

HOSTINNÉ

Trail 3 Around Hostinné



Trail: **6,5 km**
Hostinné → Poštovní Dvůr → Hostinné

CTC Markings:  (first 2 km)

Refreshments: during the summer months at the weir

Notes: in wet weather, paths are slippery and poorly passable; trips to and from Hostinné are quite steep



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Trail Description

Start from the **Náměstí** (Square) towards the gate **Dolní Brána**, following the yellow CTC markings until you reach the bus station. From the CTC signpost, follow the red CTC markings toward the street **Hasičská**, continue over the small bridge and at the end of the street turn left into the street **Labská Fortna**. Cross the railroad tracks and the bridge over the river **Labe** (Elbe) and after the bridge, turn uphill to the left (**Závodí**). The trail runs along small gardens and you will see high voltage power lines above. Follow the red CTC markings into the forest.

From the forest you arrive at the CTC signpost **Nad Dolní Olešnicí**. Here at the asphalt road turn to the right in the direction of **Olešnice**. After about 100 m, there is a marked turn to the left, but you continue straight along the asphalt road. From the road, you will see the church tower in **Dolní Olešnice** (F1) at left and **Hostinné** at right (F2).



F2



1

This old **Zemská stezka** (Land Trail) linking settlements around the river **Labe** (Elbe) was part of a network of medieval trails, called Hansewegen, which connected the Czech towns with towns in Poland, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Italy, and others. Armies, Emperor's officials, merchants, young men, as well as traveller and postal coaches, all travelled on them. **Poštovní dvůr** (Postal Court) reminds us of the former stopover for the postal coaches. Most Land Trails ran through valleys and along waterways. Interestingly, the Land Trail around Hostinné, ran along mountain ridges.

After about 1 km, turn right and go down to the farm buildings. Now, you are at the **Poštovní dvůr** (Postal Court). After you pass the last barn on the right, turn left and take the path to the forest. After a few metres, you will reach the **Chapel of Our Lady of Lourdes**. Here you can relax on benches.

2

The chapel was built over the **Mariánská Studánka Na Pošte** (Mariánská Spring At the Post). Since 1870, people have attributed healing effects to the spring water, especially for rheumatic diseases. Grateful citizens built on the site a chapel dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes. It was originally a wooden chapel. Around 1900, it gained the current form (F3).

After the visit, return to the asphalt road and turn left. Now, you will descend to the railroad crossing. Cross the railroad tracks and continue past the parking garages on the right. The river **Labe** (Elbe) will be on your left. At the end of the street **Poštovní Dvůr**, turn left and cross the bridge.



F3

3

From here you can shorten your trip and return to the town centre.

Short Cut: After the bridge, continue along the street **Deymova** all the way to the intersection with the street **Lidická**. Here, turn right onto the street **Karla Klíče**. In front of the gate of the **Kostel Nejsvětější Trojice** (Holy Trinity Church), turn right towards the **Horní brána** (Upper Gate), which takes you to the **Náměstí** (Square).

Immediately after the bridge, turn to the left and continue on the bicycle trail. Walk upstream the river Labe (Elbe) at left and around three ponds on the right. The bicycle trail runs along a gardener colony, over a wooden bridge, and around the weir.

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The bridge covers culverts, which are parts of a weir or dam, at the beginning of the channel, which led to the power station of the paper mills, called **Labský Mlýn**. The history of papermaking in Hostinné goes back to the 17th century. **Labský Mlýn** was founded in 1825. It was originally a castle building, which was built in the 16th century by the aristocratic Deym family. Today, the factory buildings are abandoned. The power plant is a cultural monument. Until the 1990s, the channel supplied water not only for the power station turbines, but also for the local swimming pool. Currently, the channel connects ponds and water flows away more or less without benefit.

At the end of bicycle trail, you will reach the main road. Here you turn right and go down the path on the side of the street **Husitská**. After 100 m, cross the road and continue on the other side of the sidewalk.

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After about half a kilometre, you will reach a small park at right. Here, among the trees is another small village chapel that is worth seeing. Watch out for traffic!

The **Mount Olives Chapel** was built in 1777 on the initiative of John Finger of Hostinné. The interior consists of five life-sized, sandstone statues, decorated in polychrome. The scene represents Christ on the Mount of Olives and a kneeling angel holding a cross and a chalice of suffering, the symbols of Christ's sacrifice. Apostles Peter, John, and James, sleeping on a rock, complete the biblical scene. The walls are decorated with Baroque frescoes representing the landscape around Jerusalem. Here, you can see Judas and a large group of soldiers who are escorting Christ out of the city gates. Frescoes were painted over in the 19th century and rediscovered during the reconstruction in 2001. The Mount Olives Chapel is a national cultural monument. Experts consider it a unique architectural treasure, the largest of its kind in Central Europe.

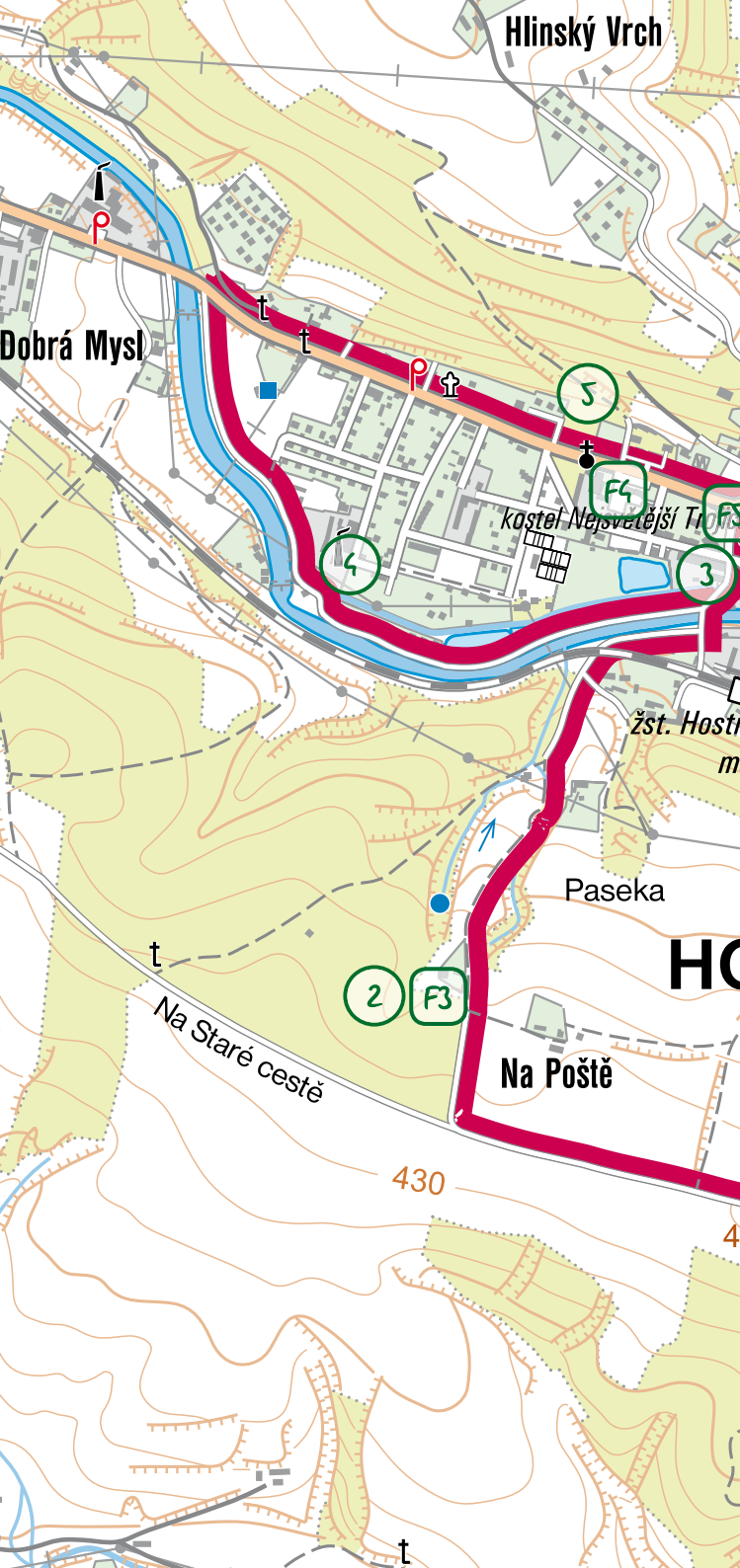


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Where the street **Husitská** turns slightly to the left, turn right into the street **Deymova**. At the intersection with the street **Lidická**, turn left into the street **Karla Klíče**. In front of the gate of the **Kostel Nejsvětější Trojice** (Holy Trinity Church), turn right towards the street **Horní brána** (Upper Gate), which takes you to the **Náměstí** (Square).



F5



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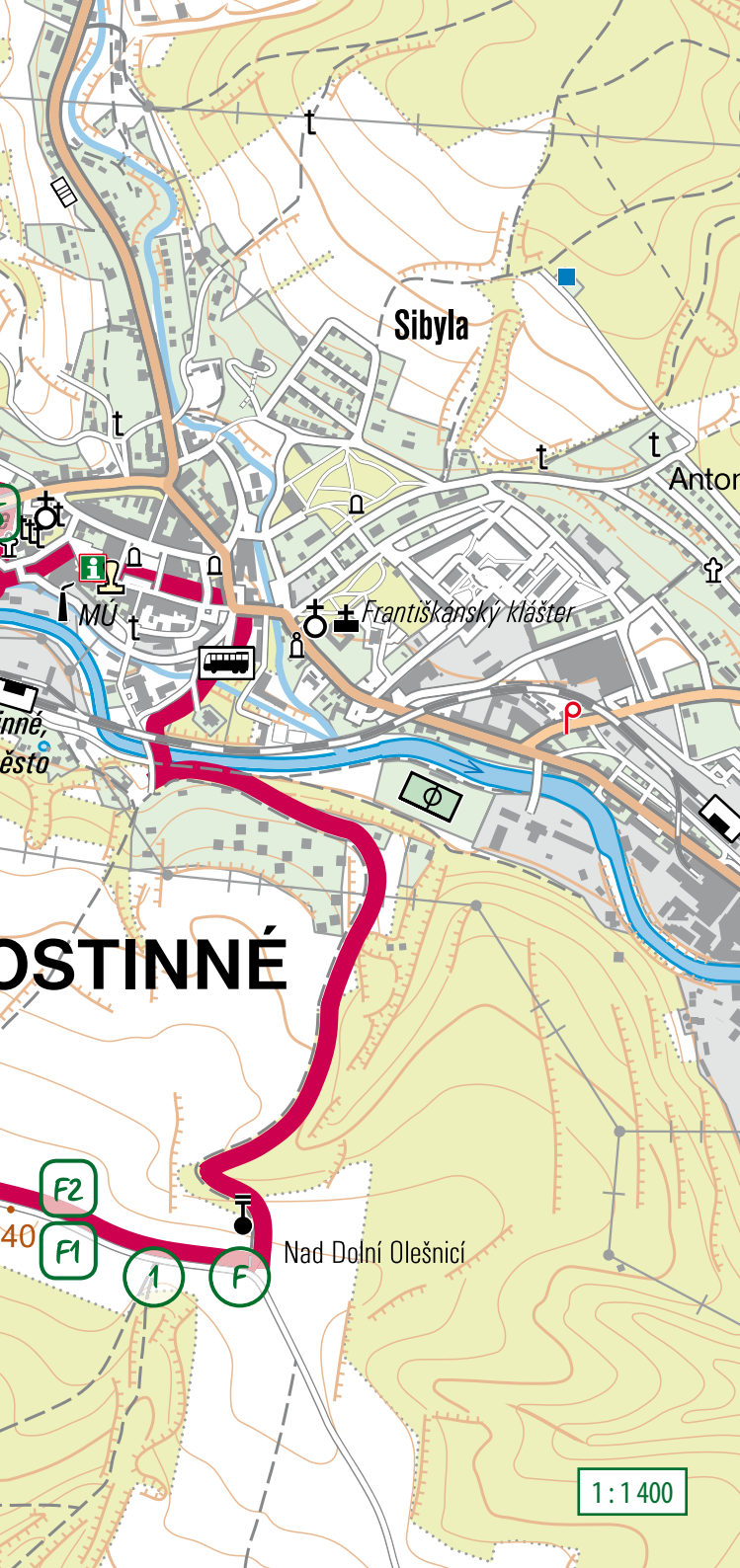
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Sibyla

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Františkánský klášter

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Nad Dolní Olešnicí

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