

Planinske koč, poti in varstvo gorske narave

Mountain huts, trails, and the protection of mountain nature



The Alpine Association of Slovenia (Planinska zveza Slovenije) leads, coordinates, and promotes the management and maintenance of mountain huts and trails, works to protect the nature and healthy human environment, and has since 2007 been officially recognized as an institute acting in the public interest in the field of nature conservation.

The Commission for Mountain Huts addresses issues relating to the management of mountain buildings and structures. The Commission harmonizes the standards for the construction, renovation, maintenance, and marking of mountain buildings, informs mountain hut managers, and coordinates training for mountain hut keepers. It has three sub-commissions, specializing in mountain hut management, mountain hut ecology, and asset management. Alpine clubs, members of the Alpine Association of Slovenia, manage 174 alpine lodges, mountain huts, refuges, and bivouacs, offering a total of approximately 6,000 beds. The alpine lodges and mountain huts are visited by about 1.4 million people every year.

The Commission for Mountain Trails maintains mountain trails in accordance with the general principles governing nature protection and in compliance with the existing legislation. It also keeps a register of mountain trails and works with alpine clubs on the upkeep of high-altitude trails. The 9,000-plus kilometre network of 1,664 paths and trails is entrusted to specially trained trail markers. Alpine clubs also maintain 69 long distance trails (transversal routes). The activities of the Commission are governed by the Mountain Paths Act, adopted in 2007.

The Commission for the Protection of Mountain Nature is dedicated to protecting the mountain nature. Mountain nature protectionists, trained by the Commission, play a growing role in protecting the natural environment of the mountains, which has become more easily accessible than ever before and thus has to face certain adverse effects. Another task of the Commission is to raise the awareness and enhance the knowledge about the nature in all mountain goers, in particular the young. Mountain nature protectionists are actively involved in the activities of alpine clubs, assisting them in the ecological rehabilitation of mountain huts, upkeep and marking of mountain paths, and organization of various mountaineering activities.



PZS usmerja, usklajuje in pospešuje upravljanje in vzdrževanje planinskih koč in poti, skrbi za varstvo gorske narave in zdravega človekovega okolja in je leta 2007 pridobila status društva, ki deluje v javnem interesu na področju ohranjanja narave.

Gospodarska komisija obravnava vprašanja s področja gospodarjenja in upravljanja planinskih objektov. Usklajuje normative za gradnjo, predelavo, obnovo, vzdrževanje in označevanje planinskih zgradb, obvešča upravljavce planinskih koč in koordinira izobraževanje osebja, ki dela v planinskih kočah. Ima 3 podkomisije: za upravljanje planinskih koč, za ekologijo planinskih koč in za upravljanje premoženja. Planinska društva, članice PZS, upravljajo 174 planinskih kočami, zavetišči in bivaki z okoli 6.000 ležišči. Koče letno obiše okoli 1,4 milijona obiskovalcev.

Komisija za planinske poti skrbi za vzdrževanje planinskih poti v skladu s splošnimi načeli varstva narave in v okviru okoljske zakonodaje, za kataster planinskih poti in sodeluje s planinskimi društvi pri obnovi visokogorskih planinskih poti. Za mrežo 1.664 planinskih poti v skupni dolžini preko 9000 km po vsej Sloveniji skrbijo za to usposobljeni markacisti. Planinska društva vzdržujejo tudi 69 transverzalnih poti – obhodnic. V letu 2007 je bil sprejet Zakon o planinskih poteh.

Komisija za varstvo gorske narave pokriva področje varovanja gorske narave. Varuhi gorske narave, strokovni sodelavci, ki jih usposablja komisija, imajo vse večji pomen pri varovanju gorskega okolja, ki je danes dostopno bolj kot kdajkoli prej, to pa prinaša vanj tudi negativne posledice. Skrbijo za ozaveščanje in poglobljanje znanja o naravi, zlasti pri mladih obiskovalcih gorskega sveta. Sodelujejo tudi v planinskih društvih, in sicer ob uveljavljanju programov ekološke sanacije planinskih koč, vzdrževanju in označevanju planinskih poti ter organizaciji različnih oblik planinske dejavnosti.

