



## 2. TO THE VIŠŇOVSKÁ VALLEY

**Lenght: 23 km**

**Pitch: +420 m**

**Moderate to strenuous hiking tour**

ŽILINA, children's playground in the Chrast' Forest Park – ROSINA – VIŠŇOVÉ – VIŠŇOVSKÁ VALLEY – SADDLE UNDER THE SKI LIFTS – SADDLE BETWEEN THE VILLAGES TURIE AND VIŠŇOVÉ – RD ROSINA – CHRASŤ FOREST PARK

### Access:

From the town centre – around the hospital to Bôrická cesta – slightly to the left on the going up Road to Paľová búda (Paul's shed) – along the shed, around the area of the University of Žilina, left directly on the main road – from the main road to the right side, to the gate of the children's playground in the Chrast' Forest Park (2,7 km).

From the suburb of Solinky – on the asphalt road starting on last trolley bus stop.

From the suburb of Vlčince – directly to the Rosinská Road and following the road to Rosina.

### Route description:

We go across the children's playground, turn left behind it and go down to the Vysokoškolákov Street. We turn right and in a moment, there appears a forest path on the left side. We follow this path parallel with Rosinská Road to the place, where the path results to the Rosinská Road under the pipeline (373) 1,75 km. Follow this road to the village **Rosina** and come at the beginning of the village **Višňové**. On the crossroads, just behind the sign "Višňové" (420) 4,8 km, we turn left around the SAD stop of Slovak Lines to the narrower asphalt road, passing by a quiet environment among family houses, parallel with the main road. After 1,1 km, there is a possibility to turn right to the church, after next kilometre the asphalt surface comes to the end. After 2,8 km (from the sign) we come to the crossroads, where we prefer turning right to the main road at the end of the village itself. Shortly after it, the asphalt road ends by the sheepfold (525) 8 km.

We come down to the **Višňovská Valley** around the No entry sign with barrier. We are welcomed by limestone hill called Hoblík (933 m) on the left side and Valentínov diel (828 m) on the right side. After 1,2 km we come to the crossroads. Here we turn from the valley into the opposite direction on a good forest road. Through its turns with occasional views, a longer climbing leads us under the **ski lifts** (710) 11 km. Here we leave the forest road and go steeply up 160 m around the cottages into the saddle by the uppermost cottage (745 m).

Next, there comes a longer downhill road. From the saddle go slightly to the left into the wood (following the orange rings), terrain ride is certainly required. After 750 m we join a more distinctive road. We go down across, shortly following blue signs to the meadows (565) 12,9 km. Here, there is opened for us a nice view into the valley. In a short time we turn left from the meadow, under the fence into the low wood on an inconspicuous path (orange rings). We follow it approximately on the contour line, later on go across a steep downhill road via stream and across the meadow on the right to the more distinctive road. When we ride out from the wood, turn right and follow the sloping road into the saddle of the national road between the villages Višňové and Turie to the cross (495) 14,2 km.

We go across the road and continue across the fields on the inconspicuous little path, direction southwest. We climb it slightly up and down and we slew left to the television mast in a minute. From the mast, go to the right side, on a good asphalt road already, shortly going down, then up, and finally longer down across the valley in front of **RD Rosina** (405) 18,9 km. up left on the improvised climb slant across the pastures to the beginning of the ridge way above the Co-operative farm. When passing the observatory asphalt road, go above the village Bytčica from one side and the village Rosina from the other to the **Chrast' Forest Park**. Around the children's playground and chapel to the crossroads in front of Paľova búda (Paul's shed) (395) 20,2 km and through Bôrik into the Žilina centre (342) 23 km.

