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South Bohemia is rich in bike route network that let you enjoy the countryside at just the right speed, so that you don't lose contact with its colours, smells and other charms. The network of bike routes and bike paths is supplemented with an ever-developing system of special buses and bike rental services at train stations. Biking is rapidly becoming a favourite way to spend the holidays and there's practically no place in South Bohemia where you could not plan a bike trip or several-day route. The flatlands of Třeboň are a favourite destination and you can get the feeling of an explorer in the border areas of Jindřichův Hradec and Nové Hradky. Several kilometres of bike trails are being developed along the Vltava, Otava, Lužnice and other rivers. Anyone who manages to conquer the hills of Šumava will be rewarded by a magnificent view of the mountains, something which will remain in your memory long after your return home.

## REGION OF ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE

### České Budějovice – a city of experiences

The area around České Budějovice, with its terrain, marked trails and array of monuments, is ideal for biking. We've taken the liberty of choosing one such route for you, lasting two days. Set off from the town along trail number 12 towards Hluboká, where you can enjoy the castle, the Ohrada hunting and fishing museum and the Zoo. Continue along past Zliv around the Kubata Memorial to Zbudov, where Jakub Kubata (Czech legend holds that he „gave his head for mud”) was born. From here continue on past Plástovice with its rustic Baroque farmhouses to Sedlec and Olšovice. Your next stop is Lomec, where you'll find the chapel of the Virgin Mary with its monumental ciborium altar. Onwards to Netolice, where massive rampart mounds from the Přemysl fortified settlement still remain. From Netolice the route leads through Lipanovice to the UNESCO town of Holašovice, where you can see an entire village square surrounded by rustic Baroque farmsteads. From Holašovice head on past Čakov and Čejkovice with its large 17th century Baroque courtyard, around several lakes and the artificial irrigation canal, and back to České Budějovice.



## REGION OF ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE

### Borovany area – the foothills of the Novohradské Mountains

The town of Borovany is an ideal starting point for getting to know the points of interest around the foothills of the Novohradské Mountains. The route is 55km long and leads mainly along marked trails, making it suitable for the less athletic types. We also recommend trekking bikes. From Borovany take off along the main road to Trhové Sviny and past the village of Dvorec, where you'll be surprised by the exotic animal park – a family farm where lions, tigers, monkeys, llamas, crocodiles, snakes and spiders are raised. Turn off onto bike route no. 1130 in Trhové Sviny towards Buškův Hamr, a functional smithery from the 18th century. From Trhové Sviny continue along route no. 1123 around the Baroque pilgrimage church of the Highest Trinity above the town, past Čížkrajice to Žumberk. Following a tour of the unique preserved fortified village with its fortress and church, continue along bike route no. 1046 around Žárský Pond to Jankov, where the bike route meets no. 1050 in the forest. Continue along this new route to Borovany through Jilovice, where a newly reconstructed Early Gothic church of St. Jacob awaits your visit.

## REGION OF ČESKÝ KRUMLOV

### To the beauties of UNESCO on a bicycle

The undisturbed nature around Český Krumlov seems like it was made for cyclists. The quality bike routes here allow you to set off for a short trip or a full day journey. Our ride will take you past several natural points of interest, monuments and refreshment areas. Most of all, we recommend the UNESCO bike route. This unique route takes you to the most significant places of South Bohemia, the UNESCO monuments. The route begins in Český Krumlov and passes through Nový Dvůr, Chlum and Křemžec, then onwards past Bohouškovice to Jankov. The route covers 27.3 kilometres and ends in the picturesque UNESCO village of Holašovice.

## REGION OF JINDŘICHŮV HRADEC

### Bicycle excursion to the red treasure above Hladina, or from Jindřichův Hradec to Deštná and Červená Lhota

The town of Jindřichův Hradec has taken an intense interest in cyclotourism in the past several years. Several new bike routes have been built and lots of energy has been put into their promotion. One of many such brochures invites guests to a 45 kilometre long trip to the water castle known as Červená Lhota. The route is as follows: Jindřichův Hradec (321) - Dolní Skřýchov - Dolní Radouň - Kostelní Radouň (1237) - Okrouhlá Radouň - Horní Radouň (1239) - Deštná (1182) - Červená Lhota (32) - Pluhův Žďár - Studnice - Jindřichův Hradec. You can find refreshments at these locations: Deštná - Staré dobré časy (on the town square), Červená Lhota – restaurant at the castle. Points of interest along the route: Deštná – Aerial Museum (WWII), Deštná – museum of rope-making, Červená Lhota – the castle.



## REGION OF JINDŘICHŮV HRADEC

### On bike or foot along three educational trails of Nová Bystrice

The Nová Bystrice area is a picturesque bit of land on the Czech-Moravian-Austrian border area at the northernmost point of Austria. This used to be a mostly uninhabited area where the „foxes said goodnight” (Czech saying), now it's like a custom-made area for hiking and biking. This area of natural parks, known as „Czech Canada” and Homolka-Vojřívov is bound to enchant you sooner or later with its natural beauty. The „textile trail” leads you into the weaving and cloth-making tradition of the region. Seven different stops take you through textile production from the earliest times up to the end of the 20th century. The 20th century section of the trail leads you through the course of events that the region saw from 1900 till 1989 and describes life near the border over the changes of time, including the development of Czech-German relationships.

## REGION OF LIPNO

### Lipno, a cyclist's paradise

The marked bicycle routes around the Lipno area connect the quiet natural area of the right shore of the lake with the left shore, which is equipped with quality facilities and services to satisfy even the most demanding visitors. For those who love bike-riding, there are several interconnected bike trails marked in accordance with the national standards of the Czech Hikers' Association, and this area is literally known as a „biker's paradise”. You can set off for a biking adventure even if you don't have your own bicycle. At the Lipno Rent facility, directly on the bike route itself, you can rent well-maintained trekking and mountain bikes. An untraditional experience also awaits you at Bikepark Lipno. A 1500m long downhill run, both exciting and safe, is something that even children and beginners can manage. There is a magnificent view from the upper station of the Bikepark funicular which itself is surrounded by a dense network of mountain bike trails.

## REGION OF PÍSEK

### Sedláček's bike route

Come stay with us and enjoy the newly-built Sedláček's bike route along both banks of the Otava River. The new route, marked as no. 1225 and 35km long, is suitable for bikers of all ages. The first section, most of all, is a combination of hiking and biking trails in both directions. The terrain is suitable for trekking and mountain bikes and mostly uses hardened field and forest trails. For more information, visit [www.icpisek.cz/docs/en/sedlackovast.xml](http://www.icpisek.cz/docs/en/sedlackovast.xml).



## REGION OF PRACHATICE

### Bike route „The Historic Landscape of Netolice”

If you like bicycle riding, then you are invited to a ride along the 50km bicycle route named „The Historic Landscape of Netolice”. The route is marked with the logo of the Rožmberk Rose and has 16 stops with information boards in three languages. The route leads along easy terrain along paved roads. It can also be divided into smaller sections as you wish. For example, you can ride to the pilgrimage destination of Lomec where the main altar of the Lomec church is a variation of the altar of St. Peter's cathedral in Rome, as well as other interesting locations. The route also passes through other bike routes heading towards Hluboká nad Vltavou, Holašovice, Český Krumlov, Prachatice and Vodňany.

### Bike route Prachatice - Kratochvíle Castle

Bike route no. 1145 Prachatice – Městská Lhotka, Vítějovice – continuing along bike route no. 1088 – Vrbice – Žitná – Kratochvíle Castle and back to Prachatice. Distance app. 35km – 6 hours. Interesting points along the way: Vítějovice: good stop for refreshments – Hospůdka u Kleinů; Žitná: horse farm – Hřebčín Žitná is located in the heart of Southern Šumava on the edge of the Šumava National Park / Bavarian Forest (also known as the „green lungs of Europe”) and offers a magnificent complex of over 100 hectares of pastures, large stables and a sharp race track; Kratochvíle Castle is an expression of portentous munificence of one of the leading figures of the Bohemian kingdom Vilém of Rožmberk. This castle's final form represents one of the pearls of the constructional and decorative arts of the Czech Renaissance.

## REGION OF TÁBOR

### From Veselí nad Lužnicí through a landscape of ponds

The Fratelž system was built by the „cursed regent” Jakub Krčín with such enchanting names for the ponds as Naděje, Rod, Překvapil, Měkký, Strakatý, Láška, Skutek, Víra, Dobrá vůle (Hope, Birth, Surprised, Soft, Dapple, Love, Deed, Faith, and Good Will, respectively) and more – Hrusický Pond (3rd largest pond in the Czech Republic with a surface area of 415 hectares), Rožmberk Pond with its educational trail (the largest pond in the Czech Republic with a surface area of 489 hectares), the dam lined with nationally protected oaks from 150 to 400 years old. Velký a Malý (Large and Small) Tisý – a renowned rookery and breeding area for water birds as well as a world-renowned ornithological reserve. Bike route no. 1034 leads from Veselí nad Lužnicí towards Vlkov, Klec, and Lužnice.



## REGION OF TŘEBOŇ

### The Třeboň area – where a cyclist is truly at home

There is no more promising landscape in the Czech Republic than Třeboň and its enchanting surroundings. Even back during the days when this sport was frequented by much fewer than today, the area was traversed by locals and visitors alike, all on bikes. The Třeboň area is literally the promised land for cyclists, boasting both a friendly landscape profile and plenty for the eye to take in during the ride. And when you finally stop – plenty of exceptional historic monuments, the suave South Bohemian landscape, pleasant restaurants and pubs for the seating, lakes and sand pits offering relaxation and a cultural program throughout the season in Třeboň as well in the small towns and villages around... Come, friends, the paths and trails are well marked, and there is an endless number of destinations...

## REGION OF VIMPERK

### Paradise for mountain bikes around Vimperk

In a place where only 10 years ago you would meet only hikers, now you are sure to meet plenty of bikers on trekking and mountain bikes. There are beautiful routes here ever for road bikes with protracted downhill routes and long panoramic sections. For those who would rather not deal with a long uphill ride, the „Green Buses” will transport your bike along certain routes. Some of the more interesting bike routes around Vimperk:

- Below Boubín, 27 km, yellow route, medium difficulty
- Práveřtinský Creek Valley, 29km, red markings, lightly articulated route
- Spůlky Valley across Mařský Peak, 35km, red marking, medium difficulty with more difficult sections
- Around Vimperk, 47 km, medium difficulty
- Around Kvidlské slatě, 40 km, medium difficulty
- Vimperk - Kubova huť, 28km, difficult
- Strážný - České Žleby – Strážný, 33 km, medium difficulty
- Dandy Land (Churáňov - Pláně - Zdíkovec - Benešova hora - Studenec - Churáňov), 38km, medium difficulty.

All Šumava information centers contain a large amount of information for biking.

