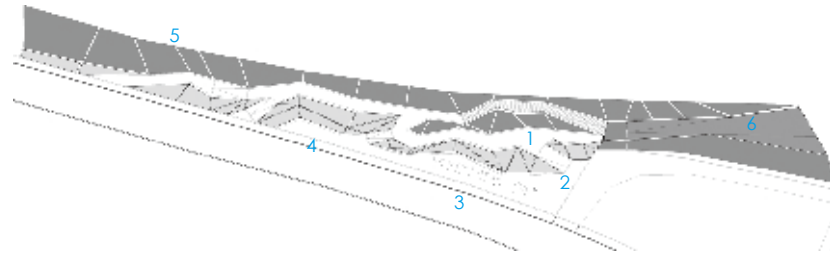


General Maister Memorial Park

Location: Ljubno ob Savinji, Slovenia **Designer:** Bruto Landscape Architecture & Design **Photographer:** Miran Kambic **Completion date:** 2007 **Site area:** 1,500 sqm



1. Benches
2. Event Area
3. Sculptures
4. Grass Terrains
5. Rack Embankment
6. Access to the Water

The memorial park is designed as abstract three-dimensional space, where the paths lead around geometrically cut grass ridges. It is a very abstract illustration of the mountain ridges of the northern border, for which Maister's soldiers fought in the year 1918.

The main elements of the space articulation are the reinforced prefabricates of concrete, which are separating single triangular surfaces and framing the terrain like retaining walls. The multifunctional elevated retaining walls are also resting places view points, which include benches, litter bins and light elements. The whole embankment is secured against inundation and erosion with solid stone blocks, which protect the park like a stone shield. AB prefabricates divide rigid surfaces of the rock embankments.

The grass terrain along the road ends in the retaining wall, which from the side view presents the abstract form of a mountain ridge and functions as part of the memorial place, as near by stands a sculpture which is composed of several stylised soldiers, and the statue of general Maister with a horse. The sculptures are made from welded metal rods. The abstract wire frame sculpture has the appearance of a sketch, at the same time it forms with the subtle accentuation of key lines of the torso real volume and fullness of the soldiers' bodies

The abstract design suggests strength of the existing value and sense of place in a highly artistic mode. The design makes use of art and sculpture to tell the story of the past. The materials and scale of the design gives a harmonious linkage to the landscape.

Right: The park is designed as abstract three-dimensional space

