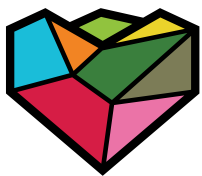




Bratislava - Sandberg



**GEO
PARK**
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Little Carpathians Geopark

One of the youngest geoparks in Slovakia, the Little Carpathian Geopark covers a 1 713.1 square kilometer stretch of land rich in remarkable geological and natural features with a legacy of culture and history. It comprises seven sub-alpine regions with promising areas for further expansion and the possible creation of a cross-border geopark with Austria.



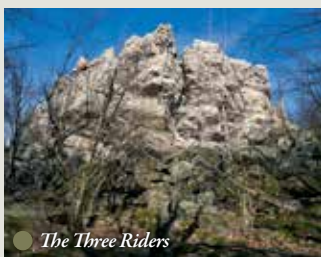
The Little Carpathians Geopark has been run as part of the UNESCO Global Geoparks network since it was established and announced in 2015.

The main objective behind the Little Carpathians Geopark is to protect both living and non-living nature, while preserving the region's cultural and historical heritage, promoting the region and educating people.

More than a thousand former excavations and underground works bear witness to the region's previous history. This is where, gold, antimony, pyrite and other raw materials used to be mined.



● *Tunnel of the Future*



● *The Three Riders*



The diversity of contemporary life is visible in the massive layers of sediments and fossils from the past. **The oldest ever remains in the world of an ancient seal, which lived more than fourteen million years ago, were discovered in the geopark.** There are dozens of hiking trails and places of interest in the lowlands and up to the peaks of the highest ridges in the Little Carpathian Mountains, along with cycle routes, places for boating and opportunities for agro-tourism.



Two thousand year old rock formations are an inseparable companion of the vineyards between Devin and Horné Orešany. The special scent and taste of wines made in the Little Carpathian region will play with your senses and assure that you keep smiling and your feet keep dancing during the many events organised in the wineries. The number of different backgrounds among the region's population has also contributed toward the variety of exceptional food here. The region's most typical specialties include traditional Pressburger Kipferl (anglicized as Bratislava Rolls), Stupavské Zelé sauerkraut, roast goose from Slovenský Grob and sciskanice – a type of pastry made in Dubová.



The region's geological diversity is also reflected in the number of different species and abundance of mushrooms, which attract many visitors during the picking season. The Little Carpathians Geopark is operated by **Barbora**, a non-profit organization working with the Bratislava and Trnava self-governing regions, local governments and communities, tourism organizations and enthusiasts to maintain and upgrade the geopark.



● Bratislava, Devín – where the water caresses the stones

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● Sciskanice



● Summer Bolete



● Záruby (Scharfenstein)

LITTLE CARPATHIANS GEOPARK







Geo-mining areas

-  Pezinok
-  Modra
-  Trstín
-  Pernek
-  Sandberg - Pajštún
-  Bratislava
-  Čhtelnica
-  Brezová pod Bradlom - Nové Mesto nad Váhom
-  Prospective expansion (Austria)

Explanatory notes

-  Geopark border
-  State border
-  Municipality border
-  Built-up area
-  Water body
-  Road section
-  Watercourse

Altitude (m above the sea level)

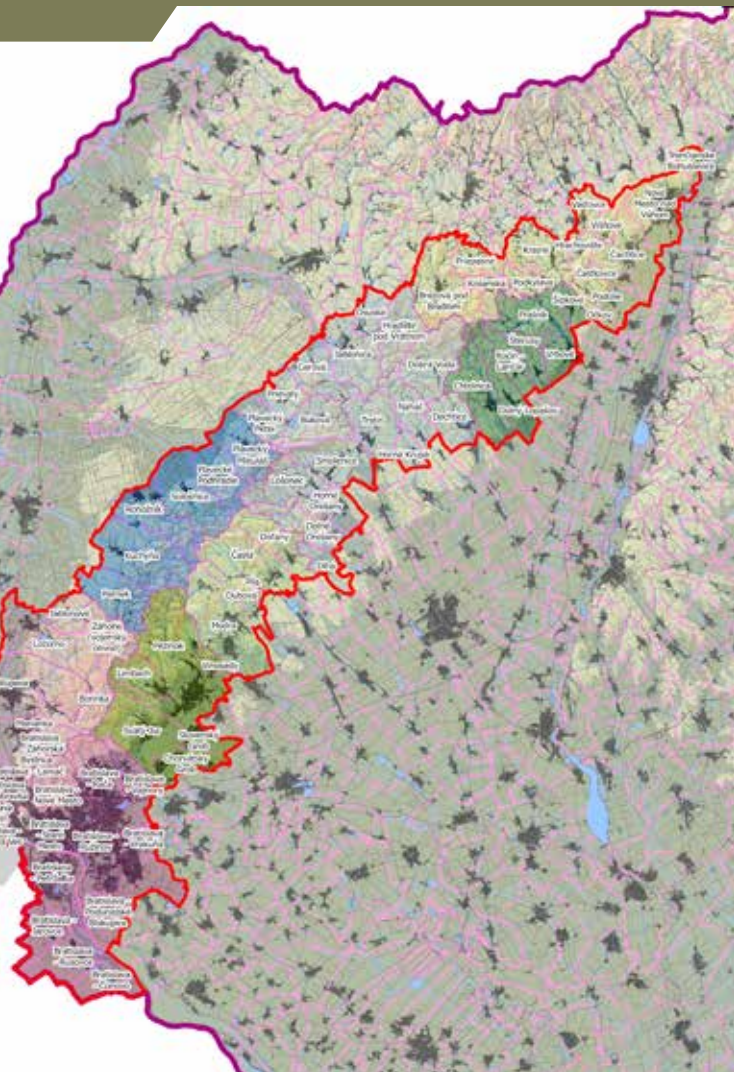
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