

Dear Beginner Hikers!

It is such a relief to be able to wander in nature after such a long period of confinement. One wouldn't think how many natural and cultural treasures are hidden in the Bükk Mountains, from the bubbling streams and waterfall to the amazing Caves. May it just be a refreshing walk or an adventurous forest hike. Lillafüred and the neighborhood offer unforgettable experiences not only for nature lovers.

In this leaflet, we collected a few hiking trail options and ideas for you to make exploring easier!

- If the weather seems a bit rainy, do not worry! You don't need to miss the opportunity to walk in the area, on reception umbrellas can be borrowed for those occasions to give shelter from the rain.
- Lillafüred and its surrounding area give you plenty of different opportunities to exercise with all ranges of hiking trails in different lengths and difficulties.

Palace Tower

You want to see more of the area but don't want to go too far? No problem, we have got the perfect solution for you. Visit our Tower and get mesmerized by the magnificent view. To access the tower please go to the 3rd floor and find room 319. Next to the room, there will be a small door, enter it and climb up the narrow stairs all the way to the top. You won't find a better view in the neighborhood.

Don't forget your room key, as the entrance to the tower can only be accessed with your card.



Waterfall to the Chairlift – Lillafüred hiking trail

Who do we recommend it to? **To those who want to see some real beauties during only a shorter hike. This trail is also suitable for runners.**

Where it starts: Hanging garden of Lillafüred

Where it ends: Chairlift's bottom station

Length: one way only 3 km, return: 4,5 km

The Lillafüred Trail will introduce you to the local attractions and natural treasures. The first station of our tour will be the terraces of the Hanging Garden.

The Hanging Garden was renovated between 2021 and 2014 being a part of the Diósgyőr – Lillafüred complex cultural and eco-touristic development. The garden originally was first formed during the early years of the works of the Palace Hotel around the 1920s. By the 1930s they created a unique landscape heritage.

The bush labyrinth, the statue of Ottó Hermann, the colorful flower beds, Prince Stephen's iron memorial statue, the statue of Attila József, and his poems carved into stones, the visible mastiff layers are all a part of the atmosphere Lillafüred can provide. The experience is made full with the bilingual information boards placed on each terrace as you follow the trail. The thematic Hanging garden trail contains nine stations. Some of the stops will be dedicated to poetry, writers, scientists, or love, but do not worry, nature will also play a big part in this journey.

Let's start our tour together from the parking lot of the Hotel Palota!

Lookout terrace: From this part, there is an amazing view of the whole garden where we are about to go and explore.

- 1. Poetry terrace:** Inspired by his time spent here in Lillafüred Attila József wrote his famous poem called The Óda (Ode in English). You can find the memorial site with



his statue and the poem carved into stone. The statue and its surroundings give place to poetry and literature-themed events.

2. Meetings and Waterfall terrace: The terrace close to the waterfall is protected by a railing, decorated with a huge amount of padlocks, as a token of love from all the couples who have visited the site before. This waterfall is the highest waterfall in the country falling down from 20m in height. The Szinva brooks current trail was formed during the construction works of the Hotel Palota in 1928. Since then the waterfall has been connected to the water supply system of Miskolc, therefore if the weather is dryer than usual it can cause water shortage and the periodic disappearance of the waterfall.

3. Terrace of the flowers: From spring to fall, colorful flowers are waiting for the tourists.

4. Labyrinth

5. Terrace for the sculptures: a showcase for statues and art pieces, where we can find the statue of Ottó Herman.

6. Anna-lookout: At the bottom of the Lillafüred Waterfall there is a Mastiff Cave, called Anna-Cave. On the top of the cave, you will find a sweet little terrace. The formation of the Anna Cave has a connection to the Szinva Brook and the streams of the area. Mastiff is a kind of limestone that separates from water as breaking through to the surface. The whole Lillafüred is built on the top of this sweetwater limestone layered ground filled with cavities throughout the underground. The Anna Cave became known in 1833 when minor Andras Stern was looking for water supplies and found the so-called Hámor-Stream cavity system. They formed an underground system visitable for the public. Even Sándor Petőfi (a famous Hungarian poet) visited the Cave in 1847. During the construction works of the Hotel Palota, they found further parts of the Cave and renovated them to standard. The name ANNA was given to the Cave after the name of the first female visitor in 1926 when the attraction was



opened for the public for the first time. Passing before the entrance of the Cave and through the gate, we can make our way back to the Hanging Garden. At the top of the little steep part, we arrive at the next station.

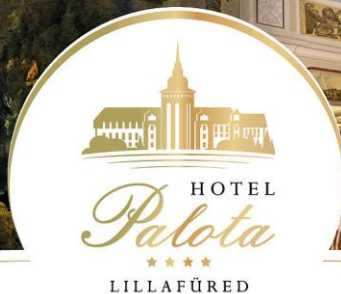
7. **Music Terrace:** Originally it was designed for concerts and solo productions with a built stage and an auditorium.

8. **Terrace of the Youth:** the last station is the biggest terrace out of the Garden, providing fun and excitement for the arriving visitors. Kids can occupy themselves on the playground, adults can also play.... Can you find all the owls, foxes, snail family, or the salamander? A little clue, they are here all year long.

Leaving the last station behind you will return to the Hotel entrance. Following the road on the left around the Hotel (next to the artificial bed of the Szinva Brook). You will find a staircase on your left, leading up to the Forest Train Station. The building of the station was created alongside the Hotel Palota and the station got named Lillafüred at the same time.

The Forest Train of Lillafüred is one of the nicest forest railways in Hungary, truly a mountain trail, and all the rails and accessories are industrial monuments. The building of the Lillafüred station is currently an ecotourist center, showcasing an exhibition of Bükk Mountain's past and present. Leaving the platform you need to follow the red tourist sign and continue the journey on the Lillafüred Trail. Passing by the Otter statue (called Lutra) we can spot the remnant of the old Station Building from 1922.

As we cross the brook on a wooded bridge, we need to follow the sign onto the edge of the forest. Shortly after the small waterfall will be visible. In a few minutes, you will reach the big parking lot. The red sign will continue now following the Maria Path from the parking lot. Before we continue our journey make a quick stop at the end of the parking lot, where you can spot a unique carved memorial statue mimicking a derrick. This statue was established in 2008 and paying tribute to Ferenc Pávai Vajna geologist,



who was searching for thermal water in this area between 1927 and 1930. Due to technical and financial difficulties this project got canceled.

The path goes up now on the Maria Path. This trail was built in the 1920s on the steep hillside of the Fehérkő mountain. The path shortly goes through a tunnel made in the mountain. Now you reached the Patrona Hungariae statue or called also Lourde Cave Statue-cabin. The original Maria Statue (which was the sample for this smaller replica) is located in a small French town called Lourdes at the feet of the Pyrenees. According to the legend, several unexplained healings are attributed to the statue.

The edge of the grotto is made from the limestone mined locally. The limestone contains mica, which sparkles when the lights hit it during nightfall. That is the reason why they used to call it the Sparkling Virgin. Looking down from the statue you can spot the famous polyhistor, Ottó Herman's house in the valley. It is a local attraction, open for visitors, showcasing the life and work of the scientist.

Going further on the road following the red sign we reach the Limpász Cross. The so-called Camp Altar was made in the 1920s. It was named after the middle-placed crucifix. It was also known for unexplained healings and miracles. Going further we will find ourselves below the Lillafüred Chairlift. this attraction gives one of the most beautiful views of the area. It takes passengers from Lillafüred to the Jávör-Hill.

On our way back to the Hotel it is highly recommended to pay a visit to the Lillafüred Sport and Adventure Park. Not just exciting attractions but delicious Hungarian street food (such as lángos) or refreshing ice cream awaits the explorers. None other thing is left for you now than enjoy the mesmerizing beauty of the Bükk and go back safely to the Hotel.

