

THE KOZJANSKO APPLE FESTIVAL

TRADITIONAL EVENT

Occurring every year, the second
week in October
Podsreda Town Square



Kozjanski park

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Green woodpecker



Common redstart



Eurasian wryneck



Eurasian scops owl



Hoopoe



Red-backed shrike

High-trunk meadow orchards, important European Natura 2000 protection areas, are an extremely important habitat for birds: the green woodpecker, grey-headed woodpecker, wryneck, hoopoe, little owl and the Eurasian scops owl.

Common redstart, red-backed shrike, hawfinch, greenfinch, goldfinch and blackbird nestle amidst the treetops of fruit trees.



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Butterflies, ladybirds, bees, bumblebees, earwigs, and beetles maintain the natural balance in the orchard.

Southern festoon

THE KOZJANSKO APPLE FESTIVITY PROMOTES THE APPLE, APPLE TREE, AND MEADOW ORCHARD WITH THE AIM OF PRESERVING BIODIVERSITY AND NATURE-FRIENDLY SPATIAL MANAGEMENT.



THE MAIN ECOLOGICAL AND ETHNOLOGICAL EVENT IS TAKING PLACE IN THE KOZJANSKO REGIONAL PARK.



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The old varieties of apples, fruit juices, spirits and products produced in a nature- and health-friendly manner represent rich selection of goods available at the fair.



Carvers, blacksmiths, potters, basket-makers, spinners-, and glassblowers are showcasing products of almost forgotten crafts.



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Two exhibitions of old varieties of apples and cultural and natural attractions of the Kozjansko Regional Park are set up in an original way every year.



Processing of apple juice offers economic opportunity for the protected area.



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Both, young and old compete in the "štrudelj" baking contest for the title of master strudelmaker.

Each year, a "carjevič" (tsar's son) (TN: Carjevič – a variety of apple) who was the most diligent master in the high-trunk meadow orchard is put on the fruit throne.



The event is accompanied by a rich cultural programme, which is performed by the Kozjanski Regional Park and the locals.



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A popular contest in the longest "apple peel" – the record stands at 5.4m.

"Take an apple and hop on your bicycle" – social cycling that takes place around the Podsreda Town Square.



The "Kozjansko apple for a healthier life" run takes place from Podsreda Town Square to Podsreda Castle.



Primary school pupils showcase their products and projects in an imaginative way.





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On the first Sunday in October, we take a walk through the Kozjansko Regional Park orchards.



In the week before the fair, numerous events take place ranging from themed workshops for children to cultural and nature conservation events.



Aškerc evening in Podsreda – cultural engagement and integration of societies conjures up an exceptional evening dedicated to one of the Slovenian poets and writers.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE KOZJANSKO REGIONAL PARK IN COOPERATION WITH: Podsreda Sports Club, ORANS Cycling Section of Bistrica ob Sotli, Kozjansko Kozje Mushroom-picking Society, Podčetrtek Alpine Club, Podsreda Cultural Association, Podsreda Voluntary Fire Brigade.

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