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# **Trails of Carpathians**

**Hiking and Trekking  
in the Ukrainian Karpaty  
80 Trails**

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<b>Start of route</b>	Train station Volovets, Volovets district, Transcarpathian region.
<b>End of route</b>	Village Podobovets, Volovets district, Transcarpathian region.
<b>Length of route</b>	<b>18.8 km</b>
<b>Duration of route</b>	<b>8 hours</b>
<b>Summit heights</b>	Velyky Verh Mountain - 1,598 <i>m.a.s.l.</i>
<b>Max. vertical elevation from the start</b>	<b>1,094 m</b>
<b>Cumulative vertical gain</b>	<b>1,250 m</b>
<b>Distinct features of the route</b>	The route follows, in part, along the Polonyna Borzhava Ridge. These parts are marked.
<b>Coordinates of the starting point</b>	Train station Volovets: N48° 42.822 E23° 11.067
<b>Additional information</b>	Wireless service and bus routes are available.

**This hike will help you to get better acquainted with the Polonyna Borzhava Ridge, which is a chain of mountains linked by the devoid of forestation dips. The length of this ridge is approximately 50 km. The route covers a small part of this mountain chain towering over urban-type settlement Volovets and surrounding it villages of the Transcarpathian region.**

The start of the route is the train station Volovets. The route starts at the train station Volovets next to which is the village bus station. You can easily get here by train or by bus. The regional center itself is situated near the major highway **E50 M06**, Kyiv-Lviv-Uzhhorod. To get to the center of urban-type settlement Volovets, you must use highway **T0718** which starts next to the police checkpoint near village Nyzhni Vorota (10 km).

Start your hike along the tracks to the west of the train station. In 300 meters, turn left, pass under the railway bridge and follow the street to the south in the direction of the mountains. At the far side of the settlement, a gravel road begins; further on, the mountain roads and trails split in different directions.

1.5 km - Fork at the far side of the village (N48°42.304 E23°11.274), 553 *m.a.s.l.* To the right, a road leads to the Temnatyk Mountain, route E7. The landmark is the second turn from the village store. Continue straight.

**2.6 km** - Fork (N48°41.919 E23°11.813), 561 *m.a.s.l.* To the left across the stream is a road leading to the summit of the Pliy Mountain; straight ahead is a trail that allows you to cut the length of the route by 1.2 km. The road to the summit is rather flat, but the trail is rather steep, so, in rainy weather, it is the road that is recommended. The hike follows the road to the left and across the stream, azimuth 155°. The main road continues in the direction of the gorge. Follow the road which ascends steeply to

## Mt. Pliy. The trail in the mountains.

the right. At the end of the ascent and at the start of the pine forest, the road will turn into a path which, soon, will take you to the main road – the shortcut.

**6.6 km** - Fork at the turn of the road (N48°40.642 E23°11.687), 1074 *m.a.s.l.* The path-shortcut, the start of which is at 2.6 km, is adjacent on the right. The road turns sharply south.

7.0 km - Road split (N48°40.456 E23°11.852), 1142 *m.a.s.l.* Continue on the road uphill, azimuth 147°. To the left, direction 114°, at the traverse, is a road which circles the summit of the Pliy Mountain. In 100 m, to the right, is a mountain frontage road which allows the structures at the top of the mountain to be well supplied.

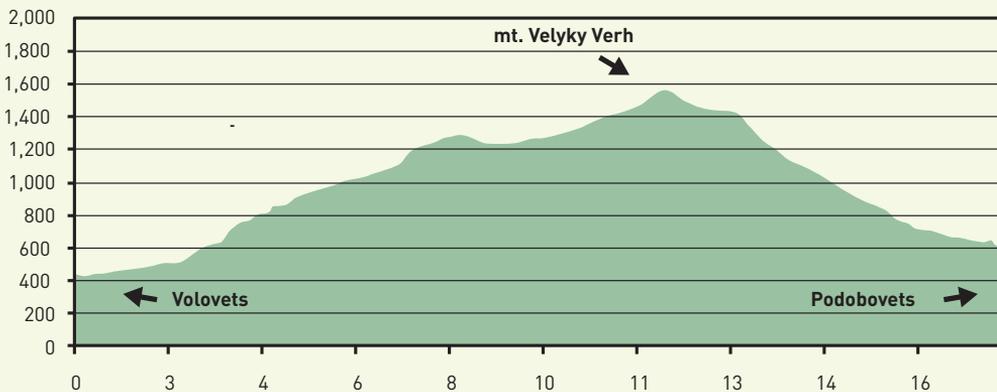
8.0 km - Pliy Mountain summit (N48°40.016 E23°11.881), 1330.5 *m.a.s.l.* At the summit, there are some buildings, and meteorological and communications structures. From here, the view of the beginning of the Polonyna Borzhava Ridge is spectacular. You can see the nearby summits: Temnatyk – (296°, 2.3 km), Stiy – (185°, 5 km), and Velyky Verh – (131°, 3.1 km). Descend in the direction of 190°.

**8.3 km** - Fork at the bottom of descent (N48°39.851 E23°11.805), 1302 *m.a.s.l.* Go left in the direction of 134°.

9.7 km - Crossroads (N48°39.437 E23°12.682), 1293 *m.a.s.l.* Here, in the dip, another road crosses this road and goes left and downhill to village Podobovets and, to the right, into the gorge. Go straight and uphill, azimuth 110°.

**11.1 km** - Fork (N48°39.008 E23°13.590), 1485 *m.a.s.l.* The trails run traverse-like in many directions: right to the Stiy Mountain and left to village Podobovets. Go straight to the summit of the Velyky Verh Mountain azimuth 141°.

11.6 km - Velyky Verh Mountain summit (N48°38.857 E23°13.775), 1598 *m.a.s.l.* The very mountain is located at the T-like intersection of the Polonyna Borzhava Ridge. At the highest point of the summit is a geodesic triangulation mark in the form of a metal pyramid, about 4 meters high. The summit is covered with alpine grass and blueberry bushes. From the top, to the north, is a panoramic view of the Rypynka river valley, and, beyond the valley, stretch the Beskyd ridges. From here, almost all major summits of the ridge can be observed: Play – (311°, 3.1km), Temnatyk – (305°, 5.4 km), Stiy – (224°,



4 km), Magura – (126°, 5.3 km), and Gymba – (119°, 3.3 km). Continue your way along the spur in the direction of Shypit waterfall, direction 34°.

12.3 km - Top of the stone ledge on the spur (N48°39.156 E23°14.135), 1476.5 *m.a.s.l.*

13.4 km - Crossroads of the trails (N48°39.388 E23°14.920), 1247 *m.a.s.l.* A traverse path going to the left to village Podobovets will cross the trail. Shypit waterfall is located in the direction of 96°. Continue in the direction of 79°.

**15.3 km** - Shypit waterfall (N48°39.303 E23°16.103), 815 *m.a.s.l.* The waterfall was formed on the site of the Paleogene sandstone and grit release with some thin layers of shale. Shypit waterfall is very famous and popular among the tourists and informal recreational groups. For the past 10 years, annually, near the waterfall, an informal festival is organized and attended by the representatives of various subculture groups from all over Ukraine and other countries, former member-states of the Soviet Union. Every year, from July 7 to July 10, people celebrate the colorful, steeped in local customs and folklore Festival of Ivan Kupala.

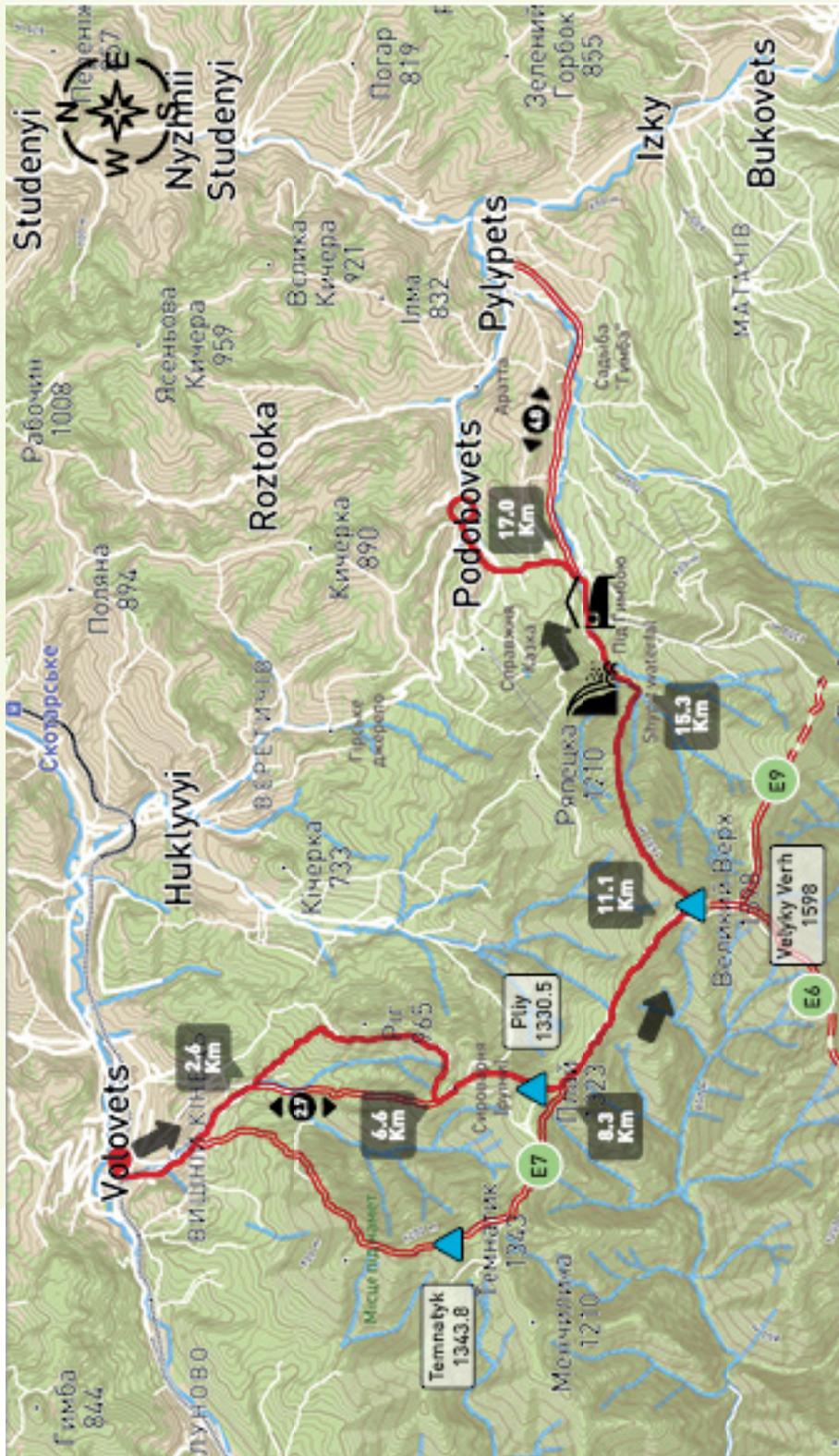
16.8 km - Bridge, fork, tourist complex «Pylypets» (N48°39.615 E23°17.057), 684 *m.a.s.l.* Here, you will find a coffee shop, restaurants, ski lifts and hotels, among which the new, four-star hotel «Grand Hotel Pylypets».

**17.0 km** - Split in the highway (N48°39.650 E23°17.203), 680 *m.a.s.l.* You will have to go left to village Podobovets, azimuth 48°, and the gentle descent through the village. Straight ahead is an asphalt road to village Pylypets. The central highway and the bus stop are at the distance of 5 km. For local attraction lovers: In village Podobovets, you can visit the Church of Saint Nikolas the Wonderworker (1785).

In village Pylypets, access highway **T0718** and the bus station served by many bus routes. The route ends here. From here, you can get to urban-type settlement Volovets (western direction) where there are railway and bus stations, and to urban-type settlement Mizhhyra (eastern direction) where there is a bus station as well.

Shypit waterfall





E3

18.8 Km