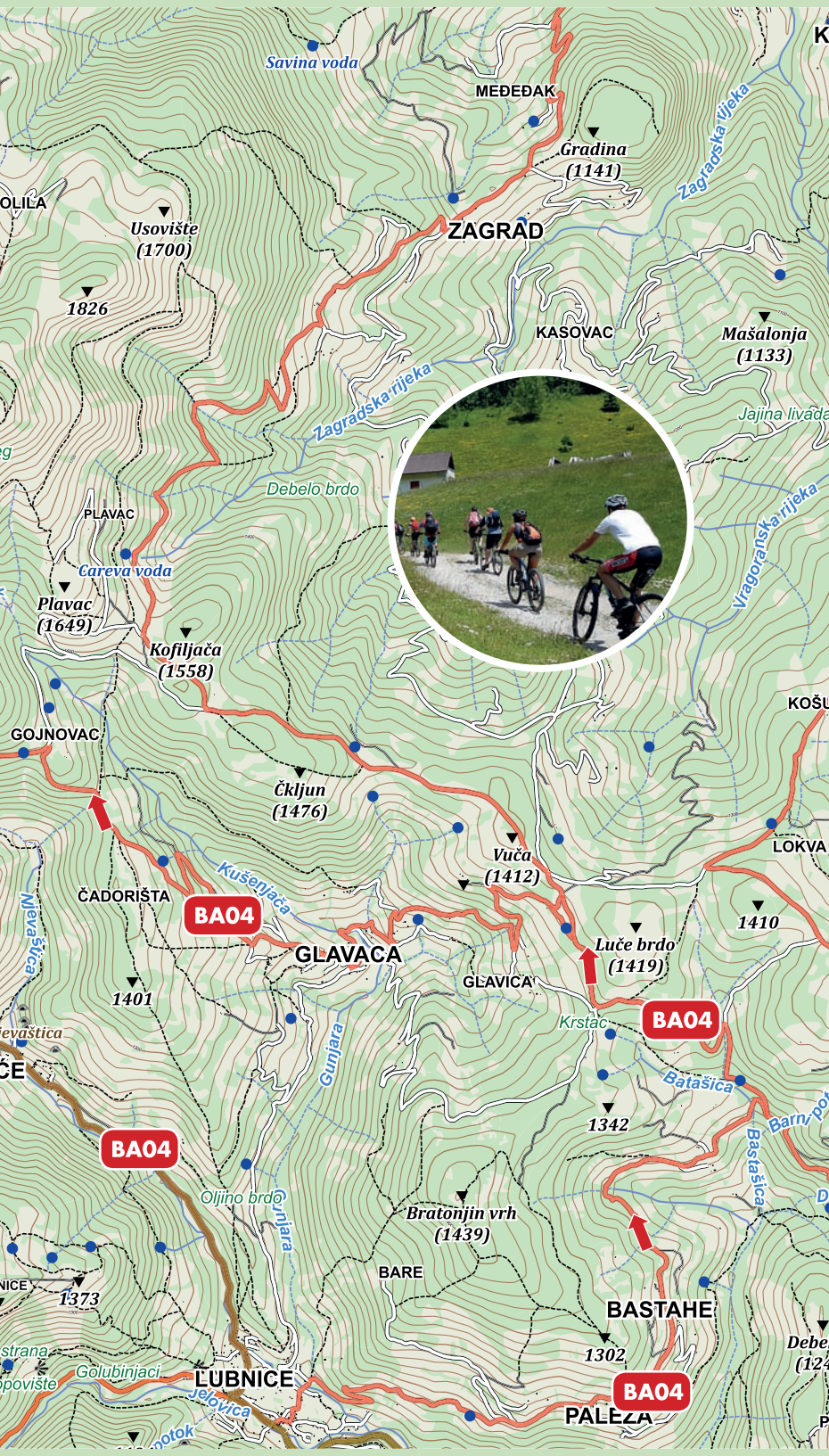
### BARE HIGHLANDS OF BJELASICA (47 km)

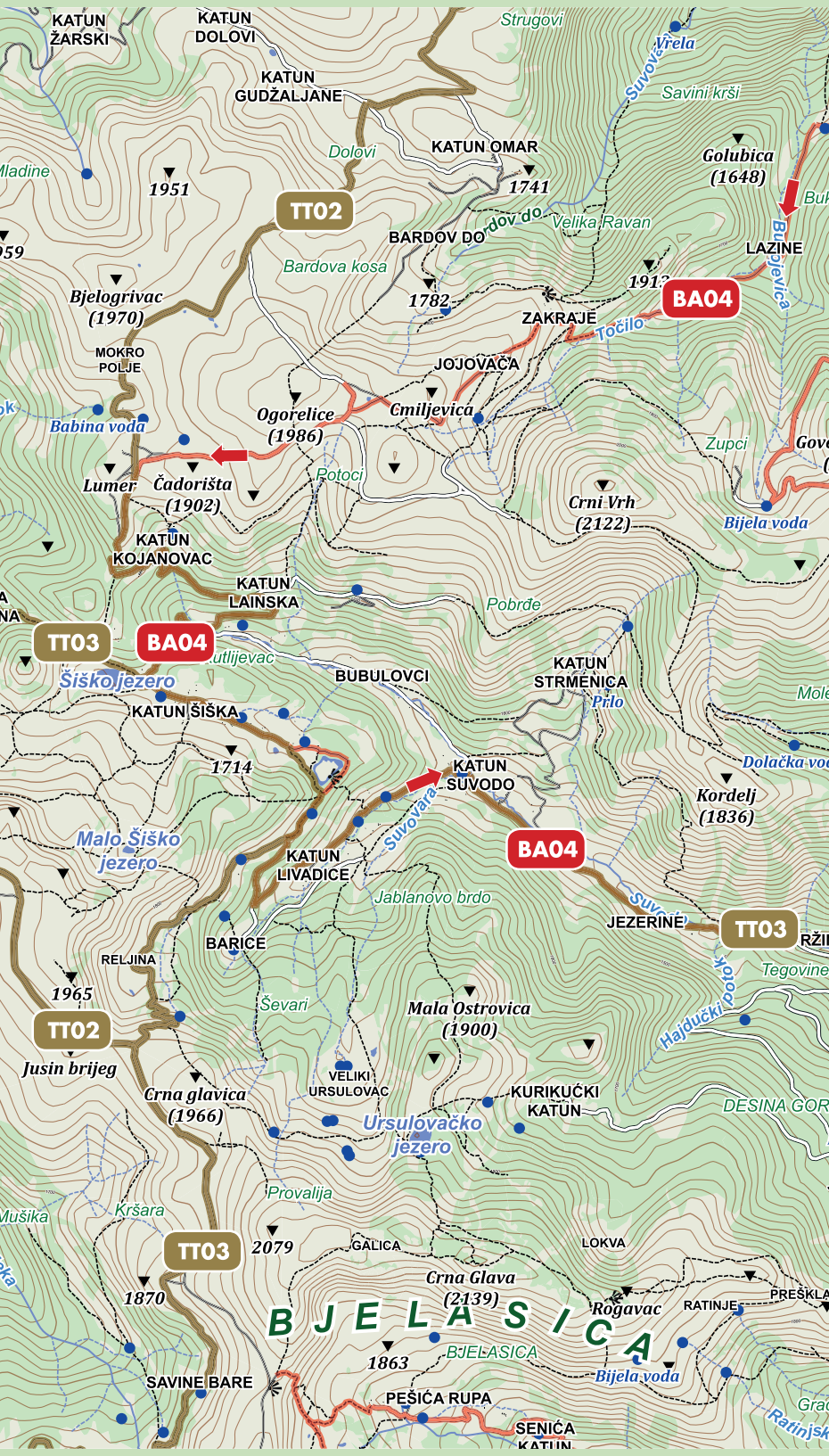


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Total Climb 2700m







## Route BA05

# *Katuns, Lakes And Heights*

The most beautiful, the most attractive and the most challenging route in the Berane biking set. Filled with adrenaline, IT requires excellent physical condition. The route on which you will ride, push and occasionally carry your bike on the back. This is a route with two return options that must be ridden twice to fully complete this beautiful adventure mosaic.

### **START (6.7km)**

Start of the route is on the fifth kilometer of Lubnice to Jelovica, at the intersection of Pesica Lake, and the starting point can be reached by route BA02. From there, slightly harder ascent starts on excellent gravel road towards katun Senica and katuns that are located in Pesica Rupe, a large glacial cirque, which is surrounded by the highest peaks of Bjelasica, Crna Glava and Zekova Glava. From the location Pesica Rupe, ie. from the katun Lukoviste, begins hike-a-bike section to Pesica Lake, one of the most beautiful lakes in Bjelasica, and then continuing further by narrow trail to the Olomerska pass, located between Zekova Glava and Crna Glava. Olomerska is a great vantage point and the point where the route splits into two fabulous options.

### **OPTION BA05A (14.20km)**

This is a lighter option if you take into account the length of this route overlapping with the existing hiking trail. A few hundred meters south-west to the summit Zekova Glava, you will find a dirt road where a lengthy downhill ride begins. Riding these slopes is pure joy and the view is unforgettable. Very quickly you will get to the eco-katun Vranjak, which can be a nice break. The route then passes by the mountain hut Bjelasica, followed by location known as the Crossroads/Raskrsnica. As the name suggests it is a big crossroads where you can go to Kolasin, Komovi or Jelovica (the road leading to the southern side is road for Jelovica).

Next you will come across a large forest complex, and after 3km from Crossroads/Raskrsnica you need to turn sharply to the left onto the gravel road that leads to hidden and tucked katuns Tusta and Padez. When you pass katun Padez it will take 1.3 km to reach Ravna Jelovica and connection with BA02 route that will, mainly by asphalt roads, get you to Lubnice.



### **OPTION BA05B (15.30km)**

So, we're back in the saddle Olomerska, where opposite of the option A, in the northern direction, a somewhat more difficult option of this route begins. By taking a hiking trail you reach Pitoma Ravan, and then through Galica you get just below the Crna Glava peak, the highest point on Bjelasica. This is a great opportunity for a break and maybe conquer this peak! For those who are accustomed to single tracks a great descent follows towards Urslulovacko lake. For the rest of you, not accustomed to single track riding, you can easily push your bikes.

From the lake you turn right and then continue a bit more downhill via a hiking trail until

the first farmers' huts of the katun Mali Ursulovac. From there, the route connects to the dirt road.

You continue the ride through the large forests known as Desina gora, and then just before the turn for Desin do village, the route continues to climb towards the location called Pojatište.

There is a beautiful hiking trail that goes from Pojatiste to Crna Glava, and just here, near Pojatiste a fantastic natural attraction known as Udovinjica is hidden. From Pojatiste through Velji Do and Sela, you descend towards the end of the route, and the end of this route is in fact a connection to the route BA02.



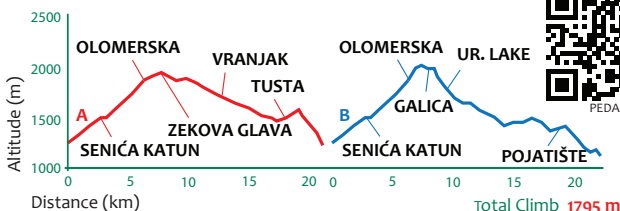
## UDOVINJICA

If after exhausting journey there is some strength and will still remaining, you really should take a break at Pojatište and search for a marked hiking trail that leads to Udovinjica. Udovinjica is actually a series of impressive natural ravines that wind through the Zuta Platija/Yellow Plate. The width of the ravines is 3-4 meters, while the vertical cliffs are up to 50 meters high. This miracle of nature, which un-

til recently was hidden from the nature lovers, was used in the old times by the villagers as a natural corral. History remembers that at the times of Ottoman Empire a terrible death of male residents of the village happened here, when they were killed by the Albanian tribe of Kliment. Many widows remained after this event, and because of that, this place is called Udovinjica (from the word udovica which means widow).

**BA05**

## KATUNS, LAKES AND HEIGHTS (21 km)



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Lastra (1947)

OČKA

Skacjak

1965

Jusin brijeg

RELJINA

BARICE

Crna glavica (1966)

Ševari

VELIKI  
URSULOVAC

TT03

Provalija

2079

BA05B

B J E

1787

1894

Mala Čkala

1870

Kršara

SAVINE BARE

Vrtače

1863

RUPE  
JSKE

BA05

Jaganačarske rupe (1853)

Jaževi

BA05A

Pešička jezera

Jaganačar

Troglava (2072)

Zekova glava (2122)

Borova glava

Srednja

1843

Mican

Govedi do

Bare

Lazarićki

BA05A

Čuke

Gusinjska rupa

2056

TT03

1713

Tusta

KATUN  
PADEŽA

BA05A

Klisura (1827)

Vrtača

Glave (1750)

Čavin potok

Police

POTRUK

BA02





**SENIĆ KATUN**  
View from Zekova glava



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