

Certainly one of the most impressive mountains of high Herzegovina is Čvrsnica, integral part of Dinaric Alps, characterized by a number of beautiful carstic plateaus, broken by deep ditches which bear the water of Neretva tributaries. Čvrsnica's boundaries are clear: it is Dugo polje plateau and mountain Vran on the west, river Neretva to the east, river Drežanka on the south and river Doljanka on the north. North part of the mountain is made of two plateaus: Plasa and Muharnica. While the south part of the plateaus borders the beautiful valley Diva Grabovica, north part encounters inhabited canyon of river Doljanka. Between

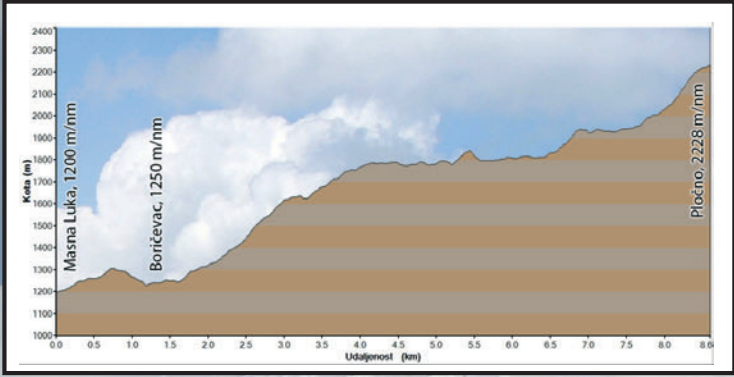
the valley and the canyon, there is a plateau named Mala Čvrsnica. Several peaks of Čvrsnica are higher than 2000 m.a.s.l.: Pesti Brdo (2039 m.a.s.l.), Veliki Vilinac (2116 m.a.s.l.), Veliki Jelenak (2179 m.a.s.l.) and Pločno (2228 m.a.s.l.), making it the highest peak of Herzegovina. Beauty of the surrounding lakes Blidinje, Crepulja and Crvenjak adds to the splendour of Čvrsnica's area. Whole area represents ideal place for the hikers, rock climbers and mountaineers, especially in the location of Veliki Kuk. Skiing is possible in recreational centre Risovac on the Blidinje plateau beneath Čvrsnica and Vran mountains.

Summit Pločno (2228 m.a.s.l.) distinguishes itself due to its beauty, but also Hajdučka Vrata, natural rock formation on the elevation of 2000 m.a.s.l.. Pločno is the highest summit of both Čvrsnica and Herzegovina. Small military base is placed at 2228 m.a.s.l., with macadam road leading to it from the south. The closest path leads from Masna luka on Blidinje plateau previously reached by regional

road R419 from Jablanica. Passing across the mountain saddle Sovička vrata, one enters the area of Park of Nature Blidinje bearing the name of the nearby lake receiving waters from Vran and Čvrsnica mountains. Two legends revolve around this area: firstly it is hajduk Mijat Tomić, rebel against the Ottoman rule, and Diva Grabovčeva, 17th century martyr whose grave is found in the vicinity.

The path starts next to the gates of Catholic monastery at village of Masna luka, and enters thick endemic pine forest. It easily crosses the hill towards the valley of Boričevac 1,2 km away. Once again in the pine forest, path enters its steeper part and exits the forest at 1600 m.a.s.l. on Čvrsnica plateau. The path further reaches the crossing offering path to Mountain hut at Vilinac and peak Pločno, after taking the turn to Pločno path is in southwest direction. The final part is difficult as it leads across the slippery and steep talus. Military base on the summit provides water and shelter. In late July, memorial hike „Ivica Plazonjić“ is organized across this path.

## Presjek staze / Track section



Prema vrhu Pločno / Towards the peak Pločno / Photo by Josip Kvesić

Na vrhu Pločno / Pločno peak / Photo by Ermin Koso



# Čvrsnica



## Masna luka - Pločno

**PLANINA:** Čvrsnica  
**STAZA:** Masna luka - Pločno ( 2228 mNv)  
**STUPANJ TEŽINE:** Vrlo naporno  
**VRIJEME DO CILJA:** 5 h  
**VISINSKA RAZLIKA:** 1028 m  
**OPSKRBA VODOM:** Nema (Osim na vrhu u vojnoj bazi)  
**UKUPNA DULJINA TREKA:** 9 km  
**RIZIK OD MINA:** Nema duž markirane staze  
**GPS KOORDINATE POLAZIŠTA:** N43° 37.881'; E 17° 32.765'  
**GPS KOORDINATE VRHA:** N43° 35.955'; E 17° 33.887'  
**POTESKOĆE PRI ORIJENTACIJI:** Nema

**MOUNTAIN:** Čvrsnica  
**PATH:** Masna luka - Pločno ( 2228 m.a.s.l.)  
**DIFFICULTY:** Very heavy  
**DURATION:** 5 h  
**ALTITUDE DIFFERENCE:** 1028 m  
**WATER SUPPLY:** Military base on the summit  
**TOTAL LENGTH:** 9 km (one-way)  
**MINE RISK:** None along the marked route  
**GPS START COORDINATES:** N43° 37.881'; E17°32.765'  
**GPS SUMMIT COORDINATES:** N43° 35.955'; E17°33.887'  
**ORIENTATION DIFFICULTIES:** None

Jedna od najimpresivnijih planina visoke Hercegovine je svakako Čvrsnica, dio Dinarskih Alpa, karakterizirana nizom očaravajućih krških platoa, isprekidanih dubokim jarugama kojima teku pritoke rijeke Neretve. Granice Čvrsnice se jasno ističu: na zapadu je to Dugo polje i planina Vran, na istoku rijeka Neretva, a na jugu i sjeveru pritoke Neretve Drežanka i Doljanka. Sjeverni dio planine čine platoi Plasa i Muharnica. Južni dio ovih platoa graniči s prekrasnom dolinom Diva Grabovica, dok se na sjeveru nalazi naseljeni kanjon rijeke Doljanke. Između Dive Grabovice i Drežanke se također nalazi plato nazvan Malom Čvrsnicom. Nekoliko je vrhova

Čvrsnice više od 2000 mNv: Pesti Brdo (2039 mNv), Veliki Vilinac (2116 mNv), Veliki Jelenak (2179 mNv) i Pločno (2228 mNv), što ga čini najvišim vrhom Hercegovine. Posebnu draž okolini Čvrsnice daju jezera Blidinje, Crepulja i Crvenjak. Cijelo područje predstavlja idealno mjesto za ljubitelje izleta i planinskih sportova kao alpinističko penjanje, posebno u predjelu Velikog Kuka. Skijanje je moguće u sportsko-rekreacijskom centru Risovac, u parku prirode Blidinje, u podnožju planina Vran i Čvrsnica. U ovom nezagađenom području ističe se vrh Pločno (2228 mNv) – najviši vrh Hercegovine, te Hajdučka Vrata – rupa u stijeni na visini od 2000 mNv.

Pločno je najveći vrh Čvrsnice i Hercegovine. Na vrhu Pločno 2228 mNv je mala vojna baza do kojeg vodi makadamski put sa juga. Na njega se najbrže može stići iz Masne luke na Blidinju do kojeg se stiže regionalnim asfaltnim putem R419 iz Jablanice. Prolazom kroz Sovička vrata ulazi se u područje Parka prirode Blidinje koje je dobilo ime po Blidinjskom jezeru

u koje voda dolazi prvenstveno sa okolnih planina Vrana i Čvrsnice. Dvije su legendarne osobe vezane ovaj predivni park prirode: jedna je Mijat Tomić (hajduk iz narodnih priča) koji je štiti od zuluma i nasilja, a druga je Diva Grabovčeva, mučenica i djevica iz 17. stoljeća u čiju se čast svake godine organiziraju hodočašća.



Pogled iz Masne luke prema vrhu Pločno / View from Masna luka towards Pločno peak / Photo by Zoran Jurišić

Trasa započinje uz kapiju samostana u Masnoj luci i odmah uranja u gustu borovu šumu endemične munike (Pinus heldreichii H.Christ) i lagano se savlada brežuljak prema udolini Boričevcu udaljenoj 1,2 km. Trasa zatim ponovno, ovaj put strmije, uranja u borovu šumu iz koje izlazi tek na 1600 mNv na platou Čvrsnice. Staza se kreće po platou jugoistočno i nailazi na raskrižje za Dom na Vilincu i Pločno te skreće na jugozapad. Završni uspon siparom na vrh je klizav i strm. U vojnoj bazi na vrhu može se opskrbiti vodom ili skloniti od nevremena. Krajem srpnja održava se memorijalni uspon na Pločno "Ivica Plazonjić" koji je jako dobro posjećen.

Pogled s vrha Pločno na Blidinje jezero / View of Blidinje jezero from peak / Photo by Josip Kvesić







Područje planine Čvrsnica / Area of mountain Čvrsnica / Photo by Josip Kvesić

Pogled s Čvrsnice na Blidinje jezero / View of Blidinje lake from mountain Čvrsnica / Photo by Ermin Koso



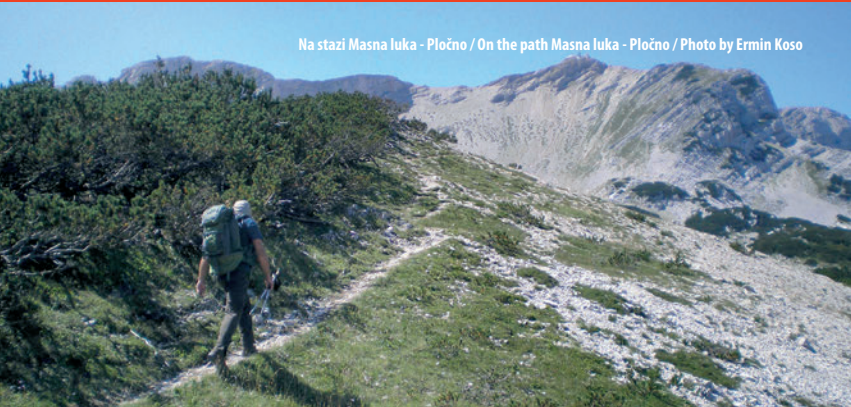
Pogled prema Čvrsnici / View towards mountain Čvrsnica / Photo by Josip Kvesić



Na stazi Masna luka - Pločno, vrh / On the path Masna luka - Pločno, peak / Photo by Josip Kvesić

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