



2026 YOUTH
SKYRUNNING
WORLD CHAMPS



8-10 May, 2026
MAKARSKA, CROATIA



W H A T

The **International Skyrunning Federation** is pleased to present the **tenth edition** of the annual **Youth Skyrunning World Championships** which will take place in Makarska, Croatia

Official teams from all over the world will meet up to battle for the **titles** and the **75 medals** at stake in the **VERTICAL**, and **SKY** disciplines.



W H E N

The **2026 Youth Skyrunning World Championships** will be held at the **Absolute Biokovo Challenge**, in **Croatia** on **May 8-10, 2026**.

Friday, May 8 – VERTICAL – Absolute Biokovo Challenge
Vertical Youth: 4.5 km long with 980m vertical climb

Sunday, May 10 – SKY Youth A&B – Absolute Biokovo Challenge Youth A&B: 12.5 km long with 1,150m vertical climb

Sunday, May 10 – SKY Youth C&U23 – Absolute Biokovo Challenge Youth B & U23: 20.5 km long with 1,450m vertical climb



W H E R E

The competition takes place on Mount Biokovo, a striking mountain massif towering above Makarska on Croatia's Adriatic coast.

Known for its steep trails, rocky ridges and spectacular views, Biokovo provides a demanding and iconic skyrunning environment.

Makarska, the host city, sits directly below the mountain, linking sea level with high-altitude race courses.



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WELCOME TO MAKARSKA, HOME OF THE 2026 YOUTH SKYRUNNING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The **International Skyrunning Federation** and the **town of Makarska** welcome athletes, teams, officials and fans to the **2026 Youth Skyrunning World Championships, May 8-10, 2026.**





C O N T A C T S

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E V E N T S C H E D U L E

Thursday, May 7		
TIME	EVENT	PLACE
From 14:00	Athletes arrivat at hotel	Various hotels
18:00-19:30	Youth World Championships briefing	Race office (Hotel Biokovka)
19:30-20:00	Bib distribution for VERTICAL and SKY	Race office (Hotel Biokovka)



E V E N T S C H E D U L E

Friday, May 8		
TIME	EVENT	PLACE
9:00	VERTICAL start - U23 Men	Makar
9:05	VERTICAL start - U23 Women	Makar
9:10	VERTICAL start - YOUTH C Men	Makar
9:15	VERTICAL start - YOUTH C Women	Makar
9:20	VERTICAL start - YOUTH B Men	Makar
9:25	VERTICAL start - YOUTH B Women	Makar
9:30	VERTICAL start - YOUTH A Men	Makar
9:35	VERTICAL start - YOUTH A Women	Makar
From 10:30	Athletes return to hotel	Return to Makarska with minibuses and vans (1 hour drive)
17:00-18:00	Team presentation	Main town square in Makarska (Trg fra Andrije Kačića Miošića)
18:00	VERTICAL medal award ceremony	Main town square in Makarska



E V E N T S C H E D U L E

Saturday, May 9

TIME	EVENT	PLACE
16:00-17:00	Anti-doping panel	Apfel arena

Sunday, May 10

TIME	EVENT	PLACE
7:45	SKY start Youth C & U23	Makar
8:15	SKY start Youth A & B	Makar
9:00-9:10	Arrival of the first athletes Youth A & B	Makar
10:15	Arrival of the first athletes Youth C & U23	Makar
17:00	SKY & Combined medal award ceremonies	Main town square in Makarska
From 18:00	Pasta party and Closing ceremony	Main town square in Makarska



R A C E E N T R Y

Athletes must be entered in the races by their respective Team Managers via the ISF website [here](#). The deadline for registering is **April 10, 2026**.

ISF Licence

To be registered in an ISF Championship all athletes must possess the ISF Licence.

Age categories

The official 2025 Youth Skyrunning World Championships categories are four:

- **Youth A** (15-16 years): born from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011
- **Youth B** (17-18 years): born from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009
- **Youth C** (19-20 years): born from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2007
- **U23** (21-22-23 years): born from January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2005



ISF LICENCE

WHAT IS THE ISF LICENCE?

The ISF Licence is necessary for all National Team members to participate in ISF Championships.

WHAT THE LICENCE OFFERS

- Right to participate in all ISF Championships
- Access to the full [ISF Ranking](#)

WHAT DOES THE LICENCE COST?

The ISF Licence has an annual cost of €40 (the cost for U18 athletes is reduced to €20) and is valid for all championships.

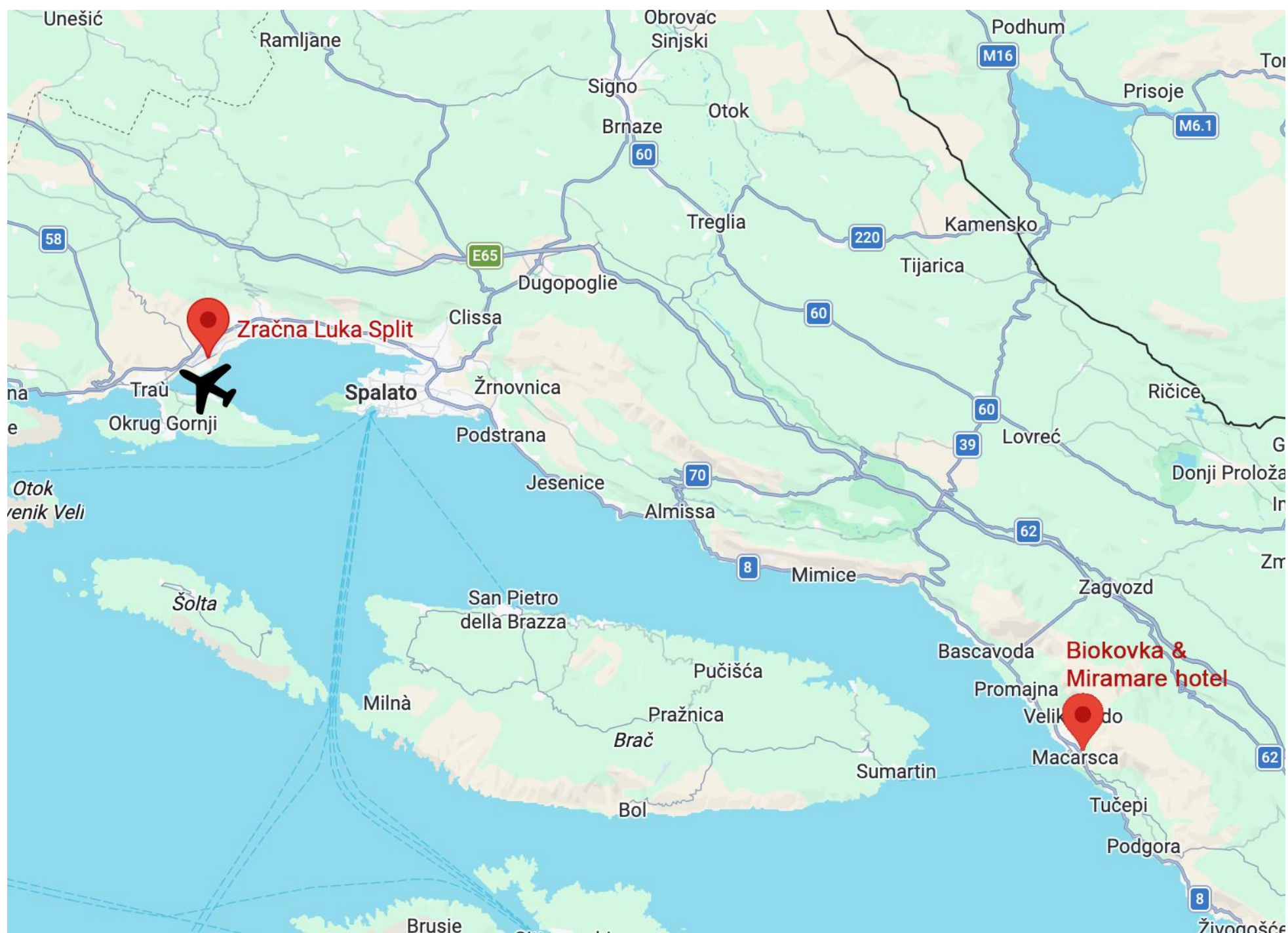




T R A V E L

The most convenient airports near Makarska are:
Split (80 km); Zadar airport (196 km); Dubrovnik (175 km)
By ferry it is possible to come from Ancona, Italy, to Split (65 km to Makarska).

Transfer from/to the airport or port must be organised individually.





RACE DETAILS





VERTICAL

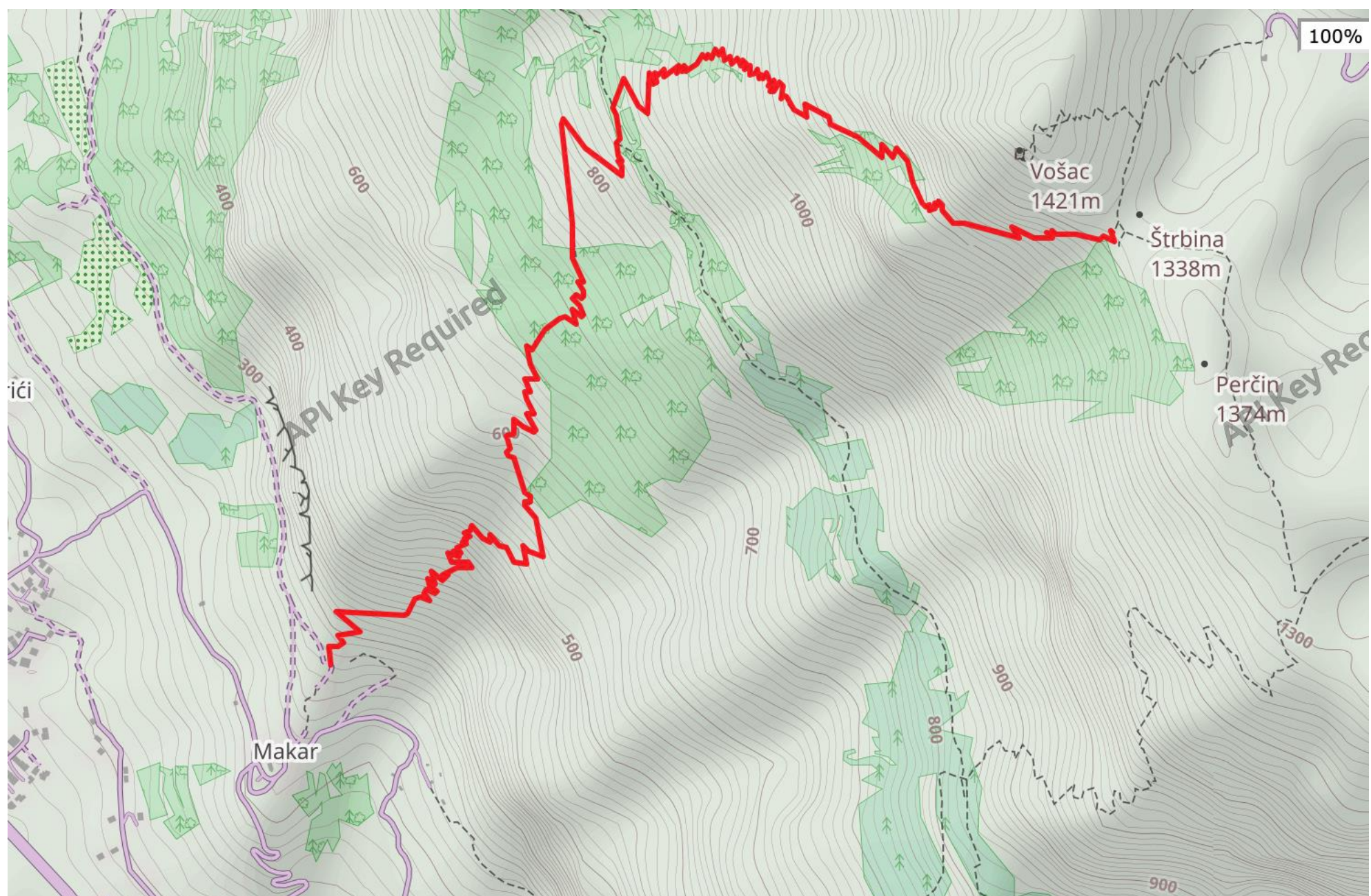
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Date: May 8

Start time: 9:00

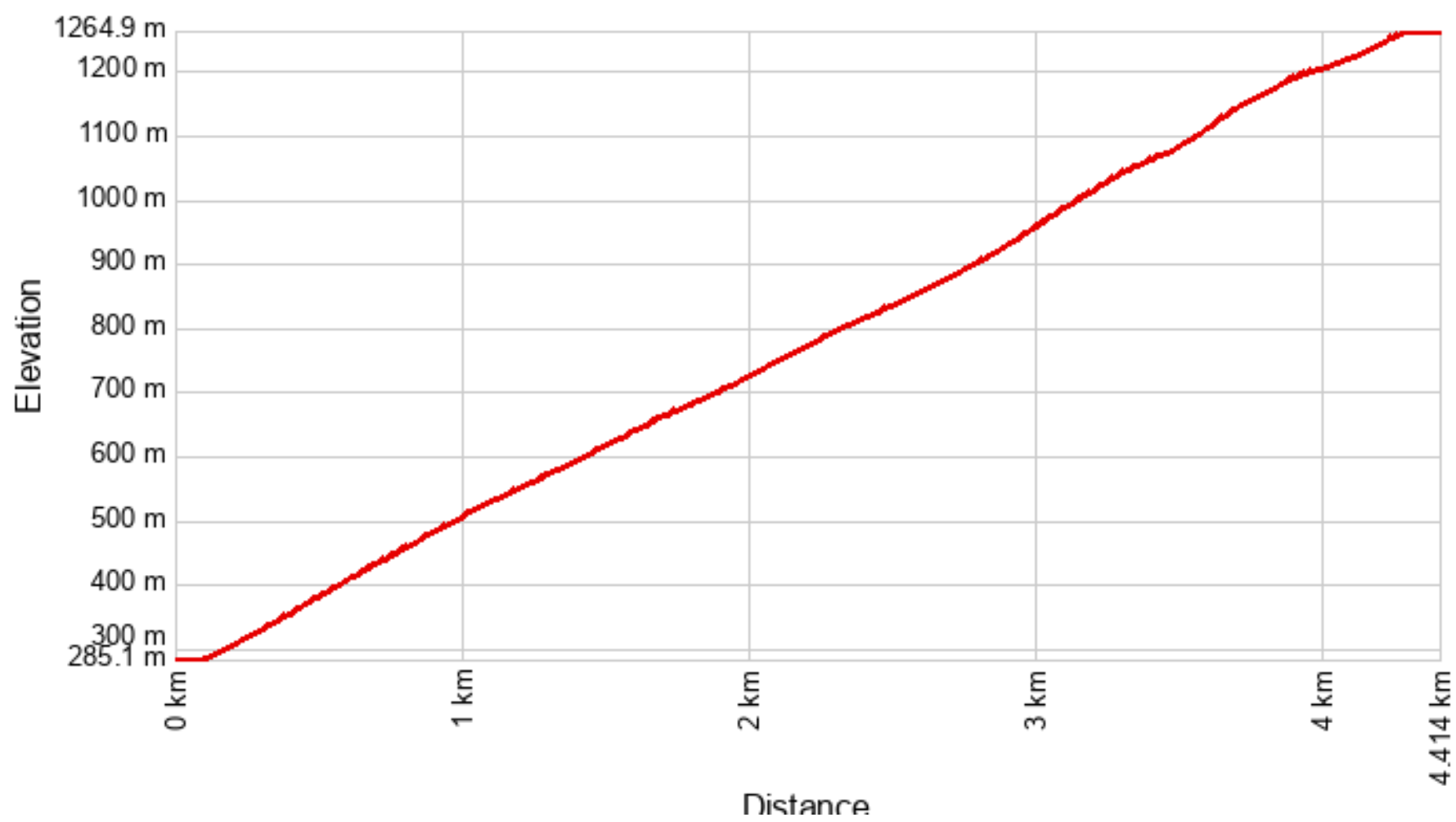
Start location: Makar

COURSE MAP





COURSE PROFILE



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KEY DATA

DISTANCE 4.5 km	VERTICAL CLIMB 980m	MAX TIME 2h	AID STATIONS 0
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SKY YOUTH C & U23

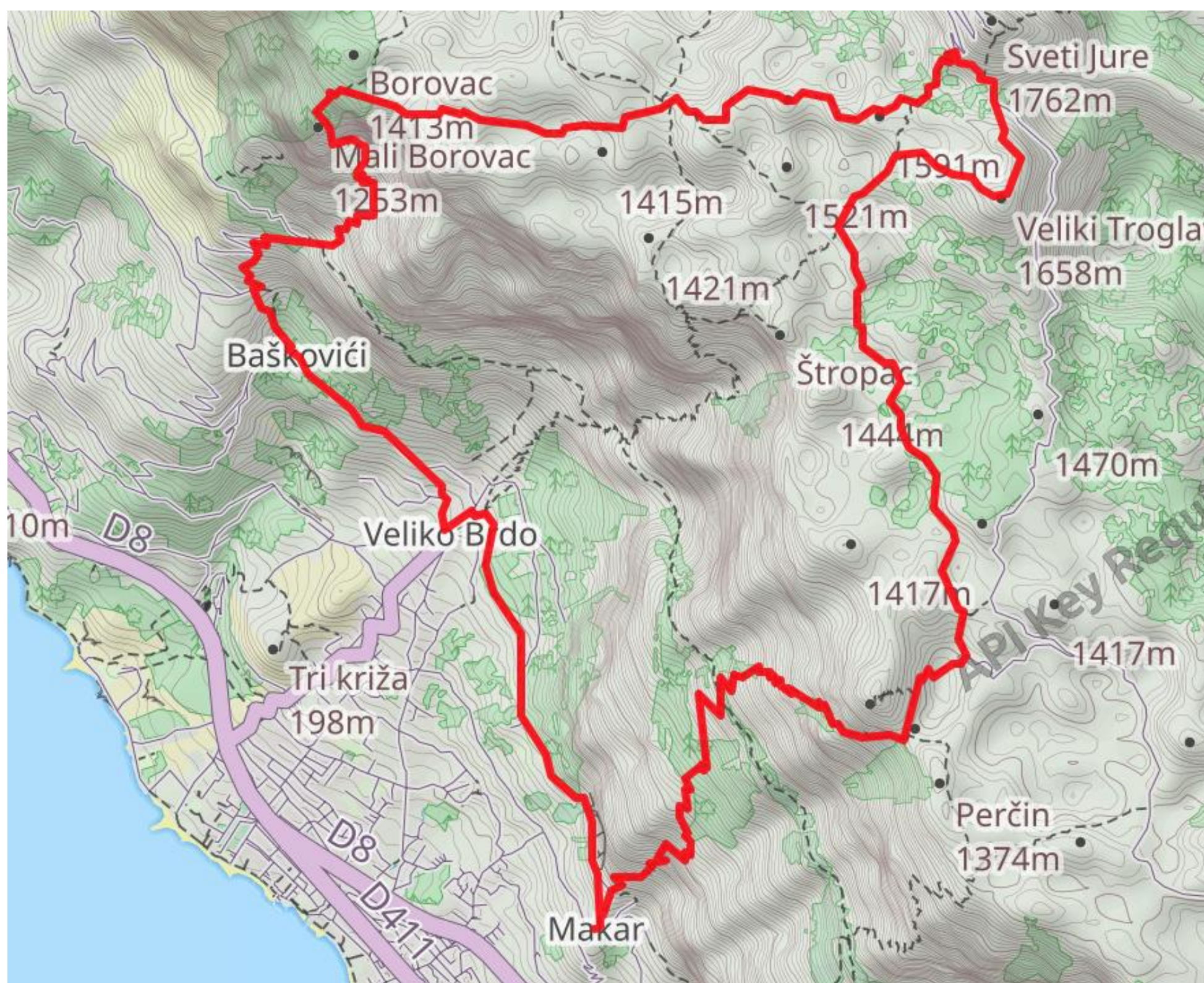
Name: Absolute Biokovo Challenge Youth B&U23

Date: May 10

Start time: 7:45

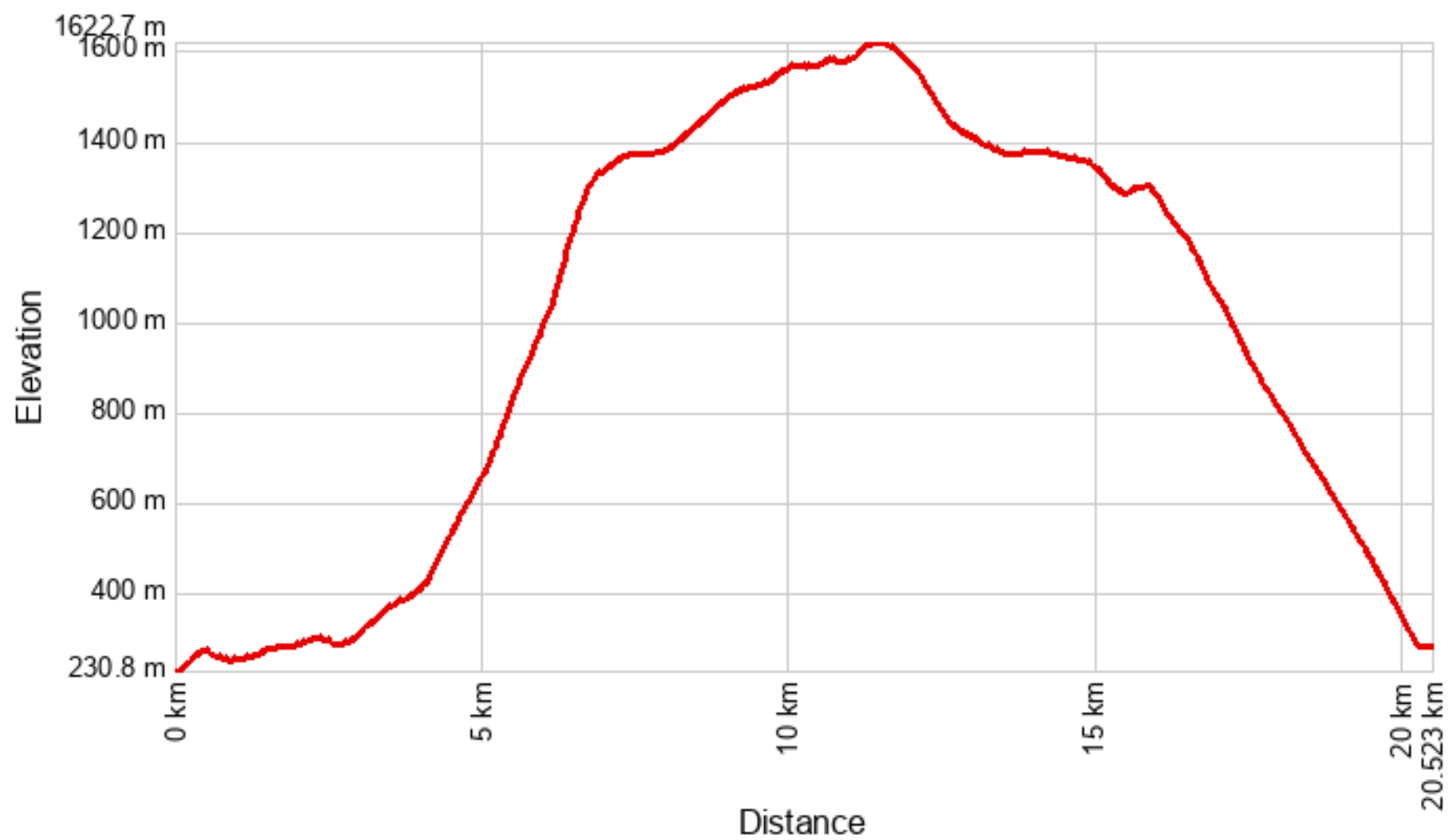
Start location: Makar

COURSE MAP





COURSE PROFILE



KEY DATA

DISTANCE 20.5 km	VERTICAL CLIMB 1,450m	MAX TIME 5h	AID STATIONS 3 (km 4; 10.6; 15.3)
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SKY YOUTH A & B

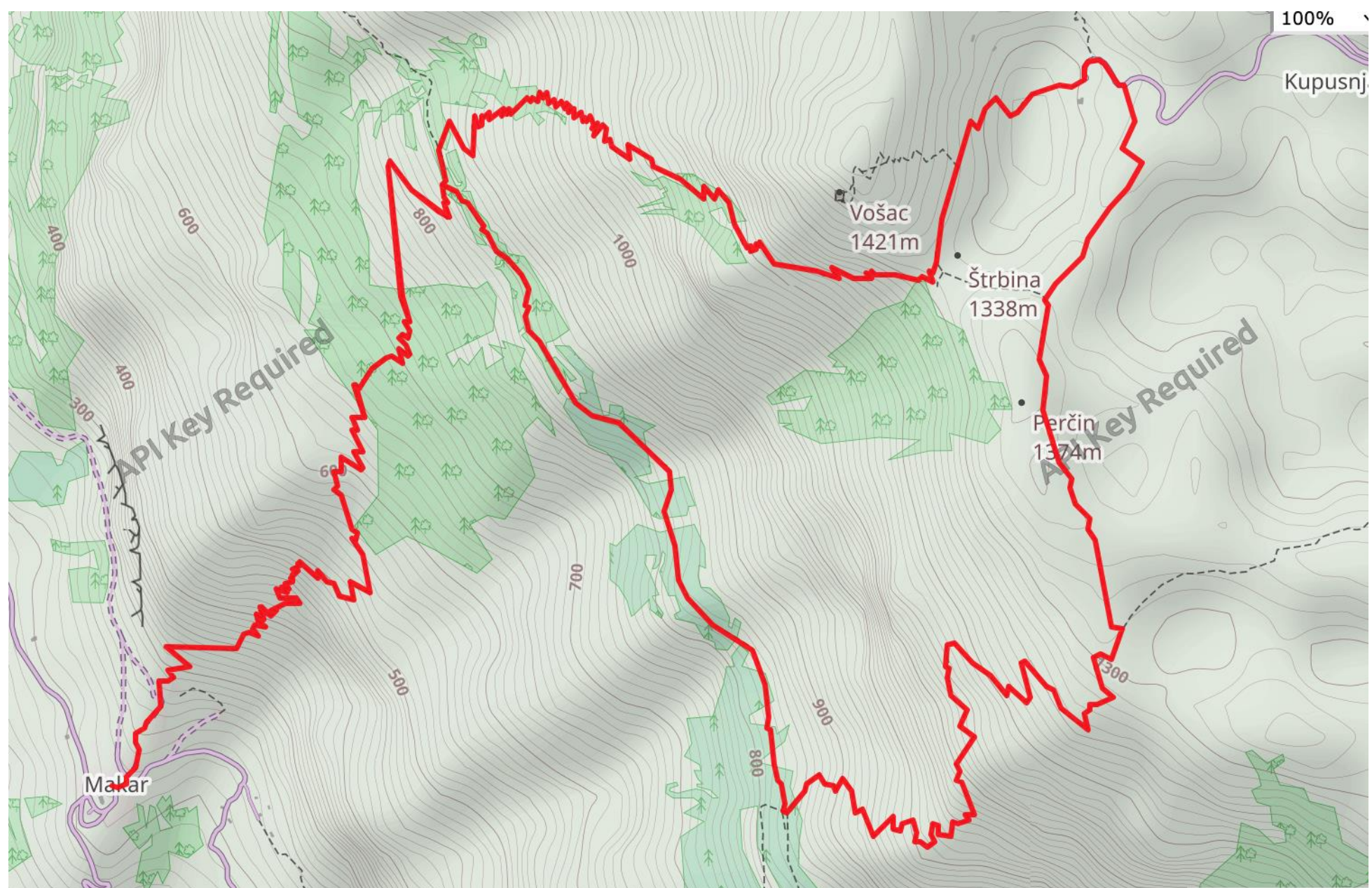
Name: Absolute Biokovo Challenge Youth A&B

Date: May 10

Start time: 8:15

Start location: Makar

COURSE MAP





COURSE PROFILE



KEY DATA

DISTANCE 12.5 km	VERTICAL CLIMB 1,150m	MAX TIME 4h	AID STATIONS 1 (km 7.5)
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M E D A L S



Two disciplines will be disputed: VERTICAL and SKY.
75 medals are at stake for individual, team and combined titles.

All medallists of the Youth C and U23 category qualify for the U23 [SkyMasters](#), the final of the **2026 Skyrunner® World Series**. All participants will automatically be included in the [ISF Ranking](#).



E Q U I P M E N T

All disciplines require the athletes to wear skyrunning shoes with socks, a national jersey and a personal ID (a copy is accepted).

Eventual change of equipment will be communicated at the briefing to the team managers.

VERTICAL

The use of poles is allowed if used for the whole race. Poles cannot be dropped or left with a team manager.



E Q U I P M E N T

SKY

- Thermal or survival blanket (minimum size 2 x 1.4m)
- Hydration pack (minimum 1 litre)
- Backpack or equivalent containing:
 - Waterproof and breathable jacket with taped seams and hood, made from Gore-Tex or similar
 - Food supplies: gels, bars, fruit, etc.
 - Cap, neck gaiter or similar garment that covers the entire head
 - Mobile phone that is switched on with a fully-charged battery at the start

The use of poles is allowed in both SKY courses.

BAD WEATHER EQUIPMENT

The following items are included in the compulsory equipment:

- Leggings or trousers
- Thermal base layer (minimum 180g)



A C C O M M O D A T I O N

Each team has right to free half board accommodation for two athletes per team. On Saturday, lunch at the hotel is included.

Check in Thursday May 7 – Check out Monday May 11

Accommodation will be available at the following structures:

- Hotel Biokovka
- Aparthotel Miramare
- Planinarski dom Vošac

Hotel Biokovka is specifically used for the free rooms (2 athletes per team).

BOOKINGS

Rooms must be booked here: info@skyrunning.hr

***Bookings that are not made through the above contact cannot access the free accommodation.**



A C C O M M O D A T I O N



Biokovka

Half board accommodation: breakfast and buffet dinner.

Price per person: € 48 half board.

All athletes need to pay tourist tax on site: € 2 per day per person.

It will be possible to use the indoor pool and gym. Conditions to be arranged with fitness manager at the hotel.

[Website](#)



A C C O M M O D A T I O N



Aparthotel Miramare

Bed and breakfast: € 55 per person per day

Half board: € 59 per person per day

Full board: € 64 per person per day

All athletes need to pay tourist tax on site: € 2 per day per person.

During weekends, dinner is not served in this hotel but in another hotel, part of the same company, 150 metres away.

[Website](#)



A C C O M M O D A T I O N



Planinarski dom Vošac

Mountain hut dormitory (bunk beds), € 30 (+€ 15 for breakfast)

Double room, € 130 per night, breakfast included

Double room with balcony, € 150 per night, breakfast included

VIP room for two, € 170 per night, breakfast included

Use of sauna: € 15 per person, additional towels € 3 per piece.

[Website](#)