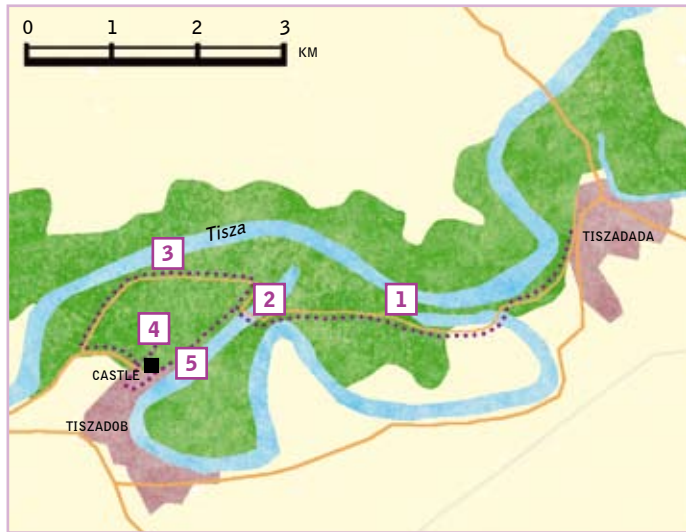


## ROUTE 9: THE FLOOD FOREST OF TISZADOB AND TISZADADA



poplars and oaks, which attract many woodpeckers and other forest birds. Those with an interest in wildflowers, butterflies and dragonflies will also find Tiszadob an interesting area to visit. Some typical flood forest plants here are Summer Snowflake, Pannonian Horse-radish\* and Long-leaved Speedwell.

**Accommodation** There is a small campsite right at the start of the walk. There is plenty of accommodation (and wine!) in nearby Tokaj (a UNESCO World Heritage Site, approx. 25 kms further north, with a large Bee-eater colony in the cliffs on the edge of the town centre). Tokaj is also a good departure point to explore the wooded Zemplén hills (good for birds and butterflies) and the Bodrogeköz Reserve, which is an unspoilt river flood-plain with meadows, flood forests and oxbow lakes.

**Departure point** Tiszadada

**Getting there** From the main road in the village, follow the small wooden sign 'Dada kemping'. The campsite is situated on a bend in the river dam. The dam is the departure point of the route.

**1** Follow the dam, which is quiet and unpaved. You soon cross the old arm of the Tisza, which, keeping it to your right, you will follow for about 1½ kilometres. It is bordered by a beautiful willow-poplar forest and, further on, some less appealing poplar plantations. On your left there is a large oak forest with some clearings. This stretch is good for bird watching, especially during early spring mornings. Golden Orioles and Black, Great Spotted and Green Woodpeckers call from the canopies and occasionally break cover to fly over the dam to the oak plantations on your left hand side. Kingfishers and Night Herons occur in the old river arm to your right. Check the sky at regular intervals



Red-backed Shrikes are common in the shrubby patches around the villages. Look here too for River and Barred Warblers.



There are beautiful remnants of hardwood flood forests near Tiszadob.