

WELCOME TO MAKSIMIR!

Maksimir is a famous park in Zagreb and one of the most beautiful parks in Europe. Not many people know that it is also one of the first public parks in the world. It's more than two hundred years old.

There are beautiful meadows, woods, footpaths and five artificial lakes in the park.

In the winter you can go skating on the lakes.

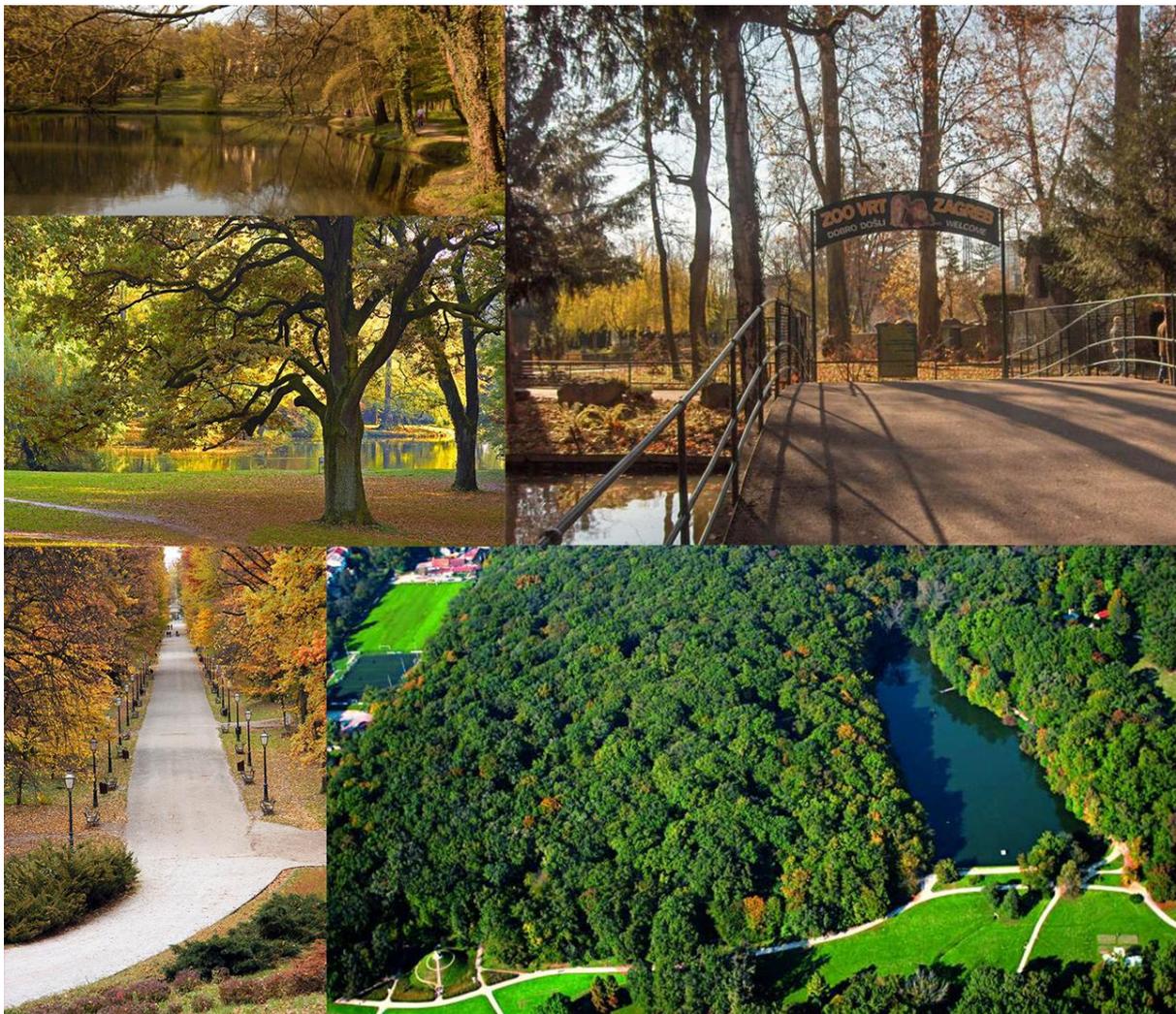
The park is a wonderful place to spend your free time. It's great for jogging, riding a bike, rowing a boat, doing exercise or simply relaxing.

A lot of wonderful outdoor events take place in the park.

Zagreb Summer Picnics are popular both with locals and tourists.

A lot of other events take place in the park.

The kids' favourite, of course, is Ice cream Day in Maksimir.



Closed for a day! May 25, 2017

People usually say that they don't recycle things because they don't have time for that.

WWF (The World Wide Fund) wanted to teach them a lesson.

On that day the park was closed. People were confused. 'What's going on?'

WWF wanted to show people what it would be like if nature didn't have time for them.

It would be awful, wouldn't it?



In the park there's the City Zoo with more than 2,000 animals from all over the world and more than 200 different species (kinds). You can see some very rare animals there like red pandas, a snow leopard or a pygmy hippo.

Not all the animals are in cages.

There are daily feeding times for the seals, sea lions and otters, so that you can time a family visit around them.

The park is also popular with birdwatchers because you can see 104 different species of birds.

The park is not far from the centre of the city.

Leave your car, take a tram. It's less than a fifteen-minute ride.

The entrance to the park is free.

It opens at 9 am and closes at 8 pm. Plenty of time to have fun.

TASKS**1 Do you know?**

**First try to answer the questions on your own,
then read about Maksimir Park and check your answers.**

1 Where is Maksimir Park?

2 How old is it?

3 How can you get there?

4 How much is a ticket for the park?

5 When does it open and close?

6 What can you see there?

7 What can you do there?

8 Where is Zagreb City Zoo?

9 What is special about it?

10 Why is Maksimir Park popular with birdwatchers?

2 What do you think?

What's the most interesting information about the park?

What's the most surprising information?

3 Make a plan. The questions in the box can help you.

Plan a day in Maksimir Park for a family with small kids or
plan a day in Maksimir Park for yourself.

When would they/you come? How?

What would they/you do there?

How much time would they/you spend on each activity?

How long would they/you stay?

**4 Go online and find about other events that take place in Maksimir Park.
Report to the class.**