

NEW ELEMENTS OF THE NATURE TRAIL

Singing bird audio board



Wooden wetland bridge



Cover walls for bird watching



Land art work – Kukaň



Interactive board



Avescentre Senné



There is also an eco-educational and informative Avescentre in the village of Senné, which is open to the public, as well as to organised groups and field trips. The Avescentrum includes an eco-farm primarily focused on the breeding of Hungarian steppe cattle, which, through extensive grazing, improves the conditions for nesting birds in the surrounding wet meadows.



The ponds of Senianske Rybníky are a site where interesting species may be observed throughout the year. From an ornithological point of view, however, the most interesting months are **March to November**.



Ashen Crane
(*Grus grus*)



White Spoonbill
(*Platalea leucorodia*)



bird migration

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PROTECTED BIRD AREA

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BIRD PARADISE NATURE TRAIL

The nature trail starts in the village of Senné and leads along the western bank of the Čierna Voda river along the pond system to the village of Iňačovce. The trail is part of the Senianske Rybníky Protected Bird Area and takes visitors right into the National Nature Preserve of the same name. The Bird Paradise will draw tourists into the world of rare birds, fish, wet meadows, and wetlands.

📍 Starting point	Iňačovce or Senné
↔ Length	15 km
🕒 Walking time	approx. 4 hrs.
🏃 Difficulty	an easy route
🏠 Availability	all year round

The site of the **Senianske Rybníky Protected Bird Area** lies between the villages of Senné, Iňačovce from the west and near the village of Blatná Polianka from the east. The site is part of the Senianske Rybníky pond system, which, together with the adjoining meadows and wetlands, has been declared a Protected Bird Area within the European Natura 2000 network of protected areas.

The Senianske Rybníky Protected Bird Area (hereafter „SRPA“) is located along one of the most significant migratory routes in Central Europe and is home to the largest pond system in Slovakia surrounded by well-preserved meadows and wetlands, making the Senianske Rybníky ponds some of the most important ornithological sites in Central Europe. Since the beginning of ornithological observations, a record number of **295 bird species** have been registered at the site and in its wider surroundings. Breeding has been documented for 125 species. The flagship species of the Senianske Rybníky ponds is the White Spoonbill that has here the only regular breeding site in Slovakia. Rare inhabitants include the Ashen Crane, White-tailed Eagle, Black Coot, Great Buzzard, Lesser White-fronted Eagle, and many others. Thousands of ducks, geese, gulls, and grebes make a stopover here during the autumn and spring migration.

In addition to birds, other animals such as the European Water Beaver, Golden Jackal, Dark-billed Curlew, and Great Crested Newt have also found habitat in the ponds. The main species of fish kept in the pond system include Carp, Grass Carp, Largemouth Bass, Catfish, Pike, and others. The flora is also unique; 291 species of plants have been registered during its research, 22 of which are endangered, rare, or vulnerable ones.

STATIONS OF THE NATURE TRAIL

Map of the nature trail

Protected Bird Area of Senianske Rybníky (Senné Ponds)

Village of Iňačovce

Village of Senné

Village of Blatné Remety

Village of Blatná Polianka

Avescentre Senné

Wet Meadows

Birds of the Protected Bird Area of Senianske Rybníky (Senné Ponds)

NNP Senianske Rybníky ponds

Landscape architecture

Fish and fisheries



📍 information panel 🏠 observation tower 🛖 shelter