



Enjoy the unspoilt nature and explore Körmend and its region.

Take on new adventures to feel truly alive. Outdoor activities refresh your soul, clear your thoughts and fill your body with happiness.

The rolling hills beckon you to take in the scenery, the winding rivers to paddle, and the forests in a thousand shades of green to hike. Its human scale and its diversity together make it an ideal place for active recreation.

"If you want to be happy, make others happy", doctor of the poor László Batthyány-Strattmann said so for a reason, because in the Körmend region everything is given to share your happy experiences.

This is the case when our fellow hikers' faces radiate pride after a tiring but exciting paddle in the Rába, when we feel a special sense of gratitude seeing the blossoming flowers of Dobogó Forest, when our partner smiles encouragingly at us before swimming across Lake Vadása, or when our children with powdered sugar moustache eat their well-deserved strudel after a bike ride in the Pinka Valley...

This is the freedom, the true relaxation that we can experience during our time here.



## ON TWO WHEELS

#### Fun Without Borders







The historic city of the Batthyánys, Körmend is the perfect starting point: Őrség is just a hop, skip and a jump away, with the cycling paradise in the rolling hills of Southern Burgenland also offering perfect day trips. Getting on a bike will slow down your daily pace and put the unrivalled beauty of the built and natural environment in a different light. For cycling enthusiasts, there is a lightly trafficked road network as well as good quality cycle paths and forest roads.



## WATER TRIPS

Paddle into the Paradise

Meandering through the Körmend region, the Rába is an ideal place to leave everyday life behind and refresh your body and soul. It is a special watercourse in Hungary as its upper reaches have hardly been regulated, retaining its wild, unspoilt atmosphere. Rich in gravel bars, curving and then accelerating sections, and a myriad of natural wonders the Rába has become a favourite playground among water lovers.







If you want to hike around Körmend, try to do it in the springtime and head for the wonderful Dobogó Forest, the realm of a million spring snowflakes. Another great attraction is the nature trail set up by the Őrség National Park, which shows the wildlife of the Rába and Pinka floodplains.



The Büks moorland provide a real adventure. The snake's heads or chess flowers that grow here are a great splendour, but hiking along the Strém, a wild, winding brook is also an unforgettable experience as the history of the vanished village as well as its ancient borderland and hillfort become almost tangible.



#### The Szöce Peat Bogs

The moorland and the stream valley are one of the most famous natural attractions of the Őrség and a highly protected area of the National Park. The meadow is flooded with shallow water most of the year, so it can be accessed by way of a boardwalk. The most beautiful and colourful period is from April through May, when the moorland is in bloom.



Only a short walk from Kemestaródfa, Miród Spring is a place of peace and tranquillity, where you can refresh and renew yourself both physically and spiritually. It is considered a sacred site with the spring water is being believed to have healing properties.



As spring awakens nature from its winter slumber the Körmend region offers an abundance of blossoming spots.

Although springtime is the most magical time of year,



# A WONDERLAND of Thousand Colonis

A perfect time to visit Dobogó Forest is in late February when it is covered in a snow-white carpet of five million spring snowflakes. The dogtooth violet is in bloom from February through April in beech and hornbeam-oak forests and on mountain and wet meadows. Native on moorlands and in floodplain forests, the chess flower is a true gem of the Strém valley, but the largest habitat of chess flowers in Austria is also very near between two villages, Luising and Hagensdorf right across the border. In April the Őrség National Park organises guided tours to Magyarbüks, but you can also visit the Csencsi Forest near Vasalja in March, when the holloroot is in bloom. The Szőce and Büks marshlands are at their most magnificent in April and May, with purple cyclamen colouring the carpet of fallen leaves in the forests of Nagymizdó in September.





The forests of the Őrség region and the floodplains of the Rába are known for their rich wildlife. Thanks to conscious wildlife management and the activity of hunting companies, the forests are often visited by domestic and foreign guest hunters.

Now a museum of the natural wonders of the region, the Hunting Lodge in the Castle Garden was built in 1884 thanks to the hunting passion of Prince Ödön Batthyány-Strattmann.





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