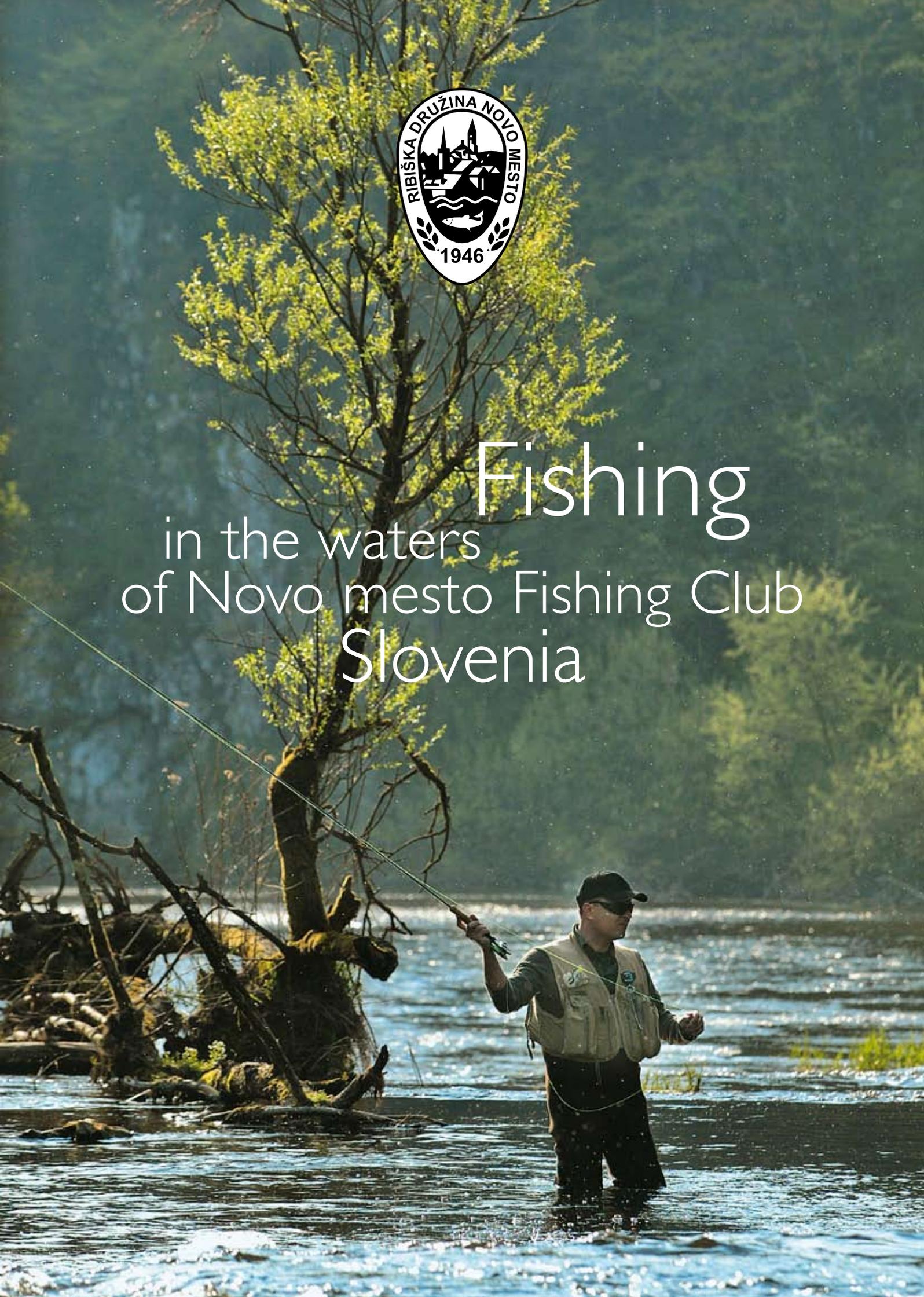




Fishing

in the waters
of Novo mesto Fishing Club
Slovenia



Dear fishermen!

The Novo mesto Fishing Club (Ribiška družina Novo mesto) is in terms of membership the biggest of 64 fishing clubs in Slovenia which have been entrusted by the state with the management of fish population in Slovene rivers and lakes.

The Novo mesto fishing Club manages 350 ha of water surface in fishing area of Novo mesto-Žužemberk. This includes river Krka from Zagradec to Mršeča vas in the length of 59 km with all the river's tributaries of which the most important ones for fishermen are Radeščica, Temenica from Velik Gaber until its mouth and fishponds Blato at Trebnje and Vodranec at Otočec.

The Krka river has three fishing districts:

- I. district is salmonid area where brown trout and rainbow trout are represented.
- II. district is mixed salmonid-cyprinid area where among salmonid species there are brown trout, rainbow trout, grayling and Danube salmon (huchen), and among cyprinids the most numerous are Danube roach, nase, barbel, chub, carp, tench and pike.
- III. district is cyprinid area, in which there are mostly Danube roach, nase, barbel, chub, carp, tench, vimba, freshwater breams, roach, bleak, Red Eye and from the predator fish also pike, wels, chrup and huchen.

In the **Radaščica brook** salmonid species such as: brown trout, rainbow trout and grayling are represented.

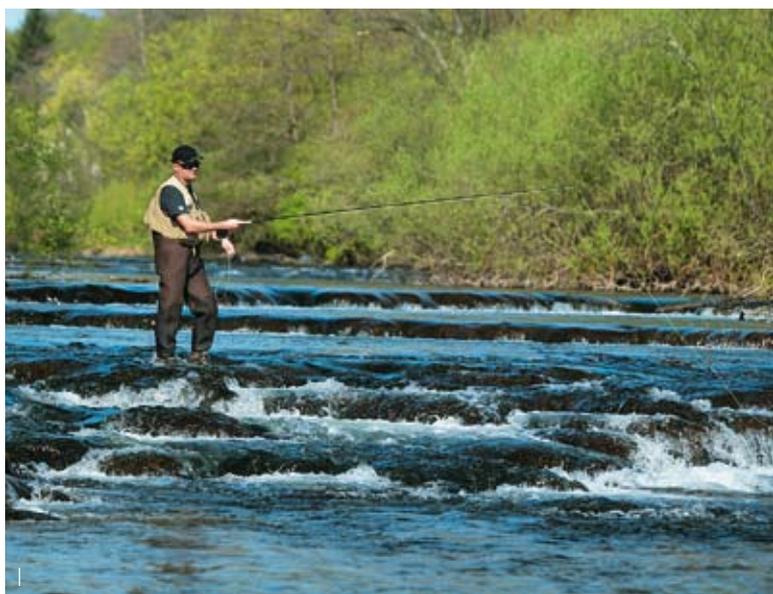
In the **fishpond Blato** there are cyprinid species, among which the most numerous are carps, tenches, breams and pike-perches.

Novo mesto fishing Club is one of rare Slovene fishing clubs where two autochthonous fish species: Danube roach and nase are independently bred and it is the only fishing club having established a system of yearly fish hatchery of half year old Danube roach and nase juveniles intended for repopulation of those species in the fishing districts of the river Krka and its tributaries. Furthermore, the club has established successful management of yearly repopulation of their watercourses even with nine autochthonous fish species: brown trout, grayling, huchen, Danube roach, nase, tench, pike, wels and pike-perch are.

Unique natural environment of the river Krka enchants any fisherman and fisherwoman. Krka is a true karstic beauty most famous for its numerous cascades overflowing into clear green pools, the abundance of fish and kindness of the local people.

We would love to welcome you if you decide to spend your leisure time fishing in our waters. We will do our best to make your staying pleasant and memorable.

Novo mesto Fishing Club
(Ribiška družina Novo mesto – RD Novo mesto)



1 Krka, photo: F.A. BOBO

2 Brown trout, photo: B. Eltrin

3 Krka, photo: D. Progar

4 photo: S. M. Lešnik

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Fly fishing for salmonids

Krka



Like any karstic river source also source of Krka is rich in water and the river comes to life in all its magnificence just below its source. Just 3 km down stream at the village with the same name, riverbed of Krka is on a level with the surrounding valley. From this point onward the river has eaten its way deep into the soft carboniferous limestone of the Dolenjska (Lower Camiola) hills. Its rich limestone waters have coated its margins and the river bed with soft tufa. Karstic waters overflow from pool to pool over cascades covered in green moss providing the fish with innumerable secret hiding places.

The living environment of the river Krka is rich in all its aspects. The resident fish enjoy a good assortment of food over the whole year and in combination with relatively stable water temperatures this is an ideal stable growing environment for fish. Fly fishermen, particularly those using dry flies know that well. They will encounter spectacular hatches of ephemerae, mayflies, sedges and stone flies during the spring and early summer which frequently provide unparalleled angling for those who can accurately *match the hatch*. Not only rainbow trout also brown trout rise intensively for flying food at this time of year. While when the swarming is over it seems like only one trout species would inhabit Krka – rainbow trout. But in reality the brown trout population is stronger in number if counting from the distribution of catch.

The prime time for sport fishing on the Krka is from mid March until the end of June. Dry fly fishing starts in March when the stronger spring sun around noon stimulates first hatches of insects emerging from the stream. Warm April evenings bring on the first of the sought after evening rises, which reach their peak in May and the beginning of June. The rise can last long into the night on warm evenings and it is not unusual to see the surface of the river covered

by innumerable dimples and splashes, accompanied by the contented smacking of trout lips as they feast on the stream's bounty. From sunset until early dusk the smaller and medium sized fish are active on the surface, but once it is fully dark they are joined by the leviathans of the stream – the much sought after trophy brown trout!

Summer and low water levels work against the visiting angler. Most of the dams are almost completely dry, the river flow is confined to narrow streams and much of the water volume disappears below the stream bed or through the vigorous growths of porous tufa. Natural growths of filamentous green algae appear on a massive scale and make sport fishing, both with the nymph and the dry fly, almost impossible. Fish become choosy and the evening rise is short or nonexistent.

With the advent of late summer floods bringing back the green richness to the Krka, the fishing on the Krka significantly improves again.

During the trout season on the Krka one can practically fish at any time and at any location along the river with a good chance of success. It is of course more difficult to entice fish from the calm deep pools than from the many lively runs and rapids. In general nymph fishing is more successful during the day but the dry fly reigns supreme during the evening rise. As anywhere also on the Krka anywhere and anytime you might have a surprise waiting for you. There are no guarantees sometimes to the benefit of the angler and often to the benefit of the fish.



Radeščica



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The **Radeščica** is the right hand tributary of river Krka below Soteska. It springs out in a karstic lake below Kočevski rog, where the waters of Suha krajina region come to light in a rich source. Her not more then a few kilometers long waterway winds between meadows and fields through the green valley past the thermal springs of Dolenjske toplice. The brook is well inhabited by **brown trout** and **rainbow trout** along its entire stream, while **grayling** joins in its lower part. Occasionally a **huchen** from Krka comes to visit. As in most waters of Karst also on Radeščica fishing is at its best and most productive in spring and early summer. All that is said of Krka holds good also for Radeščica.



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- 1 Krka, photo: D. Babič
- 2 Brown trout, photo: L. Hojnik
- 3 Mayfly, photo: L. Hojnik
- 4 Slovenian sedge, photo: I. Holy
- 5 photo: S. M. Lešnik
- 6 Radeščica, photo: M. Luštek
- 7 Grayling, photo: B. Konc
- 8 The imitation of mayfly, photo: I. Holy

Fishing for Danube Salmon (huchen)

Krka



Fishing for **huchen**, the king of freshwater waters, is a true fishing delight on the Krka. According to many fishermen this tops the freshwater fishing. The Krka is rich in huchen. Huchen population in Krka is the most numerous from Dvor and Soteska, where tufa sills with rapids interlink with deep pools. Fishing for huchen is particularly charming for the numerous dams between Žužumberk and Novo mesto, where a trophy huchen can surprise any angler at any time. Fishing is at its best in autumn period, when temperatures and water level increase a little and the Krka river gets a bit muddy after heavy rainfall. But many would say that fishing for huchen is the most beautiful in true winter fairy tale when in the snow on a sunny day the Krka shines in its typically green reflection.

- 1 Huchen (Danube salmon), photo: R. Zupančič
- 2 Krka, photo: A. Peršin
- 3 Huchen (Danube salmon), photo: A. Peršin
- 4 Krka, photo: A. Peršin
- 5 photo: S. M. Lešnik
- 6 Krka, photo: M. Luštrek
- 7 Carp, photo: B. Eltrin
- 8 Krka, photo: M. Luštek
- 9 Pike, photo: M. Pergar
- 10 Fishpond Blato, photo: L. Špelič



Fishing for cyprinids

Krka

The main and lower stream of the Krka river which is managed by Novo mesto fishing Club is rich in numerous cyprinid species of the Danube river basin. **Danube roach, chub, nase, pike** and **wells** prevail. Leading cyprinid species in the Krka providing a wealth of fishing enjoyment are definitely Danube roach and nase. Local anglers on the Krka use both bread and compost as baits but water moss is also a popular bait.

Fishing for Danube roach or nase from Krka's famous dams in the heart of Novo mesto up to Otočec is simply splendid in the hot summer days. Listening to the gentle sound of water rapids is refreshing and calming while fresh bait is at hand. One only has to bow down to strip off stone a small piece of moss and wrap it around the hook. Also those loving to fish for pike will benefit here. Stock of pike in the Krka is good and fishing for pike is dynamic and full of surprises. Fishing from boat can additionally enrich the experience as the actual ride by boat along »The Green beauty« is an enjoyment by itself. It is possible to catch also wells while fishing for pike on the Krka. Wells is otherwise here usually fished for by ground baits on summer evenings.



Fishpond Blato (Ribnik Blato)

Fishpond Blato is located in idyllic surroundings of the hills of Dolenjska not far from Trebnje. The size of pond which hosts different cyprinid species is 1,2 ha. The most numerous among them are **carps**, followed by **tenches, breams** and **pike-perches**. The fishpond and its surroundings are extremely well kept which is a result of attentive care by the fishermen - members of Novo mesto fishing Club. The fishpond therefore offers not only good fishing but also beautiful nature and countryside.

Welcome to Terme Krka



The Krka River, the green beauty, one of the longest rivers in Slovenia, has been writing stories of people for hundreds of years while peacefully passing numerous villages and castles on its way from the spring to its mouth...

You can experience pleasant moments by the Krka River as Terme Krka's guest. This can be either at Otočec, where one of the most beautiful Slovene castles is located on an island in the middle of the river; or as the Krka Hotel's guest, where you are only a stone's throw away from the town's river banks; or perhaps at Terme Dolenjske Toplice or Terme Šmarješke Toplice, both situated very close, where the river boasts with its diversity of numerous fish species.

Terme Dolenjske Toplice

- a well-known Slovene natural spa resort with a rich tradition
- unique healing thermal water with the temperature of 36 °C
- a modern **Balnea Wellness Centre**: thermal pools, saunas and baths; massages
- **health and well-being programmes**
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Hotels Otočec

- accommodation: the Šport Hotel ****, the Otočec Castle Hotel *****
- the **Otočec Castle** – a romantic medieval castle from the 13th century, reorganized into a hotel
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Hotel Krka, Novo mesto

- a comfortable hotel**** located by the old town core
- a perfect starting point for excursions round the Dolenjska and Bela krajina regions
- culinary offer at Krka's Inn on Trška gora hill in the idyllic vineyard surrounding
- relaxation at Terme Dolenjske Toplice and Terme Šmarješke Toplice

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