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Dear fans of cycling,

Welcome to Brdy and the Lower Brdy Area (Brdy a Podbrdsko), to the very green heart of Central Bohemia, a region that is simply made for cycling. This brochure contains 12 routes through the local countryside. Experience challenges in the form of climbs and refreshing descents or ride through the streets of towns where you will become acquainted with the region's rich history. **Everybody** – from absolute beginners through to experienced bikers – will find their rhythm in these tips for cycle trips.

The trips provide information on the length, difficulty, vertical distance, possible stops and maps for basic orientation. Brdy and the Lower Brdy Area are interwoven with a network of cycle trails and a dense network of less frequented asphalt roads that are ready to host your serene, yet adventurous cycling expedition. Doesn't that sound like a cycling paradise? So pump up your tyres, jump in the saddle and let's go!



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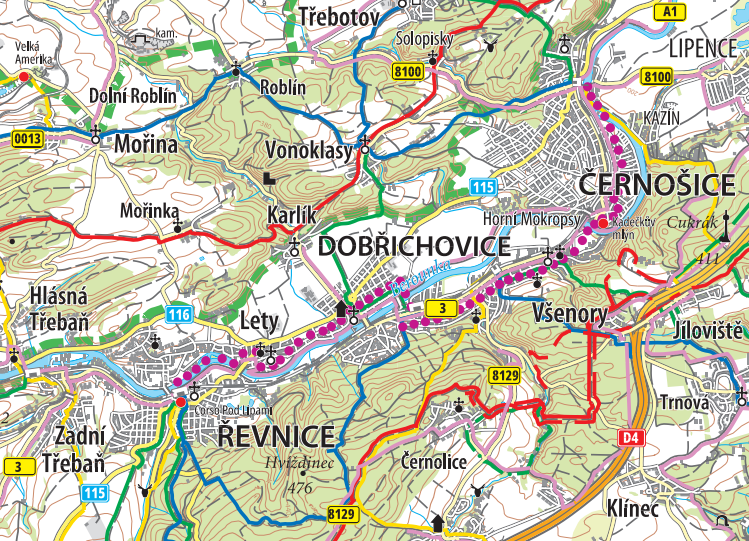


FROM DOLNÍ ČERNOŠICE TO ŘEVNICE

- **Difficulty level:** easy • **Route length:** 11,5 km
- **Vertical distance:** 28 m

This short, undemanding route will take you through the valley of the Berounka river. The route ends in Řevnice, from where a number of other cycle trails head out to the peaks of the Hřebeny Mountains. The route leads along paved roads and as such it can also be completed with a cycle trailer. It will be very easy to find your way. Head along cycle trail 3 from Dolní Černošice. This will take you across the entire Lower Brdy Area, all the way to Rokycany and on to the border with Germany.

It is intersected by the **Prague Trail** in Černošice: it is therefore possible to start right in the centre of the metropolis. In Řevnice, the “**number three**” intersects with the **Footsteps of Bohemian Kings cycle trail**, which leads upstream to Beroun. Even though this involves an “**urban**” trail, this does not detract from its interest. The municipalities of Černošice, Dobříchovice and Řevnice can boast a series of architecturally interesting, unique villas that most frequently date from the period of the First Republic. On sultry days, you are sure to appreciate a dip in the calm Berounka River and the number of small breweries that have recently been established along its course.



Points of interest on the trail and in the environs

Kadeček's Mill:

a historical mill located near the railway bridge across the Berounka and dating from 2nd half of the 14th century. A hydroelectric power station was built in the mill in 1923.

The Kazín ferry:

a ferry across the Berounka River in the municipality of Kazín which is a popular place for hikers and cyclists alike. It was out of operation at the time of preparation of this publication.

The Mokropsy beach:

it is located in Černošice-Mokropsy, under the weir on the left-hand bank of the Berounka River. The area is freely accessible and offers visitors both sports and relaxation with the option of refreshments at a bistro with outdoor seating.

The Dobříčovice Château:

the renaissance château was converted from a former fortress (now in the late baroque style) and stands on a bank of the Berounka River. It is now owned by the Knights of the Cross with the Red Star and is closed to the public.

Corso Pod Lipami (The Corso under the Lindens):

it was established as a counterpoint to the old architecture in Řevnice. The complex of buildings received the architects' Grand Prix and the National Prize for Architecture in 2019.





THE “HŘEBENY TRACK” FROM DOBŘICHOVICE

- **Difficulty level:** demanding
- **Route length:** 31,6 km
- **Vertical distance:** 409 m

The trip to the Hřebeny peaks, i.e. the mountain range that is closest to Prague, starts from the Berounka river valley. The deep forests are interwoven with asphalt roads and trails, making these mountains a cycling paradise.

The route begins at the **railway station in Dobřichovice**, from where you should follow cycle trail 3 in the direction towards Všenory. The first climb starts there on **Květoslava Mašity Street**. **Cycle trail no. 8129** follows Nad Rozcestím Streets and starts after about one kilometre. The route then passes through the municipality of Černolice, which is home to the natural monument known as the **Černolice Rocks** (Černolické skály). The rocky massif enjoys great popularity among fossil hunters and climbers. There is also a lookout tower in Černolice. Cycle trail no. 8129 joins the “**Hřebeny Track**”, which is marked as **Mníšecko-Č**, at the municipal pond. If you wish to avoid the climb, you can use the cycle-bus from the railway station in Dobřichovice at weekends from March to October.

After Černolice, the trail finally heads into the lush forest and leaves civilisation behind. We recommend a short detour to the **Skalka baroque area** (a monastery, chapel, hermitage, Way of the Cross and refreshments) after about 5 km, which offers views of the town of Mníšek pod Brdy, the château and the wider environs. Take **cycle trail no. 8130** from the “**Na Soudném**” intersection. This trail will take you past **Halouny** (a restaurant) to the municipality of Svinaře, where there is a château and a restaurant.

Connect to cycle trail no. 3 and head to **Zadní Třebañ**, where you will find a craft brewery, a restaurant, a camp and the option of swimming at the weir. The “**Number Three**” will lead you along the railway line and the Vltava River to Řevnice, where there is the option of taking refreshments. It is also possible to swim at the “**Za Vodou**” beach, to visit **King George of Poděbrady Square** (náměstí Krále Jiřího z Poděbrad) or use the camp facilities. The **Řevnice Fabián Educational Trail** also starts in Řevnice. Continue along cycle trail no. 3 following the Berounka River to Lety, where you will cross the bridge and shortly find yourself back in the small town of Dobřichovice.



Points of interest on the trail and in the environs

The gloriette in Všenory: the gloriette consisting of eight free-standing columns roofed with a dome became the dominant feature of the countryside that is visible from afar in 1885.

The Černolice Rocks natural monument (Přírodní památka Černolické skály): also known as the Devil's Rocks (Čertovy skály), this is a rock massif that towers over the municipality of Černolice. The territory is located at an altitude of 360-440 metres above sea level. The rocks have been protected as a natural monument with an area of 2.2 hectares since 2002.

The Svinaře Château: this baroque château long fell into decay, but its current owners have revived it. The château facility offers interesting interiors and a wonderful château park, despite the ongoing reconstruction.

The Skalka pilgrimage area: the baroque Skalka area is a unique site located on the forested Brdy ridge above the town of Mníšek pod Brdy. The small Church of Saint Mary Magdalen, the monastery, the Way of the Cross, the hermitage and the genius loci of this place attract the interest of people from the entire region.

The Mníšek pod Brdy Château: the baroque château was created as the result of the conversion of a castle dating from the 13th and 14th centuries. It received its current form in the 17th century when it was converted and modified by Servác Engel of Engelsfluss. The château interior has been preserved just as it was when the last owner, the Kast family, left the château at the beginning of the 20th century.

The Dobřichovice Château: the château was originally a renaissance structure, but it was given its late baroque appearance in the 18th century. Throughout most of its existence, it has served as a residence for the Knights of the Cross with the Red Star. It is protected as a cultural monument of the Czech Republic.



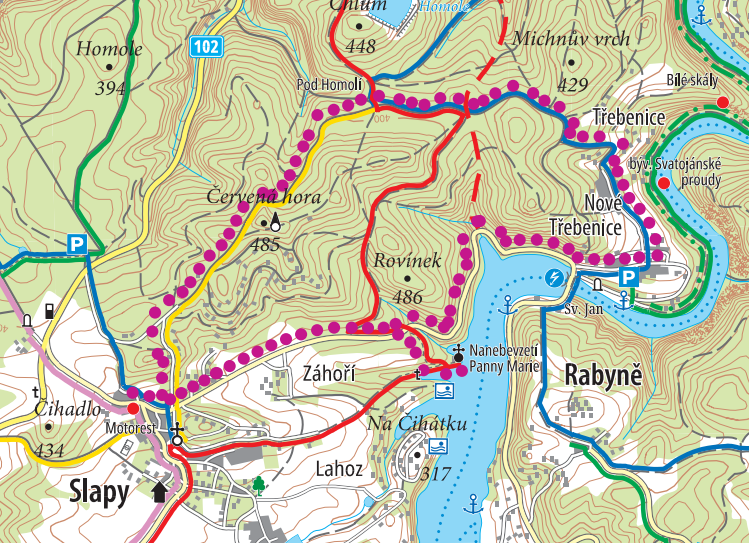


AROUND THE SLAPY RESERVOIR BY BIKE

- **Difficulty level:** easy • **Route length:** 10 km
- **Vertical distance:** 198 m

This is an ideal, less demanding route for the summer months. The route leads from Slapy to the reservoir, where it is possible to refresh yourself in the cool waters of the Vltava on sultry summer days. The trip is also suitable for less experienced cyclists.

The route starts at the **roadhouse in Slapy**, from where you should take the busy road to **Třebenice**. Along the way, there is a turn off onto a red-marked track leading to the **Chapel of the Assumption of Our Lady (kaple Nanebevzetí Panny Marie)** on a promontory above the Vltava River. Follow the **blue-marked trail** from Třebenice around the popular **U Taterů hikers' pub** up to the “**Pod Homolí**” intersection, where you should then head right along yellow-marked hiking trail. The route then leads back to Slapy around **Červená hora**.



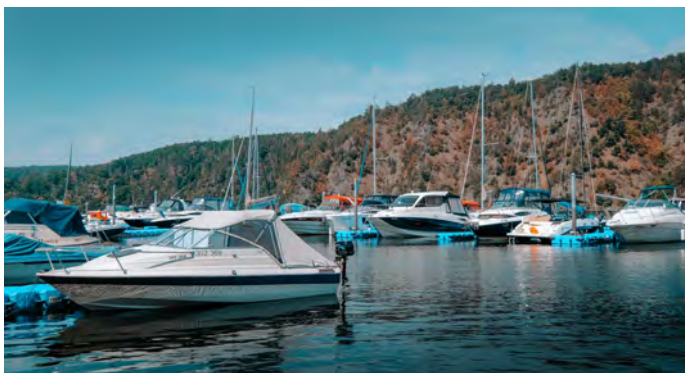
Points of interest on the trail and in the environs

The Slapy Château: the château was originally a fortified monastery that belonged to the Zbraslav monastery for many years. The first written mention of it and at the same time also of Slapy dates from 1292. The building is not currently open to the public.

The Slapy Reservoir: the Slapy Reservoir is an impounding reservoir and its area (12.7 km²) makes it the sixth largest in the Czech Republic. It reaches a depth of 58 m and the surface is located at an altitude of 271 metres above sea level.

The Třebenice Game Reserve: the game reserve has an area of 232 ha and includes almost all of Michnův vrch and Slepíkův vrch and the upper part of the Yukon. It was established in 1979 and recognised in 1990. It was originally established to breed mouflon, but the breeding program was later expanded to also include fallow deer.

Červená hora: it is located to the north of Slapy and rises to a height of 486 metres above sea level.



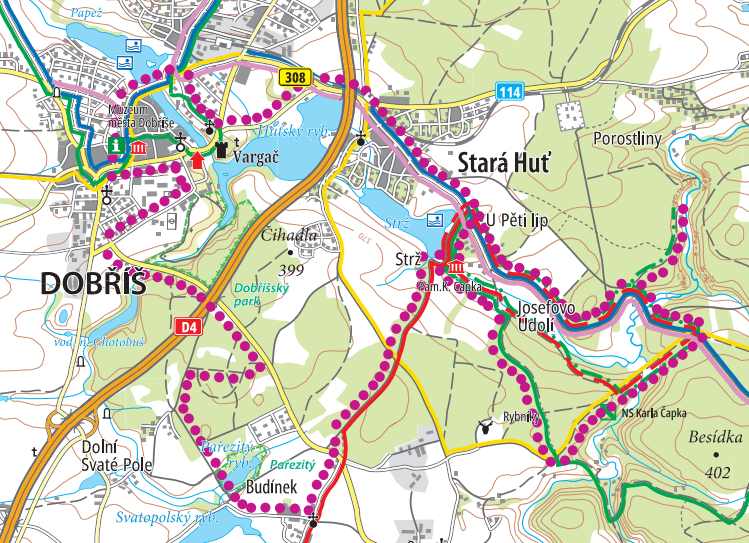


FOLLOWING DÁŠEŇKA AT STARÁ HUŤ

- **Difficulty level:** easy • **Route length:** 19 km
- **Vertical distance:** 82 m

This route from Dobříš to Stará Huť is great for an easy family trip. You will see the local château with its beautiful French gardens before Following Dášeňka to Strž. The route starts at the information centre, which is located in the museum building on the Peace Square (Mírové náměstí), and continues along the green-marked hiking trail to the rococo château of the Colloredo-Mannsfeld family. The richly decorated interior and the beauty of the French and English parks have enchanted more than one filmmaker, meaning that these facilities can be seen in a number of children's films.

After a tour of the château, continue along the park wall and down V Lipkách Street where you should then turn left onto road no. 119. After 1.6 km, turn onto the forest track that will take you to the Svaté Pole Fishpond (Svatopolský rybník), around which you will then continue **to the municipality of Budínek**. At the beautiful rondocubist **Chapel of the Assumption of Our Lady**, take the red-marked track to the **Karel Čapek Memorial** which is located in an Empire-style villa in Strž. It was there that Čapek wrote his most significant works. You can also extend the **trip and walk the Karel Čapek Educational Trail**. At the car park, connect with **cycle trail no. 308** and head back to Dobříš. Turn back onto Pod Hřbitovem Street behind **the Huť Fishpond** and then continue straight onto U Ovčína Street which will take you back to the information centre along the yellow-marked trail.



Points of interest on the trail and in the environs

The Dobříš Town Museum: the museum provides information about the local tradition of glove making and the history of the town and it also includes the so-called Drhov Treasure consisting of a numismatic collection.

The Dobříš Château: a rococo château with a distinctive facade, a French park and a château Orangery on the northern side that is equipped with an illusory painting – the largest outdoor painting in Central Europe. There also is an English Park next the Orangery.

Vargač Castle: the converted castle is located at the eastern edge of the town of Dobříš. It stands on a promontory above the Huť Fishpond and near the Dobříš Château. It was built during the reign of King John of Luxembourg, but the preserved appearance dates from a highly significant conversion undertaken after a fire in 1720. The castle is not open to the public.

The Pařezitý Natural Monument: it was declared a natural monument in 2009 and is located near the municipality of Svaté Pole, not far from Dobříš. The reason for the provision of protection is the preserved complex of littoral growths on the Pařezitý Fishpond, which is connected with a bog area.

The chapel in Budínek: the rondocubist Chapel of the Assumption of Our Lady in Budínek stands at the edge of the village and is a cultural monument.

The Karel Čapek Monument: a museum dedicated to the life and work of the writer Karel Čapek and his wife, the actress Olga Scheinpflugová.



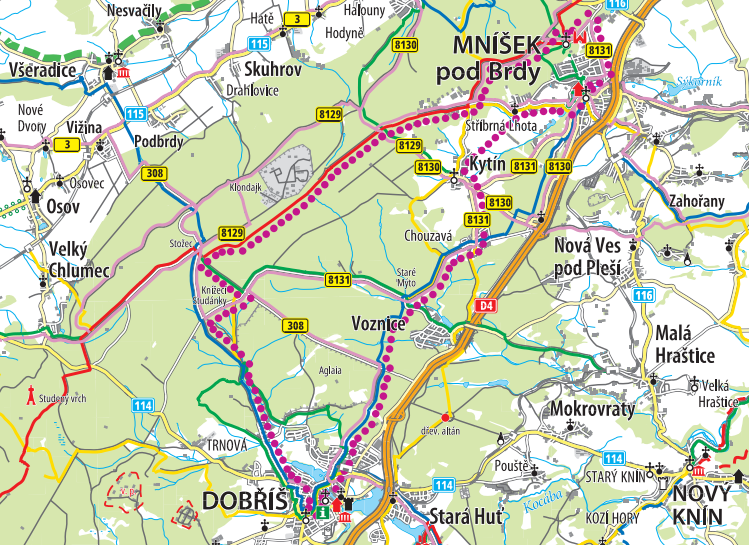


FROM DOBŘÍŠ TO MNÍŠEK: THROUGH THE FOOTHILLS THERE AND BACK ALONG THE HŘEBENY

- **Difficulty level:** medium • **Route length:** 35 km
- **Vertical distance:** 208 m

This circular route from Dobříš to Mníšek's Skalka will allow you to truly "ride", while at the same time seeing many points of interest. Moreover, the route has been selected to avoid roads with cars as much as possible.

The route leads from the centre of the town along the **Saint James Route** (Svatojakubská trasa), past the **Papež Fishpond** and the **Jewish cemetery**. Head around the **Aglaia** game reserve and **Staré Mýto** and take **cycle trail no. 8131** from the "**Voznice**" intersection all the way to **Chouzavá**. From there, continue to **Kytín** where it is possible to visit a family brewery, the **Church of the Assumption of Our Lady** or the so-called **Kytín Spiral**. Continue from Kytín to **Stříbrná Lhota**, initially along the yellow-marked track before turning onto the unmarked, shortest connection at the end of the village which will reward you with beautiful views of the environs. The route joins the **Mníšecko-Z cycle trail** behind the agricultural homestead in Stříbrná Lhota which will take you to the square. From there, follow the **Mníšecko-M cycle trail** past the château and then cycle up to the **Skalka baroque area**. There, it is not only possible to view this unique facility, but also to take refreshments at a stand or to enjoy the wonderful views of **Mníšek pod Brdy**. From **Skalka**, follow track no. 8129 across the "**U Červeného kříže**" and "**Na Rovínách**" intersections (not far from the **Čunčí huba** refreshment stand) and connect to the **Hřebeny Track (Hřebenová cesta)** at the "**a Na Soudném**" intersection and continue to **Klondajk** (a former military area). **Knižecí Studánky** is an interesting stop on the return journey from the Hřebeny Mountains: it lies almost on the border of the oldest game reserve in the Dobříš Forest, namely **Aglaia**. Before entering the town of Dobříš, you will pass through a valley with the strange and serious sounding name of **Lipíž**.



Points of interest on the trail and in the environs

The Dobříš Château: a rococo château with a distinctive facade, a French park and a château Orangery on the northern side that is equipped with an illusory painting – the largest outdoor painting in Central Europe. An English Park next to the Orangery.

The Dobříš Town Museum: the museum provides information about the local tradition of glove making and the history of the town and it also includes the so-called Drhov Treasure consisting of a numismatic collection.

Kytín: this charming municipality in the foothills of the Brdy Hřebeny Mountains is a frequent starting point for trips to Brdy. It is home to a brewery and a restaurant, there are a number of statues in the village square and there is also a very nice sports facility there.

The Mníšek pod Brdy Château: the baroque château was created as the result of a conversion of a castle dating from the 13th and 14th centuries. It received its current form in the 17th century when it was converted and modified by Servác Ignác Engel of Engelsfluss. The château interior has been preserved in the way it was when the last owner, the Kast family, left the château at the beginning of the 20th century.

The Aglaia Game Reserve: it was established in 1853, when the first herd of white-tailed deer was released there. It is located at an altitude of 350 to 500 metres above sea level and it has an area in excess of 500 ha, of which 35 ha are accounted for by pastures and fields for the game, while the remainder is forest.



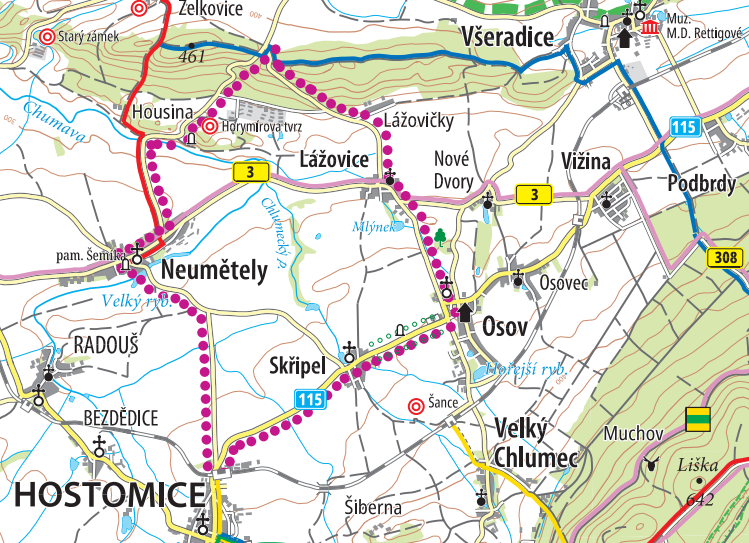


A RIDE IN SEARCH OF HORYMÍR

- **Difficulty level:** easy • **Route length:** 12,5 km
- **Vertical distance:** 68 m

The Hostomice part of the Lower Brdy Area is one of our region's agricultural areas. It was one of the first settled and that is why it is home to the remnants of significant numbers of mediaeval and even prehistoric farmsteads and strongholds. Of course, many of them have been significantly impacted by economic activities, no matter whether this involves agricultural or stone quarrying, and it is therefore not possible to date them. The legendary Horymír is also supposed to have been active in this area and the route leads in his footsteps. We can recommend it for older children, senior citizens and recreational cyclists and it can also be easily written on a road bike.

Start at the **Hostomice railway station** and head to Neumětely (for example, by following **cycle trail no. 3**). The somewhat imperceptible remnants of a mediaeval fortress are located in front of the municipality near the Big Fishpond (Velký rybník), while **the municipality itself** is home to a **symbolic memorial** to Horymír's faithful companion, the legendary **horse Šemík**. Continue from Neumětely along the local road under the slopes of **the Housina Ridge** (a natural monument) to the hillock **called Košík** (351 m) which is now partially forested, but where **Horymír's fortress** supposedly once stood. The small wooden castle dating from the 14 century, which was built on the site of a prehistoric fortified settlement, has long since disappeared and the majority of the remnants of the fortifications have long since given way to a former quarry, but for all that history breathes intensely upon us there in the form of **the Old Czech Legends (Staré pověsti České)**. Continue in the direction towards **Housina** and take the road to the right at the first intersection. Turn right at the next intersection and you will pass over **the Nový Dvůr Stream** and into the municipality of **Lážovice**, after which you will gradually climb to the municipality of **Osov**. The local baroque chateau, which was visited, for example, by **Karel Čapek** or **Hugo Haas**, is now closed to the public, so turn right onto the tree-lined road that leads to the municipality of **Skřípel** with a nice baroque church (**Saints Simon and Jude**) and continue along Road II/115 back to the Hostomice railway station. The entire route will provide you with views of the countryside framed from the north by the forested **Housina Ridge** and from the south east by the highest peaks of **Brdy's Hřebený range**.



Points of interest on the trail and in the environs

The town of Hostomice:

a small town between Dobříš and Hořovice lying in a wide valley surrounded by Brdy's peaks. It has a nice, long square with a church and it is just a short hop from there to the brewery that serves Fabián beer.

The Neumětely fortress:

it probably existed from the end of the 14th century through to the 2nd half of the 15th century. Part of the fortress at the south-west edge of the Big Fishpond has been preserved.

The Šemík Memorial: "In Neumětely, they believed and still believe that Šemík, the faithful horse of Horymír the knight, lies buried there." This text is written on the memorial in the municipality of Neumětely.

"Horymír's" Košík fortress:

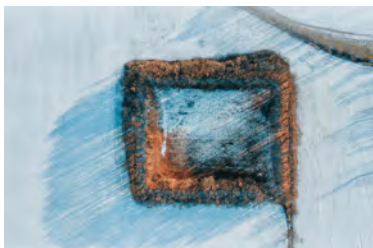
a small wooden castle was built on the site of a prehistorical settlement under the peak known as Košík in the 14th century. The fortress was surrounded by a deep moat which is the only thing to have been partially preserved.

The Osov Château:

In 1728–1737, Jan Adolf, Duke of Kounice, had a baroque château with an extensive French garden built on the site of a former fortress. The garden was subsequently converted into an English Park in the 19th century. Both the château and the park are close to the public.

The Skřípel chestnut avenue:

a charming and gradually renewed avenue with horse chestnut trees along the road between the municipalities of Skřípel and Osov.





FROM HOŘOVICE TO THE CAST-IRON REGION

- **Difficulty level:** medium • **Route length:** 14,8 km
- **Vertical distance:** 251 m (a drop of 246 m)

The route begins in Hořovice and will take you to an area that was famous for its cast-iron industry. In fact, cast-iron items are still produced in Komárov today and it even has its own small cast-iron museum.

Be sure to visit the local points of interest before setting off from **Palacký Square (Palackého náměstí)** to the Brdy foothills. The largest include the two châteaux. The **Old Château** houses a museum, a gallery and the information centre, while the new one offers guided tours. There is no need to fly all the way to America, as the **Hořovice Château** also has its very own **Oval Office!** Climb from Hořovice up Valdecká Street (cycle trail no. 8244) and take the less frequented road to **Hvozdec**. Wonderful views of the **ragged topography of the Lower Brdy Area** will open up before you enter the forest. From Hvozdec, descend to **Mrtník** (cycle trail no. 0006) and then **follow the Around Komárov (Okolím Komárova)** Educational Trail to the **Záskalská Reservoir** (swimming is possible). The route will also take you past the **Mrtník Cliff** with a marking depicting the water level during the floods of 1872. Ride across the reservoir's dam and turn back onto **cycle trail no. 0006** at the **edge of Chaloupky**. Stay on the cycle trail until you reach Sokolovická Street. There are a number of cast-iron statues and the **Museum of Cast-Iron** in the centre of **Komárov**. The museum is open to visitors every Saturday. Turn from the aforementioned street into **Nad Oborou Street** which leads to **Osek**: There, you will join **cycle trail no. 3** leading back to **Hořovice**.



Points of interest on the trail and in the environs

The New and Old Châteaux in Hořovice: the Old Château was created by means of the renaissance conversion of an originally gothic building at the end of the 15th century. It ceased to function as an aristocratic seat at the time when the New Château was built a short way off and it subsequently served as a facility for the administration of the estate.

The Convicts' Column in Hořovice: the column is essentially a late gothic wayside shrine. It probably dates from the period around 1500. The object most probably received its name from the fact that it stands at a site where convicts took their final journey from the now-defunct gate to the execution place on Gallows Hill (Šibeníční vrch).

The Mrtník Cliff (Mrtnická skála): this massive rock formation above the Red Stream (Červený potok) is a typical manifestation of frost weathering. Now the only location in the Brdy Nature Reserve where mountain climbing is permitted.

Záskašská: this reservoir on the Red Stream (Červený Potok) holds 740 thousand cubic metres of water behind a 16 m high embankment dam within an area of 15 hectares. It is one of few reservoirs in Brdy that is also used for recreational purposes and as a sports fishing area.

The Museum of Cast-Iron in Komárov: the local museum has a long history which began as far back as in 1829. Its establishment was preceded by the existence of various company sample rooms at a number of ironworks. At present, the museum contains displays of artistic cast-iron items.



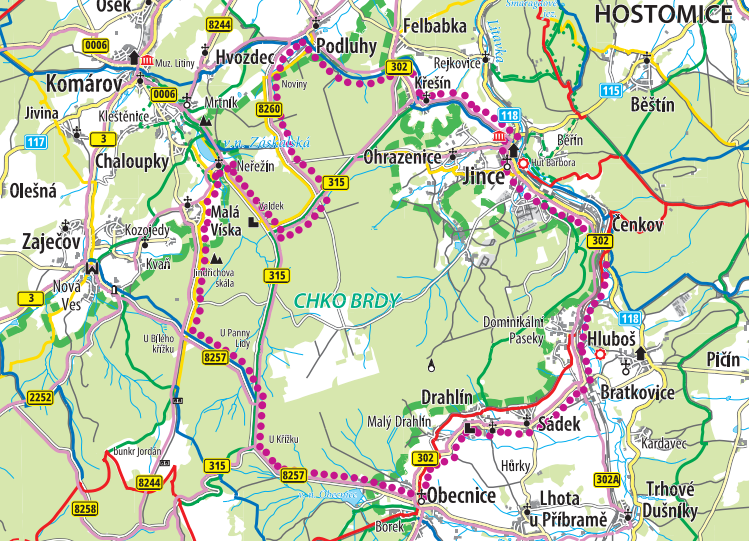


THE GRAND JINCE CIRCUIT

- **Difficulty level:** demanding • **Route length:** 40,5 km
- **Vertical distance:** 303 m

Set off from the “U Mostu” intersection in the centre of Jince along cycle trail no. 302. Before leaving Jince, it is well worth visiting the recently renovated **Barbora Ironworks** which boasts a number of exhibitions. After your visit, continue towards **Křešín** to the intersection at the beginning of the municipality of Felbabka. There, turn left onto cycle trail no. 0006A and follow it through the former military camp to the forest and the romantic **Black Lake (Černé jezírko)** under the **Liebusova skalka** rock formation and continue to the municipality of Podluhy. Take cycle trail no. 8260 from the municipality and head left along it to the **Noviny gamekeeper's** lodge before climbing to the area where the municipality of Hrachoviště once stood. Stay on the cycle trail and continue until the “**u hájovny Krejčovka**” intersection where you should turn right. Head along route no. 315 and then no. 8244A until you reach the **ruins of Valdek Castle**. The route then heads from this romantic place to the settlement of **Neřežín**. Once at the intersection, you will come upon the Around Komárov (Okolím Komárova) Educational Trail which copies cycle trail nos. 2252 and 8244, which you should take to nearby **Malá Víska** and then follow trail no. 4244 to the turnoff to the **Jindřich Cliff (Jindřichova skála)**.

Return to the cycle trail and head in the direction towards the “**U Bílého křížku**” intersection where you should turn left onto **cycle trail no. 8257**. The trail will then take you from the bed of the charming **Red Stream** to the so-called **Jinecká Baština** by means of a steep ascent. There, you should turn right and follow cycle trail nos. 315 and 8257. You will come to the **U Křížku saddle** (675 m) and then follow trail no. 8257 all the way to Obecnice, where there is a VLS information centre. Take cycle trail no. 8198 from the village square and head uphill towards Drahlín. The cycle trail will take you to Sádek where you should join trail no. 302 and pedal to Bratkovice. From there, the route follows the **meanders of the Litavka River** downstream to the charming settlement of Dominikální Paseky. The cycle trail then follows the railway track under the **slopes of Slonovec** up to Road II/118 (Příbram–Jince) which you will merely cross before continuing to the municipality of Čenkov. Cross the bridge near the municipal authority and take trail no. 302 along the Litavka River and the Kopačov Fishpond (Kopáčovský rybník) back to the start in Jince.



Points of interest on the trail and in the environs

The family house of the violinist J. Slavík in Jince: the family house of probably the most famous local native son, the violin virtuoso Josef Slavík, stands in Slavíkova Street.

The Barbora Ironworks: the facility now includes exhibitions on metallurgy, the Barrandian National Geopark, the violin virtuoso Josef Slavík, a famous Jinec native, and also points of interest from the nature and the military history of Brdy.

Part of the From Jince to Olymp Brdy Educational Trail (NS Z Jinec na Olymp Brd): the educational trail begins in Jince and has 16 stations. It leads up to the summit of Plešivec and to a number of interesting sites: the former château, the Barbora Ironworks, the Vinice Natural Memorial, a rocking stone, springs and the Devil's Pulpit (Čertova kazatelna) or Fabian's Garden (Fabiánova zahrádka) lookout points.

Valdek Castle: the ruin of the greatest castle in the Brdy area stands on a rocky promontory above the deep valley of the Red Stream (Červený potok).

The Jindřich Cliff (Jindřichova skála): the south-eastern projection of the Beran peak (684 m) terminates with a typical rock formation, the largest such formation in Central Brdy.

The "U Panny Lídy" spring: one of the best springs in Brdy.

Part of the trail along the Litavka River meanders: it is possible to observe the beautifully undulating Litavka River on the way from Bratkovice to Čenkov. The Battle of Čenkov (1422) and the Battle of Hluboš (1611) took place at the location known as Bílá Huť.





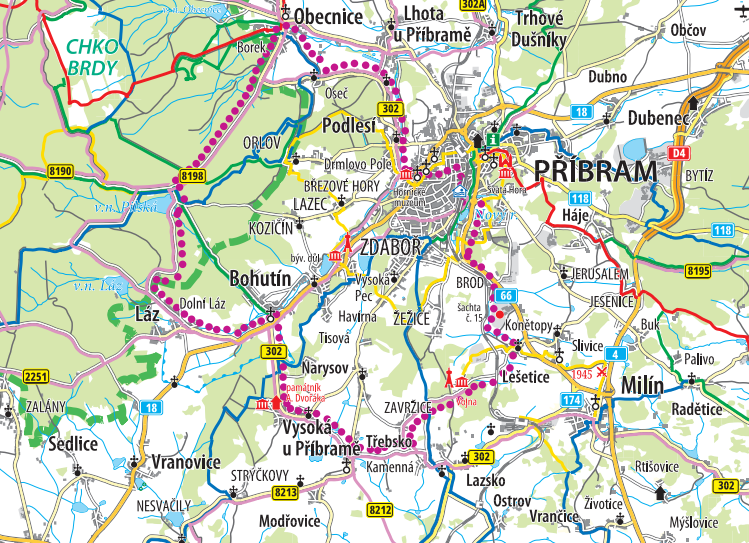
THROUGH THE ENVIRONS OF ROYAL PŘÍBRAM

- **Difficulty level:** demanding
- **Route length:** 33 km
- **Vertical distance:** 365 m

This cycle trip will take you to a number of interesting places in the centre and the environs of this royal mining town. This will include visits to the two main dominant features of Příbram, i.e. the **Holy Mountain (Svatá Hora)** place of Marian pilgrimage and the **Mining Museum in Příbram** where it is possible to head down into a mining shaft or to travel in a mine train. You will also see the **Vojna** former forced labour camp, visit places that provided inspiration for the composer **Antonín Dvořák** and reach the edge of the **Brdy Nature Reserve**.

The route begins at the **Nový rybník** facility where there are a number of children's playgrounds and a **natural outdoor swimming area**, which you are sure to appreciate at the end of the trip. Set off along the railway line to **Brod** and around former **uranium mine no. 15** to **Lešetice**, where you should then turn off to the **Vojna Memorial** according to the cycle trail signs.

Vojna is a unique partially preserved **prison facility** in Central Europe. It was originally a POW camp for German prisoners of war, but over time it was transformed into a prison for the political opponents of the communist regime. **Cycle trail nos. 302C** and **302** lead from the car park and will take you to the small **château at Vysoká u Příbramě** that serves as a memorial to the music great, **Antonín Dvořák**. Take **track no. 302** from the Memorial to **Bohutín** where you can visit the **Museum of the Bohutín Micro-Region**. From there, climb into the dense Brdy forests along **track no. 2251** through the municipality of **Láz** and follow **track no. 8198** and then **track no. 8190**. The route continues around the **Pílská Reservoir** to **Obecnice** and then descends to **Oseč**. Continue along **track no. 302** to **Podlesí** and then return to Příbram around the **football stadium**.



Points of interest on the trail and in the environs

Holy Mountain (Svatá Hora): the clearly visible dominant feature of the town of Příbram and the most significant place of Marian pilgrimage in Bohemia.

The Příbram Mining Museum: a mine train, a giant slide, descent into a mine shaft in a lift and mining equipment: these are just some of the attractions at the Mining Museum. There is not only something for lovers of technology and history, but also for children.



The Nový rybník facility: the sports and recreation facility is located in Příbram. It includes a natural outdoor swimming area, slides, trampolines, playgrounds, pétanque, adventure golf, a mini-zoo, a skate park, an in-line skating track, an outdoor cinema, a mini-camp, caravan sites, wakeboarding and refreshments.

The Vojna Lešetice Memorial: originally a camp for prisoners of war and later a forced labour camp for political opponents of the regime who were used for slave-like and dangerous work in the Příbram uranium mines which has been preserved as a monument under the patronage of the Confederation of Political Prisoners.

The Antonín Dvořák Memorial: the neo-renaissance château and English Park were built by Count Václav Kounic in 1878. The château is now presented as a museum: the Antonín Dvořák Memorial.

The Museum of the Bohutín Micro-Region: the museum at the former Řimbaba mine is dedicated to the municipality of Bohutín, mining, the creation of nativity scenes, local personalities, traditions and customs.

The Pilská Reservoir: the reservoir is located 2.6 km to the north-west of the municipality of Bohutín on the Pilský Stream. It was built in 1849–1853 as a source of water for the Příbram mines and ironworks.



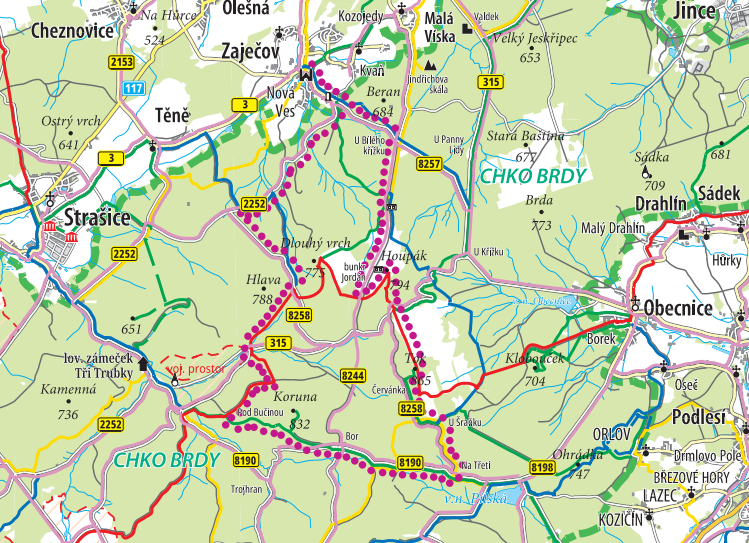
THE BRDY MOUNTAIN PREMIUM

- **Difficulty level:** demanding • **Route length:** 30 km
- **Vertical distance:** 713 m

This second trip to **Houpák** and **Tok** from the Hořovice side will truly test your fitness. The route is 30 km long with a vertical distance of 713 m. Be sure to pack a snack and let's go!

The route starts in Zaječov, where there is a former **Augustinian monastery**, and the first climb is on asphalt (**cycle trail no. 8257**). Turn onto an originally cobbled track and **route no. 8244** at the "**U Bílého křížku**" intersection and cross the former **military airport** to come to the first bunker. Head along the CE **Jordán infantry bunker**, which some of us know from the Czech film "**Obecná škola**", and **climb up to Houpák**, where you will then follow the red-marked trail. However, there will be no rest there, because the ascent to the **highest point in Central Bohemia, Tok**, starts now.

The impact surfaces of **Tok** and **Jordán** have been transformed into an extensive heath thanks to the activities of soldiers and so it may seem that you are in the rugged Scottish Highlands. A well-deserved descent from **Tok** via **Carvanka** now awaits you. Pass through the "**U Šraňku**" intersection (you will get there on **cycle trail no. 8258**) and continue to the "**Na Třetí**" intersection, from where you should continue along **track no. 8190**. Along the way, you will pass **Bor** where an **archiepiscopal gamekeeper's lodge** in the Tyrol style once stood and from where it is possible to take the green-marked trail. If you are feeling up to it, you can also ascend **up to Koruna**. Follow the red-marked track, which brings with it a series of ascents and descents, from the "**Pod Bučinou**" intersection back to the **Jordán impact surface**. Alternately, it is also possible to continue from Bor along **cycle trail no. 8190** via **Trojhran** and on to the **Three Trumpet Meadow (Třítrubecká Louka)** (or you can ride to the Three Trumpets hunting lodge (lovecký zámeček **Tři Trubky**) with the new Nature of Brdy Centre) and continue from there along **track no. 315** and then along the red-marked track to the "**Kvaň les**" intersection. There, you can connect to **cycle trail no. 8258** followed by **trail no. 2252** and a return to Zaječov.



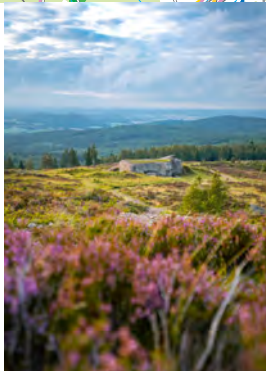
Points of interest on the trail and in the environs

The Svatá Dobrotivá monastery and place of pilgrimage in Zaječov: Svatá Dobrotivá is the name of an Augustinian monastery established in the 14th century. It was renovated in the baroque style in the 17th century and became a significant place of pilgrimage.

The Memorial to the 52nd Auxiliary Technical Battalion in Dolní Kvaň: the memorial was unveiled on 4 October 2001 at the initiative of the PTP-VTNP Association and the VLS company and it is located above the Svatá Dobrotivá monastery.

The White Cross (Bílý kříž): in memory of a battle with poachers.

The Three Trumpets hunting lodge (Lovecký zámček Tři Trubky): the Nature of Brdy Centre is located in the grounds of the Three Trumpets hunting lodge and it includes an information centre and an exhibition of the local nature and history.





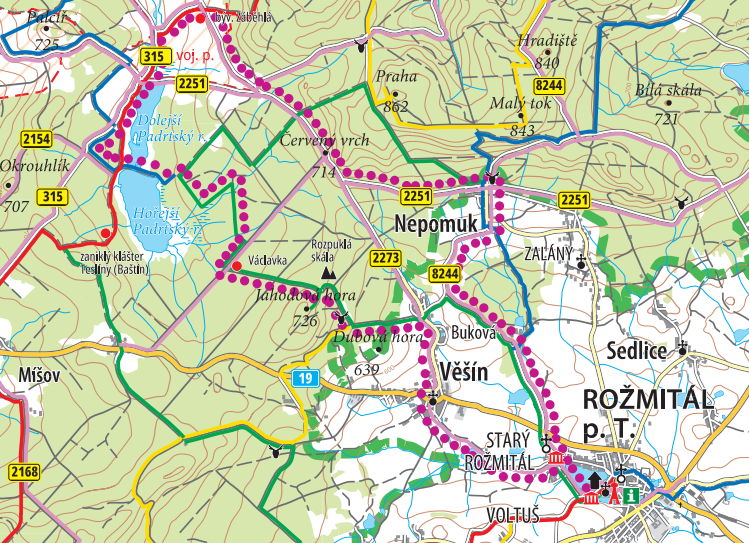
FROM ROŽMITÁL TO THE PADRŤ FISHPONDS

- **Difficulty level:** medium • **Route length:** 29 km
- **Vertical distance:** 289 m (descent 292 m)

Before starting the trip, head off to the **Lower Brdy Area Museum (Podbrdské muzeum)** in Rožmitál pod Třemšínem which has a number of interesting exhibitions focusing on the everyday life of the local inhabitants and the significant personalities from the region. Once you have finished at the museum, set off along cycle trail no. 8244 to Nepomuk where you should then change to cycle trail no. 2251. Turn right onto trail no. 2251 at the “U Červeného lomu” intersection. This will take you to the **Environs of the Padrť Fishponds Educational Trail (Okolím Padrťských rybníků)** or directly to the Lower Padrť Fishpond.

The former municipality of **Záběhlá** is nearby: it ceased to exist as a result of its inclusion in the military district. You will find seating offering a short respite in the quiet countryside with a light breeze at the “**Hořejší Padrťský rybník**” intersection, which you can get to by following **trail no. 315**, and then along the Environs of the **Padrť Fishponds Educational Trail**. Feel free to make use of this place to rest as you are currently at the midpoint of your trip. Cross the dam between the upper and lower fishponds and set off along the green-marked track to the municipality of **Buková** via **Strawberry Mountain (Jahodová hora)**. Along the way, you will pass a memorial to a jump made by Czechoslovak parachutists at the end of April 1942. In Bukov, turn onto **cycle trail no. 2273** to Věšín, where you will ride past a **neo-gothic chapel**, and then set off towards **Rožmitál pod Třemšínem** after the municipal authority.

A leisurely field track, which is still part of **cycle trail no. 2273**, will lead you around the romantic **Obžera** Fishpond. In Starý Rožmitál, you can visit the **Nail Smith Museum** or the parish church of the **Exultation of the Holy Cross (kostel Povýšení sv. Kříže)** before taking the **Joanna of Rožmitál Avenue** around the **Podzámecký Fishpond** to the centre of the town.



Points of interest on the trail and in the environs

The Lower Brdy Area Museum: a modernly conceived museum focused on regional themes, history, tradition and customs. There is a gallery dedicated to Jakub Jan Ryba and his Czech Christmas mass. The cherry on the cake is an exhibition of 40 historical automobiles from the Aero brand.

The renaissance chateau in Rožmitál pod Třemšínem: the extensive chateau consists of a three-wing building arranged in an arch or a circle. Joanna of Rožmitál, the wife of George of Poděbrady and a Czech Queen, lived at the chateau.

The Nail Smith Museum: this private museum recalls the tradition of ironmongery in the Lower Brdy Area and the producers of iron objects in hammer mills and nail workshops.

The Joanna of Rožmitál Avenue: the charming, historical Joanna of Rožmitál Avenue connects Rožmitál and Starý Rožmitál along the south-west bank of the Podzámecký Fishpond.

Záběhlá: a now vanished municipality in the vicinity of the Padrt Fishponds. Like Padrt, Kolvín, Hrachoviště u Podluh and Velcí u Jince, Záběhlá was compulsorily abandoned in 1952–1953 and razed to the ground. A military artillery range was established in its place.

The Padrt Fishponds: iconic and the most extensive water reservoirs in Brdy. They can be found in the central part of Brdy, in the middle of beautiful nature full of the Brdy forests.

The Cracked Rock (Rozpuklá skála): a rock formation in the vicinity of a marked hiking trail and in the “Jahodová hora” intersection.





THROUGH THE ENVIRONS OF BŘEZNICE TO HROCH'S CASTLE AND DRAHENICE

- **Difficulty level:** demanding • **Route length:** 24 km
- **Vertical distance:** 419 m

The last trip will take you to the southernmost part of Central Bohemia. You will get to see the beautiful town of Březnice with its renaissance château, a romantic castle ruin and a village with a number of folk structures.

The trip starts at the **Březnice Château**, which you should also be sure to visit. Take a look at, for example, the **Lokšany Library** dating from the mid-16th century, the oldest preserved **renaissance library** in Bohemia, and hear the romantic tale of the secret wedding of **Philippine Welser** and **Ferdinand II Archduke of Tyrol**.

Set off along **cycle trail no. 1157** past the **Herold brewery** and to the ruins of **Hroch's Castle** which is shrouded in mystery. The only historical mention dates from the 16th century when the castle was already abandoned. At the **Dobrá Voda** bus stop, take a look at the Chapel of **Saint Mary Magdalen** which stands above a healing spring before continuing along cycle trail no. 8215 to the Drahenice Mill. Take a short detour along cycle trail no. 1062 from the intersection to Drahenice, where there is a **Lobkowitz château** with a mansard roof. There are a number of small sacred buildings and farmsteads in the centre. You can continue the circular route to the part of **Drahenice** called **Račany** which is home to a number of half-timbered houses and a picturesque village square. Return to **Březnice** along **cycle trail no. 1062**.



Points of interest on the trail and in the environs

The Březnice Château: the château's exhibition presents the history of the individual aristocratic families and artistic styles from the renaissance through to the 19th century. The Lokšany Library, the oldest renaissance library in Bohemia dating from 1558, is a historical gem.

The Municipal Museum and Ludvík Kuba Gallery: the museum offers two exhibitions: Puppetry in the Březnice Area, which pays tribute to Arnoštka Kopecká, the granddaughter of one of the best-known puppeteers Matěj Kopecký, and Ecclesiastical and Spiritual Life with collection items of a church and folk nature. The Ludvík Kuba Gallery presents some of the artist's painted works.

The Synagogue and Lokšany Jewish ghetto: the synagogue is located in the middle of the Jewish quarter known as Lokšany. It is the architecturally and urbanistically best preserved Jewish quarter in Bohemia dating from the first half of the 18th century. At present, it is used as the regional Jewish Museum.

The Stone Bridge: the Stone Bridge across the Vltava River was built in 1899. It has been decorated with four baroque statues. The first chapel on Svatá Hora (the Holy Mountain) with a picture of Our Lady of the Rosary is located next to the bridge.

Drahenice: the local village heritage zone was declared in 1995. The irregular village square of the mediaeval village with its small sacred structures and farmsteads connects to the local seat of the estate.



INFORMATION CENTERS



Březnice:

V Koleji 1, May–October: Mon–Fri 8.00 am to 5.00 pm, Sat–Sun, bank holidays 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, November–April: Mon–Fri 8.00 am to 4.00 pm, kulturabreznice.cz

Dobřichovice:

5. května 912, April–September: Wed–Sun 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm, October–March: Fri–Sun 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm, dobrichovice.cz/mesto/infocentrum

Dobříš:

Mírové náměstí 103, Mon–Fri 8.00 am to 5.00 pm, April–October: also open on Saturdays 9.00 am to 4.00 pm, and Sundays 10.00 am to 4.00 pm (with a lunch break between 12.00 am and 1.00 pm over weekends), ic.mestodobris.cz

Hořovice:

Vrbnovská 30/1 (within the Old Castle area), all year round: Mon–Fri 8.00 am to 11.00 am, 12.00 pm to 5.00 pm, November–March: Sat 9.00 am to 11.00 am, 12.00 pm to 3.00 pm, Sundays and bank holidays – closed, April–October: Sat–Sun 9.00 am to 11.00 am, 12.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Palackého nám. 1546 (adjacent to the town hall), Mon 8.00 am to 12.00 am, 12.30 pm to 4.00 pm, Tue, Thu 8.00 am to 12.00 pm, 12.30 pm to 3.30 pm, Wed 8.00 am to 12.00 pm, 12.30 pm to 5.00 pm, Fri 8.00 am to 1.00 pm, mkc-horovice.cz

Mníšek pod Brdy:

Registry of the Town Council, Dobříšská 56, mnisek.cz

Skalka monastery, April–October: Tue–Fri 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm, Sat and Sun 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, mnisek.cz

Obecnice:

Obecnice 274, July–August: Mon–Sun 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, September–June: Fri–Sun 9.00 am to 3.00 pm, vls.cz

Příbram:

Pražská 129, Mon–Sun 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, poznejpribram.cz

Rožmitál pod Třemšínem:

Palackého 9, Mon–Thu 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, Fri–Sun 9.00 am to 4.00 pm (with a lunch break every day between 12.00 pm and 1.00 pm), November–March: closed on Sundays, icentrum.tremsinsko.cz

Strašice:

Strašice 405, Sat–Sun 10.00 am to 11.00 am and 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm, April–September: Tue–Fri 8.30 am to 12.00 pm, 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm, October–March: Wed 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm, muzeumstrasice.eu

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