



Koruna Vysočiny

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History, monuments, traditions, nature, experiences... reasons to visit the Koruna Vysočiny destination.

Discover places in the Vysočina where unspoilt nature blends with history, living traditions and historic sites.

Experiences await you at every step – from peaceful moments in nature to adventures on rock formations or fairy-tale places that spark curiosity in visitors young and old.

Set out to explore the top attractions and highlights you can see and experience here.

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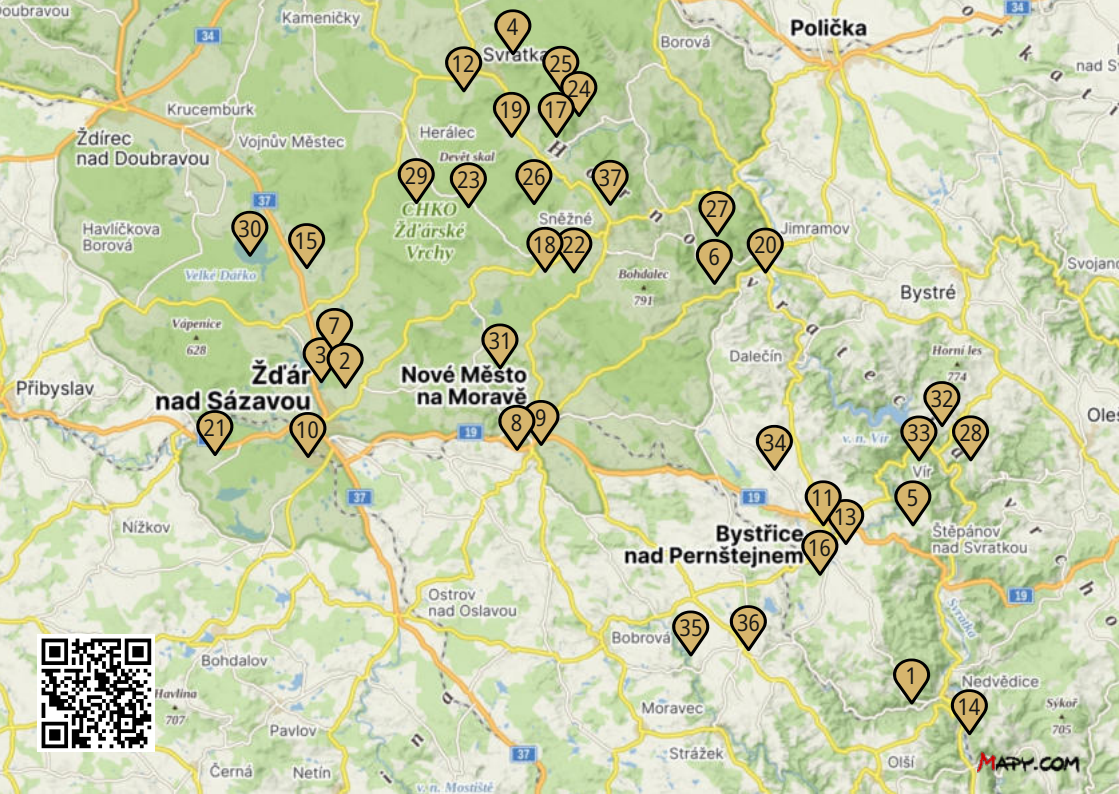
In rugged Vysočina, traditional homes and crafts survive.

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HERITAGE SITES

Explore the places that shaped the region. Discover two key chapters of its history – the powerful Pernštejn family and the Cistercian monks of Žďár.

The region is crowned by majestic Pernštejn Castle, once home to one of the most influential families. Nearby, romantic castle ruins nestle in the forest.

Another side of the region appears in the Žďár Cistercian landscape – from the unique Church of St. John of Nepomuk at Zelená Hora to the former monastery with its remarkable basilica.

1. PERNŠTEJN CASTLE

Pernštejn is one of the most fairy-tale castles in the Czech Republic and well worth visiting. It charms both tourists and filmmakers.

Perched above the town of Nedvědice for nearly 800 years, it earned the title “impregnable,” holding out even against Swedish forces in the Thirty Years’ War. Its late Gothic and early Renaissance features show how a medieval fortress became a striking Renaissance residence.



Pernštejn, Nedvědice



www.hrad-pernstejn.cz



2. CHURCH AT ZELENÁ HORA

The Pilgrimage Church of St. John of Nepomuk at Zelená Hora in Žďár nad Sázavou, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is the most distinctive work of the brilliant architect Jan Blažej Santini-Aichel.

Its design is based on a five-pointed star, echoed in five entrances, five altar niches, and ten chapels arranged in pairs. A ten-pointed star-shaped ambulatory surrounds the church, sheltering it from the elements.



Sychrova, Žďár nad Sázavou



www.zelena-hora.cz



3. ŽĎÁR NAD SÁZAVOU CASTLE

Discover the 800-year story of a former Cistercian monastery and today's Žďár nad Sázavou castle.

Over the centuries, the monastery changed repeatedly, including destruction during the Hussite Wars. In the early 17th century, it was rebuilt in the Baroque style. Today, the estate is run by the Kinsky family and open to visitors. Its story is presented in the New Generation Museum.



Zámek, Žďár nad Sázavou



www.zamekzdar.cz



4. KARLŠTEJN HUNTING LODGE

Head to the Žďárské Vrchy near the town of Svatka and discover the highest-situated castle in Czechia.

Built in the late 17th century, the hunting lodge is known for its strict symmetry, red facade, and the Chapel of St. Giles. It was first owned by the Kinsky family and later by the Thurn-Taxis dynasty. Today, it offers guided tours and has a small castle inn, with fine views of the surrounding landscape.



Karlštejn, Svatouch



www.zamek-karlstejn.cz

5. ZUBŠTEJN CASTLE RUINS

The extensive ruins of this 14th-century castle stand above the village of Pivonice on a prominent rock outcrop at 688 meters above sea level.

Built in the Gothic style by the lords of Medlov (predecessors of the Pernštejn family) as a seat for a separate branch of the family, it now stretches 275 meters long over 1.7 hectares. The castle is a favorite spot for visitors seeking stunning views of the surrounding landscape.



Pivonice, Bystřice n. P.



www.tinyurl.com/hradzubstejn



6. SKÁLY CASTLE RUINS

Climb to the top of Štarkov Hill and explore the remains of an ancient castle that guarded the Nové Město region from the 14th century.

Skály Castle, also known as Štarkov, stood on a rocky ridge and used the cliffs to defend its core. Although abandoned in the 15th century, its ruins survive. Visitors can explore the remains of towers, a cistern, ramparts, ditches, and the castle gate. The site is freely accessible.



Štarkov, Nový Jimramov



www.tinyurl.com/skalyhrad



7. BASILICA OF OUR LADY

The minor Basilica of the Assumption of Our Lady is a Gothic church later rebuilt by Jan Blažej Santini-Aichel.

The basilica is an elongated three-nave structure dating from the second half of the 13th century, and the second longest church in Moravia. Parts of the original early Gothic building survive, including the outer walls of the nave, the transept, and the presbytery. In the early 17th century, Santini made major alterations in the Baroque Gothic style.



Zámek, Žďár nad Sázavou



www.klaster-zdar.cz





HISTORY

Discover the region's rich past and the fascinating stories hidden in its monuments and museum collections.

Museums and galleries reveal local traditions, crafts, and art, showing the daily life of Vysočina inhabitants and the area's technical and industrial heritage. Exploring historical exhibits and sites lets you peek into their lives, secret corners, and the world that shaped the Vysočina landscape.

Visiting these places gives you a complete picture of the region's development and cultural history.

8. MUSEUM OF HORÁCKO

The Museum of Horácko is located on Vratislav Square, in the heart of the historic zone of Nové Město na Moravě, in the 16th-century Renaissance town hall.

The exhibitions showcase folk culture of northern Horácko, glassmaking and ironworking. You can also see displays on ski production, set in a First Republic carpentry workshop, as well as a classroom from the same period.



Vratislavovo náměstí,
Nové Město na Moravě



www.hm.nmnm.cz



9. GALLERY OF HORÁCKO

Gallery of Horácko, housed in a former Renaissance chateau in Nové Město na Moravě, is one of the region's most important cultural venues.

The chateau holds a collection of over 10,000 works of art. The gallery presents prominent artists in the context of Czech art and a collection of Czech glass. In addition to permanent and temporary exhibitions, it hosts concerts, film screenings, workshops, and family programs.



Vratislavovo náměstí,
Nové Město na Moravě



www.horackagalerie.cz



10. ŽĎÁR REGIONAL MUSEUM

Explore the places where the history of Žďár nad Sázavou was written and discover the story of this region.

The regional museum is housed in a historic fortress and has showcased the region's history and daily life since 1934. It offers seasonal exhibitions on local and educational themes and is open year-round. A permanent exhibition is in Moučkův dům, and in summer visitors can climb St. Prokop's Church tower.



Tvrz, Žďár nad Sázavou



www.muzeum.zdarns.cz



11. BYSTRICE TOWN MUSEUM

The local history museum in Bystřice nad Pernštejnem is housed in a former town hall and brewery, which visitors can explore from cellar to attic.

Popular exhibitions include traditional crafts, the school room, and the Live Fish of Vysočina Waters. Part of the museum covers geology, especially uranium mining. Visitors can also see the pub, the 19th-century brewer's flat and courtroom. Temporary exhibitions are in the attic gallery.



Masarykovo náměstí,
Bystřice nad Pernštejnem



www.muzeumbystricko.cz

12. SVRATKA TOWN MUSEUM

Step back in time to the daily life of a small town in the first half of the 20th century and discover traditional crafts.

The museum showcases the interwar period, postwar trade, and regional history through authentic displays. Walk through the historic town, visit craftsmen's workshops, an old shop, a schoolroom, and typical homes. The museum's authentic setting engages both children and adults.



U Zbrojnice, Svatka



www.muzeum.svatka.cz



13. TATRA VETERAN MUSEUM

Step back to the days when Tatra cars ruled the roads and the smell of petrol was part of the adventure.

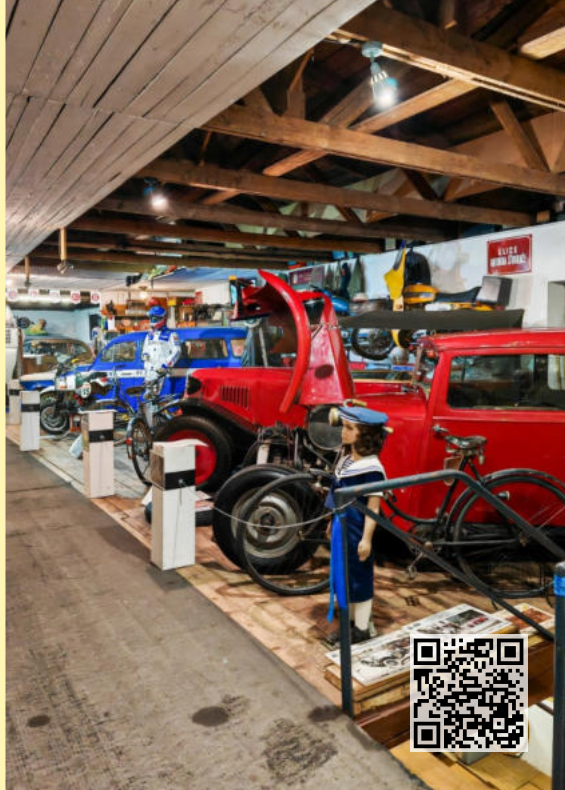
The Tatra Veteran Museum in Bystřice nad Pernštejnem, located in a former distillery near the town square, offers a glimpse into automotive history. Visitors can see classic Tatra cars, Jawa and ČZ motorcycles, pedal cars, and related memorabilia. The collection reflects life in Czechoslovakia from the 1920s to the 1980s.



Na Příkopěch,
Bystřice nad Pernštejnem



www.tinyurl.com/muzeumtatra



14. FANTASY MUSEUM

The museum features robots, submarines, airships and film props, some standing over three meter tall.

The exhibits are inspired by Jules Verne, Karel Zeman, and Karel Čapek, and styled in steampunk and trash art. Industrial waste—iron, aluminum, plastics, polystyrene, wood, and glass—was used in their creation. A highlight of the exhibition is a small armory of film props.



Černvír



www.fantasymuzeum.cz



TRADITIONS

Discover the traditions of Vysočina, which still enliven local life and reflect the region's rich cultural past.

Rural houses, workshops, and craft studios take you into the world of glassmakers, blacksmiths, and other artisans whose skills were passed down through generations.

You can experience these traditions and crafts at a glassworks, the Eden Centre, the Glassmaster's House, or on walks through Krátká, Křižánky, and Jimramov, where history still blends with the everyday lives of local people.

15. U HROCHA GLASSWORKS

Handmade glassmaking is on the UNESCO list, and in the Koruna Vysočina destination you can still watch master glassmakers at work.

At U Hrocha Glassworks, they continue the famous Škrdlovice glassmaking tradition and focus on glass tourism. Visitors can see glass crafted by hand under a master's guidance. By prior arrangement, you can try glassmaking and create your own piece. A shop sells glass products.



Škrdlovice



www.uhrocha.com



16. EDEN CENTRE

A hub of knowledge and inspiration, the Eden Centre combines a manor courtyard, a Horácko village, and an eco-pavilion. You can spend a whole day here. The exhibitions are designed to engage all the senses. At Eden, history blends with the future, giving visitors a chance to explore the past and glimpse what lies ahead.

Eden Centre focuses on families with children, but its varied grounds offer enjoyment for all visitors.



Nový dvůr,
Bystřice nad Pernštejnem



www.edencentrum.cz



17. GLASSMASTER'S HOUSE

The most prominent remnant of the former glassworks in České Milovy is the director's house. The Glassmaster's House was carefully restored, preserving its authentic character and historical significance.

The Milovy Glassworks gallery holds over 1,300 pieces of Czech glass from the 17th to 19th centuries, showcasing the history and innovations that brought Czech glassmaking to the forefront of world art and industry.



České Milovy, Křižánky



www.namilovskehuti.cz





18. VILLAGE OF KRÁTKÁ

Krátká is one of the most beautiful villages in Vysočina, preserving one of the region's most valuable ensembles of folk architecture. It was declared a protected heritage site in 1995.

The village is dominated by small mountain farmhouses with gabled and half-gabled roofs. Its charm is enhanced by how well it blends into the surrounding landscape. Meadows, pastures, and fields are divided by traditional hedges and stone walls.



Krátká, Sněžné



www.tinyurl.com/vprkratka

19. VILLAGE OF KŘIŽÁNKY

Křižánky lies in the central Žďárské vrchy. This village heritage reserve is the largest of its kind in Vysočina, with a total of 45 protected buildings.

The village stretches along both sides of the Svatka River, with the historic border dividing it into Czech and Moravian parts. Its charm lies in scattered timbered houses with boarded gables, half-gables, hipped roofs, blending harmoniously with the surrounding landscape.



Moravské Křižánky, Křižánky



www.obeckrizanky.cz



20. JIMRAMOV TOWNSHIP

Jimramov is a protected urban heritage zone, preserving the town's historic architectural and urban values.

The historic centre is arranged around a long, funnel-shaped square, once crossed by an old trade route along the Svratka River. Most houses feature 19th-century historicist facades. The centre is dominated by the Renaissance chateau and the Church of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary.



Nám. Jana Karafiáta, Jimramov



www.jimramov.cz



21. IRON-MILLING ŠLAKHAMR

A unique industrial monument of the Technical Museum in Brno, located in the Sázava River valley.

Originally a mechanical iron forge founded by Cistercian monks, it processed local iron ore. Later, it was converted into a grain mill, operating until World War II. Today, Šlakhamr features an exhibition on ironworking, woodworking, and life under its last owners. A key highlight is the fully functional hammering equipment.



Šlakhamry, Hamry nad Sázavou



www.tnbrno.cz



NATURE

When exploring Vysočina, you will wander through the Žďárské Vrchy Protected Landscape Area or along the Svratka River valley, where rocks and other natural wonders await.

Many rock formations are popular with climbers, but most viewpoints are accessible without special equipment. Enjoy the view from Devět Skal, the highest peak of the Žďárské Vrchy. Other scenic spots include Čtyři Palice, Malinská Skála, Prosička, Hraběcí Stolek, and Milovské Perničky. Unique nature also exists in the Žákova hora and Dářská Rašeliniště reserves.

22. HOUSE OF NATURE

The Žďárské Vrchy House of Nature welcomes curious tourists and nature lovers who want more than just walks and scenic views.

Housed in a 19th-century farmhouse, the 21st-century interactive exhibition takes you through the Žďárské Vrchy from ancient times, when bears and wolves roamed the border forests, to the present day. Visitors are encouraged to explore and experience the exhibits with all their senses.



Krátká, Sněžné



www.dumprirody.cz



23. ROCK DEVĚT SKAL

At 836 metres, Devět skal is the highest peak of the Žďárské Vrchy and the second highest in Vysočina.

The name comes from nine rock formations scattered within a one-kilometre area, forming a small rock labyrinth. The viewpoint offers nearly 360° views over the upper Svatka valley and the forests along the main ridge of the Žďárské Vrchy. The summit can be reached from Křižánky, or the car park below Lisovská skála.



Moravské Křižánky, Křižánky



www.tinyurl.com/devetskal



24. ROCK ČTYŘI PALICE

Beauty is all around us, and sometimes all it takes is a walk into nature. One such place is Čtyři Palice.

The four massive rock blocks Paličatá, Děvín, Tvrz and Opomenutá formed through frost weathering during the Quaternary. The summit features four prominent blocks, known locally as “palice.” The rock stretches 50 m in length with walls up to 33 m high. The reward for climbing is the view over the Svatka River valley.



České Milovy, Křižánky



www.tinyurl.com/ctyripalice





25. ROCK MILOVSKÉ PERNIČKY

These unassuming rocks offer both an intriguing geological history and picturesque views.

At Milovské Perničky, also known as Velké Perničky, there are unusual rock depressions formed by frost weathering. Their origin remained a mystery for many years, inspiring various theories. Some believed they were made by humans for ritual purposes, lighting signal fires, or even grinding grain.



České Křižánky, Křižánky



www.tinyurl.com/milovskepernicky

26. ROCK MALINSKÁ SKÁLA

A stunning view over the Svratka River valley and Devět Skal awaits at the top of Malinská Skála.

Malinská Skála is a prominent rocky peak, 811 m high, located on the ridge stretching from Devět Skal to nearby Drátenická Skála. The rocks reach up to 20 m in height and include Výspa, Srnčí věž, Škuner, and Buldok. The peak is easily accessible via the red tourist trail from rock Drátenická Skála or rock Lisovská Skála.



Blatiny, Sněžné



www.tinyurl.com/malinskaskala



27. ROCK PROSIČKA

If you are looking for a quiet spot with one of the most beautiful views, visit Prosička and let yourself be captivated by the Fryšávka River valley.

Rock Prosička is a rocky peak near Jimramov. Below the 739 m summit, a rocky ridge on the southern slope stretches with scenic views of the surroundings. The viewpoint is fairly easy to reach and popular with hikers. The rock is easily recognized by the wooden cross at its top.



Javorek



www.tinyurl.com/prosicka



28. HRABĚCÍ STOLEK VIEWPOINT

Stop at the rocky viewpoint above the Svratka River meander and enjoy one of the valley's most beautiful views.

Hraběcí Stolek offers a unique view of the Vír II reservoir and the opposite slope with the remains of Pyšolec Castle. The site recalls the former wooden lookout that stood here until 1930. Today, the viewpoint is a popular destination for hikers and, with its new gazebo, an ideal spot to rest amid the enchanting landscape.



Bolešín, Věstín



<https://tinyurl.com/hrabecistolek>



29. FOREST IN ŽÁKOVA HORA

The Žákova Hora National Nature Reserve is one of the oldest and most valuable protected areas in Vysočina.

It offers a rare example of the natural development of the mixed forests of the Žďárské Vrchy. Fifty-five bird species nest here, and the reserve hosts the largest deer population in the region. A three-kilometre educational trail with ten stops circles the reserve, showcasing the beauty and highlights of this remarkable site.



Cíkháj



www.tinyurl.com/zakovahora

30. LAKE VELKÉ DÁŘKO

Visit the largest lake in Vysočina, known as the “Sea of Vysočina,” and enjoy time by the water and in nature.

The vast Velké Dářko is a popular spot for swimming, water sports, and relaxation. Its peat origin ensures excellent water quality even during the hottest summer days. Around the lake lies the Dářko Nature Reserve with peat bogs, where visitors can explore rare ecosystems, enjoy scenic walks, and follow an educational trail.



Škrdlovice



www.tinyurl.com/darskareseliniste



EXPERIENCES

The region of Vysočina offers a diverse landscape, perfect for sports and fun for all ages.

Hills, forests, rocky cliffs, and meadows provide natural settings for outdoor fun. Cycling enthusiasts, thrill-seekers and families will all find something here.

Adventures await through cycling, climbing, games, and fairy-tale experiences at Vysočina Bike Arena, the ferratas in Vír, Šikland, Haunted Castle Draxmoor, or the Fairy Tale Village Podlesíčko.



31. VYSOČINA BIKE ARENA

If you're looking for world-class top-level trails, visit the Vysočina Bike Arena near Nové Město na Moravě. This unique venue offers over 30 km of singletracks for all skill levels.

There are easy trails for children and routes accessible to disabled cyclists. All trails are clearly marked, making navigation simple and stress-free. The arena also features a pump track, skill areas, and a network of marked road circuits for all levels.



Vlachovická,
Nové Město na Moravě



www.vysocina.bike



32. ŠIKLAND AMUSEMENT PARK

The western-themed Šikland in Šiklův mlýn is the largest natural amusement park in the Czech Republic.

At Šikland, a full day of fun awaits in the western town. Relax by the natural water biotope, explore the zoo park and meet its animals, or enjoy many other attractions throughout the park. Every weekend, themed events take place, including Burger Day, Road Fest, and the popular Family Day.



Zvole nad Pernštejnem



www.sikland.cz

33. VÍR VIA FERRATAS

In a scenic area above the Svratka River, just below the Vír dam, you'll find the via ferrata routes.

At Vír, three routes await: Ledová stěna, Horní vyhlídka, and Jezerní stěna, rated B and C in difficulty. The routes are equipped with safety features such as cables, ladders, grips, and footholds, ensuring a secure climbing experience for all levels. Guides and equipment rental are also available.



Vír v údolí Svratky



www.ledovastena.cz



34. DRAXMOOR HAUNTED CASTLE

At the Haunted Draxmoor Castle, three extensive floors await with a spooky and fantastical exhibition.

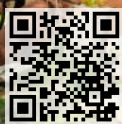
Explore the 500-year-old granary building with its original vaulted ceilings and life-sized ghosts, enhanced by special effects. The castle features a fantastic exhibition, 3D cinema, haunted elevator, mysterious cellar, and a courtyard decorated with a fairy-tale house on chicken legs and statues of storybook characters.



Dolní Rožínka



www.strasidelny-zamek.cz



35. PODLESÍČKO FAIRY VILLAGE

The fairy-tale village of Podlesíčko lets you explore 11 original houses from Czech fairy tales with fun, educational programs for children.

See the Seven Dwarfs' cottage, mischievous Budulíněk, Little Red Riding Hood's cottage, and other charming fairy-tale buildings. On selected days, programs include fairy-tale characters, theatre shows, and creative workshops. A family wellness area resembles castle chambers.



Podlesí, Sněžné

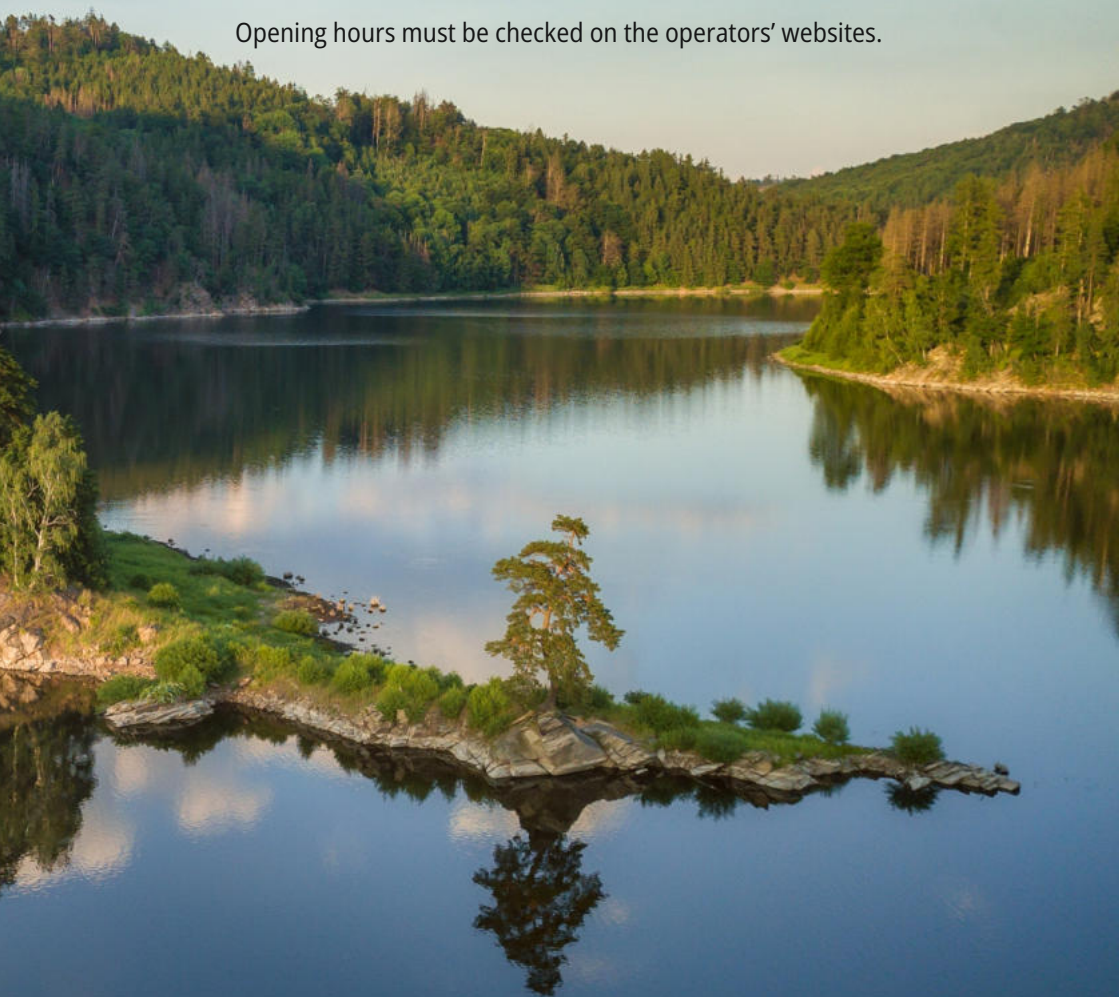


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