

Đavolja Varoš [Devil's Town] – Geoheritage Symbol of South Serbia

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Đavolja Varoš ("Devil's Town"), a peculiar formation described as "earth pyramids" or "towers", is situated in the south Serbia, 27 km south-east of Kuršumlija Municipality, on the Radan Mountain. This attractive area consists of two rare natural phenomena. The first one is presented with 202 rock formations created by strong soil erosion (between 2 and 15 meters high and 4-6 m wide at the base) topped by andesite blocks/caps weighing as much as 100 kg, appearing unreal and yet lasting for centuries. The second geo-attraction consists of two springs (Đavolja voda/ Devil's Water and Crveno vrelo/Red Well) of extremely acidic water (pH 1,5) with high mineral concentration (15 g/l; content of some elements even 1000 times as high as in ordinary drinking waters). This entire natural phenomenon makes Đavolja Varoš a true wonder of nature.

The natural surrounding of the area itself amplifies the attraction of these two wonders, depicting a rather harsh, almost mystical atmosphere with the remains of the town, old church, cemetery, and several interesting abandoned iron and gold mines from XII century.

Đavolja Varoš was put under nature protection in 1959, while in 1995, by the act of the Serbian Government, it was defined as "natural good of an outstanding importance", within the first-category of protection as – NATURAL MONUMENT. Thus, the whole 67 ha of its territory are protected. Moreover, Đavolja Varoš was also nominated as the "New Seven Wonders of Nature".

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