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# BORDERLESS on Two Wheels

*Biking Fun in and around Kőrmend*





## *Two Wheels and Two Countries* **ONE JOURNEY**

Biking belongs to the Körmend region like dödle (potato dumplings) to the Órség. For those who love cycling, the gentle countryside of the Rába, the Pinka, and the Strém in the two neighbouring countries of Austria and Hungary opens up magical worlds.

Here, cycling is arguably an attitude and a lifestyle. The refreshing breeze, the thousand shades of green of the floodplain forests, the colourful meadows, the picturesque villages, the golden wheat fields, and the fresh scent of the forests ... One thing is certain: cycling is good for your body and soul. This is not something to describe, but to actually feel and experience!

The best starting point for this is Körmend, the centuries-old home of the Batthyánys. Órség 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.

Low-traffic roads in the countryside, marked cycle routes, and high-quality forest bike trails are perfect for exploring the countryside by bike.

For those looking for an active holiday, there are routes of varying levels of difficulty among the cycling routes.

More Info:



# TOUR DE PARIS

*A Story from Körmend*



**"A bicycle is indeed a useful thing. It's a manly pastime. And above all, it is an excellent means of transport."**

Körmend's cycling tradition is over hundred years old. In 1889, Eeri and Jenő Udvarý, the sons of the president of Vas-Zala Savings Bank founded the first Hungarian cycling association in the countryside. At the inaugural meeting, they decided to go to the Paris World's Fair with velocipedes. At the end of their 17-day journey, they went to see the new Eiffel Tower and on their way home, they visited Lajos Kossuth in Turin, Italy in hussar cyclist uniforms. In 1891, Ferenc Udvarý published a beautifully illustrated book about their adventurous journey. Körmend Vasparipa Association, the one founded by the brothers has been preserving their legacy ever since.



# EUROVELO

*Cycling across the Continent*



Of the two EuroVelo cycling routes that pass through the Körmend area, the 9,950 km long **No 13 route "Iron Curtain"** that touches 14 UNESCO sites and 3 European seas is a history class in itself. The longest EuroVelo route covers Weinidylle Nature Park, Güssing Castle, Szentgotthárd, and the Vendvidék.



**No 14 route "Waters of Central Europe"** takes you to several water-related destinations, river valleys, lakes, and spas in Austria and Hungary. After entering at Szentgotthárd the route leads through the Őrség and ends at Vasvár.

# Bike Tour in the Pinka Valley



Distance: 55.4 km



Duration: 4 to 7 hours

Passing through charming villages, you arrive in Ják where you can visit the basilica of the Romanesque Benedictine Abbey. A stop at Szentpéterfa, a small village with Croatian heritage is worthwhile before heading to Burgenland, to the Pinka Valley. In Eberau you can visit the Erdődy Castle and on the way back you can cycle past the cellars of the Weinidylle Nature Park.





Distance: 55.6 km

Duration: 4 to 7 hours

*Bike Tour in the*

# Pinka-Strem Valley

This cycling tour takes you through the valleys of the Pinka and the Strem. We arrive first in Heiligenbrunn, the home of Uhdler wine amidst flowering meadows and lush groves. A walk through the row of cellars makes you think, that time has stopped here. With renewed vigour from the spring water at the Ulrichskapelle you cross the Pinka Valley and then wind your way from one cellar village to another back to Hungary.





# Rába-Strem

## *Bike Tour*



Distance: 49.2 km



Duration: 3 to 6 hours

After completing the first stretch from Körmend, you can refresh yourselves with the water of the Miród spring in Kemestaródfa. With a short detour at the Órség National Park visitor centre you can discover the world of the Rába. Make sure to take a few pics of the T-34 tank at Nemesmedves, the last Hungarian battlefield of World War 2. In Austria, the cellars of Heiligenbrunn and the vast chess flower fields of Strem are truly amazing, but don't forget to visit the recently restored bell tower of Magyarnádalja either.







# From Körmend to Güssing



Distance: 59.6 km



Duration: 5 to 8 hours



We could dedicate this cycling route to the memories of the Batthyány family, but there are so many other wonders between Körmend and Güssing: the cellars in the Strem Valley, the idyllic lake of Urbersdorf, the spring of Heiligenbrunn... Yet perhaps the most beautiful experience of this trip is the fantastic panorama of the castle of Güssing, which is visible from everywhere.



# From Körmend

to Őrség



Distance: 58.4 km



Duration: 5 to 8 hours

Őrség is really just a hop, skip and a jump away from Körmend. First, check out the largest tulip tree in Hungary in the park of Sigray Castle at Ivánc and then head towards Zala Valley to visit Pankasz with the most beautiful bell tower of the Őrség. Stop by Café Vadregényes in Szaknyér before continuing your trip to Lake Vadása and the peat bogs of Szőce and finally to the rotunda of Nádasd.





# From Körmend to Szentgotthárd



Distance: 52.8 km



Duration: 5 to 7 hours



Return journey by train

The road between Körmend and Szentgotthárd is a true essence of this region. After visiting the Széll castle in Rátót, you can admire the medieval church of Rábagyarmat. Then, enjoy the view of the Csörötnek vineyard from the Cistercian Lookout and taste perhaps the country's finest lángos (deep-fried flat bread) at the picturesque Lake Hársas.

Vendvidék is also worth a visit: the fantastic views of Apátistvánfalva and the beauty of Szentgotthárd's centre will certainly be unforgettable memories.

And after all these impressions, it really feels good to relax on the train on the way back.





