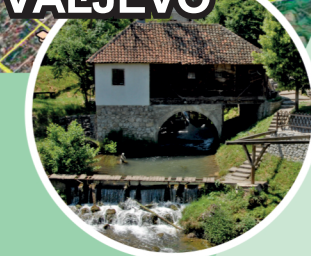
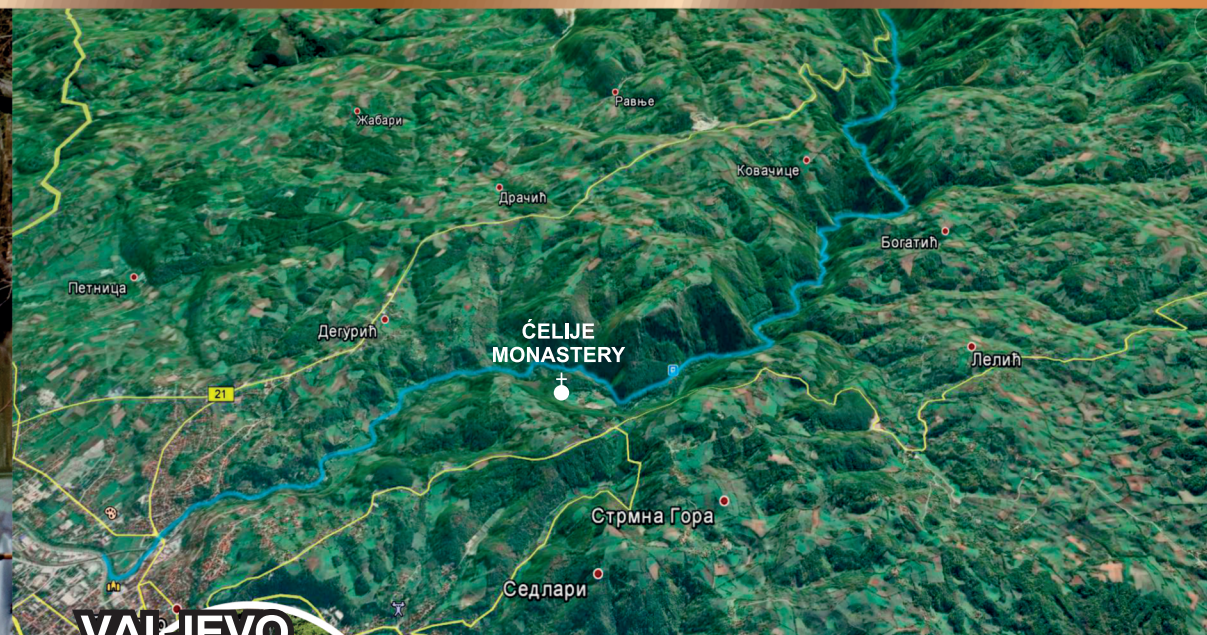




Hunting is completely banned and the introduction of autochthonous endangered species is of huge importance to the area.

Ćelije Monastery, surrounded by stunning landscape, is located on the left bank of the Gradac, in the close vicinity of Valjevo. The monastery is dedicated to St. Archangel Michael. The monastery is visited by a large number of pilgrims and it is known for St. Father Justine-a church dignitary and theologist.



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‘The Gradac river gorge’ with its steep slopes is a natural protected area that covers an area of 1268 hectares. It has been declared a special nature reserve and it connects Valjevo with the mountain range that lies to the south.

The largest part of the reserve is covered in forests and meadows, which makes it a more attractive place for nature lovers. The river Gradac, located at the very heart of the area, is home to some of the most spectacular scenery in Serbia.

The area boasts a large number of caves (there are 70 caves within the area). The most interesting caves are the Degurić, Visoka, Bačina and Tmuša caves. However, there are several other smaller but equally beautiful caves.

The fortification known as the town of Jerina is located in the village of Brangović, on the east bank of the Gradac river. The fortification with its remains date back to the 3rd century AD.



The Gradac river originates from the merging of the rivers—the river Zabava and the Bukovska river—and it sinks into subterranean passages all way to Crna Vrela (Black hot springs)—12 km away from the place where the Gradac flows into the Kolubara river.

Due to the beauty and diversity of flora and fauna, the canyon of the Gradac river has been declared a landscape of exceptional features. In addition to being one of the cleanest rivers in Serbia, the Gradac also represents a valuable resource of drinking water.

The Gradac river is a heaven for nature lovers, anglers and hikers. Its unique landscape has been the inspiration to many writers, explorers and journalists.

The river is populated by brown trout so the Gradac is an angler’s paradise which is fast becoming one of the most attractive spots for fishing. The area is home to otters. Recent reports have stated that there has been a noticeable increase in otters. The whole area is under the supervision of the custodians which are the municipal and republic inspectorates and the Institute for nature conservation of Serbia.

