

# BEACH RULES AT VELENJE BEACH

#### **OPERATING HOURS AND CONDITIONS OF USE**

- Velenje Beach is open daily from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM, from June 15 to August 31. The Šaleška Valley Tourist Board (hereinafter: the operator) reserves the right to open or close the beach earlier or later due to weather conditions or special events.
- Visiting and using Velenje Beach is at your own risk. Each visitor is responsible for their own behavior on the premises—on land, in the water, and near the water—and must comply with staff instructions and this safety and behaviour policy.
- Swimming is only allowed within the marked area and during operating hours. Swimming outside of these times is prohibited.
- Water quality test results, water and air temperature, and the Velenje Beach safety and code of conduct are posted in clearly visible areas.
- Warning signs indicating proper behavior are placed in visible locations.

#### ALLOWED ACTIVITIES IN THE VELENJE BEACH

- The designated swimming area is marked with protective floating buoys. Only swimming and bathing are permitted within this area.
- Jumping into the water is only allowed from the diving platform and is done at your own risk. Only swimmers are allowed to jump, one at a time—each person may jump only after the previous one has left the landing zone. Only one person is allowed on the diving board at any given time. The water area below the diving platform must remain clear at all times for safe landings. Swimming, bathing, or lingering in this area is strictly prohibited, as it poses a risk to divers. All participants must ensure their own safety and that of other swimmers.
- Visitors have access to free sun loungers and umbrellas. A deposit of 50 EUR per lounger is required, which is refunded upon return of the undamaged lounger along with the deposit token. Loungers may only be used with a towel that fully covers their surface.
- Every visitor must act responsibly, ensure their own safety, not endanger others, and avoid disturbing the peace and enjoyment of fellow visitors.

#### PROHIBITIONS IN THE VELENJE BEACH

- Sports and recreational activities (such as boating, sailing, stand-up paddling, fishing, etc.) are prohibited in the swimming and bathing area marked with protective floating buoys.
- Underwater swimming is not allowed.
- Jumping into the water is prohibited throughout the Velenje Beach area, except on the designated diving platform.
- Opening, closing, or moving umbrellas and pergolas is not allowed. This is managed exclusively by the operator, who decides based on weather conditions and internal assessments.
- Exchanging loungers between visitors without staff notification is prohibited. Each issuance is registered with a deposit, refundable only upon proper return of the rented equipment.
- The use of glass containers and other potentially dangerous objects is forbidden.
- Playing loud music through sound systems is prohibited.
- Feeding and disturbing wild animals (swans, ducks, birds, fish, etc.) is not allowed.
- Bathing of dogs or other animals, and their presence near the shoreline outside of the designated dog beach, is prohibited.
- Playing ball games on the grass (such as football, tennis, badminton, etc.) is not permitted.
- Entry with bicycles, rollerblades, motorcycles, scooters, skateboards, or any motorized devices—regardless of power type (electric, fuel, etc.)—is prohibited.
- Lighting fires and using any type of grill (gas, charcoal, wood, etc.) is strictly forbidden.
- Disposing of cigarette butts in nature is not allowed.

#### **USE OF FACILITIES AND SAFETY**

- Regardless of the scheduled timetable, the operator may adjust the operating hours due to weather conditions.
- In case of bad weather (waves, wind, storms), the responsible personnel have the authority to instruct swimmers to evacuate the water and the water park.
- The water park is subject to specific rules of use, which are posted in a visible location at the water park's ticket office.

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAINTAINING ORDER AND SAFETY

- Visitors must comply with the Velenje Beach Safety and Behaviour Policy, water park usage rules, and instructions given by lifeguards, stewards, and security personnel.
- Entry is prohibited to individuals under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or psychoactive substances.
- Parents or guardians must supervise children at all times, especially in the water and along the shore. Children under 7 may only enter when accompanied by a parent or guardian who is responsible for their safety.
- Groups of children must be accompanied by a responsible adult who must inform the lifeguard upon arrival. All group and school trip participants must have an adequate number of adult supervisors, who are responsible for the children's safety and behavior in and around the water.
- Swimming is allowed only within the designated area and during operating hours. Swimming outside these hours is prohibited.
- Equipment and facilities may only be used for their intended purpose and in a manner that does not endanger others or the user.
- Do not overestimate your swimming abilities. Swimming is not recommended for non-swimmers. If you cannot swim, do not enter the water alone and always use appropriate flotation devices (e.g. a life jacket).
- Elderly bathers and persons with physical impairments are encouraged to ask for assistance when entering or exiting the water.
- Persons with health conditions such as heart problems, high blood pressure, dizziness, or other medical issues are advised to consult a doctor before swimming and to avoid entering the water alone.
- Pregnant women, elderly individuals, and those with limited mobility are advised to exercise additional caution.
- The area has accessible facilities for persons with disabilities. If needed, staff assistance is available for water entry and exit.
- The operator is not responsible for loss, theft, or damage to personal belongings brought to the beach. Visitors are advised not to leave valuables unattended.

## **RULES FOR SWIMMERS HEALTH PROTECTION**

- Drowning prevention and safety are ensured by properly trained lifeguards, whose responsibilities include maintaining order in accordance with this code and other safety regulations, performing water rescues, and providing first aid.
- Lifeguards, stewards, or security personnel may prohibit visitors from swimming or using the facilities and water park if safety cannot be guaranteed.
- Lifeguards, stewards, and security personnel are authorized to ask any visitor who violates the rules or fails to follow their instructions to leave Velenje Beach or the water park. In serious cases, they may determine the visitor's identity and report them to the police or relevant security authorities.

## CARE FOR NATURE, CLEANLINESS AND COEXISTENCE

## Respect and protect nature by following these guidelines:

- Dispose of waste in designated bins; take larger amounts home with you.
- Clean up after using loungers or umbrellas.
- Use biodegradable sunscreen to avoid harming the water and ecosystem.
- Do not feed or disturb wild animals.
- Do not damage plants, trespass on private land, or leave marked paths.
- Do not light fires or use gas, electric devices, or burners.
- Park vehicles only in designated areas without blocking access for others.
- Respect the peace, natural environment, and personal space of other visitors.
- Avoid unnecessary noise and behave considerately.
- After applying sunscreen, shower before entering the water if possible. This helps protect water quality and the aquatic ecosystem.

## IN CASE OF DANGER OR EMERGENCY

If you notice a person in danger, an accident, injury, hazardous behavior, or any other emergency, immediately call 113 (police) or 112 (emergency medical services, firefighters, rescue services). Follow the instructions of lifeguards, stewards, security personnel, and other authorized staff.

## MANAGEMENT CONTACT

For general information, lost and found, feedback, or non-urgent inquiries, you can contact the management: Šaleška Valley Tourist Board, Stari trg 3, SI-3320 Velenje, Phone: +386 3 896 17 15, turizem@velenje.si, www.visitsaleska.si

Thank you for following the rules and helping create a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.

