



2. THROUGH THE TINKERS' CRAFT REGION (TOUR FROM ŽILINA OR DLHÉ POLE)

Lenght: 54,2 km

Pitch: + 1130 m

Moderate hiking tour

ŽILINA – DLHÉ POLE – RÁZCESTIE POD KRÍŽOM (CROSSROADS UNDER THE CROSS) – VEĽKÉ ROVNÉ, ABOVE THE UPPER ŽERNOV – ÍVOR – BIELOVCI – KRAVIARSKA – DLHÉ POLE, CROSSROADS ABOVE HLAVÁČOVÁ – SADDLE BETWEEN V.ROVNÉ AND DLHÉ POLE – DLHÉ POLE, KOSTOL (CHURCH) – DIVINA – ŽILINA

Characteristics:

A difficult, but beautiful tour on the mountain roads between the villages Dlhé Pole and Veľké Rovné. Mostly without any hiking signs, almost unvisited by hikers. Its parts going on the quiet forest roads are replaced by the passage across a picturesque settlement of Rovné. The equipment of the bicycle with exact odometer or hiking map Javorníky - Čadca 1:50 000 are very important.

Route description:

From **Žilina**-Budatín (330) on the national road across Svederník (325) 8,3 km to the village **Dlhé Pole**. Immediately at the beginning of the village, behind the sign „Dlhé Pole“, by the bus stop of Slovak Lines (370) 11,5 km we turn left on the significantly upward forest asphalt road. On the crossroads over the ski lift (495) 13,6 we continue directly straight on and after a short descend we climb to the crossroads under the saddle above the village **Veľké Rovné** (513) 14,2 km. Here, we can turn up left to the cross, from where we can view the central part of Veľké Rovné with church.

We turn back to the crossroads and climb more 160 m, original direction. Here, we turn left to the forest road without asphalt surface. A long climb leads above Veľké Rovné and we come to the crossroads under Hlboča (720) 17,7 km. Here, the wood stock with benches is the right place, suitable for rest.

We turn left (along the benches) and continue on a nice downhill road, in the first part on the ridgeway with views. When twisted right (595) 18,9 km, go on the slope to the asphalt road under the village Vyšný Žernov. On the asphalt road, across **Nižný Žernov** to the main road (460) 20,4 km. On the national road upward the valley to Veľké Rovné - Ívor (500) 22,6 km, where we turn right to the green signed road. Follow this road always upward (in upper part on the road without signs) to the TIM (Hiking Information Point) „**Bielovci**“ (750) 25,2 km. From this point follow the yellow sign and climb the slope of Kraviarska and downhill to the saddle. From the saddle to the left, steeply down across the pastures (yellow sign occurs just sporadically) into the wood. When went across the stream, go on down, on the forest road (quite unpleasant if wet) up to the crossroads above the village **Dlhé Pole – Hlaváčová** (465) 29,8 km, more 0,6 km before the yellow road results to the main road, degrading the bus stop of Slovak Lines called „Garáž“ (Garage).

From the crossroads slant right to the upward forest road of good quality, leading along the slope above Dlhé Pole to the top of the climbing road (620) 32,5 km. From the slope a longer descend again to the **crossroads by the cross**, under the saddle between V.Rovné and Dlhé Pole (513) 36,7 km. Here, we turn left and go down to the centre of **Dlhé Pole** to the church (390) 38,9 km. If any strength and time left, we continue upward the village 0,85 km to the crossroads, where we turn right from to the yellow signed road to the village Divina. Follow the road with significant climb to the saddle (635) 42,35 km (+245 height m) and with nice terrain downhill road to the upper end of **Divina** (472) 44,1 km. On the national road across the village Divinka to the starting point **Žilina**-Budatín (330) 54,2 km.

EASIER OPTION:

Lenght: 52 km

Pitch: + 610 m

Moderate hiking tour

According to the basic route from Žilina to Dlhé Pole and follow the forest asphalt road to the **crossroads above Veľké Rovné** (513) 14,2 km. We turn left to the cross and downhill straight down, first on the field road

with nice views on Veľké Rovné, in a moment already on the asphalt road across Rimanovice to the church in the centre of Veľké Rovné (390) 15,9 km. Upward the village to Ívor (500) 21,8 km . Next, according to the basic route to Dlhé Pole to the church (390) 38,8 km and on the national road to Žilina – Budatín (330) 52 km.

