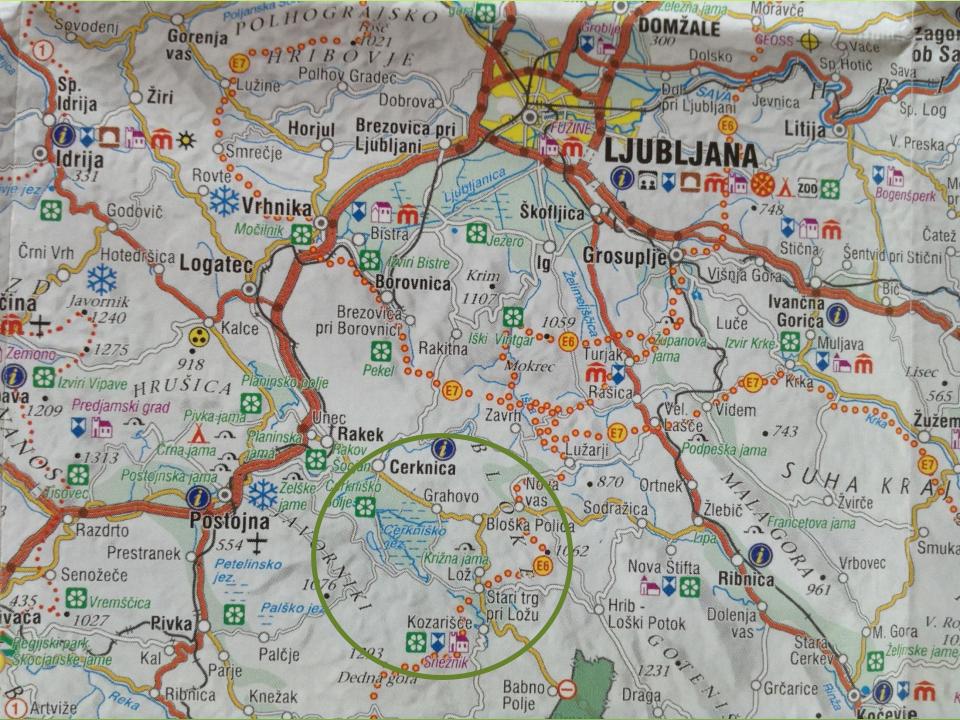


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#### Attractions in the area

- Snežnik Castle
- Snežnik Landscape Park
- Snežnik Forest Park
- Križna jama

#### Snežnik Castle

- National Museum of Slovenia priority?
- Contested ownership of surroundings
  - Empty renovated restaurant / building funding issues
  - State owned housing
  - Local community door mouse museum
  - Refrigeration/Skinning hunting facility
- Relationship NMS with other owners problematic
- Inter-agency issues
- Low promotion few visitors
- Link with park
- Wedding venue fully exploited?
- Limited potential for change steady state





## Landscape Park (forestry service)

- 30 Ha semi-landscaped Park
- Adjacent to 1,000 Ha forest & Castle
- Under-used looking for opportunities
- Lacking facilities Parking, toilets, refreshments
- Permission issues for use of picnic/stage area
- Community-forestry service conflict
- Walking, horse-riding, bird-watching, butterfly watching, nature interpretation, flora

## Landscape Park - Potential

- Community activities return to previous
- Sports activities
- Need to address parking issue
- Sunday afternoon family trip close to Ljubljana
- Small café / Temporary food service (weekends)
- Small group not mass tourism
- Special interest
- Walking rather hiking
- Families and over 50s
- Accommodation potential for hostels/hotels (landmark trust)









#### Forest Park

- 1,000 Ha
- Hunting concessions
- Hunting facilities (refrigeration)
- Conflict of hunting processing with leisure/recreation?
- Sensibilities of foreign visitors
- Ownership by hunting association
- Hunting concessions 100 families

#### Forest Park - Potential

- Responsible hunting
- Hunting tourism
- Hiking / Trekking conflict with hunting?
- Horse Riding
- Ecological tourism / Nature
- Bird watching
- Small group 'adventure' off the beaten track tourism
- Younger singles / couples 20s 40s



# Križna jama

- 1 of 22 Show Caves in Slovenia
- Karstic cave 10 km
- 1hr 1 km, walk & boat, suitable for casual 'cavers'
- 4hr or 8hr more serious cavers (800 pa limit)
- 8,000 visitors ~ pa
- 70% foreign + 30% Slovenian
- Target 12,000 4 guides
- Voluntary management
- Aim A caver's cave, low impact tourism
- €8 per adult / €5.50 per child
- All year season best in winter, not affected by weather

# Križna jama - Issues

- Lack of official status voluntary management
- Lack of state funding / support
- 2 other caves very prominent with 1m & 500,000 respectively
- O Competitive pricing €8 v €15 or €23
- Niche / special interest
- Insufficient toilet facilities
- No gift / souvenirs, water
- International Showcaves Association

# Križna jama - Potential

- Upgrade website <u>www.krizna-jama.si</u>
- More social media Change facebook from personal to organisation, Pinterest account (photos)
- Networking Caver's sites and blogs
- Photography potential photo student to get experience
- Push the 1hr more, more accessible visit a bit more in promotion & photos
- Imagery of people experiencing the cave
- Family ticket
- Encourage pre-booking online to roster work
- Souvenirs, postcards, photos, organic cotton t-shirts, wood craft/keyrings











# Strategic approach



## Linkages

- Strongest link
  - Lake Cave (interconnected karstic phenomenon, sink holes)
  - Castle Park (on same grounds)
- Weaker link
  - Lake/Cave Castle/Park
- How can they be connected
  - Accommodation
  - Common website/marketing region / common branding/colouring
  - Ticketing
  - Information / leaflets
  - 'What else to see / do' signs in each place

### **Implementation**

- Promoting the lake activities and cave show together as one experience – common ticket for lake museum and cave
- Common website with links to separate ones online booking
- Partnership management
- Resolving the property/use conflict at the Landscape park → one decision maker (public-private partnership) who develops the area as one, managing different activities, and respects specific conditions e.g. landmark trust
- Providing quality accommodation
- Linking with European eco-tourism destinations
- Linking with higher education (geology depts) internationally
- Information points and signs
- Language

