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**BLIDINJE  
BIKE  
FESTIVAL**  
XCM HERZEGOVINA



**Continental** 

**BALKAN**

**CHAMPIONSHIP**

**UCI C1 XCM HERZEGOVINA**

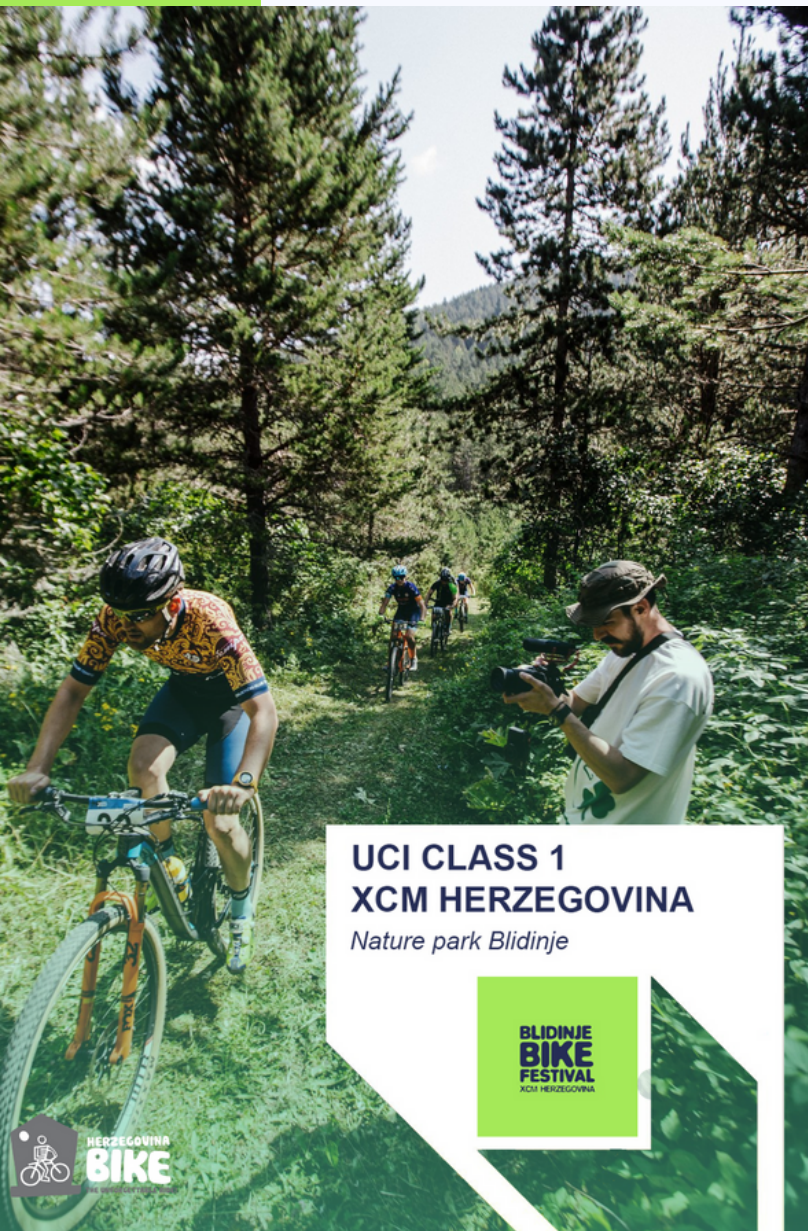
JULY 12-14, 2024 |  
BLIDINJE NATURE PARK;  
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Organizer:  
**HerzegovinaBike**

Location:  
**Nature park Blidinje**



# ABOUT: HERZEGOVINABIKE



**UCI CLASS 1  
XCM HERZEGOVINA**

*Nature park Blidinje*

**BLIDINJE  
BIKE  
FESTIVAL**  
XCM HERZEGOVINA

Association "Herzegovina Bike" was founded on February 8, 2013, as a response to the need for a comprehensive promotion of cycling in Herzegovina. The aim is to bring together all relevant cycling enthusiasts and cycling clubs, with the goal of collectively branding Herzegovina as a desirable region for cycling. Ultimately, this effort contributes to the popularization and mass adoption of cycling, while also creating the conditions for the development of cycle tourism. In recent years, cycle tourism has been on the rise in Europe and worldwide, becoming an increasingly important tourist industry.



# PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Blidinje Bike Festival is a unique cycling experience that takes place over a weekend in July in the Blidinje Nature Park. In the year 2024, we will witness the 6th edition of this festival, and the organizers have elevated the event to new heights! Therefore, it's not surprising that the interest in participation is the highest to date.

In 2024, the Blidinje Bike Festival is included in the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) calendar and achieves the status of a UCI Class 1 event. Additionally, within the Blidinje Bike Festival in 2024, the Balkan Championship will be held, where athletes from 12 Balkan Federation countries will compete for the title of Balkan Champion.

## THE VENUE

The Blidinje Nature Park is one of the most beautiful natural areas in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and this stunning gem of Herzegovina should be on your travel list. Covering around 360 km<sup>2</sup>, this incredibly rich and biologically diverse park is situated in the heart of the Dinaric Alps in the northern part of Herzegovina. Almost half of the park is covered by forests, and due to its rich biodiversity, the entire area was recognized and protected as a Nature Park in 1995.



# 1. ORGANISATION



## 1.1. LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (LOC)

- **Toni Zorić**; Director of the event Blidinje BIKE Festival"; mob: +387 63 400 260; mail: [toni@herzegovinabike.ba](mailto:toni@herzegovinabike.ba)
- **Josip Barišić**; Director of the race "XCM Herzegovina"; mob: +387 63 005 555; mail: [yopajb@gmail.com](mailto:yopajb@gmail.com)
- **Nikola Petrić**; LOC Event Manager; mob: +387 63 218 168; mail: [xcmherzegovina@gmail.com](mailto:xcmherzegovina@gmail.com)
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- **Josip Kvesić**; Safety and Logistics; mob: +387 481 706; mail: [xcmherzegovina@gmail.com](mailto:xcmherzegovina@gmail.com)
- **Ivan Širić**; Commessaire organization; mob: +387 64 439 3248; mail: [xcmherzegovina@gmail.com](mailto:xcmherzegovina@gmail.com)

Event website: [www.bbf.ba](http://www.bbf.ba)



## 1.2. CYCLING FEDERATION BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

- **Toni Zorić**; President of Cycling Federation Bosnia and Herzegovina; mob: +387 63 400 260; mail: [president@bisabih.ba](mailto:president@bisabih.ba)
- **Amar Njemčević**; Director of MTB Representation; mob: + 387 61 808 021; mail: [office@bisabih.ba](mailto:office@bisabih.ba)
- **Adnan Mekić**; Selector of National Representation; mob: +387 61 137 581; mail: [selektor@bisabih.ba](mailto:selektor@bisabih.ba)

Web: [www.bisabih.ba](http://www.bisabih.ba)

## 1.3. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSAIRES PANEL

- President of the Commissaires Panel: Marin Goleš
- Elite National Commissaire: Toni Zorić
- National Commissaire: Mirnas Mujezinović
- Commissaire: Biljana Krtalić
- Arrivals Judge: Ivan Širić
- Moto Commissaire 1: Ivo Čerkez
- Moto Commissaire 2: Josip Ramljak
  
- Timing/Results: Grafo Balkan Timing
- Announcers: Boris Čerkuč

Web: [www.uci.org](http://www.uci.org)



## 2. GENERAL INFORMATION

**EVENT:** UCI CLASS 1 XCM HERZEGOVINA - XCM BALKAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024.

**ORGANIZER:** Association HerzegovinaBike and Cycling Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

**LOCATION:** Blidinje Nature Park, Herzegovina-Neretva County: Bosnia and Herzegovina

**DATE:** July 12-14, 2024

### **CONTACT:**

- Josip Barišić; Director of the Balkan Championship "XCM Herzegovina" mob: +387 63 005 555; mail: [yopajb@gmail.com](mailto:yopajb@gmail.com)
- Goran Rozić; Registrations and applications; mob: +387 63 461 026; mail: [xcmherzegovina@gmail.com](mailto:xcmherzegovina@gmail.com)
- Toni Zoric; Event Coordinator; mob: +387 63 400 260; mail: [toni@herzegovinabike.ba](mailto:toni@herzegovinabike.ba)

### **RECEPTION CENTER – RACE OFFICE:**

**Visitor Center of Blidinje Nature Park** (open from Friday; July 12. 2024 at 12AM till 7PM and Saturday; July 13. 2024 from 10 till 7PM)

Masna Luka, b.b, Rakitno 88245

Phone: +387 63 428 308

**Location:** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Dp6Yx9Wx5uTgwPEx5>

**Blidinje Ski Resort** (open on the day of the race on Sunday; July 14. 2024 from 8AM to 10AM)

Risovac b.b, Rakitno 88245

Phone: +387 39 718 514

**Location:** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/DV9z4tdjSfBxM9Rp8>

## 2.1. TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Travel and accommodation expenses to and from Blidinje Nature Park must be covered by the National Federations or event participants in case they come individually.

Nearest airports are: Sarajevo Airport (distance 110 km)  
Dubrovnik Airport (distance 210 km)

All participants must hold a valid passport or identity card.

## 2.2. VISAS

Visa obligations must be respected.

Each Federation is responsible for obtaining documents for their delegation appropriate entries.

For all invitation letter requests please contact the Cycling federation Bosnia and Herzegovina: [office@bisabih.ba](mailto:office@bisabih.ba)

All riders and team stuff must hold UCI license

## 2.3. OFFICIAL ADDRESS OF THE COMPETITION VENUE

Blidinje Nature Park; Masna Luka, b.b, Rakitno 88245  
Bosnia and Herzegovina

## 2.4. TEAMS AREA RESERVATION ON START/FINISH ZONE

In order to reserve a place for the team tent at the start/finish area, please contact us by email:

[xcmherzegovina@gmail.com](mailto:xcmherzegovina@gmail.com)

**Please note:** The organizer does not provide the tents, only the place/location where you can pitch your tent.

## 2.5. OFFICIAL ACCOMMODATION/TRANSFER CONTACTS

All accommodation/transfers details, including hotels list and rooms/meals prices can be found by contacting:

### **Fortuna Tours Mostar,**

Rade Bitange 34

88000 Mostar

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Phone: +387 36 552 197; +387 36 551 888

Mail: [headoffice@fortuna.ba](mailto:headoffice@fortuna.ba)

Web: [www.fortuna.ba](http://www.fortuna.ba)



## 2.6. ACCOMMODATION FOR BALKAN NATIONAL REPRESENTATIONS

To reserve accommodation for the National Teams of the Balkan countries, please contact us by email:

[xcmherzegovina@gmail.com](mailto:xcmherzegovina@gmail.com)

**PLEASE NOTE:** The organizer provided accommodation for the teams of the Balkan Cycling Union in early registration until June 15. 2024.

Keep in mind that accommodation facilities in the Blidinje Nature Park are limited, and the organizer has provided accommodation for 70 participants of the Balkan National Team, therefore, please hurry up and secure a place for your national team. After the expiration of the early registration deadline of June 15. 2024. BCU teams are obliged to provide their own accommodation for their members.



## 2.6. MEDICAL – EMERGENCY – LOCAL AUTHORITIES

A team of doctors and paramedics will be present onsite throughout competitions. The medical team will be based on the track during competition day.

### Nearest Hospitals

JZU Dom zdravlja Jablanica

Sulje Čilića 15, Jablanica 88420

Phone: 036/752-664

Mail: [info@dzjablanica.ba](mailto:info@dzjablanica.ba)

Web: <https://www.dzjablanica.ba/ba/index.php>

### Emergency ambulance

Phone:124

### Police

Phone: 122

## 2.7. RIDERS SAFETY ON THE ROADS

- The track will be fully marked for training sessions on Saturday 13.7. in 2024;
- Please note that in some sections the track crosses asphalt roads that are over the main road, so we recommend high caution on those sections;
- Riders on Saturday are training at their own risk;
- On Sunday, during the race on the track, there will be stewards directing you on the course and ensuring your safety, along with police patrols on the main roads of the Blidinje Nature Park.
- Please make sure you have your ID with you and light when you are outside the venue, on public road.

## 3. TEAM SERVICES

### 3.1. ACCREDITATION

#### Riders/Officials Accreditation

Accreditations will be available from Friday, 12th July, at the race office in accordance with the schedules below:

#### Visitor Center of Blidinje Nature Park

Friday, July 12; from 12.00h till 19.00h

Saturday, July 13; from 10.00h till 19.00h

#### Blidinje Ski Resort (on the day of the race)

Sunday, July 14; from 08.00h till 10.00h

Please ensure that you collect your accreditation before arriving at the venue, as it will be required for access to all parts of the venue. Accreditations must be worn and visible whenever you pass through accreditation controls.

#### **Race Office opening hours**

Friday, July 12. 12:00h – 19:00h

Saturday, July 13. 10:00h – 19:00h

Location: Visitor Center of Blidinje Nature Park

Link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Dp6Yx9Wx5uTgwPEx5>

Sunday, July 14. 08:00 - 10:00h

Location: Blidinje Ski Resort (on the day of the race)

Link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/DV9z4tdjSfBxM9Rp8>



## 4. OFFICIAL MEETINGS

### 4.1. COMMISSAIRES PANEL MEETING

Date: Saturday 13th July Time: 16:00h

Location: Commissaires meeting room, Visitor Center of Blidinje Nature Park

### 4.2. RIDERS BRIEFING

Date: Saturday 13th July Time: 18:00h

Location: Visitor Center of Blidinje Nature Park

#### Attendance is required by:

- Balkan Cycling Union & Cycling Federation BiH Presidents
- UCI and National Commissaires
- The National Team Coaches
- Team Managers
- Event Director
- Event Technical & Safety Delegate

## 5. MEDIA

### 5.1. MEDIA CENTRE

The Media Centre is located at Visitor Center of Blidinje Nature Park. Electricity supply and WiFi signal are provided for the media. In order to access the Media Centre an accreditation is necessary. To apply for media accreditation, please contact us at:

[xcmherzegovina@gmail.com](mailto:xcmherzegovina@gmail.com)

Media and photographers accreditation's can be collected during the opening hours of the race office.

Please ensure that you collect your accreditation as soon as you arrive as it will be required for access to all parts of the venue. Accreditations must be worn and visible whenever you pass through accreditation controls.

# 6. PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME



## 6.1. COMPETITION SCHEDULE \*

**Friday; July 12.**

Race office open from 12.00h - collect accreditations and race bibs numbers

**Saturday, July 13.**

Race office open from 10:00h till 19.00h - collect accreditations and race bibs

Followed by - Training on track all day

**Sunday, July 14.**

Race office open from 08.00 - 10.00h

10.00h - Start race UCI C1 XCM Herzegovina & Balkan Championship

*\* subject to changes*

SCHEDULE EVENTS / RASPORED DOGAĐAJA							
Time	THURSDAY 09TH JULY	WEDNESDAY 10TH JULY	THURSDAY 11TH JULY	FRIDAY 12TH JULY	SATURDAY 13TH JULY	SUNDAY 14TH JULY	Time
8.00 AM							8.00 AM
8.30 AM						RACE OFFICE	8.30 AM
9.00 AM							9.00 AM
9.30 AM							9.30 AM
10.00 AM					RECREATIONAL EVENT Stazom Aldika	RIDERS ON START POSITION	10.00 AM
10.30 AM							10.30 AM
11.00 AM					TRAINING XCM HERZEGOVINA TRACK OPEN	RACE UCI C1 XCM HERZEGOVINA BALKAN CHAMPIONSHIP	11.00 AM
11.30 AM							11.30 AM
12.00 PM							12.00 PM
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1.30 PM							1.30 PM
2.00 PM							2.00 PM
2.30 PM	VISITOR OFFICE	VISITOR OFFICE	VISITOR OFFICE	RACE OFFICE	RACE OFFICE	AWARDS CEREMONY BLIDINJE SKY CENTER	2.30 PM
3.00 PM	TRAINING RECREATIONAL RIDE FORTUNA TOURS TOURIST ARRANGEMENT	TRAINING RECREATIONAL RIDE FORTUNA TOURS TOURIST ARRANGEMENT	TRAINING RECREATIONAL RIDE FORTUNA TOURS TOURIST ARRANGEMENT	TRAINING RECREATIONAL RIDE FORTUNA TOURS TOURIST ARRANGEMENT	LUNCH		3.00 PM
3.30 PM							3.30 PM
4.00 PM							4.00 PM
4.30 PM					COMMISSIONAIRE VISITOR CENTER BLIDINJE		4.30 PM
5.00 PM					NATIONAL TEAMS BALKAN CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTATION		5.00 PM
5.30 PM							5.30 PM
6.00 PM					XCM HERZEGOVINA COLLECT NUMBER FINISH		6.00 PM
6.30 PM							6.30 PM
7.00 PM							7.00 PM
7.30 PM						BRIEFING VISITOR CENTER BLIDINJE	7.30 PM
8.00 PM							8.00 PM
8.30 PM					GALA DINNER		8.30 PM
9.00 PM						PASTA PARTY	9.00 PM
9.30 PM							9.30 PM
10.00 PM							10.00 PM

RESULTS//REZULTATI: [www.bbf.ba](http://www.bbf.ba)

EMERGENCY CALL // NUMERO D'URGENCE +387 63 005 555

# 7. EVENT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS



## 7.1. GENERAL RULES

- The “Balkan Championship“ and “UCI Class 1 XCM Herzegovina“ race is organised by the Association Herzegovina Bike and Cycling federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- The event will be organised in accordance with rules of the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) and these rules will be the reference for everything that is not mentioned in the current document.
- The “Balkan Championship“ and “UCI Class 1 XCM Herzegovina“ race consist MTB marathon race, scheduled on July 14. 2024.
- The “Balkan Championship“ and “UCI Class 1 XCM Herzegovina“ race is open to individual riders and National teams, license holders of their National Federation.
- The Balkan championship is open and individual riders can apply.
- The “XCM Herzegovina” race is open to individual riders with or without license.
- The individual riders without a UCI license will be part of the Amateur category.

## Rewards

- Medals for the first 3 men and medals for the first 3 women will be awarded.
- The prize fund for the “UCI Class 1 XCM Herzegovina“ race is awarded according to the UCI regulations (*applicable only to riders who have registered for the UCI race in Men Elite and Women Elite category*).
- For the other categories that compete in the "XCM Herzegovina" race (*small track*), merchandise prizes are guaranteed.



## 7.2. TYPE OF THE EVENT

The “UCI Class 1 XCM Herzegovina” (*large track 83,69 km*) is open to riders from the categories:

- Women Elite
- Men Elite

The “Balkan Championship” (*large track 83,69 km*) is open to riders from the categories:

- Women Elite
- Men Elite
- Women Master
- Men Master

The “XCM Herzegovina” (*small track 52,10 km*) is open to riders from the categories:

- Women Cadets
- Men Cadets
- Women Junior
- Men Junior
- Women Master (*unified category*)
- Men Master B
- Men Master C
- Men Master D
- Women Amateur (*unified category*)
- Men Amateur B
- Men Amateur C

### 7.3. PARTICIPATION



The online registration opens on January 05. 2024

Registration will be done via the following link:

[Blidinje BIKE Festival - Registration link](#)

#### Registrations:

- Early bird registrations: from January 05. till March 31. - 20,00 €
- Regular entries: from April 01. till June 30. - 30,00 €
- Late entries: July 01. till July 08. - 40,00 €
- Last week enteries: July 08. till July 13. - 50,00 €

**Please note:** National teams of all countries that are members of the Balkan Union and have been registered with the organizer by their National Federation are exempt from paying the registration fee.

In the event of any disqualification or withdrawal from the competition, the entry fee is not refundable, either in whole or in part.

#### Za plaćanja u Bosni i Herzegovini:

Udruga HerzegovinaBike; Milana Šuflaja 58; Mostar

Broj računa: 3381302232463058

Naznaka: Kotizacija za XCM Herzegovina

#### For payments outside of Bosnia and Herzegovina:

Card payment is possible for participants outside of Bosnia and Herzegovina through the Monry service. For this type of payment, contact us by email:

[xcmherzegovina@gmail.com](mailto:xcmherzegovina@gmail.com)

**Note:** All riders who are not from Bosnia and Herzegovina, i.e., foreign riders facing issues with paying the registration fee or experiencing high banking charges when paying the fee from their country, are kindly requested to contact the organizer for special payment arrangements at: [xcmherzegovina@gmail.com](mailto:xcmherzegovina@gmail.com)





The license check and distribution of the bib number will take place in Visitor Centre Nature park Blidinje. Onsite registration is available.

### The starter pack includes:

- The right to participate in the Blidinje BIKE Festival event and participate in races
- Visualized Blidinje BIKE Festival T-shirt
- Visualized Blidinje BIKE Festival water bottle
- Starting number for the XCM Herzegovina race
- Timing chip
- Sponsor gifts
- Lunch on Saturday and Sunday
- Finisher medal
- Stewardship services at the race and rich feed zones
- Washing the bike after the race
- Access to the Bike Service Center
- Medical assistance
- Medals, trophies and prize money for UCI racing under Class 1 rules
- Entrance to the Pasta party on Saturday; July 13. 2024.

*From June, 20. 2024. there is no shirt in the starter pack\**

In the event of any disqualification or withdrawal from the competition, the entry fee is not refundable, either in whole or in part.

Start confirmation and collection of start numbers is at RACE OFFICE.

Address: Visitor Center Blidinje Nature park

Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/QxGZ8Y9sNr83hJx86>

- Friday; July, 12. 2024. from 12.00h till 19.00h
- Saturday; July, 13. 2024. from 10.00h till 19.00h







The planned arrival of the National representations participating in the XCM Balkan Championships 2024 is on Friday; July 12. 2024.

On Saturday, July 13, 2024, the XCM Training track is open until 3 p.m.

***The presentation of the National Teams participating in the XCM Balkan Championship 2024 is scheduled for Saturday July 13. 2024 from 17:00 at the SKI Center Blidinje (start/finish zone).***

The organizer provided lunch for all participants of the "XCM Balkan Championship" and "UCI Class 1 XCM Herzegovina" on Saturday July 13., approx. 2:00 p.m. (after recreational cycling event) and Sunday; July 14. after the race.

### **Riders Briefing**

The riders or riders' attendants briefing in the presence of Members of the Commissaires' Panel, is scheduled on Saturday, July 13. at 18:00h In Visitor Centre Blidinje Nature park.

Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/QxGZ8Y9sNr83hJx86>



# 8. UCI POINTS LIST



No.	Points Elite Men	Points Elite Women
1.	60	60
2.	40	40
3.	30	30
4.	25	25
5.	20	20
6.	18	18
7.	16	16
8.	14	14
9.	12	12
10.	10	10
11.	8	8
12.	6	6
13.	4	4
14.	2	2
15.	1	1
16.	X	X



# 9. AWARD CEREMONIES AND PRIZE MONEY LIST

The first 3 riders of the Final Classification of each category will present themselves for the official ceremony.

## **UCI Class 1 XCM Herzegovina**

Categories Woman Elite and Men Elite Champion jersey & medals and prize money.

## **XCM Balkan Championship**

Categories Woman Elite, Men Elite, Women Master and Men Master Champion jersey & medals.

## **XCM Herzegovina**

Cadets, Junior, Master B, Master C, Amater in Women and Men Categories medals.

### **PRIZE MONEY**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Elite Men</b>	<b>Women Elite</b>
1.	120	120
2.	100	100
3.	80	80
4.	60	60
5.	50	50
6.	40	40
7.	30	30
8.	25	25
9.	20	20
10.	10	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>535</b>

## 11. ANTIDOPING CONTROLS

The antidoping regulations of the Agency for Anti-Doping Control of Bosnia and Herzegovina are entirely applicable to the event. The antidoping tests will take place at the antidoping station located in: Blidinje SKI Center.

More info: <https://www.ada.gov.ba/index.php/bs/>

## 12. PENALTIES

The UCI penalty scale is the only one applicable.

## 13. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Organiser, Cycling federation Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Balkan Cycling Union cannot, in any case, be held responsible in the event of accidents or material damage which may occur during official training and / or competitions.

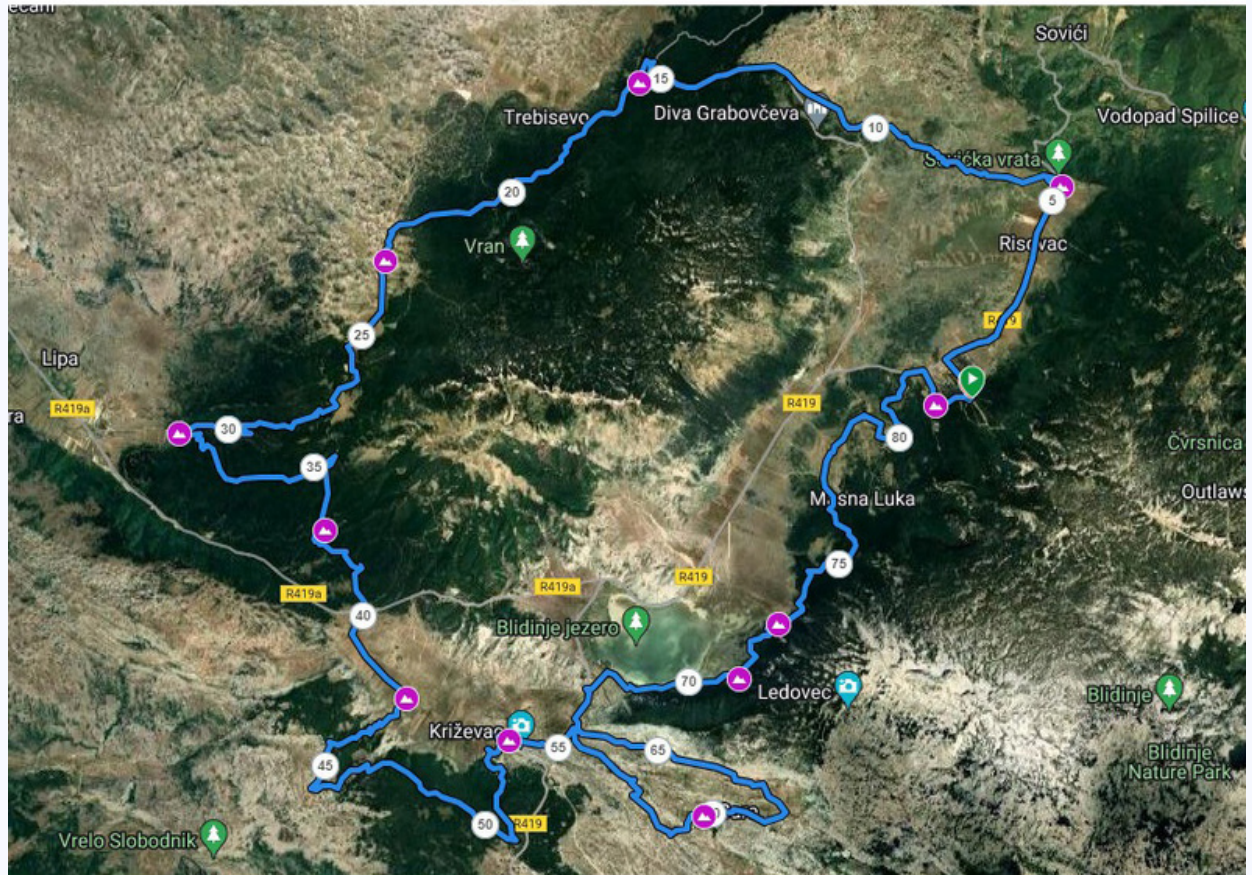
The Organiser, Cycling federation Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Balkan Cycling Union decline any responsibility towards the riders, accompanying persons and thirdparties in the event of an accident.

**In all cases not provided for in the specific regulations, the UCI regulations will be applicable.**

# UCI C1 XCM HERZEGOVINA MAP AND PROFILE

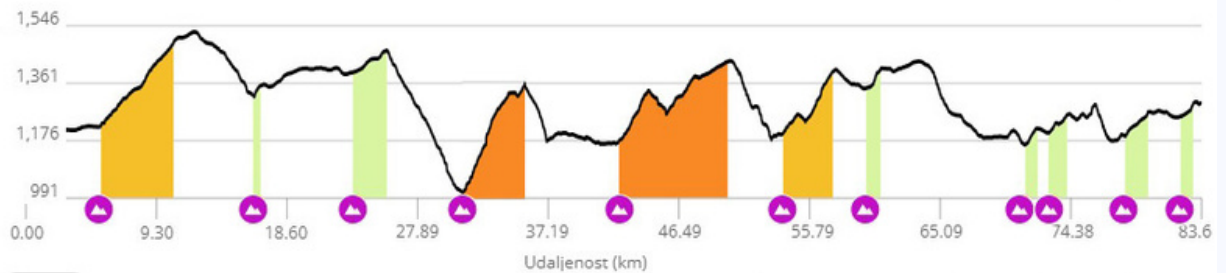
Route plan UCI C1 XCM Herzegovina 2024.

XCM Herzegovina 2024. Veliki maraton



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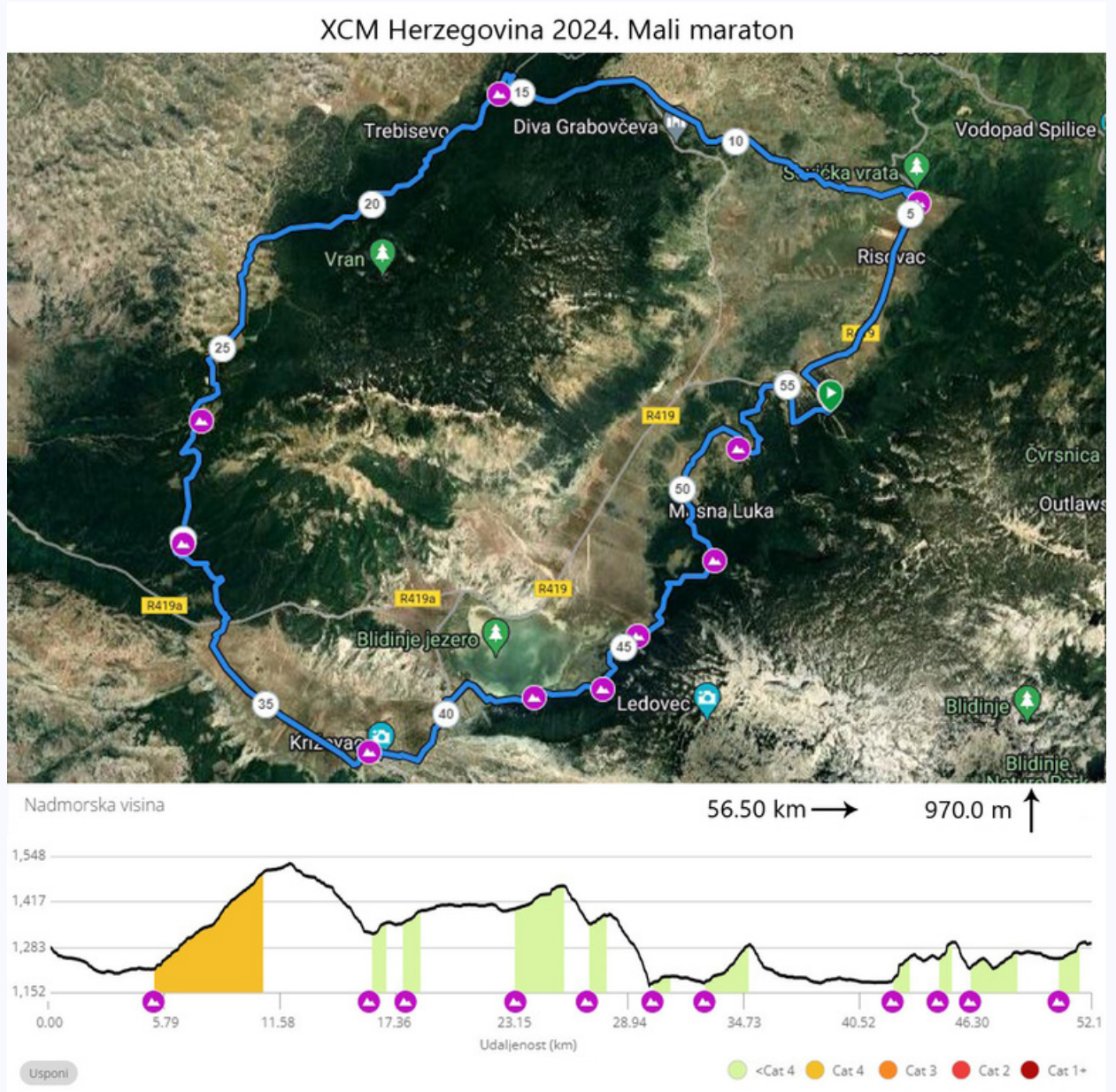


Distance: 83,78 km; Total Ascent: 1.861 m

Link: <https://connect.garmin.com/modern/course/250898197>

# XCM HERZEGOVINA MAP AND PROFILE

Route plan XCM Herzegovina (small route)



Distance: 56,55 km; Total Ascent: 925 m

Link: <https://connect.garmin.com/modern/course/250897893>