

HOSTINNÉ

Trail 2 Images



Trail:

16,5 km

Hostinné → Chotěvice (4,5 km)

Chotěvice → Nové Zámky (9 km)

Nové Zámky → Hostinné (3 km)

CTC Markings:



(no markings from the train station to the bridge in Debrné)

Refreshments:

in Chotěvice and in Nové Zámky

Transport:

to/from Chotěvice or Nové Zámky

Notes:

The forest path from Bradla to N. Zámky may be overgrown



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Trail Description

From the **Náměstí** (Square), take the street **Dolní brána** and follow the yellow CTC markings. Pass the bus station and then cross the bridge over the **Čistá River**. Continue on the street **Nádražní** to the train station where the yellow CTC markings start and end.

1

The river **Čistá** is also known as **Mydlíce**, which is the Czech equivalent for the German name Seifenbach (Soap Creek). For a long time, Hostinné used to be bilingual, as were most cities in the former Habsburg Empire. The German name for Hostinné is Arnau.

You will learn more about the eventful history of the city in the Museum, which is housed in the recently restored former **Františkánský klášter** (Franciscan Monastery). In addition to the Town Museum, there is also a local library. In the monastery church you can also visit the **Gallery of Antique Art**, which is unique of its kind in Central Europe.

So it is definitely worth to cross the street!

From the train station building, follow the bicycle trail. After about 200 m, cross the railroad tracks and turn right. At the end of bicycle trail, having the railroad tracks to your right, turn left to the street **Ke Karlovu**. The trail climbs past the cemetery towards the village of **Karlovka** (also called **Karlo**), falling under the **Chotěvice** municipality.

F1



Turn right at the T-intersection in the centre of the village. After about 3,5 km, the asphalt road takes you to **Chotěvice** and the main road (F1).

2

You may relax on the terrace of the **Obecní Hospoda Inn**.

Turn right on the main road. Watch out for traffic!

After 25 m, where the main road turns right on the hill, you will turn left. Follow this trail to the crossroads, where you turn right and walk to the next crossroads with a cross. Here you turn left, cross the bridge and carry on between the farmhouses where the dirt trail begins and runs towards a gate (F2). Continue around the **Pilníkovský vrch**, and later along the river **Labe** (Elbe), at right, to the first houses in the village of **Debrné**.



F2

Here, the dirt trail turns into a local road. After about 1 km, you reach a picnic area with an information board. From there, follow the yellow and red CTC markings towards a road bridge. Here, you turn right and cross the bridge. At the other side of the bridge at CTC signpost, follow the green markings to **Hostinné**.

After 1.3 km, where the asphalt road turns sharply to the right, you turn left toward the forest. Past the cemetery on the right, walk to the edge of the forest and follow the green CTC markings. You will arrive at the CTC signpost **Bradlo** (formerly **Hradiště** junction).

3

From here you can walk to the top of the **Bradlo Hill**, where it is possible to find ruins of the **Bradlo Castle**. The summit offers a beautiful view. Skipping the trip to the summit will save you about 1,5 km.

4

There are no written records about the foundation of the **Bradlo Castle**. Implicit sources indicate that the Teutonic Knights have founded it in the 13th century. Around 1325, the castle passed into the hands of the Turger family that established **Choustníkovo Hradiště**. After the family received from John of Luxemburg the towns of **Trutnov**, **Dvůr Králové**, and **Hostinné** as dowry, the castle lost its importance and ceased to exist. According to other sources, there was a fortified settlement at **Bradlo** as early as the 12th century.

Other sources also mention **Bradlo** in conjunction with Prince Soběslav I, who reigned from 1125 to 1140, and who died March 14, 1140 in his castle **Hostín**, which might be another name for **Bradlo** or the vicinity of Hostinné. Soběslav I came from Premyslides, the first and last dynasty of Czech kings in Bohemia. He was born as the youngest son of the Czech King Vratislav II and his wife Svatava of Poland.

From the CTC signpost follow the green CTC markings toward Hostinné. The trail descends through the forests and meadows all the way to the asphalt road.

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F3

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The trail runs around a Renaissance castle, adjacent park, and gardens. The **Nové Zámky** Castle was built at the turn of the 16th and 17th centuries by the Italian master builder Carlo Valmadi, on the command of **Henry von Wallenstein**. Other structures attributed to him are the **Saint Jacob's Church in Dolní Olešnice** and other important buildings in the vicinity. In the 17th century and at the end of the 19th century, the castle was completely rebuilt. In the second half of the 20th century, the castle functioned as an eye sanatorium, until 1998. Currently, the castle is privately owned and inaccessible to the public (F3).

You will enter the road at the **Nové Zámky** CTC signpost and near the local **Inn**. This part of the village of **Dolní Olešnice** is also called **Nové Zámky**.

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The local Inn, built in the Empire Style, is a protected monument. In the immediate vicinity, there is also a bus stop for Hostinné. Now you have walked 13,5 kilometres.



F4

On the other side of the road opposite the Inn, follow the green CTC marker. Slowly climb up to the CTC signpost **Nad Dolní Olešnicí**. From here, follow the red and green CTC markers toward Hostinné (F4).

Walk around the gardens (**Závodí**), then cross to the other side of the river **Labe** (Elbe), across the rail and arrive at the street **Labská Fortna** (F5).



F6

F5



At the intersection of the **Labská fortna** and the street **Na Valech**, go straight. Walking pass the COOP store (F6) and the **Labská fortna** passage, you will arrive on the **Náměstí** (Square).



