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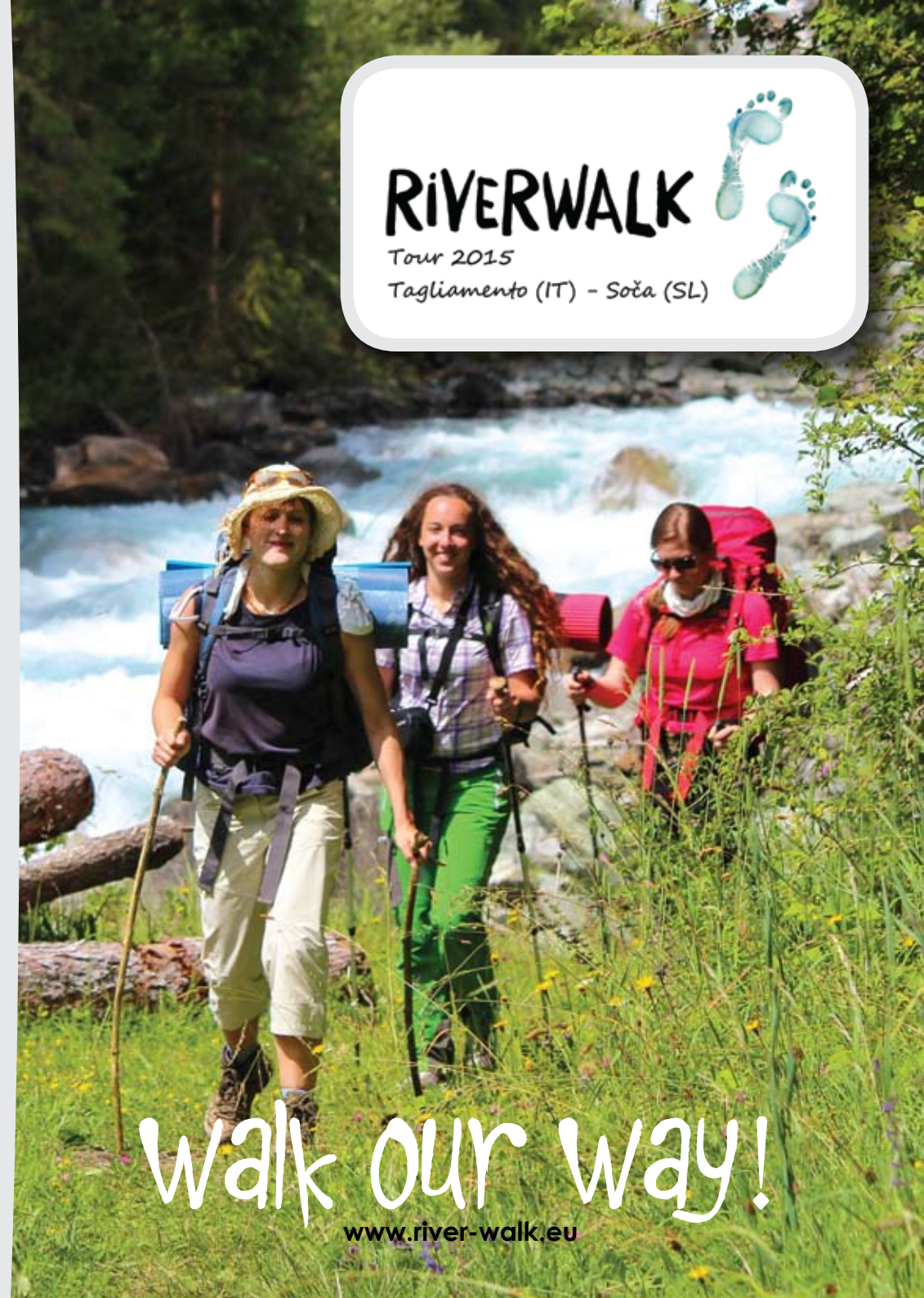
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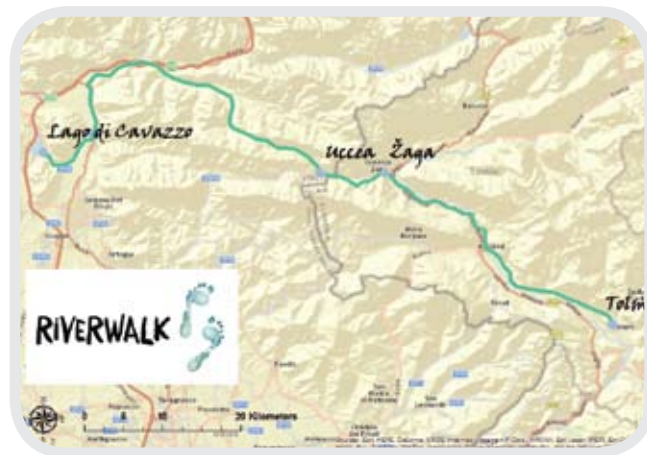
Why are we walking?

(EN) Why walk?

10% - that's it ... that's the percentage of free-flowing intact rivers left in the Alps. JUST 10%! The other 90% of Alpine rivers have been straightened, dammed and degraded. It's this message that we want to share with the world – we must protect the LAST remaining intact Alpine rivers. This is why we are walking.

OUR ROUTE – A MEETING WITH THE KING AND QUEEN

On August 26th, we'll start our journey at Lake Cavazzo and follow the King of the Alps - the majestic Tagliamento River to Resia, where we will pass over a mountain range forming the border between Italy and Slovenia and then connect with the Učja River. Following the Učja down to the confluence with the Soča River, we will continue along the "Emerald Queen of the Alps" to Tolmin, where on September 7, we will end our Riverwalk for 2015. We invite you to join us along the way and get active for wild rivers!



(IT) Perché camminiamo?

10%, questo è tutto...questa è la percentuale di fiumi ancora intatti e naturali nell'arco alpino. SOLO il 10%! Nel restante 90% dei fiumi alpini il corso è stato rettificato, vi sono state costruite dighe o la qualità dell'acqua è stata compromessa. E' questo è il messaggio che vogliamo condividere con il resto del mondo, è nostro compito proteggere gli ULTIMI fiumi alpini ancora naturali. Questo è il motivo per cui camminiamo.

IL NOSTRO PERCORSO - UN INCONTRO CON IL RE E LA REGINA DELLE ALPI

Il 26 agosto cominceremo il nostro viaggio dal Lago di Cavazzo e seguiremo il Re delle Alpi, l'imponente Tagliamento, fino alla Val Resia. Da lì, attraversando le Alpi Giulie dove fanno da confine tra Italia e Slovenia, seguiremo il torrente Učja fino alla confluenza con il fiume Isonzo. Costeggeremo la "Regina di smeraldo delle Alpi" fino a Tolmino, dove il 7 Settembre si concluderà la Riverwalk 2015. Ti invitiamo ad unirti a noi e metterti in marcia per i fiumi selvaggi!

(SL) Zakaj hodimo?

10 % - to je vse ... toliko prosto tekočih in neokrnjenih rek je ostalo v Alpah. Samo še 10 %! Preostalih 90 % alpskih rek je izravnanih, zajezjenih in uničenih. Svetu bi radi sporočili: zaščititi moramo ZADNJE naravne alpske reke. Zato hodimo!

NAŠA POT – SREČANJE S KRALJEM IN KRALJICO ALP

Pot bomo začeli 26. avgusta ob jezeru Cavazzo in sledili »kralju Alp«- mogočni reki Tilment v Rezijo, se povzpeli čez gorovje na meji med Slovenijo in Italijo in se spustili ob reki Učji do njenega izliva v reko Sočo. Nadaljevali bomo ob smaragdni kraljici Alp vse do Tolmina, kjer se bo 7. septembra naš pohod končal. Vabimo vas, da se nam pridružite in se zavzamete za divje reke!

for the rivers



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tagliamento the king of the Alps

The Tagliamento is the last large free flowing river in Central Europe (Northern Italy). It flows 170 kilometers from Passo della Mauria in the Carnic Alps to the Adriatic Sea. The braided mid-section of the river is studded with islands which create unique ecosystems rarely found within Europe and its expansive gravel bed can even be seen on satellite images. It is not only a spectacular natural jewel, but also creates an important ecological corridor for plants and animals alike. Unfortunately, very few of its critical habitats are now protected and numerous human activities threaten its existence: hydropower plants, detention basins, highways.



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učja the essence of the wild

The Učja is one of the most important tributaries of the Soča River, as it heavily influences water flow and gravel transport. Its steep and inaccessible valley had left the river untouched and pristine; however, it is now under threat of being dammed despite the important ecologic, hydrologic, and geologic role it plays. A dam would greatly impair the natural value (and ecological services) of the River and of the entire Upper Soča basin.



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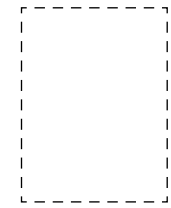
soča the emerald queen of the Alps

The Soča's breathtaking turquoise waters make it one of the most beautiful rivers in the world. Starting at a karst spring in the heart of the Triglav National Park, it ends in the Adriatic Sea. With its turquoise pools, waterfalls and rapids, the Soča is an outdoor paradise and a popular water sports destination. As the vast majority of Alpine rivers are regulated or used to gain energy, the well-preserved and still pristine Upper Soča Basin has a significant importance for the entire Alpine region and should be excluded from further exploitation.

YOUTH FROM 3 COUNTRIES, WALKING TOGETHER OVER 150 KILOMETERS TO DISCOVER AND PROTECT WILD, WONDERFUL RIVERS!

"It has always been my understanding that truth and freedom can only exist in wild places."

– Daniel J. Rice



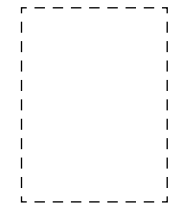
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"If you love a place, you have a duty to protect it."

– Jeff Johnson



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