

Suspended prairies of the Cerna River

Location:

Mehedinți Mountains, Cerna Valley; 20-25km away from Băile Herculane town.

Dates:

From 16th to 22nd August 2014.

Walking distance:

11-12 km.

Height difference:

1000 m of which 400-500 m of ascent.

Estimated time:

Around 10 hours.

Equipment needed:

Hiking gear; T-shirts and shorts or long thin fabric pants are recommended; a light windstopper.

Food:

It will not be provided by organisers. 1.5 – 2 L of water are mandatory/person.

Transport:

It will be provided by the organizers.

Fee:

20 €/person

Route sights:

Suspended prairies of the Cerna River: The route follows the Mehedinți Mountains ridges and crosses a string of sinkholes with impressive sizes, lined with limestone peaks (Beletina Prairie, Poiana Mare (Big Prairie), Crovul Mare, Poiana Porcului (Pig's Prairies), Crovul Medved).

Țăsnei Valley: one of the wildest karst valleys of the Mehedinți Mountains accessed through a trail carved into the rock representing the old border between the Austro-Hungarian Empire and the Ottoman Empire. The slopes of the valley harbour the black pines of Banat, a symbolic species of the area.

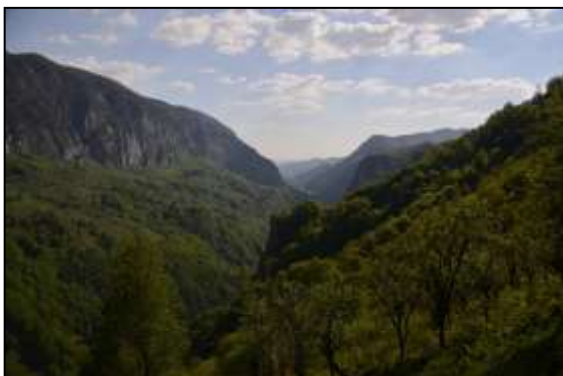


Fig. 1. Cerna Valley seen from Stan Peak (1466 m).



Fig. 2. „Poiana Porcului” sinkhole (the longest one).

Details about hiking track (locations+photos):

- [Google Maps.](#)
- <http://www.bandarosie.ro/2013/06/prin-crovurile-din-mehedinti-2-mai-2013.html>
- <http://www.bloguldecalatorii.ro/2011/07/valea-cernei-iii-cheile-tamnei-si.html>
- http://bogdanbalaban.ro/index.php?action=articole_full&id=152#.Ut2bEtKYthE
- <http://www.mecanturist.ro/2013/07/25/crovuri-geanturi-si-alti-dinti-aventuri-mehedinti/>
- <http://www.silvique.ro/2011/10/2011-10-14-muntii-mehedinti.html>



Fig. 3. „Crovul Medvedului” sinkhole (the biggest one).



Fig. 4. „Crovul Mare” sinkhole.

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