

## Spring Camp 2024

The "Spring Camp" is an event dedicated to the maintenance of hiking trails and it's infrastructure. It intends to promote eco-tourism and sustainable initiatives in Montenegro.

Spring Camp 2024, will take place on the Mediterranian coastal part of Montengero, with a goal to improve the conditions of the *Costal Mountaineering Transversal* (Primorska Planinska Transverzala), as well as to introduce the volunteers to the beauty of this region. It aims to improve environmental awareness amongst the local habitants and to serve as an example for similar activities. Through their participation, international Spring Camp volunteers contribute to eco-tourism development, while simultaneously vitnessing the natural beauty, afterwards spreading the word about the outdoor experience in Montenegro.

The volunteering "Spring Camp 2024" will last for 7 days, from 05<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> of May and it will be performed at two stages: Boka Kotorska bay (Vranovo brdo) and Lovćen slopes (Čavori village). During the stay in Perast, volunteers will visit one of Perast islands and have the opportunity of visiting the old town Kotor (UNESCO protected).

The second stage of the Spring Camp will take place at a private property, intended for creating one of the strategically important points on the Mountaineering Coastal transversal, where hikers and other outdoor lovers will have access to refreshment, accommodation, food and get a chance to meet kind hosts and enthusiasts of local food production.

#### **Program:**

#### Day 1 (05th of May)

- \* Arrival of volunteers in Perast, Boka Kotorska Bay
- \* Meeting and socializing in Perast
- \* Transfer to the village of Ubalac from where volunteers will hike to the campsite
- \* 30 min hiking by carrying all our stuff needed for camping, food and work
- \* Setting up tents
- \* Cooking our dinner with overnight at magic views above Boka bay at Vranovo brdo ridge

#### Day 2 ( $06^{th}$ of May)

- \* Breakfast
- \* Works at construction/renovation of a hiking shelter at Vranovo brdo ridge
- \* Lunch / picnic / break between 13h and 14h
- \* Continuation of works in the afternoon
- \* Socializing and cooking our dinner by the campfire

\* Overnight in tents at Vranovo brdo

## Day 3 (07th of May)

- \* Breakfast
- \* Construction/renovation of the hiking shelter at Vranovo brdo ridge
- \* Lunch / picnic / break between 13h and 14h
- \* Packing our tents and belongings for transfering the camp to the second stage location
- \* Excursion to Perast, on the way to our new campsite:
  - boat trip to visit the "Our Lady of the Rocks" church/isle
  - lunch in "Conte" restaurant by the seafront
- \* Transfer and visit to the old town of Kotor
- \* Transfer continues to the new lodge at mountain Lovcen slopes
- \* 10 min hiking by carrying our tents and stuff to the campsite, close to Čavori village
- \* Dinner and overnight in "Koronsa" campsite/farm

### Day 4 (08th of May)

- \* Breakfast
- \* Works on opening an old and overgrown trail which connects "Koronsa" campsite with local hiking infrastructure
- \* Lunch / picnic / break between 13h and 14h
- \* Continuation of works in the afternoon
- \* Socializing and cooking our dinner by the campfire
- \* Dinner and overnight in "Koronsa" campsite/farm

#### Day 5 (09th of May)

- \* Breakfast
- \* Works on opening an old and overgrown trail which connects "Koronsa" campsite with local hiking infrastructure
- \* Lunch / picnic / break between 13h and 14h
- \* Continuation of works in the afternoon
- \* Dinner and overnight in "Koronsa" campsite/farm

# Day 6 (10th of May)

- \* Breakfast
- \* Works on opening an old and overgrown trail which connects "Koronsa" campsite with local hiking infrastructure / in case we success to finish works on this trail in last 2 days, than volunteers will help in constructing the stone made walls for a house at our campsite
- \* Lunch / picnic / break between 13h and 14h
- \* Continuation of works in the afternoon
- \* Socializing and cooking our dinner by the campfire
- \* Overnight in tents at Vranovo brdo

# Day 7 (11th of May)

- \* Breakfast
- \* Packing our tents and stuff for leaving the "Koronsa" campsite
- \* All volunteers will be driven to Kotor for further continuation of their travel, in case we are able to organize transfer to some place else in Montenegro, we will gladly help
- \* Goodbyes and thanks to the volunteers!

The Spring Camp Team