

MAŠUN FOREST HOUSE...

...is the information and educational centre of the Slovenia Forest Service. In the middle of beautiful forests, this former log house is now the home of a permanent exhibition on large carnivores – bears, wolves, and lynx – in their natural habitat, the Snežnik and Javorniki forests.

Large carnivores help to create the best forests. Let's respect them!

Large carnivores are key species in the forest ecosystem due to their significant contribution in shaping it. The wolf and the lynx have a strong impact on the populations of game species, especially deer. A whole range of scavengers feed on the remains of their prey. As an omnivorous species, the bear has an extremely broad impact on the forest ecosystem, including vegetation. **Getting to know the life of large carnivores is important for their protection and our successful coexistence with them.**

The Mašun Forest House, together with the Mašun educational trail, is an entry point for learning about the life in the Snežnik and Javorniki forests and a centre for meetings, education, consultations, and workshops.

Group option (at least 10 people):

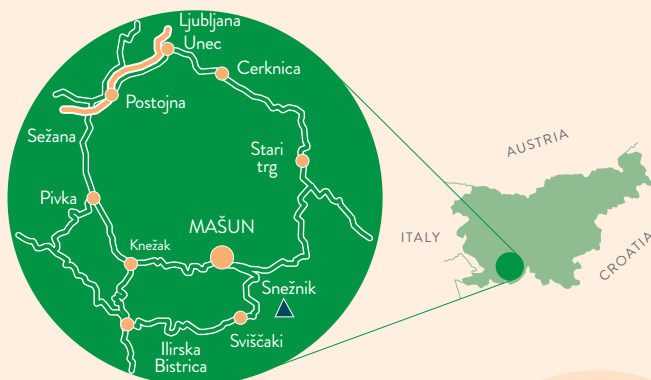
- > Guided tours of the permanent exhibition on large carnivores and forests in the Mašun Forest House;
- > Adventurous guided tour of the Mašun educational trail.



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SNEŽNIK FORESTS

The Snežnik and Javorniki high karst mountains are dominated by Dinaric fir-beech forests and mountain-beech forests. A long tradition of sustainable management ensures the natural composition of tree species adapted to various habitats and varied structure of compositions. Due to their well-preserved high biodiversity, these forests are included in the Natura 2000 network.

In the heart of Snežnik forests lies an old forestry settlement Mašun. **The Mašun educational trail** runs nearby – through the most beautiful part of the forests. Visitors get to know the richness and the diversity of the forests with their numerous inhabitants in an interesting and fun way, with special emphasis on all three species of large carnivores – the wolf, the bear, and the lynx.

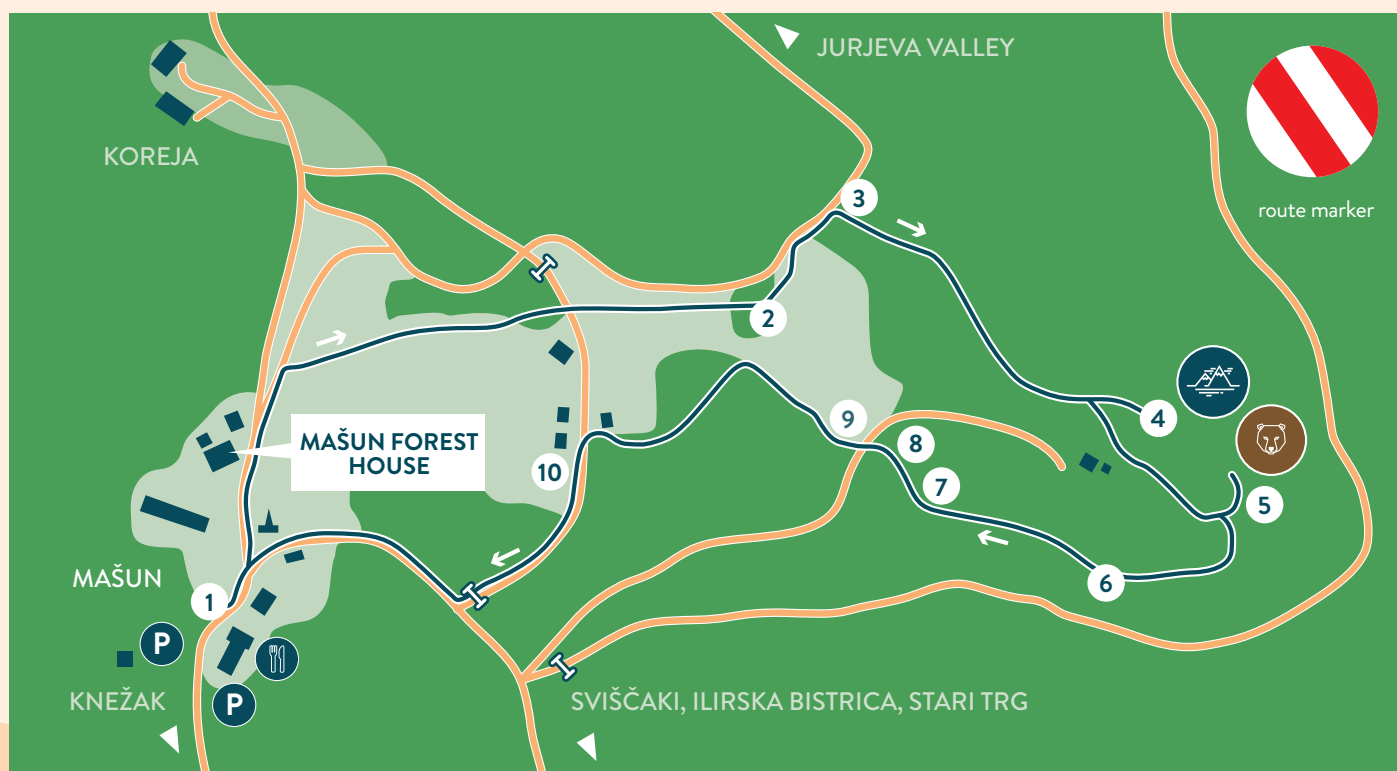
Special features:

- > Scenic viewpoint “Anina skala” offers a beautiful view of the northern slopes of the 1796-meter-high Snežnik;
- > Real-life bear’s den;
- > Tree telephone where you can talk with your fellow hikers;
- > A beech tree with a trunk so thick it takes three people to hug it;
- > and several other attractions.

Visiting the Mašun educational trail accompanied by an expert forester is a one-of-a-kind experience. Check the group option.



MAŠUN EDUCATIONAL TRAIL



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Mašun
educational trail

Road

View of Snežnik

Bear's den

Forest
Meadow
Road closure
Monument
Building
Parking
Guesthouse

1.7 km

1 h

Hiking is at your
own risk.

Route characteristics:
Circle route, starting at the information platform in front of the Mašun guesthouse. Follow the signposts and signs along the way.

Route difficulty:
Low, suitable for all hikers who can walk on a forest path. We recommend lighter hiking shoes.

