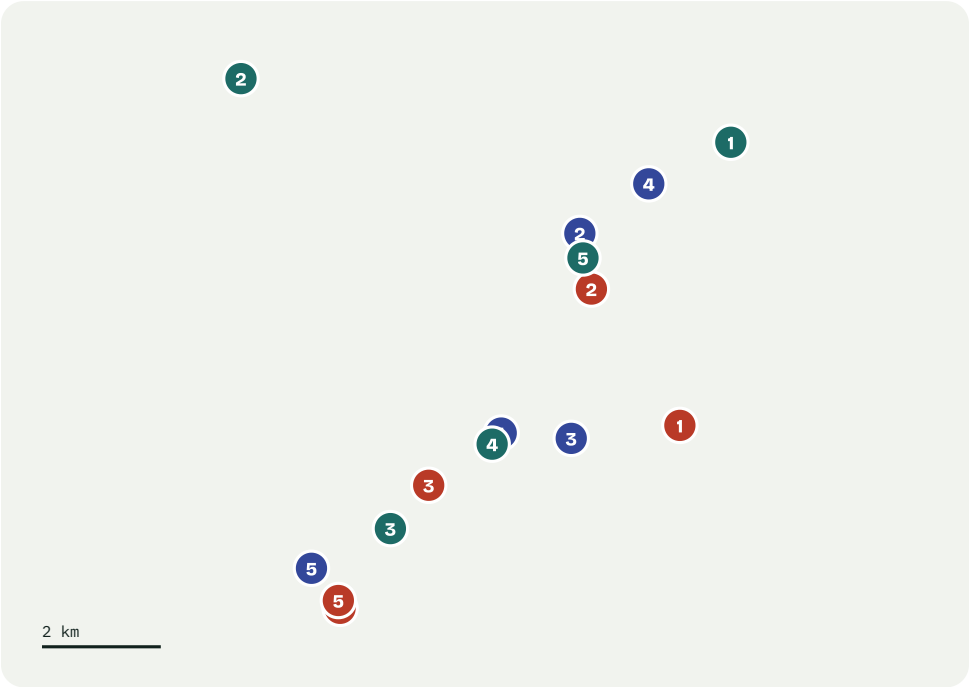
Rucăr și Dâmbovicioara

The Rucăr–Bran corridor between Piatra Craiului and Leaota: the Dâmbovicioara Gorge, a cave right by the road, the ruins of Oratea fortress and the plateau villages up to Ciocanu.



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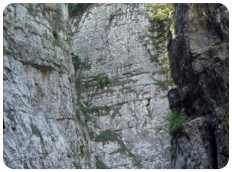
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What to see in Rucăr și Dâmbovicioara



1 Cheile Dâmbovicioarei

LIMESTONE GORGE · ÎNTRE PODU DÂMBOVIȚEI ȘI DÂMBOVICIOARA, PE DJ730, LA 6 KM DE RUCĂR

The road runs right between the rock walls, which in places are more than 200 m high.

A gorge cut by the Dâmbovicioara river into the limestone of southern Piatra Craiului, crossed by the paved road from Podu Dâmboviței to Dâmbovicioara village.

DJ730, Podu Dâmboviței – Dâmbovicioara · Tel. +40 268 223 165 · hours not confirmed



2 Peștera Dâmbovicioara

SHOW CAVE · DÂMBOVICIOARA, LA 1 KM NORD DE SAT, PE DRUMUL DC22, LA 10 KM DE RUCĂR

It was the first karst feature of its kind in Muntenia to be described in a scientific work, in 1767, and it can be visited all year, a few steps from the road.

A 555 m cave with a single gallery, cut into the Jurassic limestone of the Dâmbovicioara valley; the first 250 m or so are fitted out and lit.

DC22, Dâmbovicioara · Tel. +40 744 524 874 · Hours: Mo 9:30–16 · Tu 9:30–16 · We 9:30–16 · Th 9:30–16 · Fr 9:30–16 · Sa 9–17 · Su 9–17



3 Cetatea Oratea

MEDIEVAL FORTRESS RUINS · DEALUL SASULUI, LA 1,5 KM NORD-EST DE PODU DÂMBOVIȚEI, LÂNGĂ DN73, LA CIRCA 7 KM DE RUCĂR

It is a historic monument of national importance (AG-II-a-A-13763), and from beside the walls you see the whole Podu Dâmboviței basin.

The ruins of a small 14th-century stone fortress on a rock wall on Dealul Sasului, which guarded the road between Wallachia and Transylvania.

Dealul Sasului, lângă DN73, Podu Dâmboviței · hours not confirmed



4 Satul Ciocanu și belvederea de pe DJ730

MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AND VIEWPOINT · CIOCANU, PE PLATOUL DE PESTE 1.000 M, LA 12 KM DE RUCĂR

It is the village on the plateau between Piatra Craiului and the Bucegi, and First World War trenches, restored in 2018, survive around it.

A small village on the plateau between Piatra Craiului and the Bucegi, above 1,000 m, with meadows, scattered houses and a viewpoint on the county road DJ730.

DJ730, satul Ciocanu, comuna Dâmbovicioara · hours not confirmed



5 Biserica Suseni din Rucăr

OLD ORTHODOX CHURCH · RUCĂR, ZONA SUSENI, LA 1 KM VEST DE CENTRU

It is the only church in Rucăr on the national list of historic monuments, in a village that was for centuries a customs post between Wallachia and Transylvania.

A masonry church of 1780 dedicated to the Holy Martyrs George and Demetrius, in the Suseni part of Rucăr, a historic monument of national importance.

Strada Mănăstirii, Rucăr · hours not confirmed

Where to eat in Rucăr și Dâmbovicioara

1 La Saivan

TRADITIONAL FARM KITCHEN · DEALUL SASULUI, LA EST DE PODU DÂMBOVIȚEI, LÂNGĂ DN73, LA 12 KM DE RUCĂR

It holds a perfect 5.0 on Google from 739 reviews.

A family farm on Dealul Sasului, brought back to life in 2010, serving a set meal of traditional food cooked slowly over a fire.

Dealul Sasului, Podu Dâmboviței, comuna Dâmbovicioara · Tel. +40 786 710 680 · Hours: daily 11–19

2 Restaurant Cerbul

TRADITIONAL RESTAURANT · DÂMBOVICIOARA, PE DRUMUL PRINCIPAL AL SATULUI, LA 9 KM DE RUCĂR

It holds 4.3 on Google from more than 1,100 reviews and opens daily at 8:00, 1 km from the cave.

The restaurant of the Cerbul guesthouse in Dâmbovicioara village, with home-style Romanian food: soups, polenta, pork dishes, smoked meats and cheeses.

Strada Peșterii 182, Dâmbovicioara · Tel. +40 744 313 098 · Hours: daily 8–21

3 La Țușpi

ROADSIDE GRILL RESTAURANT · PE DN73, LA COBORÂREA SPRE PODU DÂMBOVIȚEI, LA 3 KM DE RUCĂR

It holds 4.4 on Google from 483 reviews, and the terrace looks out over Podu Dâmboviței.

A grill stop beside the DN73 above the village of Podu Dâmboviței, with a terrace over the valley, soups, beans with smoked ham hock, mici, lamb and pastrami from the grill.

DN73 (E574), Podu Dâmboviței · Tel. +40 753 698 626 · Hours: Mo 9–21 · Tu 9–21 · We 9–21 · Th 9–21 · Fr 9–21 · Sa 9–22 · Su 9–22

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4 Barloiu Lounge Cafe & Restaurant

CAFÉ AND RESTAURANT · RUCĂR, ÎN CENTRU, LÂNGĂ DN73 ȘI PRIMĂRIE

It holds 4.3 on Google from 307 reviews, the best score among Rucăr restaurants with more than 100 reviews.

A café and restaurant in the centre of Rucăr, a few steps from the DN73, for a coffee, a lunch of Romanian food or papanași doughnuts.

DC443 nr. 5, Rucăr · hours not confirmed

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5 Via Venetto

PIZZERIA · RUCĂR, ÎN CENTRU, PE DN73

It holds 4.2 on Google from 207 reviews and is the pizza option in the centre of Rucăr.

A pizzeria in the centre of Rucăr, on Strada Brașovului (the DN73), open until late in the evening.

Strada Brașovului 51, Rucăr · Tel. +40 751 222 474 · hours not confirmed

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Where to stay in Rucăr și Dâmbovicioara

1 Ursa Mică Glamping Resort

GLAMPING RESORT · PLATOUL DE LÂNGĂ CIOCANU, LA CIRCA 1.250 M, LA 15 KM DE RUCĂR

It holds 4.7 on Google from 582 reviews and is open all year; guests praise the quiet, the views and the food.

A glamping resort on the plateau near Ciocanu, at about 1,250 m, with 12 heated tents on wooden platforms, 12 bungalows, a panoramic restaurant and an outdoor spa.

Punct Vârful lui Bobeș, lângă satul Ciocanu, comuna Dâmbovicioara · Tel. +40 758 090 060

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2 Pensiunea El Monte SPA

GUESTHOUSE WITH SPA · SĂTICUL DE SUS (COMUNA RUCĂR), PE VALEA DÂMBOVIȚEI, LA 13 KM DE RUCĂR

It holds 4.7 on Google from 527 reviews, and guests praise the traditional food, the trout included.

A guesthouse opened in 2018 in Săticul de Sus, by the Dâmbovița river, with 30 beds, a restaurant for guests, a sauna, a jacuzzi and a heated outdoor salt-water pool open in summer.

Strada Săticul de Sus 80A, Sătic · Tel. +40 740 994 247

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3 Aqvila Club

FOUR-STAR HOTEL COMPLEX · RUCĂR, PE VERSANTUL DE LÂNGĂ STRADA NAE NEDELCU, LA 1,6 KM DE CENTRU

It holds 4.8 on Google from 274 reviews; it is a four-star complex right in Rucăr, and guests praise the quiet rooms and the food.

A four-star complex on six hectares above Rucăr, with four villas, 51 rooms and apartments, its own restaurant and meeting rooms.

Strada Nae Nedelcu, Rucăr · Tel. +40 721 298 108

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4 Pensiunea Casa Soarelui

GUESTHOUSE · PODU DÂMBOVIȚEI, LA INTRAREA ÎN CHEILE DÂMBOVICIOAREI, LA 5 KM DE RUCĂR

It holds 9.3 on Booking from 219 reviews, the most of any stay in the two communes, and 4.3 on Google from 94 reviews.

A small guesthouse in Podu Dâmboviței, on the road that climbs through the Dâmbovicioara Gorge, with a terrace, a garden with a barbecue and parking in the yard.

Strada Gura Dâmbovicioarei 263–270, Podu Dâmboviței · Tel. +40 744 197 735

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5 Casa Sara

GUESTHOUSE · DÂMBOVICIOARA, PE DRUMUL PEȘTERII, LA 9 KM DE RUCĂR

It holds 9.7 on Booking from 114 reviews and is about 400 m from the Dâmbovicioara Cave.

A guesthouse in the village of Dâmbovicioara, on the local road to the cave, with family rooms with private bathrooms, a terrace and views of the valley.

DC22 nr. 204, Dâmbovicioara

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