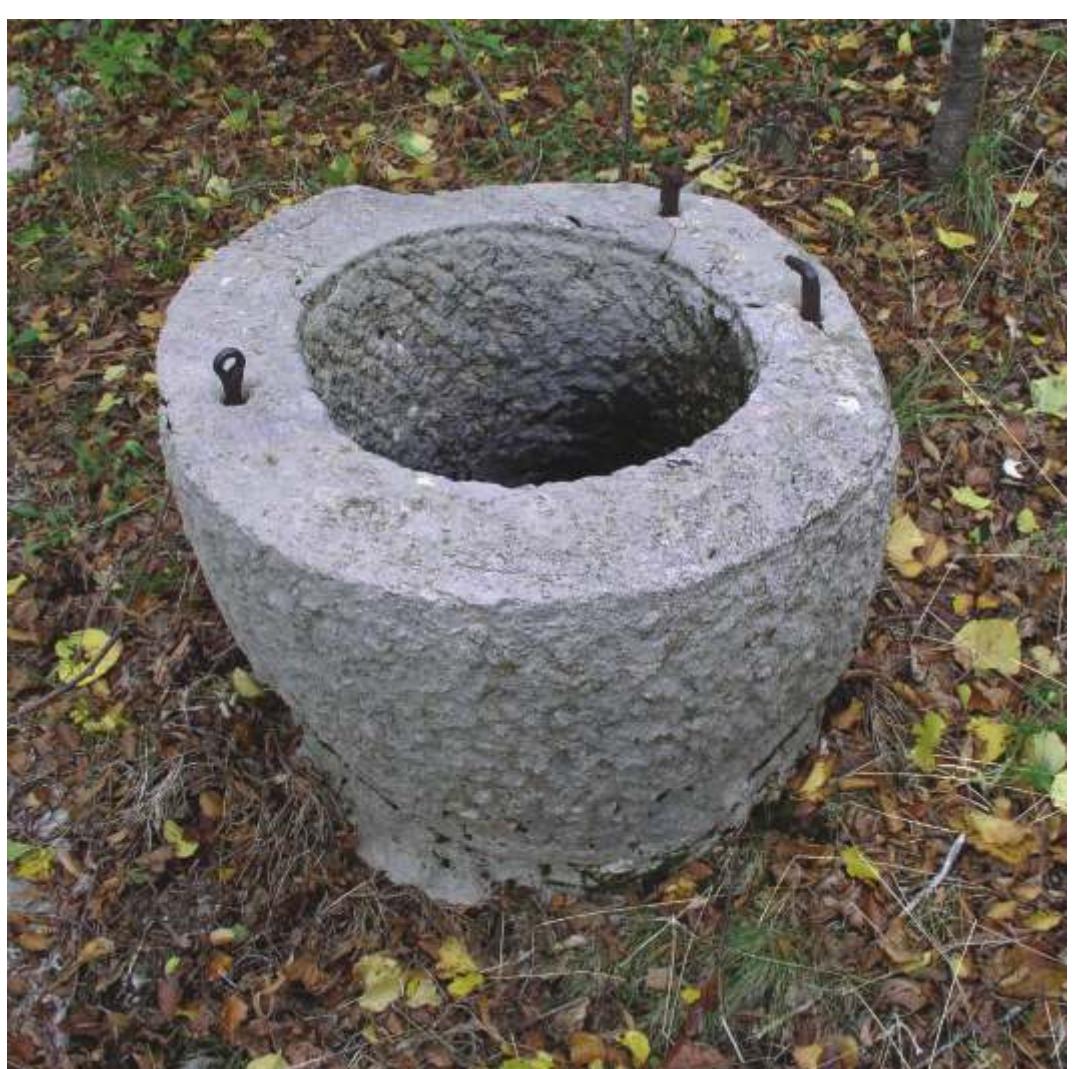




Nacionalni park  
Sjeverni Velebit

# Simbol opstanka



*U kršu sjevernog Velebita, gdje površinskih vodenih tokova gotovo i nema, dok se oni podzemni kre u duboko u unutrašnjosti planine, svaka je kapljica kiše dar s neba koji se brižno uva i racionalno troši. Zato su stanovnici Velebita gradili šterne - spremnike za prikupljanje oborinske vode koja im je služila za piće. Grlo šterne, najčešće je isklesano od jednog komada kamena, i danas odražava umještost njezina graditelja.*



*In the karst of Sjeverni Velebit, where surface water flows are very scarce while the underground ones flow deep inside the mountain, each rain drop is the gift from the heaven, to be cared for and used rationally. Therefore, inhabitants used to build cisterns (šterne) for collecting the rainwater, which they used for drinking. Cistern's neck, usually carved in one piece of stone, even today reflects the skill of the artisan who built it.*

