

The educational programme takes place on the southernmost peninsula of Istria, in the area of the **significant landscape of the Lower Kamenjak and Medulin archipelago** which extends over approximately 400 hectares. However, during the programme, we stay in the northern part of the area.

The group meets in the town centre of Premantura where we have an introduction talk. Here, we watch a 15-minute video about the protected Neptune sea grass, *Posidonia oceanica*, after which we start walking towards the protected area which is approximately 10 minutes away.

The first stopping point is an Austro-Hungarian military battery where we introduce students to its original purpose, as well as its function today as a habitat. We can sometimes enter the battery to see if there are any living creatures inside. Here, we also give students some basic information about the protected natural area they are going to visit.

Due to its **conversion over a long period of time**, Kamenjak has many **different habitat types**, many of which we visit in person. At one point, we stop to talk about the **conversion** (natural succession) **of the habitat** on Kamenjak. At the same time, students can hear about the benefits of this conversion but also about its negative sides. Here, we introduce students to the "queen" of flowers, **the orchid**, because there are 30 different types in the area of Kamenjak (one of them flowers only in south Istria and nowhere else in the world!).

At the next stop, we get close up to the flora of Kamenjak which has great value (around 600 plant species) which is also the main reason for the protection of the area. This is when students perform a **"search for plant species of Kamenjak,"** attempting to locate several locally important plants and herbs according to the given illustrations. The located species are then described in terms of adaptations, life history, and known use. Some can even be tasted!

Because Kamenjak has great paleontological value, we also visit the location of fossilized **dinosaur footprints** of both sauropod (herbivorous) and theropod (carnivorous) dinosaurs.

Next, we take a **30-minute break** and then continue towards a traditional **fishing harbour** on Kamenjak, in the Polje cove. This is where we explain a little more about the marine area of Kamenjak even though it is not protected by national law (although it is protected at the EU level!).

The path leads us further through the Mediterranean grasslands (which are priority habitats on Kamenjak), and to the Mediterranean temporary pond which is where insects and other animals can be seen in large numbers. The huge importance of Mediterranean ponds will be presented through their historical, cultural, and ecological values.

At the end of the programme, we return to the town centre. If the group wishes to stay in the area after the tour, that is fine, too. We recommend exploring the area in person, as well.

The whole tour lasts around **3 hours**. It is highly recommended to start **in the morning, between 08.00 and 10.00**. The price is **HRK 50,00 per person (around EUR 7)** which can be paid in cash or by voucher.