



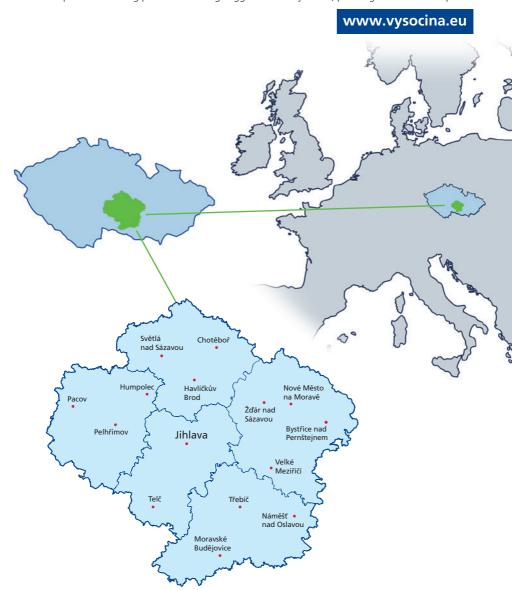


**TOP Vysočina**Attractions

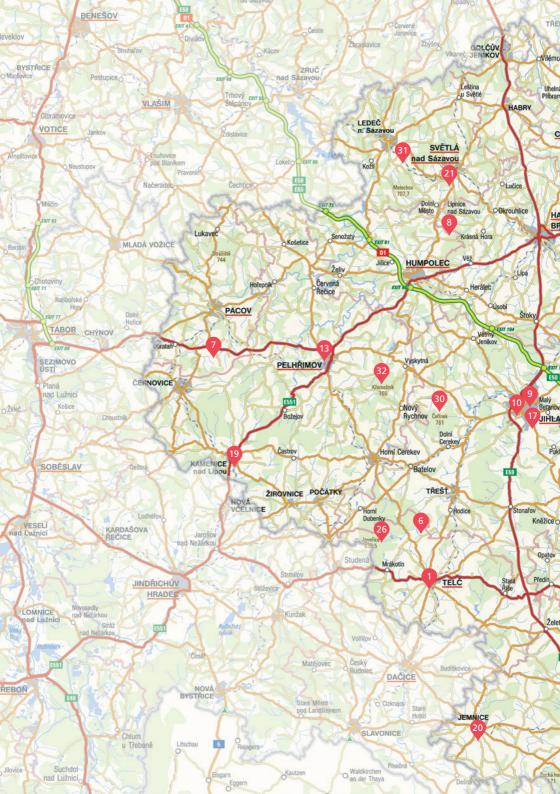


The inspiring Vysočina Region, located in the very heart of the Czech Republic, is awaiting you. Nature lovers will enjoy woody hills, rolling meadows and pristine rivers; those eager to learn and see new things can set out towards the imaginary triangle of UNESCO sites or explore the half-forgotten history of castles, chateaux and castle ruins. Great experiences await families with children. Join us on a journey to the most interesting attractions that authentic Vysočina has to offer.

For more tips on interesting places and hiking suggestions in Vysočina, please go to the tourist portal













# Telč

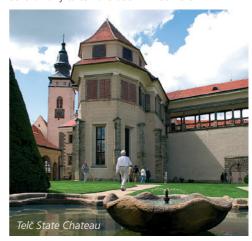




The historic town centre has been entered in the UNESCO World Heritage List since 1992. It is not referred to as Moravian Venice for no reason and is rightfully considered one of the most beautiful towns in the Czech Republic, with burgher houses bearing Renaissance and Baroque facades. Telč's main square is inseparably associated with shaded arcades full of cafes, sweet shops and restaurants. Families with children can enjoy a tour of the Telč House, which will take them to a world of legends, elves and historic tales: a more recent addition is the

interactive exhibition in the Holy Ghost Tower which maps different historic periods in the town as they relate to national and global history.

Be sure not to miss the Renaissance chateau. On sunny days, it is reflected on the pond's surface. Its main attractions are the Knights' Hall, the Golden Hall and the Chapel of All Saints, as well as the garden with arcades and chateau park. The beauty of the location was soon discovered by filmmakers and several fairy tales have been filmed here.



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# Třebíč



Třebíč features one of few completely preserved Jewish quarters in Europe and the only Jewish UNESCO site outside Israel. The history of the local Jewish population is documented by the Rear Synagogue, which was built in the Renaissance style in 1669. In the synagogue, you can see, among other things, a model of the Jewish ghetto from 1850. The picturesque neighbourhood intertwined with narrow streets and well-preserved houses invites you to take a stroll through and enjoy the sites. Together with the Jewish quarter, the local Jewish cemetery was entered into the UNESCO List in 2003. Covering almost 12,000 square metres, housing 11,000 graves and nearly 3,000 headstones, it is among the largest Jewish burial grounds in the Czech Republic.

#### DID YOU KNOW...

that all parts of the UNESCO site in Třebíč are connected with an educational trail entitled In the Footsteps of Abbots and Rabbis that reveals the life of both religious communities that used to live next to each other in Třebíč.

#### THE UNIOUE BASILICA

The Basilica of St. Procopius, which is adjacent to the chateau, was built when the first Gothic cathedrals started to emerge in France. Thanks to the unique combination of European influences bordering between the Gothic and Romanesque styles, the structure was entered into the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2003. Inscribed on the list is also the former Wallenstein Chateau, today the seat of the Vysočina Museum in Třebíč. The museum uses attractive historic rooms to create modern exhibitions focused on the history of what once used to be a Benedictine monastery, as well as both living and non-living nature.





#### Information centres, contacts

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# Žďár nad Sázavou



The town of Žďár nad Sázavou lies on the upper Sázava River in the very heart of the Bohemian-Moravian Highlands in the beautiful natural scenery of the Žďárské vrchy Protected Landscape Area. Its Pilgrimage Church of St. John of Nepomuk at Zelená hora, a Baroque architectural gem, is also listed among the UNESCO sites. It was added to the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1994.

The church, which was built in the early 1720s, is without any doubt the most distinctive work by Jan Santini Aichel and is deservedly considered one of the architect's top pieces. A hillock above a monastery was chosen for this important house of God and in September 1722, it became the first sanctuary consecrated to St. John of Nepomuk.

Its history is documented in a modern and original way using interactive elements by the New Generation Museum in Žďár Chateau.

Another important example of Santini's work is the Lower Cemetery that attracts attention due to its skull-shaped layout. Its construction began in 1709 due to an imminent plague epidemic, which however, eventually did not affect the Ždár domain.

#### DID YOU KNOW...

that J. B. Santini incorporated the symbolism of the number five into his original project, which was inspired by the legend of St. John of Nepomuk, over whose body a crown with five stars appeared?



#### Information centres, contacts

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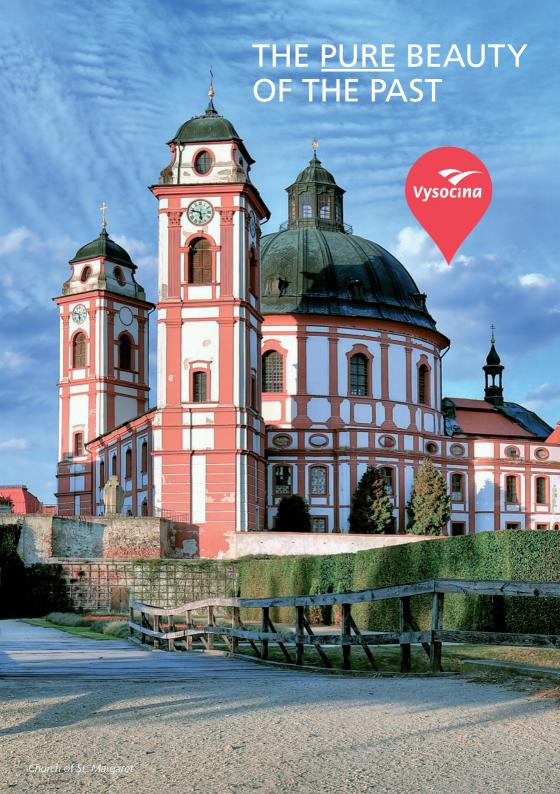
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# The Pilgrimage Church of St. John of Nepomuk at Zelená hora

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This Baroque chateau is not referred to as Moravian Versailles for no reason. It is among the most monumental structures from the first half of the 18th century both in the Czech Republic and throughout Europe. It is surrounded by a large French garden that turns into an English park past the Rokytná River.

Originally, a medieval fortress stood here, but it was replaced by a Renaissance chateau in the 16th century. Two centuries later, under the Questenbergs, who were the most important owners of the Jaroměřice domain, it was rebuilt in the Baroque style by Austrian architect Jakub Prandtauer.

When visiting the chateau, you can choose from among four tours: The Count's Apartments; Guest Rooms and the Kitchen; the third tour "Toys in the Attic" is designated for primary school pupils; and the fourth one takes you to the Church of St. Margaret. Permanent exhibitions are complemented by interesting and engaging seasonal exhibitions.

#### DID YOU KNOW...

that the first Czech opera was written in Jaroměřice? Czech composer František Václav Míča wrote his piece About the Origins of Jaroměřice here.

# Žďár nad Sázavou

The chateau, once a 13th century Cistercian monastery, has a rich history. It has undergone many important changes and today, just like in the past, it fulfils an economic function. Adjacent domains, forests and ponds are administered by the chateau owner, the Kinsky family, who also opened the unique New Generation Museum in the chateau, featuring exhibitions full of interactive elements. Accompanied by an audio guide, you can immerse yourself into a story that will tell you about a day in the life of a Cistercian monk, show you Cistercian art and eventually, take you back to the Baroque period. The Museum won the Živa Award for being the most creative Central European museum. Visitors can also enjoy the pleasant chateau cafe.

#### DID YOU KNOW...

that near the chateau, you can find a UNESCO site, the Pilgrimage Church of St. John of Nepomuk at Zelená hora, looming on a hill above the chateau?



#### Žďár nad Sázavou

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# Roštejn Castle



DID YOU KNOW...

that close to the castle, you will find the Roštýn game reserve with mouflon, fallow deer and wild boars? The game reserve and the castle are connected to a marked trail loop that is approximately 2 kilometres long.

#### **Hrad Roštein**

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This late Gothic castle rises on a rocky forested hill about 12 kilometres north of Telč in the romantic countryside of Jihlavské vrchy Hills. At first sight, you will notice the preserved seven-sided Gothic tower, which is the dominant feature of the castle standing at 45 metres. The most significant redevelopment happened under Zachariáš of Hradec, when a Renaissance hunting castle surrounded by a large game park appeared.

Despite its turbulent history, the castle has remained true to its hunting origins. This is evidenced by the recently opened interactive exhibition focused on nature, hunting and game management and featuring a unique botanical hall. The restored Chapel of St. Eustache and the tower offering a unique view of the surrounding forests are open to the public.

### Kámen Castle

This originally Gothic castle was built in the mid-13the century on a large rock that also gave it its name (the Czech word for a rock is kámen). The local domain experienced its greatest boom in the mid-16th century, when a town of the same name and ten subject villages were part of the domain.

When visiting the castle, you can choose from among three exhibitions. One of them is the Housing and Lifestyle in the 19th and Early 20th Centuries in a Manor House, where you can see examples of period interiors. The second exhibition is in an old palace and displays original 18th century clockworks from the Pelhřimov town walls. The third tour includes the popular museum of motorcycles and an exhibition on twowheeled vehicles. Since 2018, the exhibits have included a ČZ 500 motorcycle made in 1938 and a rare Čechie (Böhmerland) from 1928, which was the motorcycle with the longest serial manufacturing tradition in the world.

#### The Vvsočina Museum in Pelhřimov **Hrad Kámen Branch Office**

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#### DID YOU KNOW...

that on three sides, the castle is surrounded by a settlement and a park with an Alpine garden as the dominant feature? It is open all year round to all visitors without an admission fee.

# Lipnice Castle



DID YOU KNOW...

that Lipnice is known because treasure was found in the castle's rubble? It was a set of Gothic stove tiles, remains of tile stoves that used to heat the castle rooms. You will be able to see them in a new exhibition

One of the most monumental Czech noble castles was founded in a harsh and wild region in the early 14th century by the mighty Lords of Lichtenburg. In the 16th century, it was rebuilt into a late Gothic castle residence thanks to the Trčkas of Lípa. When touring the castle, you will see monumental architecture, a Gothic chapel, large cellars and a former Jindřich of Lipá's feasting hall, but also a beautiful view of the surrounding area, such as from the Samson tower gallery.

Lipnice Castle is also shrouded in many mysteries and legends. One of them is the legend of walled-in Kateřina, a black man and a third cross.

#### **Lipnice State Castle**

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# The Jihlava Underground System



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The Jihlava underground system is the second largest underground system in the Czech Republic. It is 25 kilometres long and during the Thirty Years War, one of the corridors was used as an escape one. The corridors were dug when cellars had been cut into rocks connected one to another beginning from the late 13th century. They were used, among other things, for beer storage. However, there have been different explanations behind the corridor system. Current historians believe that the corridors were dug for economic purposes.

If you take a tour of the underground, you will learn about medieval mining, see examples of ore processing and archaeological pottery findings. The exposition on Jihlava's mining rights is also very interesting. Since the 2018 season, a civil defence shelter has been accessible as part of the tour.

#### DID YOU KNOW...

that in 1978, amateur speleologists discovered a glowing corridor here? The walls of the corridor are covered in a white film that luminesces in green after exposure to light.





# Jihlava Zoo



You will travel across five continents in just one afternoon and see over 200 species of exotic animals, look inside a tropical habitat, the African village Matongo, the Asian park Hokkaido and the South American hacienda Escondido. And if you are lucky, you may see a snow leopard and other beasts of prey, a great anaconda, a sun bear, wolves and giraffes.

Jihlava Zoo, a state funded institution

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Its surface area ranks Jihlava Zoo among the smaller ones in the Czech Republic and therefore, it is a popular destination for families with children. Visitors of all age categories will enjoy their visit. Demonstrations of birds of prey and owls, night tours, animal days, lectures and other narrations and guided tours are very popular.

One great attraction is the tropical habitat with a river and a waterfall, pools with crocodiles, a crashed airplane and the largest snakes in the world, the great anacondas. The wolf habitat is also often visited. There is a wooden viewing platform from where you can see these animals from above.

# Western City – Šiklův mlýn

Šiklův mlýn is one of the largest natural amusement parks in the Czech Republic. Be prepared both for active fun and relaxation. You can look forward to beautiful nature in the heart of Vysočina and a full-day programme in the Western City, including relaxing at the swimming pool and gold panning. Children can enjoy wearing rental costumes or horse-back riding, while adults will appreciate relaxing in the local spa.

The main season always starts at the beginning of the summer holidays, when Šiklův mlýn is open daily and offers programmes from Tuesday to Sunday until the end of the summer holidays.

Look for special events such as Létohrátky se zvířátky (Playing with Animals), American Day and the ever popular Family Day.



Western City – Šiklův mlýn

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## Centrum Eden



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e-mail: info@centrumeden.cz www.centrumeden.cz Facebook: @centrumeden In 2015, a former Mitrovský farmstead in Bystřice nad Pernštejnem was turned into a new environmental centre, a paradise of fun and learning for the entire family.

You can see how our ancestors used to live and try your own hand at creating folk crafts or manufacturing different products. Children will appreciate that no restrictions apply in the centre: they can touch, smell, try and take pictures of everything. They can pet farm animals and go horseback riding. A tempting attraction is the local Mitrovský microbrewery.

#### DID YOU KNOW...

that within easy reach from the centre, you can find a Fairy-Tale Park with ten wooden sculptures of fairy-tale creatures, such as the Devil, the Water Goblin and the Princess? On the other side of the Fairy-Tale Park, children can have fun in a rope park with a bison statue by Michal Olšiak.

### The Museum of Records and Rarities

The largest, the smallest, the longest, the heaviest, the fastest, the most persistent ... These are some of the attributes that you will encounter with every step you take in an exhibition mapping unique results by both Czech and international records.

The Museum of Records and Rarities in Pelhřimov opened as the only museum of its kind in Central Europe. Hundreds of exhibits, unheard of elsewhere in the world, have been gathered on five floors of a restored historic tower.



#### The Museum of Records and Rarities in Pelhrimov

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# The Alternator Environmental and Technology Centre in Třebíč

A centre of science and technology associated with fun and creative activities can be found in Třebíč Borovina. The exhibitions focus on the history of power up to the present day and on the history of footwear. The unique Science on a Sphere exhibit offers more than one thousand programmes and will impress everyone. Unlike conventional museums, you are strictly required to touch the exhibits. Touching the exhibits and experimenting with them is the only way, especially for younger visitors, to understand the principles on which the world around us runs.

Alternator – The Environmental and Technology Centre in Třebíč

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# The Vysočina Arena in Nové Město na Moravě



The Vysočina Arena regularly hosts major sporting events of European, and sometimes even global reach. Biathlon fans and lovers of seasoned cyclists and mountain bikes regularly gather in Nové Město na Moravě, the heart of Vysočina. However, you do not have to just be in the audience.

There are mountain bike trails throughout the area. And everybody can choose from among several single track trails according to their level and skills. Here you will find trails for children that are not technically demanding, but are fun and safe, nature trails for disabled cyclists passable in a wheelchair or on a handbike, and also truly challenging trails for more experienced bikers.

The latest attraction in Nové Město na Moravě is the new asphalt pump track, one of the largest in the Czech Republic.

#### The Vysočina Cycling Arena

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# **Equestrian trails**



The world is beautiful not only from a bicycle, but also from horseback. Vysočina boasts the longest network of marked horse-back riding trails of a total length of 846 kilometres with more than one hundred riding stations providing their services along the way. Equestrian trails complete a dense network of hiking and cycling trails and combined provide more than 5,500 kilometres.

The network include two backbone trails leading via Telč in the Jihlava region to Golčův Jeníkov near Havlíčkův Brod and Dukovany near Žďár. A blue trail will take you from the Třebíč region via Jihlava all the way to the border with the South Bohemian Region. Red and blue trails are connected with green and yellow ones. You can navigate to the trails by paying attention to posts bearing the sign "Jezdecká stezka Kraje Vysočina" (Vysočina Equestrian Route).

# Přibyslav – Sázava Cycling Path



Where the Sázava River meanders, you can take a cycling path along an old railway line from Přibyslav to Sázava. It is 8,855 metres long, does not cross any hills and the total elevation is only 56 metres. Cyclists and inline skaters will enjoy a ride in the beautiful, clean nature.

At both ends, in Sázava and in Přibyslav, you can continue on local cycling paths. Both Sázava and Přibyslav can be reached by train and there are parking lots at the Přibyslav train station and at the head of the cycling trail in Sázava. The surface of the cycling path is smooth asphalt, maintained throughout the year. There are thee covered rest stops along the way. In winter, the path can be used by cross-country skiers because it is passable even with a small amount of snow.

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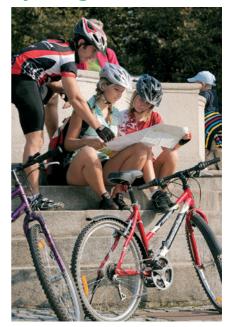


# Jihlava – Třebíč – Raabs Cycling Path

A cycling path runs through Vysočina all the way to the border town of Raabs with a castle of the same name. The path avoids main roads and passes along forests and fields. This makes it safe even for families with children. So far, only one-third has been built as a cycling path that can also be used by in-line skaters. From Jihlava to Třebíč, it runs leads along the Jihlava River and occasionally, you will have to overcome a greater elevation difference for which you will be rewarded with beautiful views.



A voluntary association of municipalities, the Jihlava – Třebíč – Raabs cycling path Masarykovo náměstí 97/21, CZ-586 01 Jihlava 1 e-mail: info@jihlava-trebic-raabs.cz www.jihlava-trebic-raabs.cz





### Horácko Excursion Boat



Views of Dalešice Reservoir from aboard the Horácko boat is definitely worth it. The boat operates between April and October, makes five stops (Kramolín, Dalešice, Kemp Wilsonka, Třesov and Koněšín) and takes bicycles on board.

#### **Boat transportation on Dalešice Reservoir**

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A beautiful romantic journey can be enjoyed on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays from Kramolín Marina. In the summer, July and August, the boat departs daily. In the winter, you can choose from various occasional cruises, usually on weekends, from the Kramolín stop.

Steep wooded hillsides rise as high as 100 metres above the water, hiding the ruins of the Medieval Kozlov and Holoubek Castles. Near the reservoir, you can find several cycling and hiking trails.

### Steam and historic trains

Make your trip to Vysočina more interesting and take a steam or diesel train ride. They will take you back in time and space and provide a taste of old railway atmosphere.

Hills and valleys, forests, meadows and pastures will pass outside the windows and you will enjoy your ride in the beautiful and pure Vysočina nature. Kids will certainly appreciate the themed train rides, such as Carnival, Easter, St. Nicholas and Christmas.

The railway in Jindřichův Hradec dispatches a nostalgic steam train from Jindřichův Hradec in South Bohemia to Obrataň in Vysočina, with stops in Kamenice nad Lipou. Černovice and Střítež.

An excursion train drawn by a 1976 engine operates on the Jemnice - Moravské Budějovice route. You can take it on special occasions several times a year, or during holidays on Saturdays and Sundays.

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Legendary among excursion trains is Posázavský pacific which used to transport trampers in the early 20th century. Its original railway line 212 from Čerčany to Světlá nad Sázavou passes through Vysočina. In addition to regular connections, you can also take historic and special occasion rides.

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# To Michal Olšiak's statutes on bicycle



You will find out what a Mamlas looks like if you decide to take a small cycling trip to see statues by sculptor Michal Olšiak from Žďár. He made concrete sculptures near the town of Žďár nad Sázavou and in other locations around Vysočina. You will come across them both in forests and in village centres. For example, you can go from Polnička via Pilská nádrž Reservoir (referred to as Pilák) to Račín and all the way to Velké Dářko Reservoir and back to Polnička, where children can have fun on the Salon Express Vagón grounds. Or you can choose a cycling trip from Žďár to Sázava, which is 8 kilometres away, and Hamry nad Sázavou where you can discover the statue of Mammoth next to the Šlakhamr Mill technological site. www.olsiak.cz



# Vysočina Lookout Towers

The most beautiful view of the wooded hills scenery in the Bohemian-Moravian Highlands and centuries-old structures is from above – from viewpoints, towers and lookout towers.

One of newer lookout towers in Vysočina is on Pekelný kopec Hill near Třebíč. A spiral steel staircase runs inside to an observation deck on the top, from where you can see as far as the Alps when visibility is good.

Babylon, near Náměšt nad Oslavou, is one of the oldest and most beautiful lookout towers in the Czech Republic with very interesting architecture and frescoes depicting zodiac signs on the observation tower floor. Inside the tower, you can see 105 original spiral oak stairs. Climb them all the way to an observation room, which is 18 metres above the ground. When there is good visibility, you can see the Alps or the White Carpathians.



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VYSOČINA IS A GREEN OASIS, A PEACEFUL AND CLEAN ISLAND IN THE HEART OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC. YOU WILL SEE LARGE ROCK MASSIFS, NATURE PARKS, PONDS, RESERVOIRS, DEEP FORESTS AND RIVER VALLEYS, AND HUNDREDS OF KILOMETRES OF MARKED TRAILS FOR CYCLISTS AND HIKERS.

The tallest among the Jihlavské vrchy Hills is Javořice (837 m) (26). The peak of Devět skal in Žďárské vrchy is only about one metre lower; Žďárské vrchy, just like Železné hory, are protected landscape areas.

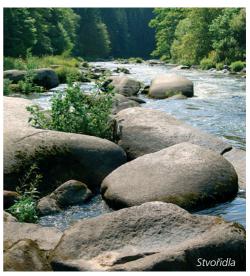
Without exaggeration, Žďárské vrchy can be referred to as the most diverse part of the Bohemian-Moravian Highlands. Several rivers originate here and almost one-half of the area is covered by deep forests with gneiss rock formations rising above the treetops. Locations worth visiting include Žákova hora Hill, the Čtyři palice rock formation (27) near the village of Křižánky, Velké Dářko (28), Medlov and Sykovec ponds. In Vysočina, the Železné hory protected landscape area spreads around Chotěboř and Ždírce nad Doubravou. Between the village of Bílek and the town of Chotěboř, you can find another nature reserve, the rocky valley of the Doubrava River (29). The



narrow and steep canyon of the Doubrava River is a miniature of giant canyons that can be seen in other parts of the world. This does not diminish its beauty, romanticism or mysteriousness in any way.

Another popular nature reserve is Stvořidla (31) near Ledeč nad Sázavou, which can be enjoyed both by seasoned canoeists and those who prefer to stay on the ground. You should not miss Sluneční zátoka (Sun Bay), with its memorial to writer Jaroslav Foglar, who was inspired by the location and wrote the Hoši od Bobří řeky adventure.

You can also find beautiful nature in the area surrounding Jihlava. Čeřínek Hill (30), with a nature park of the same name, lies about ten kilometres west of the city of Jihlava. A popular picnic destination is the rocky hill on the Čertův hrádek ridge and Čeřínek it-



self is sought-after by hikers in the summer and skiers in the winter. This area, where significant geological phenomena took place, is part of the Vysočina Geopark. Attractive destinations include the Štamberk Castle ruins with a nearby blockfield, Mrákotín granite quarries and Míchova skála Rock near Javořice Hill. The originally Rostein hunting castle looms at the border of the geopark in forests between Telč and Třešť. Make sure to discover the beautiful nature in the areas. surrounding Třebíč and Pelhřimov. The highest peak in the Pelhřimov region is Křemešník (765 m) (32), where a nature reserve of the same name was proclaimed in 1985. You can see hills, meadows and forests from above – there is Pípalka lookout tower on the top of the hill. The Křemešník nature trail will take you around.

Nature in the Třebíč region is known for one rarity, the Mohlenická Serpentinite Steppe (33). The most famous steppe in the Czech Republic, located near the Dukovany nuclear power plant, is unique because of its flora and fauna, about which you can learn if you take a local nature trail.



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