Walking paths of Dobrna and its surroundings
Dobrna paths are an excellent combination of relaxed walking on the flat and hilly terrain with numerous natural as well as cultural features.

... Where the body and soul rest...

A – ANNA’S PATH

Anna’s trail runs through hilly grounds between torrential Dobrnica and the river Hudinja flowing from Vitanje. There are no joint settlements only groups of houses or individual farms situated between orchards and vineyards. Here you will meet the locals who can tell you a great deal about the way of life in this part of Dobrna Municipality.

Estimated time: 3 hours of moderate walking

1. THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH

This church nowadays represents the central sacral building in Dobrna and it used to be the centre of numerous pilgrims from all over. Today’s church in baroque style was built on the ruins of the old one in 1844. The arch is covered by Tomaz Fantoni’s frescos and inside the church there are three marble headstones preserved, among which those of Matija and Magareta Gaćnik. They are the descendents of Dobrna’s nobility and still a symbol of prosperity and respect.

Distance from the centre: 0.6 km

2. VILLA RUŽIČKA

The country villa with a magnificent park was built in 1876 by the count Aichelburg and by Dobrna’s mayor between the years 1864 and 1867. You are welcome to see the exterior, but we do not advise to go inside for safety reasons.

Distance from the centre: 2.3 km

4. KNEIPP’S CHANNEL

A place where you can do kneipping in crystal clear water coming from under the rocks.

5. THE ICE CAVE - LEDENICA

The cave was carved by the former owner of Dobrnica mansion, the count Liebsteinsky. It was used for storing and cooling bier. That is the reason why they placed ice into it which they got from nearby ponds.

Distance from the centre: 3 km

majestic mansion with a surrounding park. It changed several owners and in 1851 it was sold to the count Franz Anton von Kolowrat Liebsteinsky, who transformed it to one of the oldest breweries in Slovenia.
6. DRENOVEC
Through rock overhangs and the waterfall Drenovec the stream flows into Dobrnica. The area is rich in numerous fungus species!

7. BLACKSMITH’S WORKSHOP AT MAROŠEK FARM
At Marošek farm you can see the blacksmith’s workshop, approximately 50 years old, which was used for domestic needs only and mostly for maintenance and repairing rural tools.

8. THE BLACK KITCHEN AT ŠUMEJ’S
Small, modest and beautiful in its simplicity - Šumej farm in Brdce

9. OSTRICH FARM
In the valley beneath St. Nicholas church in a pleasant natural environment, you can find up to 150 kg heavy feathery giants. You can relax in a peaceful surroundings playing Russian bowling, doing archery, air gun shooting or simply making a picnic. Visits should be announced in advance.

10. ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH
The most beautiful cultural and artistic monument in Dobrna’s surroundings originating from late gothic period. The church, which survived Turkish invasions and Protestantism, was first mentioned in 1567. However, experts estimate it is much older and place it at the very beginning of the 16th century. Outside on the south facing wall we are surprised by the in-built headstone relief of a Roman soldier, of the second Italic legion, Aurelio Victor form the 3rd century.

11. A VIEW STANDPOINT
A moment to relax on a bench and a magnificent view of Dobrna as well as further on towards the summits of Paški Kozjak and the Alps (Savinjske alpe).

Tel: ++ 386 (0) 35 77 86 52
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55 min.

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Distance from the centre: 2,5 km
20 min.

... When time simply stops...
A path for all who love nature, cultural heritage, homemade dishes and vintage wines

L – LOKA PATH

Loka path leads from the centre through the spa resort via the road to Klanc on the top of which there are vineyards. The path climbs to the settlement Loka pri Dobrni. The Loka valley is really special with its Karst features such as terra rossa, sinkholes, underground streams and even a Karst cave, called Osrečanova Zvonica. A part of the path is the valley of mills since there are 300 year-old mills along the route-Gregor Mill, Petrač Mill, Sedjevšek Mill, and two Vovk Mills. Following the path, from the distance you can see the ruins of the Kačnik Castle and you can pass the three ponds to come to the Castle of Novi Grad in Lokovina. Here you turn left and you finish the round tour. Now you are again located in the centre.

Time estimated: approximately 3 hours of moderate walking

1. A COLLECTION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE ITEMS AT TERME DOBRNA - “POLENEK’S ETHNOLOGY COLLECTION”

The ethnologic collection represents the old trade objects of the cultural heritage which have been preserved up to the present day by our antique collector from Dobrna, Jože Polenek. Visits should be announced in advance.

Contacts: Jože Polenek
Tel: ++386 (0) 41 84 42 61, ++386 (0) 41 84 42 61, reception at the hotel Vita
Distance from the centre: 1 km

2. TOURIST FARM “PRI MINKI”

A farm, where you will be kindly served with snacks and homemade dishes. For groups announced in advance there are two larger rooms available (1 x 35 persons, 1 x 15-20 persons).

Contacts: Matevž and Minka Švent
Tel: ++386 (0) 35 77 83 33
Distance from the centre: 1,5 km

3. “KOŠKA URA” CLOCK

A high rock, according to which people in the fields used to tell time, is a unique sun clock. At five in the afternoon, when the shadow on the rock reached a certain point, meant it was snack time.

... At the clear stream there is a mill...

4. THE VALLEY OF MILLS

The streams’ hinterland beneath Paški Kozjak has always had millers, blacksmiths and sawmills. Miller and sawmill’s trade developed alongside streams which provided enough water power for their functioning. They were in use until the night of 5th June, 1954, when there was a huge storm. The waters of the Hudinja,
the Dobrnica and their affluxes made new way, undermining hills, destroying bridges, mills and sawmills. Since then, millers have mostly milled for their own needs and those of their neighbours.

**Distance from the centre:** 3.5 km  
**Duration:** 35 min.

5. **KNEIPP’S POOL**
Kneipp’s pool was made in 1995. To walkers on Loka path it provides a refreshing kneipping in natural environment, of course at one’s own risk.

6. **THE UPPER VOVK MILL**
The Vovk Mill is situated north from residential building (Lokovina 36). It lies on the right bank of the stream called Temnjaški vrelec. It is approximately 450 years old. The locals used to call it the castle mill since it was also used for the needs of the nobility from the nearest Snake Castle. The mill was in operation until 1990 when a flood devastated it and destroyed the outer wheel. Its equipment is preserved, but it needs restoring and protecting from further decaying. The owners of the mill will be happy to show you the interior where you can get the mountain stamp. Visits should be announced in advance.

**Contacts:** Bernard Drev  
**Tel:** ++ 386 (0) 41 30 53 10  
**Distance from the centre:** 4.5 km  
**Duration:** 50 min.

7. **DEER ENCLOSING - LAMPERČEK FARM**
On 12 hectares of enclosed grounds (6 hectares of forest, 6 hectares of meadows) there are real deer (red), fallow deer and moufflons altogether approximately 160 deer. Visits should be announced in advance.

8. **BLAŽIČ FARM – THE ANTIQUE COLLECTION**
The collector Peter Habe has been collecting antiques for several years. His collection comprises old motorbikes, old swords, everyday objects and paintings of Dobrna and its surroundings. Visits should be announced in advance.

**Contacts:** Peter Habe  
**Tel:** ++ 386 (0) 41 90 93 57

9. **THE SNAKE CASTLE**
From the castle’s ruins and with the help of vivid imagination we can picture ourselves the way of life in the castle, which used to be the centre of Dobrna’s nobility for centuries. It was built before the year 1257 on the top of a hill above the settlement Lokovina. It is also called Kačnik after its former owner Sir Matija Gačnik (also informally Kačnik), who lived there in the 17th century.

**Distance from the centre:** 3 km  
**Duration:** 30 min.

... adrenaline, relaxation and recreation...

10. **PAINTBALL**

**Contacts:** Žiga Štraus  
**Tel:** ++ 386 (0) 41 81 88 98
11. PONDS
In the area of Lokovina settlement there are three ponds of antropogenous origin. Fishing is possible, information available by Dobrna’s Hunting Society Dobrna.
Tel: ++ 386 (0) 41 65 61 37

12. NOVI GRAD
The mansion - the castle Novi Grad, formerly Neuhaus has a rich history. The owner Franc Ksaver Dienersberg had a castle built on the plain below the Snake Castle. In the second half of the 19th century two small towers and wooden ornaments were added to the castle. After the war the building was intended for war orphans.
Distance from the centre: 1 km
10 min.

13. THE TRAINING CENTRE FOR WORK AND SAFETY DOBRNA
Children, teenagers and adults with special needs create, live and educate at the centre. Within the adult employment policy programme a tour of their workshops and herbal garden is offered. You will get to know the making of herbs and teas, taste herbal drinks and see the manufacture of clay products.
Tel: ++ 386 (0) 37 80 10 00
Entfernung vom Zentrum: 1 km
10 min.

WINE ROUTE
You will meet viticulturists who can be proud of their numerous golden awards of wines such as Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Traminer, Kerner, Pinot Blanc, Blaufränkisch. They will most kindly offer you to taste some of their excellent wines.
Distance from the centre: 2 km
20 min.
The path for all who love the most beautiful plains of Paški Kozjak and the Daje Valley with a variety of mountain flora

P3 – DOBRNA – BRDCE NAD DOBRNO – THE DAJE VALLEY – PAŠKI KOZJAK

The Daje Valley is one of the most beautiful plains of Paški Kozjak to which you reach via the road leading through Brdce to Paški Kozjak. Along the road and rocky edges there is daphne blooming in spring, St. John’s wort, blackberries and raspberries in July and August. Towards autumn the edges are red with red berries of bushy mountain ash. From here there is a beautiful view of Ostrica and the highest ridge of Paški Kozjak – Basališče.

... in the shelter of hills between lonely farms...

From Dobrna centre at the roundabout you follow the main road, past the Hunter’s Inn to the bridge across the stream

Dobrnica. By the bridge where you cross the stream there is a view of villa Ružička on the right. Turn left and follow the direction towards Hudičev graben.

On the right you will be greeted by once a majestic mansion Dobrnica (Gutenek – once a brewery). The stream Dobrnica is by your side all the way to the place where the signpost says stony cave Ledenica. At this very point you join “Anna’s path” – A, leading steeply uphill. You follow the path through a forest, to a meadow and onwards to the asphalt road leading directly to Brdce nad Dobrno, to the farm Miran Štravs (app. 100m). The owner will show you a magnificent view of Dobrna and its surroundings. You continue your walk to the crossroads. To the left, the road leads to Ivanka Štravs farm (app. 2km), to the right, it leads to Krivec farm. There is also a possibility to turn right before, where the signpost directs you to a monument in memory of those who were killed in the 14th division. You continue your walk on the road to the Daje Valley offering a variety of flora (arnica, heather, gentian, lily of the valley, hellebore, St. John’s wort, oregano, thyme).

If tired there is a possibility of returning to Dobrna. The path is well waymarked, moderate and takes app. 2 hours in one direction. However, if you still have the strength you can continue to Paški Kozjak on moderate path which takes a further hourly walk.

Distance from the centre: 12 km

2 hours.
Uphill path to Paški Kozjak leads past Žeblar farm to Loka, where it joins Šaleška mountain trail at Jurk farm.

P4 - DOBRNA - PAŠKI KOZJAK - ŠPIK

The main summits of Paški Kozjak, around 10 km of long narrow and extremely steep lime mountain chain, are a known view: Špik – 1109m, the highest summit Basališče 1272m and Štrukljev Vrh (1227m) the highest summit of Dobrna Municipality. The mountain hut on Paški Kozjak is open from Tuesday to Sunday, from 9.00 AM to 9.00 PM, Mondays are closed.

Waymarked mountain route leads from Dobrna centre past the hotel Vita in the direction of the spa, following the road to the slope over Klanc to “Žeblar Chapel” at the top of Klanc. A signpost warns us about the turning to Loka, however, we go straight on. The steep path turns left into a hilly forest and continues on a cart track. The road leads us past the Hunting Lodge to Jurk farm from where, to the right there is a well waymarked uphill Šaleška mountain trail and to the left the trail of the XIV Division. The XIV Division trail leads upwards to the left along the cart track. From a pine forest you come to a meadow and head towards the summit where there is a beautiful view of Velenje lake, mountains of Mozirje and the Alps (Savinjske alpe) in the background. The grassy plain ahead of you is called Visoko. You continue your journey down the meadow towards the mountain hut on Paški Kozjak. Šaleška mountain trail winds to the right of Jurk onto a steep hill of stony terrain which leads towards the mountain hut, where you can sign in your name and get a stamp. Both trails are joint at the crossroads with the road to Velenje near the mountain hut. From the mountain hut onwards there is an uphill path leading to St. Jošt church on Paški Kozjak and to Špik (1109m) on the left. Špik, where you can also get a stamp, offers you a magnificent view of mountains of Mozirje, Raduha, Peca, Uršlja gora and the Alps (Savinjske alpe).

It takes three hours from Dobrna to the hut on Paški Kozjak and additional half an hour to the summit of Špik.

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Distance from the centre: 16 km
Time: 3 hours
*Location:* Dobrna centre  
*Contact:* Jože Klinc  
*Tel:* ++386 (0) 35 77 80 80  
*Offer:* Homemade national dishes, international cuisine  
*Working hours:* from Tuesday to Sunday, from 7.00 AM to 11.00 PM

2. **PASTRY SHOP “JAGODA”, Šenazi Ibrahimi s.p.**  
*Location:* Dobrna centre  
*Contact:* Šenazi Ibrahimi  
*Tel:* ++386 (0) 35 77 80 76  
*Offer:* sweets, ice cream, fruit salads, ice-coffee, alcohol and soft drinks  
*Working hours:* from 7.00 AM to 11.00 PM

3. **APARTMENT “LUČKA”**  
Dobrna 63, 3204 Dobrna  
*Contact:* Cilka Okrožnik  
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4. **APICULTURE KRULEC**  
*Contact:* Ivan Krulec  
*Tel:* ++ 386 (0) 37 81 82 04  
*Distance from the centre:* 0.6 km  
*10 min.*  
*Products:* flower honey, chestnut honey, acacia honey, mixed forest honey, bee pollen, propolis, beeswax candles, mead, pine sprouts with honey syrup. If announced in advance tasting and purchasing of bee products is possible.

5. **PUB “HUDIČEV GRABEN”**  
*Contact:* Marija Drev  
*Tel:* ++ 386 (0) 35 77 87 90  
*Distance from the centre:* 4 km  
*40 min.*  
*Working hours:* Friday, Saturday and Sunday

6. **RENT-A-ROOM LEŠNIK**  
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3204 Dobrna  
*Tel:* ++386 (0) 35 77 84 15

7. **TOURIST FARM “SORŽEVLIN”**  
*Distance from the centre:* 7 km,  
*Driving time:* 15 min.  
*Tel:* ++ 386 (0) 35 77 26 39  
*Contact:* For organised groups announced in advance there is a special programme prepared. All the buildings are cultural and historical monuments and the family preserves them in their original function and hence continues the tradition. In the year 2001 the farm was accepted into the European net of houses with tradition in Slovenia. There are three apartments at disposal.