

CHURCH OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

The original **medieval church**, which used to stand on the slope terrace above *Jánský* Bridge, was demolished in 1852. Between the years 1854 and 1857, it was replaced by a smaller **cemetery church** built in pseudo Romanesque style according to the design of *Loket* builder F. Schidl. After the adjoining cemetery had been closed down in 1877, the church lost its purpose. It was used by local real-school students for **religion lessons** for some time. In the mid 1920s, the already dilapidated building was handed over to the Evangelic Church. **It was ultimately torn down in 1973.**

POINTED ROCK AND IRON CROSS

The Pointed Rock is a **rock formation** (a granite pillar) rising from the slope **above the Ohře River**. Nearby, there is an **iron cross**, which was erected at the beginning of the 17th century in thanksgiving (a young man fell off the rock and was unharmed). In the 1930s, it was moved to the Margrave's House at the castle. As the iron cross was unfortunately lost during World War II, **a group of local enthusiasts erected a replica** to commemorate the original cross in 1998.

GALLOWS HILL

The gallows still stood here **in the 18th century**. At the former place of execution, visitors can see a torso of a stone building with a circular ground plan and a 4.8m diameter. This hill offers **magnificent views** of *Loket*.

MONUMENT IVY TREES

Two richly branched ivies climb up 12 metres and create a beautiful ornamental relief on the dark rock. Both plants are dendrologically valuable specimens due to their age. Commonly, **the ivy can live from 300 to 450 years**.

VILDENAVA ADIT

As other adits in the area, the *Vildenava* adit bears evidence of the activities of prospectors from north Italy (Venetians) who were looking for **precious metal deposits**, primarily tin, in the *Karlovy Vary* region in the 14th century. According to some written records, the adit was in **operation until the 17th century**. **It is not accessible to the public.**

HOŘČIČKA'S SPRING

It is located a few dozen metres downstream from the *Vildenava* adit. The spring was drilled to a **depth of 231.2 m**. **The acidulous water** is rich in magnesium, sodium, calcium, and sulphur, so if you come to the spring thirsty, you will not enjoy drinking it.



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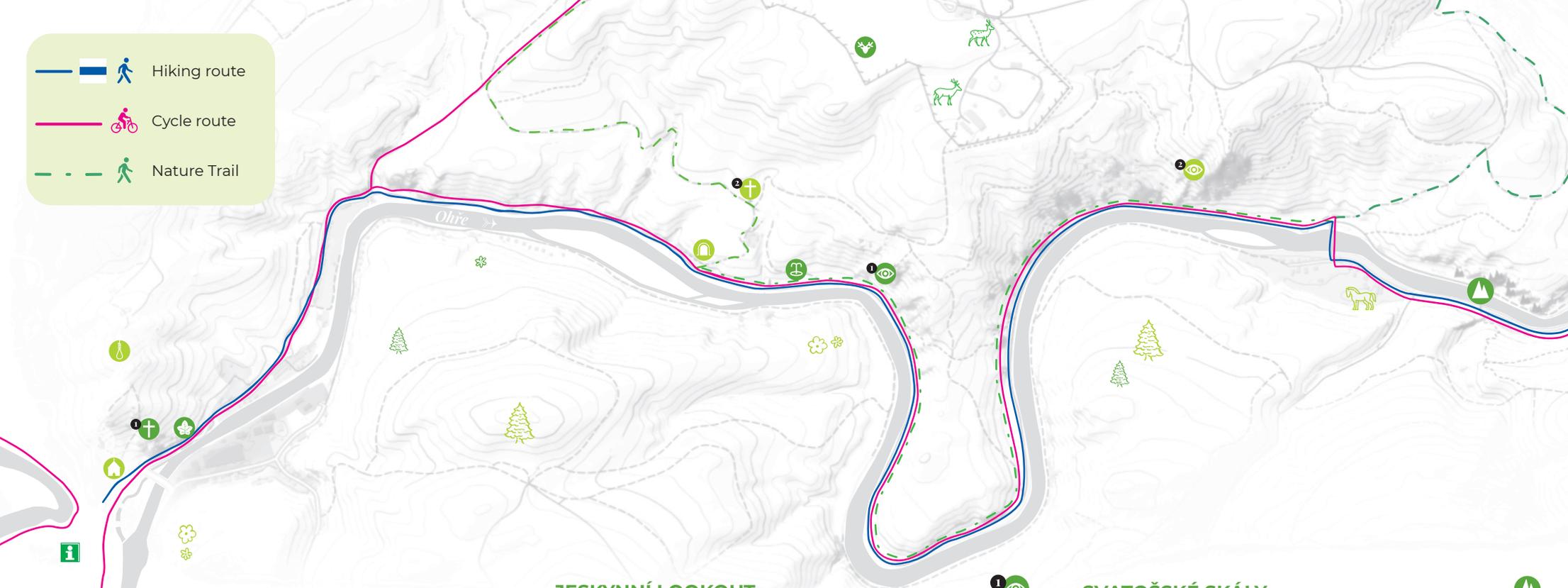
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*Views from
the information
centre to the river*

 Hiking route
 Cycle route
 Nature Trail



VILDENAVA LONELY FARMSTEAD AND CROSS OF CONCILIATION

The former farmstead at Vildenava was reconstructed in 2011 and it is privately owned. The stone cross of conciliation can be found at the crossroads above Vildenava. It was installed here in 1991 after being moved from its original location on the slope above the Mlýnský Stream near the former Massa-Mühle mill by the road from Činov to Žalmanov. The free-standing, roughly worked coarse granite cross has an asymmetrical Greek shape and typologically, it belongs among the very old crosses of conciliatory origin, with dimensions reaching 107 cm in height, 90–102 cm in width, and 22–33 cm in thickness. It is plain without any signs or inscriptions. In the past, the cross was broken under the arms and repaired on site without the use of mortar.

JESKYNNÍ LOOKOUT

About a 10-minute walk from the Vildenava farmstead, a distinctive granite rock towers above the Ohře valley between Loket and Svatošské skály. At the top, there is a flat rock with a cross and a peak visitor book. The lookout offers a view of the Slavkov Forest plateau and the meander of the river. **Caution! The rock edges are not secured by barriers. Enter at your own risk!**

LESNÍ / SOVÍ LOOKOUT

The beautiful rocky vista point is located at a height of approximately 560 m above sea level not far from the Jeskynní Lookout. It offers views of Svatošské skály, the Ohře River deep below and Kozí vrchy with their peak Koule (658 metres above sea level) on the opposite side. **Caution! The rock edges are not secured by barriers. Enter at your own risk!**

SVATOŠSKÉ SKÁLY

From Loket you can walk along the river to Svatošské skály, which has been a National Nature Monument since 1933. The remarkable rock formations, known as a wedding procession turned to stone according to a local legend, are the result of the gradual decay and loss of granite blocks, the activity of the river, and erosion caused by rain and frost. The National Nature Monument (declared in 1933) has been a popular destination of tourists since the 19th century. Admired by visitors, it also inspires writers and artists. Climbers will also have a great time. The almost 50-metre high towers consist of eight main formations, which offer quality climbing on a vertical, partly quite articulated rock wall. Refreshments are available at the local Jan Svatoš Restaurant.

Recommended sites nearby:

HORY GAME PRESERVE

The former ammunition depot with adjoining lands were in the possession of the Czechoslovak Army from 1954 and in 2002, they were transferred to the town of Loket. On the site, the municipality-owned company Loketské městské lesy s.r.o.

built a vast relaxation complex where visitors may see reed deer, fallow deer and mouflons, as well as horses trained for show jumping. Further information about the complex can be found on information boards and there is also a restaurant on site.