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Dear hikers,

The following pages contain 12 hiking trails and trips that will guide you around the places of interest in Brdy and the Lower Brdy Area. There is something here for everyone, regardless of your preferences. The routes have been prepared with varying levels of difficulty, so both hardened hikers and families with children will find something to choose from.

Every trip will take you to a place with a rich history. There are views from the peaks of the mountains of Brdy and walks through city streets with a long history. Maps and short descriptions will be available so that you have a better understanding of what awaits you along the way. Enjoy discovering Brdy and the Lower Brdy Area, where unforgettable experiences and rest for the soul await you.



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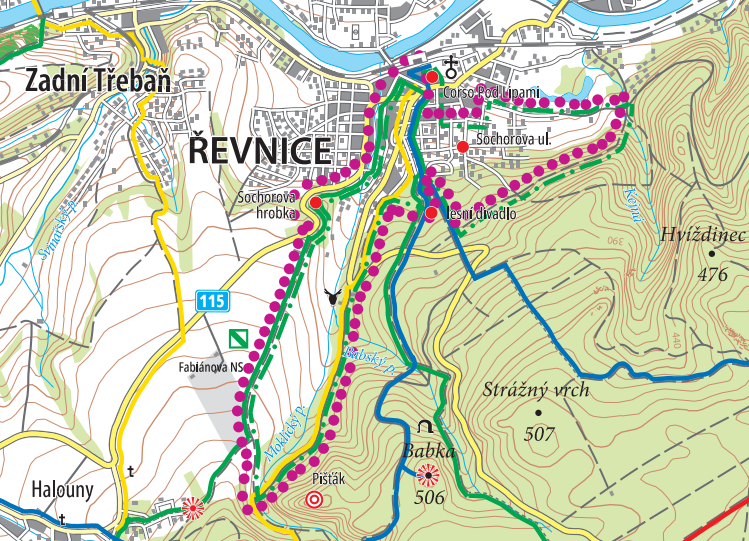
THE FABIAN TRAIL IN SEARCH OF THE PEARLS OF ŘEVNICE

- **Difficulty level:** easy • **Route length:** 11 km
- **Vertical distance:** 226 m

Whenever anyone mentions Brdy, people think of dense forests and silent nature. The fact that this area has so much more offer will become abundantly clear during a walk through the streets of Řevnice, a town where you will find architectural pearls from all the architectural decades.

The 13 stations on the **Fabian Educational Trail** will guide you around the town's points of interest and the trail can easily be completed with a pram. The route will take you to **the Forest Theatre**, **the small Pišťák lake** with the peak of the same name where there was once a bronze age fortified settlement and wetlands with a unique biotope.

Along the way, you should be sure to include a short detour to Sochorova Street where you can admire the First Republic villas designed by the architect Eduard Sochor, who was inspired by the reconstruction of a number of Czech castles. This is why you can find villas called **Zbiroh** or **Kokořín** there. The area known as **Corso under the Lindens (Corso Pod Lipami)** was created as a counterpoint to the older art. Modern architecture has reshaped the passage from the square to the railway station to such a sensitive extent that the buildings received the architects' Grand Prix and



Points of interest on the trail and in the environs

The Kokořín villa: this significant building was built by the architect Eduard Sochor more than 100 years ago. It stands on a hill at the edge of a forest and provides nice views of the town.

The Zbiroh villa: a villa that was built in Řevnice by the architect Eduard Sochor.

The Forest Theatre: a natural amphitheatre in the forest above the municipality of Řevnice that can hold up to 600 people and offers an extensive cultural program.

Pišťák: the destination of many trips that lies at an altitude of 460 m above sea level. It is home to the remnants of the Pišťák fortified settlement and there are nice views of the environs not far from the peak.

The art nouveau tomb: the tomb of the architect Eduard Sochor is located in the new cemetery.

Corso Pod Lipami (Corso under the Lindens): this was established as a counterpoint to the older architecture in Řevnice. The complex of buildings received the architects' Grand Prix and the National Prize for Architecture in 2019.

The summerhouse of the architect K. Lapka: this seemingly inconspicuous house in Sochorova Street in Řevnice was designed by the architect Karel Lapka at the end of the 1960s for his family.





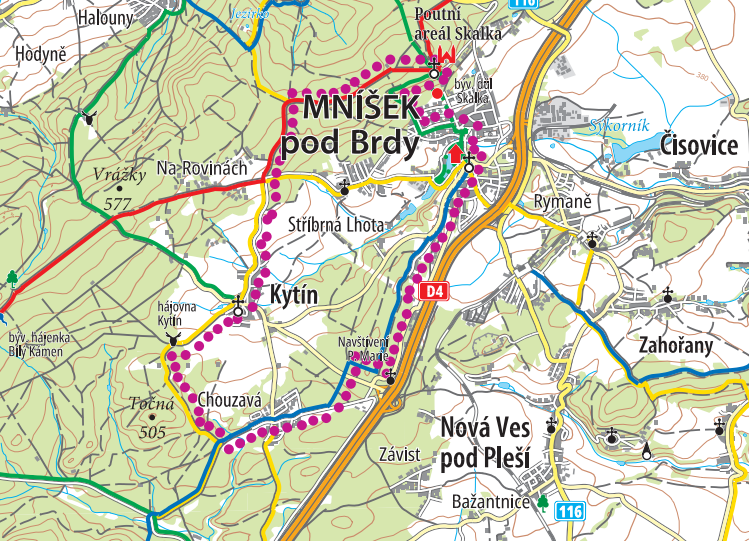
THE COUNTRYSIDE OF KÁJA MAŘÍK

- **Difficulty level:** medium • **Route length:** 16 km
- **Vertical distance:** 284 m (descent 279 m)

This trip heads through the countryside that inspired Marie Wagnerová-Černá (writing under the pseudonym Felix Háj) to write her seven-volume story of the schoolboy Kája Mařík.

The route starts on the square in **Mníšek pod Brdy**, where there is a château that you should also be sure to visit. After visiting the château, set off from the square along the blue-marked trail via the municipality of **Chouzavá** to an intersection of the same name. From there, you should follow the yellow-marked hiking trail to Kytín.

Along the way, you will pass the stone **Kytín gamekeeper's lodge** from 1892. The picturesque Kytín village square, which is reminiscent of pictures by Josef Lada, is home to a family brewery where you can take refreshment. Continue from Kytín along the yellow-marked trail to the "**Na Rovínách**" intersection where you should then follow the red-marked trail. This will take you along the ridge to **The Skalka pilgrimage area**, which provides a view of Mníšek and its environs. Skalka is home to a number of architectural masterpieces, of which the Way of the Cross, the former monastery building, the hermitage and **the Church of Saint Mary Magdalen** have been preserved. The green-marked trail will guide you back to Mníšek.



Points of interest on the trail and in the environs

The Church of Saint Wenceslas in Mníšek pod Brdy: a baroque church dating from 1756 with a 50-metre high pseudo-Romanesque tower dating from 1867. A number of items were transferred from the monastery at Skalka to the church, for example Brandl's painting of the Penitent Saint Mary Magdalen, Škréta's paintings and other valuables.

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 Engel of Engelsfluss.

The Chapel of the Visitation of Our Lady: it is located in an area known as Little Holy Mountain (Malá Svatá Hora) which was a stopover for pilgrims and from where Holy Mountain (Svatá Hora) in Příbram was visible. The chapel was built in the late baroque style by Edmund Chvalský in 1809.

The Kytín gamekeeper's lodge: this building to the south-west of Kytín served as inspiration for the writer Marie Černá, whose married name was Wagnerová, when writing her stories about the schoolboy Kája Mařík. She published her stories under the pseudonym Felix Háj.

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 former Skalka mine: the iron ore in the Skalka seam near Mníšek pod Brdy was first mined by the Celts. The first written mention of mining dates from 1746 and the mining continued there until the mid-1960s. Excursions to the Skalka mine, including rides in the mine train, are possible by prior arrangement.





FOLLOWING THE FIRST HIKERS VIA THE SAINT JOHN'S RAPIDS

- **Difficulty level:** medium
- **Route length:** 10,5 km
- **Vertical distance:** 311 m

This walk via the Saint John's Rapids (Svatojanské proudy) offers breathtaking views of the serene Vltava River that will melt the hearts of even the most dyed-in-the-wool objectors to romanticism.

The route commences at the bus stop in the municipality of **Třeбенice**, from where it follows the green-marked trail below the **Slapy Reservoir dam**. Pass the marina for pleasure boats and then follow the river. The most remote cottages with their wooden gates will be left behind after a few kilometres and the climb to the **Třeбенice game reserve**, the prettiest part of the route known as the **Saint John's Rapids**, will commence. While there are a number of rocky projections on the left, the right offers a calming view of the deeply sunken Vltava River.

The route follows the winds of the river and makes use of a number of carved tunnels to overcome the rocky massif. It gradually descends to the river before arriving at the well-known tramping settlement known as **Lost Hope (Ztracená naděje)** which has been there since 1919. **Starting at the "Nad Přehradou"** intersection, the route ascends on a replica of the first ever hiking track marked by the Czech Hiking Club in 1889. Leave the **track at the "Kolna"** intersection at the top and use the blue-marked track to return to Třeбенice.



Points of interest on the trail and in the environs

The dams of the Slapy and Štěchovice Reservoirs: both reservoirs on the Vltava are interesting technical structures. The dam on the Slapy Reservoir is 52 m high, while the dam on the Štěchovice Reservoir is 22 m.

The valley of the Saint John's Rapids: the educational trail leads through a rocky valley of the Vltava that was once home to a wild section of the Saint John's Rapids. Information signs provide information about the flora, fauna, local geology and the use of rafts. Tunnels have been cut into the cliffs in a number of places.

The White Cliffs (Bílé skály): the steep slope in the first curve above Třebenice on the left-hand bank of the Vltava.

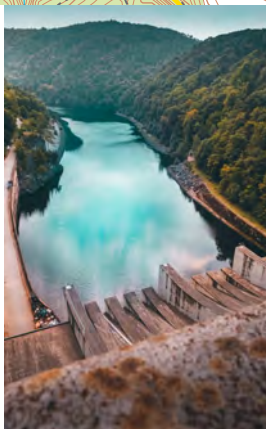
The Zadka observation point: this analogue to the well-known Máj nad Vltavou observation point is located within the territory of the municipality of Štěchovice.

The Last Hope tramping settlement:

a legendary tramping settlement that holds a significant place in the history of Czech tramping.

The replica of the 1st Czech Hiking Club trail: the replica of the first hiking trail with copies of the original markings is located near the dam on the Štěchovice Reservoir.

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.





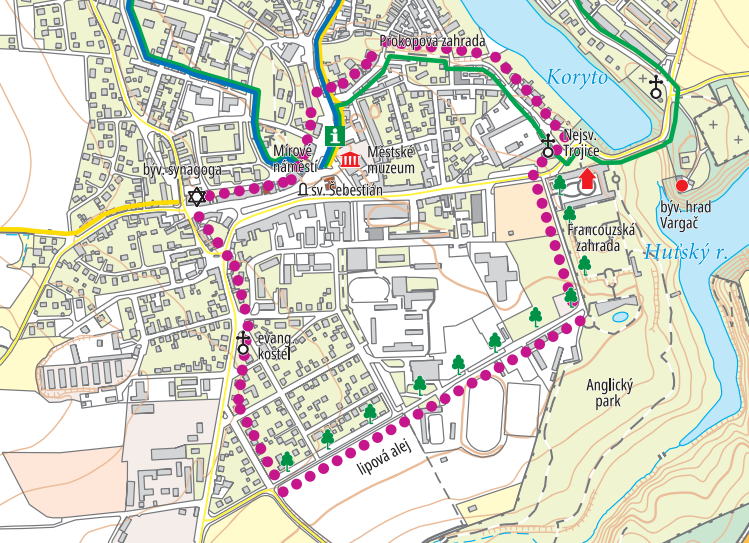
THE SMALL DOBŘÍŠ TOWN CIRCUIT

• **Difficulty level:** easy • **Route length:** 4 km

The route mainly leads through the centre of the town and it presents a number of places that were once popular with kings, princes and aldermen in 21 stops. These locations have a rich history and cultural heritage that formed the development of Dobříš.

The journey starts on the **Peace Square (Mírové náměstí)** where you can visit the **Dobříš Town Museum**. The museum is predominantly dedicated to the history of the town and the traditions of **glove making**. The route then continues to the **Protestant church**. After that, it returns to the square where there are a number of historical buildings with interesting stories.

Walkers will discover that the building of the current cultural centre was once a **synagogue** and that the **Sokol gymnasium building** was built by volunteers. The trail continues from the square through a number of interesting sites and the **Prokop Garden** and on to **Freedom Square (náměstí Svobody)** and the fairytale château and the **Church of the Holy Trinity (kostel Nejsvětější Trojice)**. From there, it returns to the centre and heads into the part of the town that is reserved for schools and active recreation. It leads to the entrance to the **English Park**, where visitors can leave the trail, view the park and then return to the château.



Points of interest on the trail and in the environs

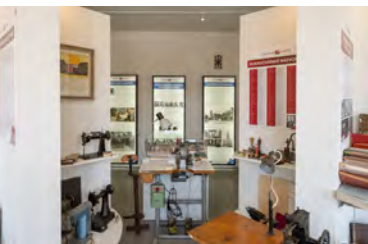
Mírové náměstí: the square constitutes the centre of the town and its current appearance dates from the end of the 19th century when the stream that once flowed through its centre was diverted into an underground pipe. It has been called the Peace Square since 1965. The old town hall was a two-storey wooden structure, which was demolished in 1821 and subsequently replaced with the brick town hall.



The Dobříš Chateau: a rococo chateau with a distinctive facade, a French park and a chateau Orangery on the northern side that is equipped with an illusory painting – the largest outdoor painting in Central Europe.

The Schart Villa and the protestant church: the Protestant church was built in 1937, but it was missing a bell for many years, because it had been melted down during the war. The bell tower was eventually re-equipped with a bell in the 1990s. Adolf Schart was the Mayor of Dobříš. He and his family were executed by the Gestapo in 1942.

The former synagogue – the Cultural Centre: the synagogue building served its original purpose for less than 35 years. It began to fall into disrepair after the Second World War and underwent a radical transformation in the second half of the 20th century. The neo-Romanesque windows disappeared and the building's tower, which was a typical Dobříš element, was torn down. The building's use also changed, as the original synagogue became the new cultural centre.





TOČNÍK AND ŽEBRÁK: THE CASTLE WALK

- **Difficulty level:** easy • **Route length:** 4,7 km
- **Vertical distance:** 192 m (descent 133 m)

We have prepared a walk for all families with noble princesses, bold knights and marauding bandits. During the walk, you can visit not one, but two mediaeval castles. The royal castles of Točník and Žebrák can be found at the edge of the Křivoklát Nature Reserve and the fact that they are now only castle ruins does not in any way detract from their romanticism and fabulousness.

The trip begins at the car park under **Točník Castle**, from where you should set off into the centre of the village towards the older of the two castles, i.e. **Žebrák**. The tour of the castle dating from the 13th century includes a **dungeon** and entry to the tower which provides wonderful views of the environs. Having conquered the castle, return to the crossroads next to the municipal authority, where you should head left and shortly thereafter turn right onto the forest track until you come across the red markings. Follow the **red-marked** trail under **Točník Castle**, the conquering of which will require some effort on your part. Your reward for the ascent will be breathtaking views of the **Křivoklát countryside**.

Before entering, you must greet the **bears Agatha and Martina** who guard the castle in the moat and then there will be nothing to keep you from investigating **Točník**, the castle of **King Wenceslas IV**, from top to bottom.



Žebrák Castle: a romantic ruin with excellent views of the environs. The gothic castle was built above the confluence of the Pekelský and Stroupinský Streams at the end of a rocky promontory, the shape of which is reminiscent of a rib. That is why it was given the name Žebrák (from the Czech word "žebro" meaning rib).

Točník Castle: King Wenceslas IV built Točník Castle as a representative seat in this dominant and strategic position in the 14th century, probably as a replacement for the neighbouring Žebrák Castle which had been destroyed in a fire. The castle includes a bear pit.

The Portal of the Jerome of Prague (Portál Jeronýma Pražského) on the hillock above the car park: the portal has been located on the hillock above the car park at Točník since 2016. It originally came from the Provincial Bank (Zemská banka) in Prague's Na Příkopěch Street and was installed in the Czechoslovak Hussite Chapel at Žebrák in 1941.



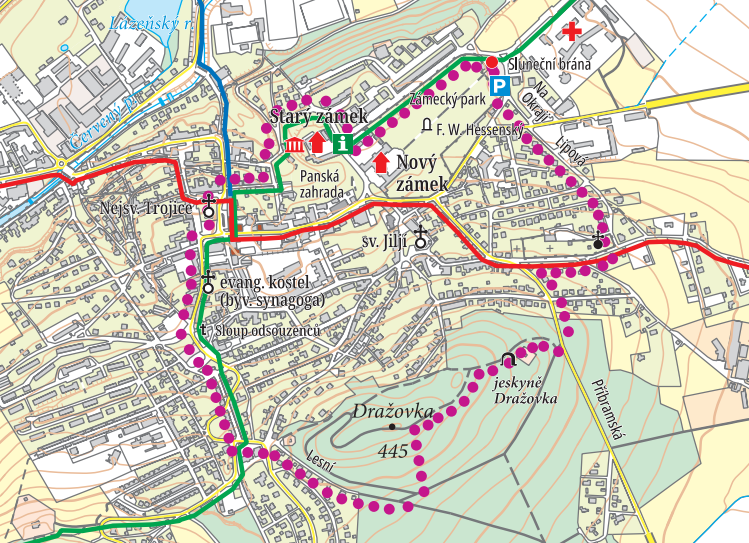


HERE AND THERE THROUGH HOŘOVICE

- **Difficulty level:** easy • **Route length:** 4 km
- **Vertical distance:** 93 m

The town of Hořovice can boast a number of dominant features. The biggest of these is without doubt the so-called New Château (Nový zámek), but you should also be sure not to miss a number of other places of interest with which you can become acquainted during this trip.

The short walk through the town starts in the car park near the **château's Sun Gate (Sluneční brána)**. Save a tour of the château and the château park as a reward at the end of the trip and set off along **Na Okraji** and **Lipová** Streets to the cemetery where you will find the Empire-style tomb of the **Counts of Vrbno**, whose family seat was the **New Château**, and the tomb of the House of Schaumburg von Hanau, which owned the château from the mid-19th century. At the brick neo-Romanesque cemetery wall, the route continues along **Příbramská** Street to the **Dražovka Forest Park**. Before reaching the summit, you will pass the royal water tower which supplied the fountain in the New Château with water (the fountain was originally located on Wenceslas Square in Prague) and the **Dražovka artificial cave**. After leaving the summit, you will leave the forest park and set off along **Lesní Street**. You will see green markings on the track and they will take you back to the New Château. However, a series of further places of interest await you along the way, for example the **Convicts' Column** – a gothic wayside cross standing on the site of the path that led to the execution area on **Gallows Hill (Šibeniční vrch)**, the **Church of the Holy Trinity (kostel Nejsvětější Trojice)** with a Loreto and the **Old Château** that houses a museum, a gallery and the information centre.



Points of interest on the trail and in the environs

The New Château and park: an early baroque château that was built as a representative seat at a time when the old seat ceased to meet its owners' needs. The château includes a park, which is entered via the baroque Sun Gate (Sluneční brána). The gate has been set on pillars bearing statues from the workshop of Matyáš Bernard Braun.



The Prince Friedrich of Hesse Memorial: a massive stone effigy of the owner of the Hořovice estate dating from 1852. It was created by the sculptor Jindřich Nater from Vienna.

The former Franciscan monastery: two renaissance houses were connected into one during a baroque conversion. It includes the half-timbered annex of the former refectory with rare wall frescoes.

The Old Château: the château was established as a result of the renaissance conversion of an originally gothic seat around the end of the 15th century. It ceased to fulfil its function as an aristocratic seat when the New Château was built a short way off and it subsequently served as a facility for the administration of the estate. It is a simple, two-storey building in the shape of the letter U with a mansard roof. The Old Château is home to the Hořovice Area Museum, the Old Château Gallery, the information centre and the municipal library.

The manor garden: the garden next to the Old Château contains a large number of rare tree species, for example ginkgo biloba, the tulip tree or the common hackberry.





TO JINCE IN SEARCH OF TRILOBITES

- **Difficulty level:** demanding • **Route length:** 20 km
- **Vertical distance:** 318 m

This longer route may suit more athletic fans of palaeontology and archaeology, as well as hikers who are not afraid of a little exertion in order to see some beautiful nature and enjoy some wonderful views.

The route begins on the green-marked track in **Jince** at the “U Mostu” intersection (you can take a quick tour to the newly reconstructed **Barbora Ironworks**), which leads to the **Litavka** River where it joins the **From Jince to Olymp of Brdy Educational Trail**. Together, they then pass through the palaeontological location in the **Vinice Natural Monument**, the **settlement of Běřín** and up to the **Klínek saddle** where the route transitions into the red-marked trail. This ascends to one of the best lookout sites in Brdy, the **Devil's Pulpit (Čertova kazatelna)** (640 m) near the summit known as **Plešivec** (654 m). This is currently also a significant archaeological area, as the peak was home to an extensive (57 ha) fortified settlement in the Bronze Age. Continue along the red-marked track and via the acropolis of the former fortified settlement, nowadays known as Fabian's Garden (Fabiánova zahrádka), all the while with excellent views far off into the countryside. Once at the peak, follow the red-marked track on the long descent from the mountain all the way to the “**Lhotka**” intersection where you should continue to follow the red-marked track that will take you along the railway line and over the road bridge across the Litavka River and through a narrow rocky gorge known as **James' Valley (Jakubské údolí)**, which the Litavka River has gouged into the Brdy ridge on the way to its confluence with the Berounka. Switch to the yellow-marked trail at the “**Nad Bělídlem**” intersection. It will climb to the precipitous slopes of the summit known as **Ostrý** (539 m), where there have also been numerous findings of Cambrian fossils, but the peak will also delight fans of archaeology thanks to its mysterious stronghold that apparently dates from the 14th century. The route from Ostrý involves a very pleasant and constant descent with a number of beautiful views of the municipality of **Felbabka**, where you should transition to the blue-marked track and continue descending through the village of Křešín back to Jince. The trip is an exceptional experience thanks to its significant number of observation points and aesthetically impressive scenery.



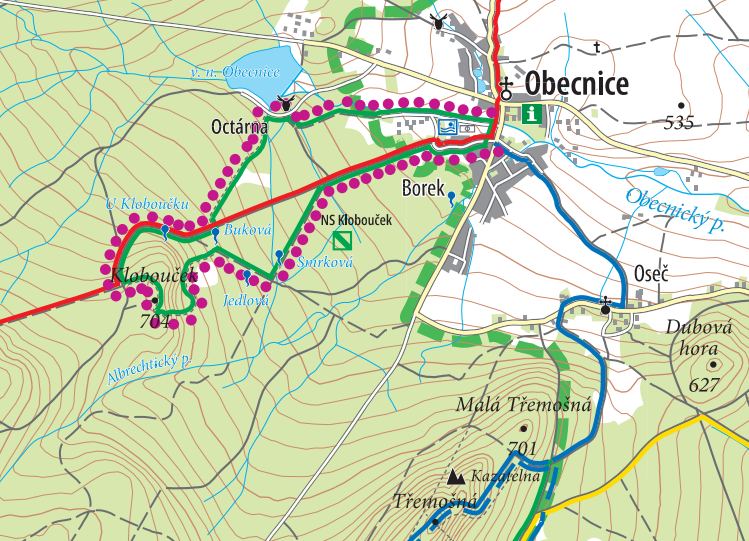
THE FOREST TRAIL TO KLOBOUČEK

- **Difficulty level:** medium
- **Route length:** 7,2 km
- **Vertical distance:** 185 m

If you are looking for wonderful views of the Lower Brdy basin, refreshing spring water, wild nature and information about forestry, you can find it all on the Klobouček Forestry Education Trail. This route, which starts and ends in the car park in the municipality of Obecnice, near the local grocery store, will take you up to the summit known as Klobouček (703 m above sea level), from where there are views of the eastern part of the Lower Brdy Area.

The twelve stations on the trail provide a summary of the history and the present of forestry in **Brdy** and the history of the region. Not only movement is good for our health, but also drinking fresh spring water, so you should be sure not to miss any of the **local springs**.

If you are setting off on the trip with children, try to get them interested in **searching for mushrooms**: see if they can find any! However, it is best to leave any prams or bicycles at home, because the route follows forest trails and stony slopes that are only suitable for walkers. It is possible to shorten the route for small children by turning off at the “**Zelená linie**” intersection. This reduces the circuit to just 4.5 km.



Points of interest on the trail and in the environs

The Obecnice Information Centre and Forest Pedagogy Centre: this rare wooden building from the era of the First Republic now serves as a modern information centre. Hikers can find practical information and advice there, but also become acquainted with the traditions of forestry, the ninety year history of the Military Forests (Vojenské lesy) the farmstead in Brdy and the local production and architecture.

The Obecnice Reservoir: the local reservoir is known as the Vinegar Plant (Octárna). It was originally built to provide water to the Obecnice Ironworks, but it now provides drinking water to Příbram and the surrounding municipalities. The name the Vinegar Plant dates from 1848, when the production of iron was suspended and a small factory that produced vinegar began operating under the fishpond.

The series of forest springs: the educational trail includes four springs: Smrková, Jedlová, U Kloboučku and Buková.

The reminder of forest charcoal kilns: one of the stops on the route presents the remnants of a charcoal kiln that was used to produce charcoal for the blast furnaces used to produce iron.

Klobouček: this is the fourth highest mountain in Brdy and one of the most interesting locations in Central Brdy thanks to its diversity of forest growth and conglomerate cliffs.





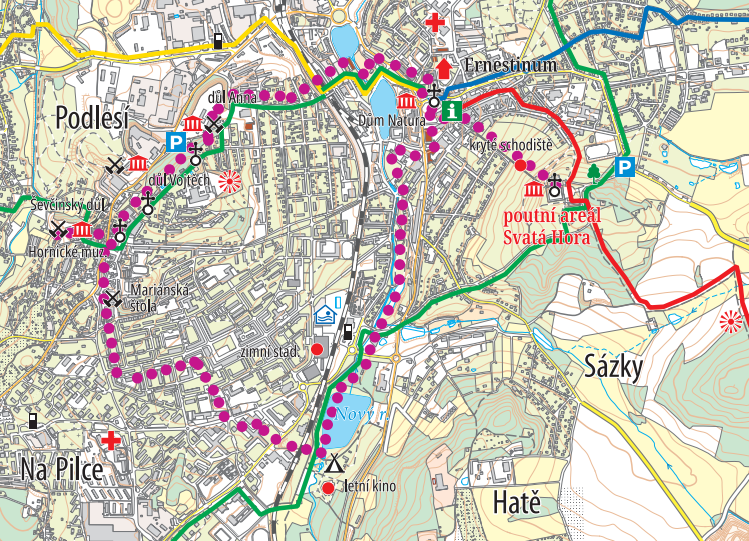
TO PŘÍBRAM: NOT ONLY FOR MINERS

- **Difficulty level:** easy • **Route length:** 6 km
- **Vertical distance:** 60 m (descent 114 m)

The walk starts on Holy Mountain (Svatá Hora) and will acquaint you with the extensive history of this royal mining town. The route passes through the town and ends at the Příbram Mining Museum, where you can descend into a mineshaft and travel on the mine train.

The Marian baroque pearl that is **Holy Mountain** offers an excellent view of the mining town. You can walk freely among the cloisters decorated with frescoes that connect the four **corner chapels** that enclose the area around the church. Inside the church, you can admire the rich **baroque decorations** and the **silver altar**.

Continue from there along the covered **Holy Mountain steps** that come out not far from **T. G. Masaryk Square**. It is possible to make a short detour from the square to the **Château-Ernestinum** which houses the **František Drtikol Gallery** in Příbram. The route continues along **Milínská** and **Špitálská** Streets where you will head upstream along the **Příbram Stream**. The green-marked trail will guide you to the **New Fishpond (Nový rybník)** area. Children will appreciate the series of playgrounds and the local **mini-zoo**, while they will especially welcome the opportunity to cool off in the natural swimming point or to go **wakeboarding** on hot summer days. The New Fishpond also offers accommodation in new chalets, a campsite for tents and caravan site. Continue through the suburb known as **Březohorské** and cross **17 November Square (náměstí 17. Listopadu)** and **Politických vězňů** Street. Turn into **Kladenská** Street and cross **J. A. Alis Square (náměstí J. A. Alise)** until you reach the **Příbram Mining Museum**. The tour through the outdoor **mining museum** will acquaint you with the former glory of mining in Příbram.



Points of interest on the trail and in the environs

Holy Mountain (Svatá Hora): the unmissable dominant feature of the town of Příbram and the most significant place of Marian pilgrimage in Bohemia. It includes a basilica with a monastery, a drip stone chapel, romantic nooks, wonderful views and a mysterious underground area.

The Château-Ernestinum: a historic building in the centre of Příbram with a preserved gothic oriel. It houses the František Drtikol Gallery in Příbram.
The House of Nature: it is involved in organising exhibitions and presentations focussed on nature and its protection, geology and the natural history of the region, the military district in Brdy, the Brdy Nature Reserve and the Barrandian Geopark.

The New Fishpond (Nový rybník): a sports and recreational facility in Příbram that includes outdoor swimming areas, slides, trampolines, playgrounds, pétanque, adventure golf, a mini-zoo, wakeboarding, a skate park, an in-line skating track, a summer cinema, a mini-camp, caravan sites and refreshments.

The Příbram Mining Museum: the museum has several parts: the Ševčiny mine, the Anna mine, the Vojtěch mine and the Drkolnov mine. Visitors can enjoy riding on the mine train, a huge slide, mining machines or taking the lift down into the mine shaft.





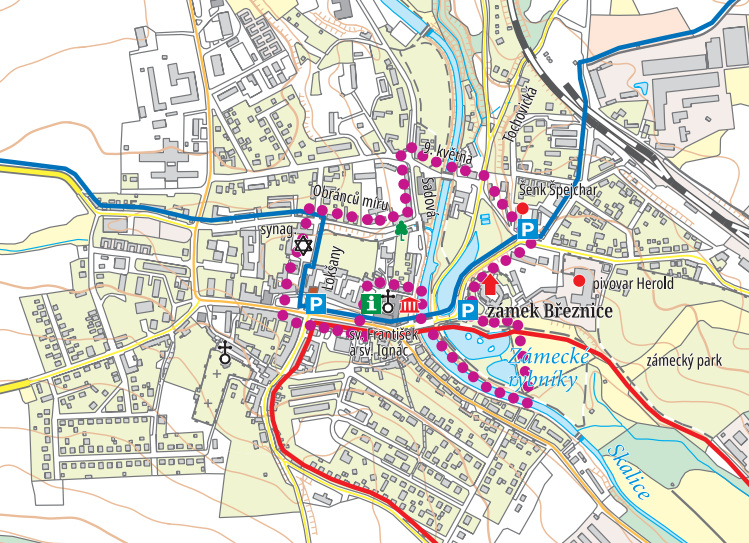
A WALK THROUGH BŘEZNICE FROM THE SYNAGOGUE TO THE JESUIT COLLEGE

• Difficulty level: easy • Route length: 2 km

Set off from the Březnice square through the narrow passage near the town hall and to the **Jewish ghetto known as Lokšany** which includes the former synagogue and a number of historical buildings. Then turn right onto Obránců míru Street and continue to Sadová Street where you should then turn left. Continue along Sadová Street and turn right at the medical centre onto 9. května Street. Cross the bridge across the Vlčava River and pass the fire station: Cross Tochovická Street to Ludvíka Kuby Street. **There you will find the Špejchar**, which is near the gateway to the chateau and the brewery.

Turn right and continue past the **restaurant near the chateau** through a passageway leading to the **Březnice Chateau**. Walk past the town wall to the **chateau's English park**. Behind the first of the chateau fishponds, turn right from the main track and walk around the second fishpond up to the bank of the **Vlčava River** and then follow it back to car park in front of the chateau.

Turn left and cross the **stone bridge with the statues** to the opposite bank. Turn right onto Sadová Street and a few steps later left into **V Koleji** Street. You will pass the **Jesuit College** which is now home to the **Town Museum**, the **Ludvík Kuba Gallery**, the information centre and the **Café at the College (Kavárna v Koleji)**. The route will take you back to the **square to the baroque Church of Saint Ignatius of Loyola and Saint Francis Xavier**.



Points of interest on the trail and in the environs

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 Herold Brewery: brewery is located in the château facility and the first written mention of it dates from 1506. It received its current appearance in approximately 1700 and it constitutes an interesting building of the Czech industrial baroque. It is possible to buy beer directly from the gatehouse or to taste it in some of the local or surrounding restaurants.

The Breznice 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 Breznice Area, which pays tribute to Arnoštka Kopecká, the granddaughter of one of the best-known puppeteers Matěj Kopecký, and Ecclesiastical and Spiritual Life which presents a collection of items of an ecclesiastical and folk nature. The Ludvík Kuba Gallery presents some of the artist's painted works.

The Church of Saint Ignatius of Loyola and Saint Francis Xavier: an early baroque church designed by Carlo Lurago dating from 1640–1650 with a panel painting of the Madonna dating from the 15th century. The church building is the square's dominant feature.





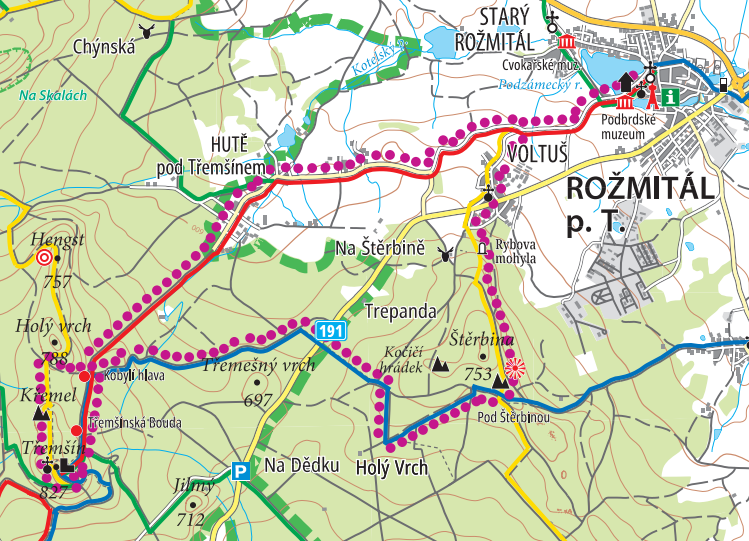
THE KING OF THE BRDY FORESTS

- **Difficulty level:** demanding • **Route length:** 19 km
- **Vertical distance:** 404 m

When discovering Brdy, it is impossible to omit a walk to the summit known as Třemšín, which Jaroslav Vrchlický called „the King of the Brdy forests”. The route will provide an opportunity to take a look at the rich history of this area.

The ascent commences in the centre of **Rožmitál pod Třemšínem**, where you can also visit the **Lower Brdy Area Museum (Podbrdské muzeum)** with a number of interesting exhibitions. They show how people lived in the Lower Brdy Area and provide information about significant personalities. The first of these is **Queen Joanna of Rožmitál**, the wife of **King George of Poděbrady**, while the second is the **composer Jakub Jan Ryba**, whose legacy we recall every year at Christmas. The red-marked trail leads from the town to **Třemšín**. Along the way, you will pass the **Třemšín Hut (Třemšínská bouda)** which has been converted into a shelter and a chapel featured in the Czech children's film „**Lotrando a Zubejda**”. There are remnants of a gothic castle on the peak itself. A short detour along the green-marked track will take you to the renovated **partisan bunker**.

Continue from Třemšín along the yellow-marked track and, **having reached** the „**Kobylí hlava**” intersection, turn right onto the forest track behind the summit known as **Křemel**. This will connect to the blue-marked track before eventually exchanging the blue for the yellow at the „**Pod Štěrbínou**” intersection. The yellow-marked track will take you back to the red-marked track that you started on. Before that happens, however, you will pass a turnoff to the **Voltuš lookout point (Voltušská vyhlídka)** and the **J. J. Ryba cairn** that recalls the place of the composer's tragic demise.



Points of interest on the trail and in the environs

The Château in Rožmitál pod Třemšínem: the extensive château 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 château.

Podbrdské muzeum (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 auto-mobiles from the Aero brand.

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.

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

The J. J. Ryba cairn (Mohyla J. J. Ryby): a stone memorial that recalls the site of the tragic demise of the composer Jakub Jan Ryba, who took his own life there on 8 April 1815.

Třemšín: the highest point in Southern Brdy measures 827 m and represents the natural dominant feature of the Třemšín area. There is a pilgrimage chapel and the remains of the Třemšín mediaeval castle on the summit.



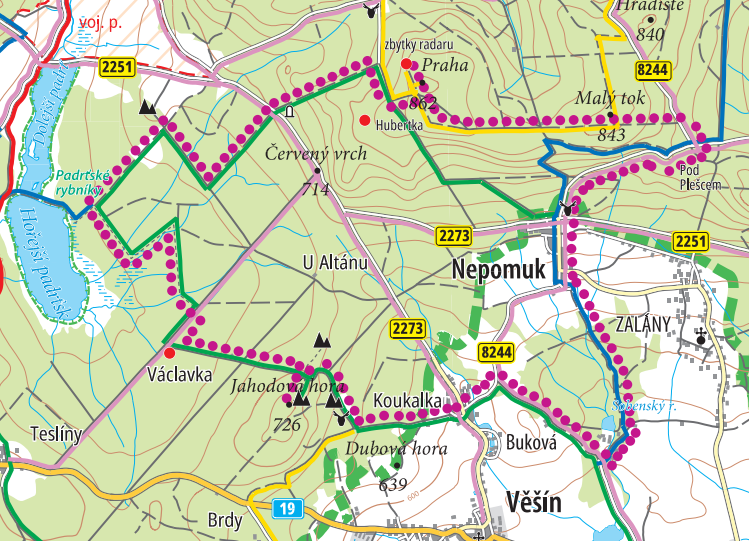


THE SIGHTSEEING TRAIL AROUND BRDY: FOR HARDENED HIKERS

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

We have prepared a route through the wild part of the Brdy highlands for those who like a challenge and for whom demanding terrain is their best friend. The route includes steep climbs and well-deserved descents supplemented with views that are worth sweating for. So pack a snack, put your boots on and let's get going!

The route starts in the car park in Nepomuk and follows **cycle trail no. 8244** up to the **"Pod Plešcem"** intersection. The **Bor** and **Tok** trails are used for the next part of the ascent and they will take you to the top of **Malý Tok**. The yellow-turnoff with the small trail leads to the **Malý Tok** lookout point which offers one of the most beautiful views in Brdy. The Tok trail joins the yellow-marked track which you should stay on until you reach the **"Pod Hubertkou"** intersection. Along the way, you can also take a detour to the Čák lookout point (Čákova vyhlídka) and to the highest point on the trip, the summit known as **Praha** (862 m above sea level) where there is a weather station. Remnants of a radar station which was used to navigate Luftwaffe fighters during the Second World War are still strewn about the summit. Under **Hubertka** (you can find the old Hubertka hunting lodge deep in the forest), you should exchange the yellow for the green-marked trail and continue your descent to the **Padrť Fishponds**. Their calm surface, tall reeds and crystal-clear water make this an ideal place for a short rest. Follow the green-marked trail to the **"Jahodová hora"** intersection, where you can first go to the cliffs (200 m on the left) and then to the peak known as **Jahodová hora** (400 m on the right). Continue along the green-marked track to the **"Sobenský rybník"** intersection. There, turn towards the recreational centre. Continue past the centre and then follow the fishpond to the blue-marked track that will take you back to **Nepomuk**.



Points of interest on the trail and in the environs

The lookout point under Malý Tok: Malý Tok is the third highest peak in the Brdy highlands. Not far from the summit, there is a lookout point that offers wonderful views.

The summit known as Praha with the remnants of a German radar: the second highest mountain in Brdy. There is also a rain radar there belonging to the Czech Hydrometeorological Institute, albeit that it was not the first radar installation to be there. That honour goes to the German radar station that was built during the Second World War, the remnants of which are still in the area. Čákova vyhlídka (The Čáka lookout) is also located nearby.

Hubertka: the building was once a hunting lodge, but is now used as a hayloft. It offers nice views of the environs.

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

The memorial to the parachutists at Václavka: a memorial recalling the landing of the Czechoslovak parachute groups known as Intransitive and Tin on the night from 29 to 30 April 1942. The parachutists were killed by the Gestapo due to treachery.

Strawberry Mountain (Jahodová hora): a large number of massive areas of frost weathering are scattered about the peak and the environs of Strawberry Mountain. Nowadays, the cliffs to the north of this summit are probably the most attractive and the marked hiking tracks enable us to enjoy a series of wonderful views as well as to walk through the narrow, deep chasm in the rock.



INFORMATION CENTERS



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