

Trails from Karlova Studánka



The spa town of Karlova Studánka is the highest town in the Bruntál district and is a gateway to Prácheň mountain. Visitors flock here for the Bílé Opavy waterfalls, located not far from the town. The stream which cuts through the valley has a number of cascades and the cliff forms are some of the most attractive in the Jeseníky Mts.

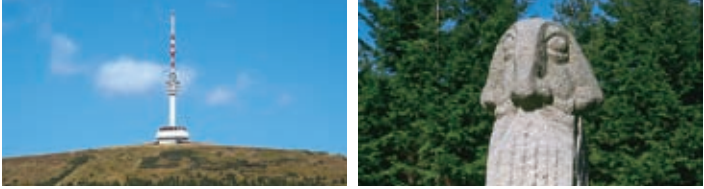
The yellow hiking path goes through the valley for a length (instructional trail Bílá Opava) of 6.5 km, and is suitable for more demanding hikers, going all the way to **Ovčárna**. A trip to Ovčárna takes you to an area of hiking and skiing complexes, with the chalets of Kursovní, Barborka, Sabinka and Figura, as well as the highest mountain in Moravia, **Praděd** (The Great Grandfather), which has an observation tower. It is possible to return to Karlova Studánka from Ovčárna by bus.

More demanding hikers can continue **from Ovčárna along the yellow trail**. There above the forest line are alpine meadows of sedge, poales and sparse scrub pine. On the right you will see **Petrovy kameny** (Peter's Rocks, 1438 m alt.) which are connected with legends about witches.

Continue along the ridge on the **blue trail**, on a segment of which is an **instructional nature trail**. On its information panels you will find a great deal of interesting facts on the Velký Kotel (Great Cauldron) glacial basin and the local flora and fauna. The trail, after ca. 12 km, ends in Malá Morávka u Rychty, where there is bus transportation.

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Praděd Observation and Television Tower – tel.: +420 554 779 017, +420 608 863 373
www.jeseniky-praded.cz, **www.kstudanka.cz**
www.malamoravka.cz

Trails from Skřítek



The Skřítek mountain saddle separates the southernmost part of the Hrubý Jeseník Mts. from the Hraběšická Highlands. The saddle is about 2.5 km long and several dozen metres wide, a starting point for ridge hiking. Below Skřítek is the community of Klepáčov, which has comfortable accommodations. This mountain hamlet in the lovely Klepáčov Stream Valley boasts a small wooden church. It is also a recreational centre with a great number of options. On Skřítek can be found a motel, an alpine rescue station and in winter a number of maintained cross-country ski trails lead there.

On the green trail, one of the most-frequented, you can ascend the main ridge of the Jeseníky Mts. Along the trail, which rises rather steeply, you first go through forest cover with occasional views, and then after a ca. 2 km ascent you will reach the bizarre wind-shaped cliffs of the **“Ztracené kameny”**—The Desolate Rocks. The cliffs are connected to an ancient legend about the devil, who after moving this mountain, had to abandon it after a rooster crowed. From the cliffs you enter **the Merta Stream Valley** and continue to **Velké Losiny** and **Šumperk**. After a short rest you can continue through a thinning forest to its edge, above which unfold the bald main ridge of the Jeseníky, all the way to **Praděd** (1492 m alt) itself, the highest peak in the Jeseníky Mts. The path goes through the **“Pece”** (The Ovens, 1250 m alt.) rock formation, along the **flank of Břidličná** (Slate, 1358 m alt.), and then along the comfortable, barely perceptibly rising path to **Jelení Studánka** (Deer Well), from which stems the **Stříbrný potok** (Silver Stream). There you will **cross over to the yellow trail**, which takes you east to the Alfrédka chalet (unfortunately closed due to a fire at present; a buffet is located there as a temporary substitute) and back to Skřítek (11 km).

Along the **yellow trail** to the west awaits a rapid decent along the scattered scree flank of Břidličná (1358 m alt.) to **Čertova stěna** (The Devil's Wall), a rock formation which will amaze you with its view into the depression created by the Merta Stream. You can view the jagged slopes of **Kamzičník** (Mountain Goat), **Vysoká hole** (High Stick) and **Praděd**, which together with the opposite Mravenecník (Anteater) massif create a fairy-tale backdrop. It's not unheard of to encounter herds of mountain goat and deer along the way. One can continue in this direction to Kosaře (a former settlement, now secluded) and to **Vernířovice**, where there is a restaurant, accommodations and bus connection (ca. 7 km).

The trail goes further along the **red path**, over the bare main ridge, with expansive views, to **Malý Kotel** (The Small Cauldron), **Vysoká hole** and on the left you will see **Petrovy kameny** (1438 m alt.), associated with legends about witches. The rock formation is protected due to its rare flora and is not accessible to the public. From Petrovy kameny go up to the soldiers' rest home at **Ovčárna** (bus connection). The Ovčárna area is a very popular hiking and ski complex with dining and accommodation facilities (e.g. the chalets Kursovní, Barborka, Ovčárna, Figura and Sabinka).

From there you continue along the **green trail** to the crossroads “Pod Prádečem”. From that point it is only one kilometre to the highest peak in Mora-**via, Praděd** (1492 m alt.).

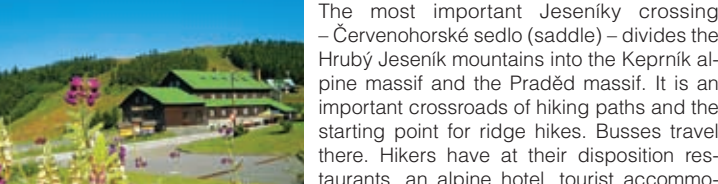
If you decide at **the crossroads** to continue along the **blue trail**, a rapid descent to the **Divoká Desná** Stream Valley awaits you; the stream feeds the reservoir at the **Dlouhé Stráně Hydroelectric Plant** (open to the public; if interested do not miss a visit to this, the largest waterworks in the Czech Republic). Go along this path to **Kouty nad Desnou**, where there are bus and train connections (ca. 11.5 km).

From the crossroads “Pod Prádečem” there is also a **green trail**. After a gradual 3 km descent you will arrive at the Švýčárna chalet, where one can dine as well as spend the night. You can continue the descent along the green trail with occasional splendid views of the **Desná** River Valley and on **Mravenecník** Peak with the **Dlouhé Stráně reservoir** (the reservoir will be closed to visitors due to repairs from 1 June – 31 August 2007).

3.5 km further, you can decide at the **“Petrovka”** crossroads whether to continue along the rapid descent on the **green trail** to **Kouty nad Desnou** (5.5 km, bus and train connections) or along the **blue ridge trail** to the hiking and ski centre at **Červenohorské Sedlo** (saddle, 1010 m alt.) where there are bus connections to Šumperk and Jeseník (5.5 km).

Motorest Skřítek – tel.: +420 583 237 130, **www.jesenik.org**
Dlouhé Stráně IS PVE DS – tel.: +420 583 235 091
www.energotis.cz/ic.html
Švýčárna chalet – tel.: +420 554 779 018, +420 737 249 573
www.svcarna.cz
www.infosumperk.cz, **www.ceskehory.cz/jeseniky**
www.jeseniky-praded.cz

Trails from Červenohorské sedlo



The most important Jeseníky crossing – Červenohorské sedlo (saddle) – divides the Hrubý Jeseník mountains into the Keprník alpine massif and the Praděd massif. It is an important crossroads of hiking paths and the starting point for ridge hikes. Busses travel there. Hikers have at their disposition restaurants, an alpine hotel, tourist accommoda-

tions (built in 1934 by the Czech Hiking Club). The Jeseníky Alpine Rescue Services House and the Šumperk Ski-klub complex, which maintains the ski slopes there, are also located here.

From Červenohorské sedlo you can take **the red trail north-west** to the cross-roads **“Bílý sloup”**—“White Pillar”—where you cross over onto the green trail. This goes along the south slope of Šindelná Peak, around diverse rock formations with views of the Mravenecník massif and Praděd to **Kouty nad Desnou**, where there are bus and train connections.

Along the **green trail in the north** you ascend through the scrub pines to **Červená hora** (Red Mountain, 1333 m alt.) with expansive views. In the direction of Sněžná kotlina (Snowy Hollow) you can see the panorama of the Jeseníky, dominated by Praděd. The trail continues around **Kamenné okno** (Stone Window) and descends past **Točnick** (1144 m alt.) and **Keprnický Stream** to the restaurant “U Cimburý” in Běla pod Prádečem, where there is a bus connection on motorway 44.

The trail (green, red) continues over a gorge to **Vřesová studánka** (Heath Well), a former pilgrimage place. Today there is just a chapel with a spring, from whence according to myth flows miraculous water. There was a wooden church built here and later an inn, rebuilt in 1892. After it burned down a new chalet was built. And the original wooden chapel was replaced by a tiny church, which burned in 1946 after it was hit by lightning. Today only the foundations of the buildings can be found. At the former chalet are steeply declining slopes to the Hučivé Desné Valley, which in 1921 under the strain of flash flooding caused a huge landslide, damming up the **Hučivé Desné**. Another surge of water overflowed the embankment, causing a massive flood.

From Vřesová Studánka continue on the red trail along the slope of Červená hora to the saddle, and then to the Šerák-Keprník Nature Reserve (here the trail is also an instructional nature trail). It was made a reserve in 1903 and is made up of a primal-forest and peat bog with meadows, pools and a flowering peat bog.

A steeper ascent leaves the forest boundary and rises to the top of Keprník (1423 m alt.), forming a stone promontory. At the top is a 360-degree view on the north to the Polish lowlands, Otmuchovský and Nyský Lake, on the south to the Vozka (Coachman, 1377 m alt.) rock formation, associated with a legend.

Past Keprník continue on the **red trail** marked by poles down to **Šerák** (1351 m alt.). Below the peak is a hiking chalet and an alpine rescue service station; not far from the peak is the upper station of a funicular to **Ramzová**. After your 8.5 km hike from Červenohorské sedlo, there awaits a 6 km descent from Šerák around Koňská vyhlídka (Horse Lookout), providing magnificent views of the deep **Branné** Valley and the **slopes of Keprník**. From there go around the funicular station at **Cernava** (1104 m alt.) to **Ramzovské sedlo** (759 m alt.), a winter sports complex. There are bus and train connections at Ramzová.

Červenohorské sedlo alpine hotel – tel.: +420 583 295 101
www.hotel-cervenohorskesedlo.cz
www.infosumperk.cz, **www.jesenik.org**

Trails from Ramzová



Ramzová – part of the town of Ostružná – is on the motorway connecting Hanušovice and Jeseník. It is the main starting point for summer and winter hiking in the Hrubý Jeseník and Rychlebské Mts. Ramzová also has a station on the funicular which goes past Černava to Šerák (600 m difference in elevation). It has plentiful accomodations for sleeping and dining and an alpine rescue service station.

The nearby towns of Ostružná and Branná are worth a visit. Ostružná, famous in the past for mining graphite and magnetite and also as lumber processing town, is today a significant recreational centre. It has a fine Baroque church from 1794. Branná has an originally Gothic church, remodelled in the beginning of the 17th century. The first historic mention of Branná is from 1575, in connection with Kolštejn Castle. In 1575 the Zerotín family bought the castle and started construction on a Renaissance chateau. In 1926 the chateau burned down and has not yet been restored to its original extent. Preservation work was carried out only for purposes of storage. The chateau is open to the public. The town is a fine starting point for summer and winter hiking.

From Ramzová along **the red forest path** go through **Petříkov** (1.5 km, another part of the town of Ostružná, known mainly for its excellent ski complex) to the Cisařská bouda (Emperor's Cabin) hunting lodge. After that, there is a 2.6 km-long moderate ascent to the **Paprske** (Sunbeam) chalet (1007 m alt.), not far from the Polish border, offering visitors food and accommodations year-round.

Further on the **red path** you can continue to the Medvědí bouda (Bear Cabin) chalet of the Brno mountain climbers (the chalet is not open to the public), to the **Alois spring** and descend to the gamekeeper's lodge above the community of **Nova Seninka**. From there is is possible to cross at the Kladské sedlo (saddle) and go to **Poland** (border crossing). From **Kladské sedlo** we recommend descending along **the yellow path** to Seninka and from there along the motorway to **Staré Město pod Sněžníkem**, where there are bus and train connections.

If you prefer change and decide to take the **green path**, the trail leads down the **Krupá Stream Valley** to **Staré Město pod Sněžníkem**.

Funicular – Ramzová, Ostružná – tel.: +420 583 230 077, **www.bonera.cz**
Ramzová Alpine Mini-Cars – tel.: +420 602 761 949, **www.haltmar.cz**
Branná – www.volny.cz/branna
Kolštejn Castle and Chateau, Branná – tel.: +420 737 196 169
http://web.cz/branna/hrad.htm
Kaste chalet, Ostružná-Petříkov – summer bobsledding – tel.: +420 583 230 098, **www.kaste.cz**
Proskil, Branná – summer skiing, chair lift – tel.: +420 777 878 999, **www.proskil.cz**

Trails from Staré Město pod Sněžníkem



Staré Město pod Sněžníkem lies on the boundary of the huge massif of Králický Sněžník (1423 m alt.) and Hrubý Jeseník (1492 m alt.) and is a significant start-

point for summer and winter hiking. The terrain is ideal for nature walks and more arduous climbs. There are a number of well-marked hiking trails, some of which offer significant differences in elevation. Staré Město pod Sněžníkem was founded as a community by the name of Goldek by miners in ca. 1300. In the 14th century silver was mined here, and at the beginning of the 17th century on Stříbrný vrch (Silver Peak) copper. In the first half of the 19th century graphite was mined and a fax-producing industry was started. There are dining facilities and accommodations and an alpine rescue station. Bus and train connections. Border fortifications from the years 1937–1938 have been preserved in the area.

Králický Sněžník is the dominant feature of the Staré Město region. If you want to reach its summit, start from **Staré Město on the blue trail**, gradually ascending to **Stříbrnice** (recreational community; first mentioned in 1325). From there, keep ascending past scenic lookout places to the chapel, which was restored in 2005 to its original appearance by the National Forests Care, continue **along the trail (also marked in red) around the Adélin spring to sedlo pod Králickým Sněžníkem** (10.2 km total). Here you can go 2 km along **the red trail** to the source of the Morava River and **the peak of Králický Sněžník** (1423 m alt.), where the historical borders of Bohemia, Moravia, and Polish Kladsko meet. The Ice Age left huge layers of scree on its slope and a **“stone sea”** at Vlastovčí kameny (Swallows' Stones). The flora is similar to Alpine glades. One species endemic to the Jeseníky, the bearded bellflower (Campanula barbáta) are at their westernmost border of their range here. There used to be an attractive alpine hotel here, although only parts of the cellar now remain. Nearby is a statue of an elephant, placed here allegedly by Brno students in the period between the wars as a prank.

From the peak of Králický Sněžník, return to **sedlo pod Králickým Sněžníkem** (2 km) along **the red trail** to **Adélin spring** (1.4 km) and further along **the yellow path** to the **Návrsí** (Hill) chalet (900 m), where in addition to food and accommodations there are lovely views of the Staroměstská kotlina (Staré Město Hollow), and further to the main ridge of the Hrubý Jeseník Mts. Go around the community of **Stříbrnice**, noting the **fortifications below Štvanice**, to the recreational and ski community of **Hynčice pod Sušínou**. The trail ends in **Chrastice**, where there are bus and train connections (11.3 km).

Extensive views are also on offer by from **Staré Město** along **the green trail** (7.5 km) to **Paprske** (1007 m alt.), food and accommodations; and on **the blue trail** to **Branná** (6 km). If you want to go to **Ramzová**, leave from the **rest home (zotavovna) in Staré Město** along the **green trail**, around the graphite mill in **Malé Vrbno** and continue along **the blue trail** through the lovely **Adamovský vrno** valley, past the **Petříkov** skiing and recreational complex (8.5 km), then along **the red trail** (2 km) to **Ramzová**, where there are bus and train connections.

BERST – Hynčice Slopes, summer skiing – tel.: +420 583 239 070, +420 608 050 618, **www.vlekyhyncice.cz**
Staré Město District Fortifications Museum – bunkers – tel.: +420 732 530 774, **www.opevneni-stm.wz.cz**
Paprske Chalet – tel.: +420 583 294 100, **www.paprske.net**
Návrsí Chalet – tel.: +420 583 239 150, +420 774 511 165, **www.navrsi.cz**
www.mu-staremesto.cz, **www.staromestsko.cz**, **www.staremesto.info**

Trail to Králický Sněžník Around Waterfalls

From the railway stop at **Vysoké Žibřidovice** **the red trail** goes around the Bystřina game-keeper's lodge through the lovely **Pрудký (Rapid) stream valley** (ca. 10 km). The stream has lovely cascades and waterfalls. The trail goes through primeval forest to **Sušina peak** (1321 m), with extensive views. Here the red trail ends, **connecting**

with the blue trail (from Podlesí) to the saddle at **Králický Sněžník**. It is a difficult climb, but well worth it.

www.sneznik.cz

Trails from Lipová-lázně



This village lies in the Staříč stream valley; its first historic mention was in ca. 1290. It is an important tourism and spa centre. The pleasantly moist climactic conditions of the Dolní Lipová Spa have therapeutic effects on the human body, and have been used for treatment for nearly 170 years. In the village are bus and train connections, accommodations, dining, and there is a ski complex nearby in Miroslav. One of the trails awaiting you is the hiking trail to Jeseník and the Priessnitz Therapeutic Spas located there.

First take **the green trail** to the **Na Pomezí Caves** (3 km), the largest cave system in the Czech Republic; their marble formations will amaze you.

The trail continues past **Medvědí kámen** (Bear Rock, 907 m alt.) around the **Šárka spring** to the **Priessnitz spring** (5.9 km), then around the **Jitřní Spring** to the world-famous **Jeseník Spas**. This lovely spa complex can be toured; here too you can draw upon new strength and continue along **the red trail** to **Jeseník** (3.2 km), where there are bus and train connections.

A more difficult trail (with a great increase in elevation, but with fabulous views) goes from **Lipová-lázně** to **Šerák**. The trail begins in **the spa complex**, ascending along **the blue trail** to the crossroads **“Pod Javoříkem”**. **Connect there onto the yellow trail**, through serpenintas taking you to the **peak of Šerák**, where you can find refreshment in the Jiří hiking chalet. From there a rapid descent awaits you along **the blue trail** to **“Obří skaly”** (Giant Rocks), stone ramparts made by frost heaves in mica schist, with a lovely view of the surrounding countryside. After a brief rest **the blue trail** will take you down to **Horní Lipová**. From there you can comfortably return to the Dolní Lipová Spa where the hike began.

Dolní Lipová Spa – tel.: +420 584 421 351, **www.lazne.cz**
Penzion Bobrovník – tel.: +420 584 409 166
www.bobrovnik.jeseniky.net/
RS Miroslav – tel.: +420 584 421 380, +420 608 883 000, **www.rsmiroslav.cz**
Na Pomezí Caves – tel.: +420 584 421 284, **www.caves.cz**
www.lipova-lazne.cz, **www.jesenik.org**

Trails from Jeseník



The town Jeseník lies in the picturesque basin formed by the Běla stream. The first historic mention of the town was in 1267, when it belonged to the Wroclaw bishops and was known as Fryšvoldov. The biggest influence in the evolution of the town was the discovery of gold in the 16th century, when gold was mined and processed. In the first half of the 19th century there was a boom in the textile industry and particularly the spa industry. The Jeseník Spas, located at an altitude

of 505 metres above sea level, was founded by Vincenc Priessnitz (1799–1851), who earned his epithet of the “water doctor”. Dr. J. Reinhold, a student of Sigmund Freud, was responsible for modernisation of the spas, which took place during his tenure from 1913–1947. At the present time the spas treat neural, psychiatric and blood disorders. There is an instructional trail which goes through the spa complex, where on nine panels the history of the Jeseník region, the establishment of the spa complex and the life of Priessnitz are described. During a visit to Jeseník you should surely visit the **Vodní tvrz** (Water Fort, a preserved medieval building, part of the town fortifications). Worth a visit is the originally Renaissance Town Hall from 1610, which underwent reconstructions responsible for its present appearance in the 18th and 19th centuries. In Smetana Park there is a sculptural group featuring Priessnitz, with the allegory of Healthy and Sick by the sculptor J. Oberth.

From the town you can follow **the red trail** to the **panoramic Zlatý chlum** (Gold Hill). The observation tower offers an uninterrupted view of the town, its spa complex, the silhouette of the Jeseníky Mountains, and on a clear day one can see into Poland. You can continue along the trail past **Bílé and Bleskovcové cliffs** to **Rejvíz** (9.6 km, 778 m alt.), where in addition to food and accommodations there is also a bus stop (the line between Jeseník and Zlatá Hory). There you can also tour the instructional nature trail to **Mechové jezíрко** (Moss Lake; the Big and Small Moss Lakes are peat bogs in the centre of the largest nature reservation in Moravia).

You can return to **Jeseník on the green trail** via Mýtinka - refreshments (8.4 km).

From Jeseník you can also follow **the blue trail**. It offers a fine tour around the **Priessnitz monument** to the restaurant on Křížový Vrch (Cross Peak, 674 m alt.); continue from there to **Zlatý Chlum** with its observation tower, and to **Čertovy kameny** (The Devil's Rocks, bizarre cliff formation and alpine chalet, 675 m alt.). From Čertovy kameny descend to **Česká Ves**, where there are bus and train connections.

Zlatý Chlum Observation Tower – tel.: +420 603 509 943, **www.zlatychlum.cz**
Penzion Rejvíz – tel.: +420 584 413 091, **www.rejviz.com**
Křížový Vrch restaurant – tel.: +420 584 402 063, **www.nalov.cz/restaurace/**
Česká Ves Antique Auto Museum – tel.: +420 584 428 218, +420 608 502 601
www.veteranklub.cz
Priessnitz Therapeutic Spas – tel.: +420 584 491 111, **www.priessnitz.cz**
Vincenc Priessnitz House – Museum – tel.: +420 584 411 633
www.muzeum.jesenik.net, **www.jesenik.org**

Trails from Zlaté Hory



Originally a mining town, first mentioned in the 13th century, Zlaté Hory (Gold Mountains) is transforming itself into a place for winter and summer tourism. Rare metals used to be mined here, especially gold. Among the interesting monuments which you can see in the town are the building housing **the Městské muzeum** (Town Museum, a unique example of Silesian Baroque), a number of Baroque burghers' houses, **Špitální kostel sv. Kříže** (the Hospital Church of the Holy Cross) and the **pilgrimage site of the Virgin Mary The Helper**. On the square in front of the Town Museum is a hiking map.

If you are interested in technical achievements, we recommend a visit to **the Gold Ore Mills** (a replica of medieval gold ore mills with an instructional nature trail, where you can acquaint yourself with the old technology of mining and refining gold).

From Zlaté Hory you can go through forest around the **Chapel of St. Rochus**, built in 1768, to **Biskupská kupa** (Bishop's Stack, 888 m alt., 4.2 km) with an observation tower offering extensive, unimpeded views. Biskupská kupa is the border with Poland.

Town Museum – tel.: +420 584 425 329, **www.zlatehory.cz**
Gold Mines – tel.: +420 584 425 397, **www.zlatehory.cz**
Biskupská kupa – www.rozhlednabiskupskakupa.cz
Areál Bohemaland – tel.: +420 584 425 177, **www.bohemaland.cz**
The Virgin Mary The Helper pilgrimage site – tel.: +420 584 425 916
www.mariahilf.hyperlink.cz; **www.zlatehory.cz**

To the Rychlebské Mountains



The Rychlebské Mountains, the seventh-highest mountain range in the Czech Republic, are located north-west from the town of Jeseník. Their main ridge is on the Czech-Polish border, from where the mountains extend into Poland. The highest peak is Smk (Spruce, 1125 m), which is criss-crossed by hiking paths. There is a wide spectrum of interesting trails in the Rychlebské Mts, for short trips, day tours or a several-day crossing of the entire range. You can start your trip in valley or mountain towns, such as **Bílá Voda** (White Water), which is located on the national border. **Travná** (Grassy) with its therapeutic radioactive spring, or **Zulová** (Granite) with several large granite quarries in the immediate vicinity. And other places in the mountains are of interest, for example, the new viewing point on **Borůvková hora** (Blueberry mountain) situated on the czech-polish border. You can set off from Bílá Voda (White Water) or from Javorník. Certainly worth a visit is the natural monument **Vodopádý Stříbrného potoka** (Silver Stream Waterfalls), also called Nýznerovské, which can be easily reached via the **blue trail** from the town of **Zulová** (ca. 5 km).

On the red trail from **Javorník**, you can go to the beautiful ruined Gothic **castle of Rychleby**, which once guarded the trade route from Kladsko to Bohemia. You will pass through the romantic **Račí (Crayfish) Valley**, see **Antonín spring**, the highest in the vicinity, and the lovely cliff lookout **Čertova kazatelna** (Devil's Pulpit) with its inimitable view of the valley and rocks.

Borůvková hora (Blueberry Mountain) observation tower – tel.: +420 584 440 688, **www.javornicko.cz**
Javorník – Jánský Vrch Chateau – tel.: +420 584 440 286
http://janskyyvrch.wz.cz; **www.zulovsko.cz**, **www.rychleby.cz**

To Slezská Harta

Monumental water work on the Moravice River, set within a tantalising landscape. The dense network of forest trails makes for an ideal opportunity to take calm strolls or long trips, and mushroom lovers also frequent the area. Strolls around the water (with lovely views of the water surface and local landscape) are of interest, and there are also local cultural monuments in the immediate vicinity. Information boards located on the reservoir's banks detail the history of the water work and its technical parameters. Those more demanding can conquer the surrounding peaks of the **Nízký Jeseník** Mts. The reservoir is suitable for water sports. Six places on the reservoir established for swimming are routinely monitored for hygiene. The seemingly endless water surface is a real paradise for fishermen, windsurfers and those who love sailing and boating. Nearby the reservoir are tennis courts, horse riding, comfortable and less luxurious accommodations.

www.slezskaharta.cz, **www.bruntal.mic.cz**
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Trails to Sovinecko



The Sovinecko nature park on the western edge of the Nízky Jeseník Mts is a truly valuable protected landscape area. The slightly hilly terrain features deep forests, extensive pastures, fields and lovely valleys. The entire area is dotted with charming piedmont villages. The terrain is dominated by the monumental medieval **castle of Sovinec**. Circa 10 km away the eye-catching **Rešovské** waterfalls await you, the highest in the Nízky Jeseník Mts., cascades on **the Huntavá stream** (the highest drop is 10 metres). Nearby you will also find the romantic ruins of castles in **Rešov** and **Huzová**. The nearby village of **Rídeč** is proud of its preserved original character and the magnificent **Oldtární kámen** (Altar Stone) in the adjacent forest. In **Jiříkov** (ca. 3 km from Sovinec Castle) you will be delighted by the **Garden Gallery of Grandfather Praděd** and its manger scene, the largest in Europe, included in the Guinness Book of World Records. Children are not the only ones who love to visit the horse and deer pens here. The town of **Rýmařov** is also worth a visit. Refreshment and relaxation are to be found in the local **Slunce Aqua Centre**. The area is crossed by dozens of hiking trails, and you can get to **the Rešovské waterfalls** by wooden steps and footbridges. You will find a number of cottages, chalets, pensions and hotels throughout the area.

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