

NATURE RESERVE LUDAŠKO LAKE

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The nature reserve Ludaško Lake is situated in the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina, in the region of Bačka, east of the town of Subotica, at a distance of 12 km from the town. The lake stretches in the direction of north-south, in the length of 5 km. The southern part of the lake is narrow, only about 200 m wide, while in its northern part it is broader and its width reaches 2 km. The total area of the lake is 547 ^(221 ha) acres. A rivulet called Kereš, flowing in from the People's Republic of Hungary and joining the Tisa river, flows through the north-easternmost part of the lake.

Until the middle of the 19th century this part of the Panonian Plane was known by the name "the thousand lakes district". From the beginning of the 20th century until the present time most of the lakes were turned into agricultural soil so that nowadays few of them are left, one of which is Ludaško Lake.

As a witness of the past, Ludaško Lake is characterized by particular natural conditions and specific flora and fauna. In respect of the flora and fauna in the Province of Vojvodina, Ludaško Lake constitutes a natural environment in which natural conditions have been best preserved. In its marshy and swampy parts it constitutes a natural refuge for almost all kinds of waterfowl and other kinds of birds and animals which are naturally linked to water environments. Furthermore, the lake constitutes an ornithological

station, since it is situated on the migration route of birds in various seasons of the year, in the direction of south or north.

The broader area of Ludaško Lake and its surroundings is protected as a Regional park. At the same time, this area constitutes the outer protective zone of the region of Ludaško Lake proper which is under protection as a specific nature reserve.

The boundaries of the protected nature reserve of Ludaško Lake are the following:

1. THE REGIONAL PARK - proceeds from point 1 on the international motorroad Subotica-Horgos before the entrance into the village of Hajdukovo, moves south and at about 500 m distance turns westward along the road to the settlement of Čurgo. Farther on, in an arch it moves in the direction of east up to the intersection with the road leading towards the locality called Sv. Kata (point 2), wherefrom it changes the direction towards south-south-east and runs along the road which passes through the settlement along the south-southwestern part of Ludaško Lake up to point 2 and joins the road Palić-Šupljak. From this point the border moves in the direction of east, along the road through Šupljak up to point 4 which is situated on the village road, about 1 km to the east-southeast from Šupljak in the direction of north, moves over elevation point 101, runs along the edges of agricultural plots in the direction of north-northeast, and reaches the border point of plots southwest of elevation point 113 (point 5); there it turns in the direction of east-north-east, reaching point

6 on the village road linking the northern part of Torino with the international motor-road and moves towards north along the same road up to the international motor-road (point 7). The border then runs along the international road in the direction of Subotica, reaching the starting point 1 near the village of Hajdukovo.

II. THE STRICT NATURE RESERVE - begins at the dam at the easternmost part of the Lake (point 1), moves along the southern riparian belt in the width of 50 m, reaching elevation point 104; from there in a straight line, towards north reaches point 2 at the northern line of the Lake and along Cankareva street up to the corner of Sarajevska street (point 3) and further on along the asphalt road, parallel with the north-eastern bank of the Lake, reaching the starting point 1 at the dam.