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If you want to stop the hands of time, take a walking journey through South Bohemia. The number of hiking trails is constantly growing, and their system of marking is a European rarity. At present, there are about 3000 kilometres of trails to choose from, mainly in the Šumava, Nové Hradky, and Písek areas, as well as along rivers and around towns. Hiking is the best way to truly enjoy the landscape with all its charms and scents. It is only in the quiet, where no traffic can disturb you, that you can fully appreciate the scents of nature, the sounds of the birds and the sounds of the water, and to observe the play of the shadows on the tips of the trees. Hold, pilgrim, advises the poet in these precious moments...

## REGION OF ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE

### Rudolph's city - on the trail of the silver mines

For the beginning of our walk, we will take the public bus No. 1. Both trails of the educational path are 4.5 kilometres long and are marked with crossed hammers. You can conquer the paths by foot or on a bicycle, both paths begin at the church of St. Vitus in Rudolfov. There are about 19 well-marked information boards to acquaint you with the history of the town and silver-mining. You can also visit the museum which gives a detailed history of the glory of this free mining town. The models of the mining equipment are also a popular attraction. From Rudolfov we can continue on across Hlincova Hora to Dobrá Voda, where gold and silver were once mined. The dominant of the town is the renowned High Baroque pilgrimage church of the Virgin Mary, designed by K. I. Dientzenhofer himself and richly decorated with frescoes and stucco. The small chapel of the path of the cross with its modern decorations by the artist Renata Stolbová is also well worth the visit. This trip rewards us with a beautiful view onto the city of České Budějovice.



## REGION OF ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE

### Interesting places around Týn nad Vltavou

The educational trail around the town of Týn nad Vltavou is led along stops where information boards are placed with texts about the history of the town and its more interesting points. The information center in Týn nad Vltavou offers visitors a map of trails with descriptions so that you can combine education with entertainment on this hike around the town.

### Along the Stropnice River to the birthplace of Jan Žižka

The little town of Borovany stands out with its dominating feature - the former Augustinian monastery - on the hill above the Stropnice River in the picturesque gentle hilly landscape of the foothills of the Novohradské Mountains. Around the town of Borovany there is an educational trail called „Totalita“, which takes visitors along nine stops to become familiar with the Czech/Austrian fortifications from 1938. The green trail leads along the meandering river valley of the Stropnice to Ostrolovský Újezd. Here you can connect with the blue trail which will lead you to the birthplace of Jan Žižka near the town of Trocnov. The educational trail passes through the entire complex, and in the summer there is a small museum of Jan Žižka. The red hiking trail will lead you back to the town of Borovany. The entire trip is 10 kilometres long.

## REGION OF ČESKÝ KRUMLOV

### Hiking in Český Krumlov

Deep forests, romantic rock cliffs, undisturbed nature, the blue surface of the Vltava river, Gothic ruins, Renaissance castles, Baroque monasteries, churches and chapels - you can see all this and more when you wander through the dynamic landscape surrounding of Český Krumlov. We recommend the following route from Český Krumlov: Český Krumlov - Přídolí - Zahoránky - Rožmítál na Šumavě - Rožmberk nad Vltavou. This trail mostly leads through less inhabited countryside, fields and forests with a number of magnificent views, and without too many hills. The entire trail is 24.5 kilometres long and generally takes about six hours to complete. The trail is not too difficult and leads along marked paths, making it suitable for families with children as well as for seniors.



## REGION OF DAČICE AND SLAVONICE

### The Grasel trails - the local Greenways trails on the Czech-Austrian border

The Grasel Trails run along both sides of the Czech-Austrian border, through the territory between Nová Bystrice (South Bohemia) and Nové Syrovce (South Moravia). These paths form six bicycle routes: Slavonice – Český Rudolec – Dolní Bolíkov (23 km), Vratěšín (8 km), Nové Syrovce (11 km), Nová Bystrice (29 km) and the trail leading from Slavonice to Dobersberg (17 km) crosses the border. The trail in Raabs is new. Enter untouched and virgin landscape with shadowed forests and ride through the tree-lined alleys of ancient trails.

## REGION OF JINDŘICHŮV HRADEC

### Jindra's educational trail from Jindřichův Hradec to Malý Ratmírov

For a walk through nature, you may enjoy the 11 km long Jindra's educational trail, which leads partly along the shores of Vajgar Pond then connects to a 10 km long Greenways hiking trail which leads you through an area of natural beauty known as Jindřich's Valley. You do not have to complete the entire Greenways trail at one time, however, you can combine it with other points of interest – a narrow-gauge railway (motor and steam trains run during the season), whose stops are ideally separated along at every third of the path – at Jindra's station (above the village), in Blažejov and in Malý Ratmírov. It is also worth mentioning that the information panels of the trail were built by the Hamr Creek Civic Association and tell the tale of the frog Jindra, which is entertaining for small children – this could be an attractive trip for families with little ones. Take note, however, that the trail is not suitable for carriages.

## REGION OF LIPNO

### Hiking trips around Lipno

A hiking trip into the countryside around the Lipno Lake is an unforgettable experience. The Lipno summer is very gentle making it ideal for hiking, and is also the perfect time for individual or group treks around the local countryside. You can begin your hike with a ride up the chairlift to the Lipno Bike Park. You can also try the popular Nordic Walking – a sporting hike with specially-designed walking sticks – and set out for the mountain of Svatý Tomáš, the lookout over the Alps, and to endless creeks and brooks. Take a walk along the Schwarzenberg Navigational Canal, or set off on one of several educational trails. Reward yourself with a trip to Vítkův Hrádek, the highest located castle ruins in Bohemia. The lookout tower there will present you with a magnificent view over the entire Lipno water reservoir. The nature preserve Luč and Devil's Wall are also worth the trip. The entire family may enjoy a chair-lift ride to the top of Kramolín, enjoy the view onto the lake and town of Lipno, and pick a few edible mushrooms or berries on the way back down.



## REGION OF PÍSEK

### In the steps of the Good Soldier Schweik

Find out for yourself where the best-known Czech soldier Schweik could have wandered. His comments about South Bohemia are inseparably associated with the town of Písek. You may want to try for yourself what an experience it is to march around Písek. Actually, it is an organized march „švejkovka“ which leads you with a guide from Písek to Putim. In half a day, you will be able to get to know the town of Písek and its nearby surroundings. The walk is not difficult and is suitable for all age groups. The program includes a guide, a meeting with a legend, lunch in a restaurant (specific meals can be ordered in advance), or lunch can be substituted by a picnic in nature, then train back from Putim. This offer is good all year round, although we recommend the warm season. The program can also be extended to include an evening program with dinner around the theme of the Good Soldier Schweik. The price is 300 CZK per person with a ten persons minimum.

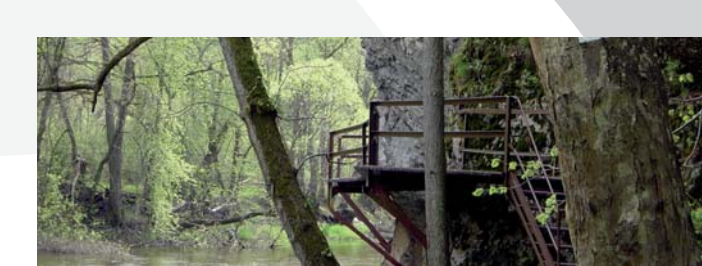
## REGION OF PRACHATICE

### The Libin Lookout Tower

Hearty hikers can set off from the heart of Prachatice along the red trail. This leads along a Path of the Cross with sixteen stops around the chapel of St. Phillip Neri – Patriarch (with the wellspring of supposedly healing waters). The red trail continues up directly to the peak of the Libin Mountain, where a 27 meter high lookout tower awaits you. From the top you can see not only the Renaissance town of Prachatice at your feet, but also the western horizon of the Šumava mountain range. Photographs with descriptions of the views have been in place at the top of the tower since 2007. The first day of the year is the traditional time for a New Year's climb to the top.

### Hiking route „The Historical Landscape of Netolice“

Hikers can take advantage of Netolice educational trail known as the small „Historical Landscape of Netolice“. This route leads along the historic monuments of the most attractive hiking spots of the town of Netolice. The trail is about 3 km long and is marked by green trail markers. There are 16 stops at individual monuments. Visitors can enjoy a romantic stroll from the dam of the manmade Mnich Pond, along Rapačov Creek, all the way to the fortified settlement of Ján. The top of this hill offers an interesting view over the town and its historic features.



## REGION OF TÁBOR

### Přiběnice Trail

Anyone who enjoys strolls during pleasant weather is sure to enjoy a one-day trip to the castle ruins of Přiběnice. You can set off along the red hiking trail (10.5 km long) through the most beautiful section of the Lužnice River Valley, wind your way along the left bank of the Lužnice River and end up at the castle ruins of Přiběnice. Here you can top off your hike with a look around the preserved castle walls and enjoy a meal at the Přiběnice restaurant. Continue on to the Dobronice castle or to Bechyně, or head back to Tábor along the yellow hiking trail. Another option is to continue along the blue hiking trail to Malšice, from where you can return to Tábor by bus or train. The information center on Žižkovo Square in Tábor can give you a detailed description of the trail.

### Educational trail Borkovická Blata

The Borkovická Blata educational trail (6,5 km) uses sixty information panels to acquaint visitors with the former practice of peat collection, with the unique flora and fauna of the bogs, and with a national history lesson. Part of the trail leads along wooden paths. The starting point is the parking lot at the company Rašelina Soběslav, about 2 km northeast of Mažice.

### Veselské Pískovny (Sandpit) Educational Trail

The Veselské Pískovny educational trail (7 km) leads along the banks of the former sand pit. You will find 14 stops along the trail with information panels describing the occurrence of the unique and (mostly protected) types of flora and fauna, including the manmade „Golden Canal“. Part of the sandpit includes Pískový Přesyp (Sand Dune), a sandy desert-like area covering nearly an entire hectare and containing precious flora and fauna. The parking lot for the entire sandpit area is located on the shore of the first lake and offers refreshments and boat rental, including paddle-boats.

## REGION OF TŘEBOŇ

### Okolo Světa (Around Svět) Educational Trail

This educational trail is formed by a self-closing 12 km long route circling the Svět (World) Pond, on the southwestern periphery of the town of Třeboň. The trail provides visitors with basic information about the development of the present landscape of Třeboň as the result of a long-standing and mutually beneficial coexistence between man and the surrounding nature. Information is also provided about the history and present of fishing and spas, about folk architecture, about significant communities of organisms and about characteristic types of plants and basic ecological relationships in nature. Most of the route leads through fields and along forest paths. There are plenty of places to rest on benches, oftentimes with views onto the surrounding landscape. The park on the southern side of the Svět Pond is the home of the Schwarzenberg family tomb.

## REGION OF VIMPERK

### On your own to find the beauties of Vimperk

Using our own energy to discover the beauty surrounding, i.e. on foot, has fallen out of fashion recently, and there are fewer and fewer hikers on the trails every year. The Vimperk area offers an inexhaustible amount of routes of varying character and difficulty. Enjoy the view from the area's higher hills: Kubova Huť – peak of Boubín, lookout tower – 5 km.

