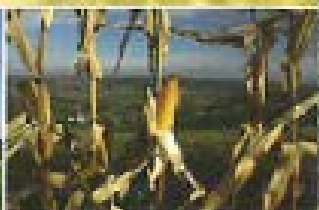
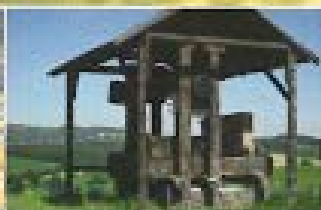
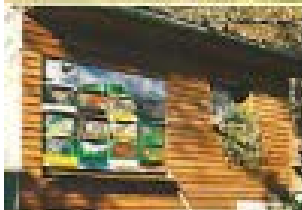


*Goričko's unspoiled
nature*

Municipality of Rogašovci





Serdica



Sofina



Ocinje



Fikšinci



Rogašovci



Nuskova



Dual roof of Prekmurje – Serdiški and Sotinski hills

Did you ever feel the desire to walk through hills across the wet meadows of your youth, to catch butterflies flying over the golden waves of wheat, to hear the autumn concert of wind flappers clapping in the distance? Then it is high time you visited the Municipality of Rogašovci. The municipality with its 11 spread-out villages and 3550 inhabitants lies in the north-eastern portion of Prekmurje. The idyllic nature of the Goričko Regional Park will transport you to another time, to a place where in many ways time has stopped



The hilly world of Goričko reaches its highest peak on the Sotinski hill (418 m) which the locals also call Kugel. A 10 m high watchtower is located at the top, and the meteorological station of the Goričko Regional Park next door. On the other side of the Ledava River lies the Serdiški hill (416m) on which the wooden cabin of the Rogašovci Tourist Society is located. Various activities are carried out on the hill in connection to tourism, sports, fire fighting and quite a bit more throughout the year. Both peaks offer beautiful views of the Ledavska Valley and the broad and distant landscape in all directions.

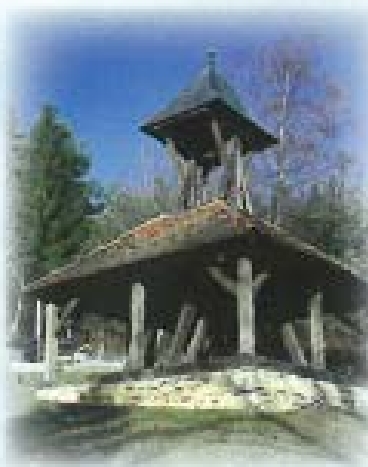


View of the Ledavska Valley from the Serdiški hill

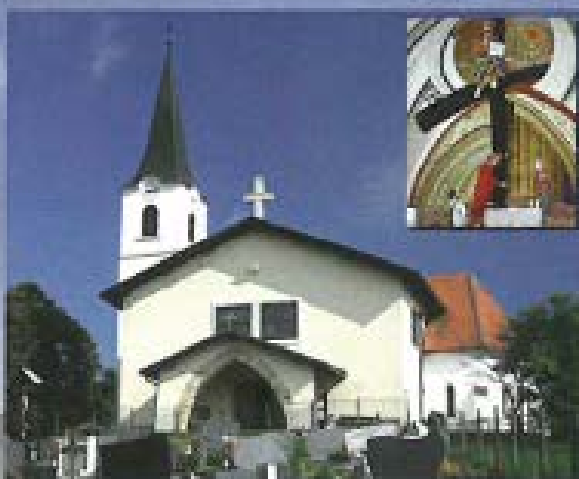
CULTURAL-HISTORICAL MONUMENTS



There are quite a number of sights to visit in the municipality, with the majority of visitors stopping at the *Parish Church of St. George* in Sv. Jurij. The gothic church has stood since the end of the 14th century. An addition and Baroque arches were added to the church in the 17th century. Although the church was changed into the neoromantic style during 1925–1927 the bellry and presbytery with the baptism stone was preserved. The church which is visible for kilometres is known for its ceiling frescoes and the *mosaic of St. George battling the dragon* above the entrance which was created by the mosaic artist Štefan Hauko of Prekmurje in 1990.



The wooden bellry in the cemetery of the Ocinja village was built around 1750 and is one of the most beautiful ethnological monuments of its kind in this part of Slovenia. It was renovated in 2001 using old materials that had been preserved.



The *Parish Church of St. Helene* in Pertotča is considerably smaller and is located on the foundation of a church built 300 years ago. The most recent expansion was carried out in 1963. One can admire the coloured windows and unique ceramic passion of the Swiss artist Wolfgang Kogler. A special acquisition is the new mosaics altar of Father Marko Rupnik. The artist is famous for numerous mosaic depictions of bible scenes and particularly the mosaic design of the private chapel of Pope John Paul II in the Vatican which received the Prešeren Award.

The majority of the other villages have chapels. The Church of the Virgin of the Snows from 1850 is located in Fikšinci, and until 1945 was the parish church for four German-speaking villages. In addition to the prevailing Catholic population, a Protestant minority and adherents of the Pentecost Church also live in the municipality. The latter worship at their church in Nusškova. The Maranata Mixed Choir originates from these religious groups.



Pentecost Church in Nusškova

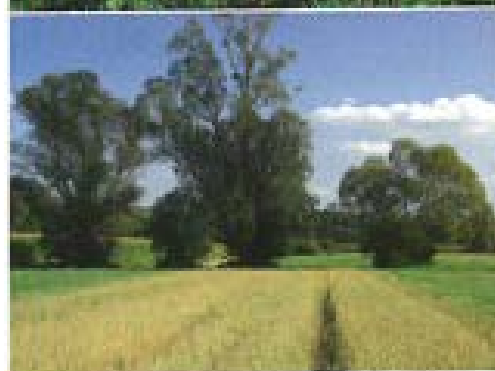
Periš's Cross or the Turkish Monument in Večeslavci is the oldest monument in the municipality. It was supposedly built following the battle with the Turks at Monošter in Parobje in 1664. According to legend the Turkish soldiers who had died during the battle are buried here. The monument was renovated in 1999.



NATURAL SIGHTS

The municipality is known for its thermal mineral waters or mineral springs of which only two remain active. The spring in Nuskova attracts tourists and in addition to refreshment in the water, tourists can also rest in the shade of the centuries-old weeping willows or relax in the hay-covered arbour.

It is well known that the landowner and owner of the Petanjska spring Jože Vogler had first bottled the mineral water in 1905, selling it in Jennersdorf, Monaster and Sombotel. According to some sources he even brought the water all the way to Vienna.



Willow trees which characterize the countryside preside among the occasionally wet grass surfaces alongside the Ledava River. During the summer storks can be seen strolling among the willows and throughout the year, hikers following the marked hiking trail panned after them.

The Ledava River as the central water artery of the municipality originates in Austria and pushes its way into Slovenia through the gorge between the Serdiški and Satinski hills. Cultivated fields and meadows lie alongside its route towards the Ledavska Lake.

In Rogasovci, not far from the Ledava River, one can find fossil remains of sea snail hulls and shells in the sandy lime. These are the remnants of the Pannonian Sea which disappeared 4.7 million years ago. It is truly a shame we weren't born earlier.



TECHNICAL MONUMENTS

In the past many more mills and sawmills existed along the Ledava River. Only three mills remain: the Obal Mill in Pertočica, the Fartek Mill in Serdica and the Dajč Mill in Sotina. The first two are no longer in operation while the Obal Mill and its adjacent sawmill has been named a technical monument. Two old firehouses though have been preserved. One is in Večeslavci, the other in Sotina. The Sotina firehouse was constructed in 1933 and a museum displaying old fire fighting tools will be housed there.



Firehouse, Večeslavci

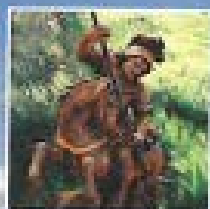


Old firehouse, Sotina



Obal Mill, Pertočica

EVENTS IN THE MUNICIPALITY



Quite a number of events are staged in the municipality during the year. The patron saint of the parish and at the same time municipality is St. George who is celebrated on 24 April, the municipality's holiday and St. George's Feast Day. A performance depicting St. George, the dragon and knights is held at that time. Other events include hiking trips and in between, a picnic or so, erection of the advent tree and New Year's celebration on the Serdiški hill. The Rogošovci Marathon should be mentioned which is a stage of the Pomurjski Cross-Country Trophy. In addition to the people from Pomurje, it also draws runners from other parts of Slovenia and Croatia. A local speciality is the Subgare Cross-Country Run, in which teams compete against each other using props made of wooden *subgor* (wheelbarrows) and *plužnih kolic* (wooden two-wheeled wagons).

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St. George's Feast Day

Rogošovci Marathon

Subgare Cross-Country Run



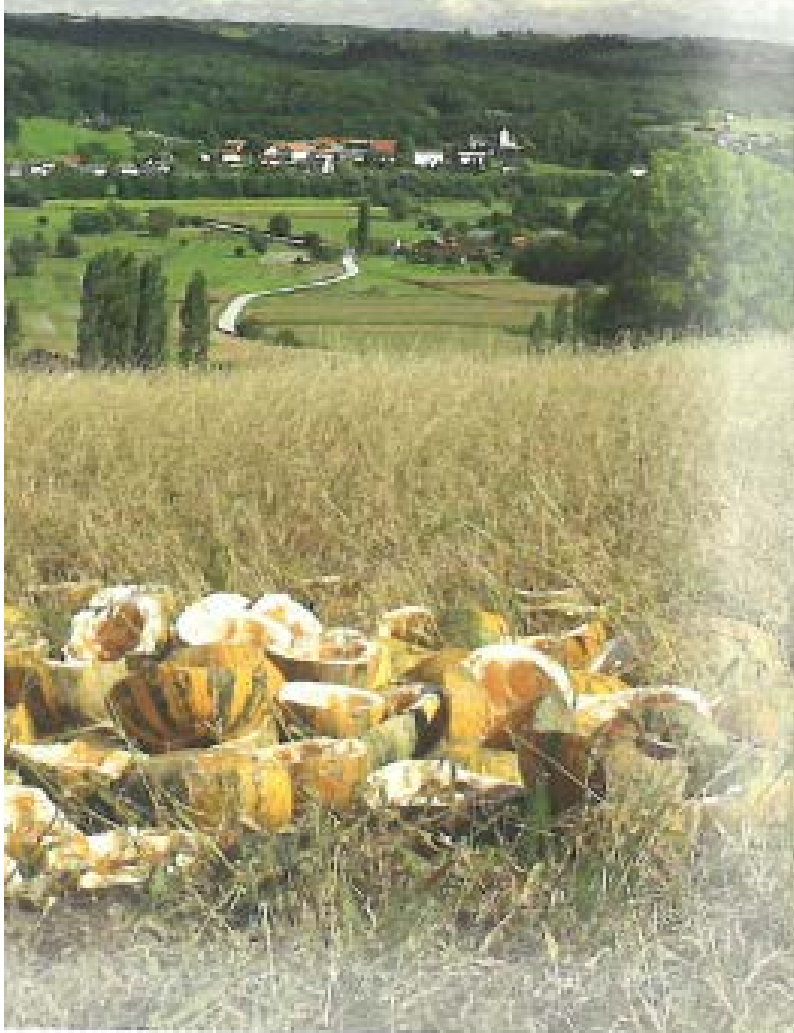
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This was only a small taste of the sights in Rogoševci. You are invited to visit us on a bicycle, on foot or in any other manner. The unspoiled nature with its scenic hills and enthralling world of variegated fields, old orchards and aromatic grass will certainly enchant you. The delicacies from our kitchens, pantries and cellars will convince you to return. See you soon!

