

ROUTE 7 BOHEMIAN-SAXON SWITZERLAND BY BIKE (2)



Lenght: 39,5 km
Climb: 998 m
Difficulty: Advanced
Type: Touring bike, electrobike
Start: Mezní Louka
50°52'24.859"N, 14°19'1.084"E

ROUTE DETAILS:

This route winds along the Křinice River valley among picturesque cliff formations. The trail offers fascinating views of the Elbe sandstones from the cliff tops at Falkenštejn und Kleine Bastei.

Starting in Mezní Louka, ride through Hluboký důl to the border crossing at Zadní Jetřichovice. Then continue into Germany on the blue trail in the Křinice valley, passing Altes Zeughaus restaurant. Continue along the bike trail through Kleiner Zschand to the Liechtenheiner waterfall. Follow this trail to the second left. Continue through Falkenštejn all the way to the Elbe and then follow the river back to Hřensko, where you'll take the road to Mezní Louka.

Tip: Stop for a meal at **Altes Zeughaus** in picturesque **Großer Zschand**.

Highlights: **Lichtenheiner waterfall** – This 5-meter fall sparkles among massive sandstone rocks.

Practicalities: Getting to the **Small Bastei** – Take the green trail from just outside of **Schmilka** for about 1 km. This is a footpath. Bikes are forbidden. Leave your bike in the village.

If you do not want to make a round trip, there are several alternatives for one leg of the journey:



Boat – See www.labskaplavebni.cz
Train – **The Elbe-Labe Ticket** is a cross border pass for hikers and daytrippers
Bike bus – www.cyklobus.eu



ROUTE 8 BOHEMIAN VULCANS



Lenght: 46 km
Climb: 970 m
Difficulty: Very Advanced
Type: Touring bike, electrobike
Start: Děčín (Tyrš Bridge)
50°46'51.784"N, 14°12'30.593"E

ROUTE DETAILS:

This ride explores the protected landscape of the Central Bohemian Uplands, dominated on the right bank of the Elbe by the summit of **Buková hora**. The route offers a continuous panorama of the Elbe canyon and the surrounding hill country.

From Děčín take the CT 2 towards Boletice and then leave the main trail to head left up a narrow road. You'll go through Lesní mlýn to Leshá. Continue straight at the crossroads across a broad meadowland to the village of Rytířov. Here a long climb leads up to the ruins of Vraty to the top of Buková Hora, where the Humbolt viewing point offers a chance to enjoy the view. Continue along the road to Příbram, then turn left towards Rychnov, coasting down a long hill through Fojtovice and Heřmanov to Benešov nad Ploučnicí. Take the Ploučnice bike trail (CT 15) back to Děčín.

Děčín – Boletice – Lesní Mlýn – Lesná – Rytířov – Vraty castle ruins (view) – **Buková hora** (refreshment) – **Rychnov – Fojtovice – Heřmanov – Benešov n.Pl. – Děčín**

Highlights: **Buková hora** – This basalt mountain is topped by a 223-meter broadcast antenna, the highest concrete structure in the Czech Republic.

ROUTE 9 IN THE MOUNTAINS' SHADOW



Lenght: 41,5 km / 32 km
Climb: 864 / 708 m
Difficulty: Advanced
Type: Touring bike, electrobike
Start 1/ Maxičky
50°48'39.798"N, 14°10'57.946"E
Start 2/ Sněžník
50°47'28.742"N, 14°5'14.388"E

ROUTE DETAILS:

This route winds among huge sandstone bluffs, along quiet river valleys and past forest ponds, providing opportunities to take in the local flora and fauna or get the adrenaline pumping with a climb up **Děčinský Sněžník** or **Großer Zschirnstein**.

From Maxičky take the CT 23 towards **Děčinský Sněžník**. From the village of **Sněžník** an asphalt trail leads 2 km up to the summit of the same name. After your side trip, double back along the CT 23 and after 2 km, where the main trail curves right, take the path leading to the left. After 1.5 km take the next right onto the yellow Fuchsbachweg. At Alte Flößerbrücke bridge a forest path will take you 2 km to **Kristin Hrádek**. Continue on the green trail to Taubenteich pond. From here take the yellow trail for 2 km until it turns, at which point continue straight along Krippenbach brook. At the next crossroads, take a right onto the green Schifferweg until you get to the turn off for **Großer Zschirnstein** and the mountaintop observation point. You can stop for a hike (2 km) on the red trail or continue on. At the next crossing, take a right turn; the trail becomes the green trail, crosses the German-Czech border at Česká brána, and after a couple of hundred meters joins a paved road leading back to Maxičky.

Tip: Refreshment at **Kristin Hrádek**.

Highlights: **Děčinský Sněžník** – at 723 m, this sandstone summit is the highest point of the Děčín highlands and the highest tableland in the Czech Republic. At its top stands a stone watchtower with a fabulous view of the surrounding area. **Großer Zschirnstein** – the summit also offers wonderful views. Take the tricky hike (1.7 km) up the red trail on foot.

Practicalities: From the village of **Sněžník** up to the watchtower it's a 2 km climb on a paved trail; take your descent slowly out of courtesy to those who are on the way up.

Děčinský Sněžník watchtower:

April - June: 10.00 - 17.00 (Mon – Sun)
July - August: 09.00 - 19.00 (Mon – Sun)
September - October: 10.00 - 17.00 (Mon – Sat)
November - March: 10.00 - 16.00 (Sat – Sun)



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723 m
The highest table top mountain in CZ

The most frequent cycle route in the CR

300 m
The deepest sandstone canyon in Europe

150 m
The largest via ferrata complex in the CR

26,5 m
The largest sandstone arch in Europe

292 m
The longest castle drive in Europe

65 %
The greenest district town in the CR

135 m n.m.
The lowest place in the CR

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Cycling Trips

VISITOR INFORMATION

DĚČÍN JE BOŽÍ

Bikers welcome

Děčín has myriad bicycle trails for cyclists of all skill levels, from hardcore riders to families with small children. This brochure offers a selection of trips from across the spectrum, along with tips for things to do along the way.

ROUTE 1 THE ELBE VALLEY



Length: 30 km **Děčín - Königstein**
Climb: 260 m
Difficulty: Easy
Type: Touring bike, electrobike, in-line skates
Start: Děčín (Tyrš Bridge)
50°46'51.784"N, 14°12'30.593"E

ROUTE DETAILS:

This route follows the Elbe River gorge, bounded on both sides by great sandstone cliffs. From the starting point at the Tyrš Bridge, take the Elbe cycle route (CT 2) along the river all the way to the German village of Königstein with its imposing clifftop fortress. Then turn back along the same trail or take the ferry across the river to visit the spa town of Bad Schandau.

Tip: Stop for a break at the restaurant by the dock in Dolní Žleb.
Highlights: Königstein, located on a bluff of the same name, is one of the largest clifftop fortresses in Europe.
Practicalities: If you do not want to make a round trip, there are several alternatives for one leg of the journey:



Boat – See www.labskaplavebni.cz
Train – **The Elbe-Labe Ticket** is a cross border pass for hikers and daytrippers
Bike bus – www.cyklobus.eu

ROUTE 2 CLIFFS AND VALLEYS



Length: 24,5 km
Climb: 516 m
Difficulty: Medium
Type: MTB, touring bike, electrobike
Start 1/ Mezní Louka
50°46'51.784"N, 14°12'30.593"E
Start 2/ Jetřichovice
50°51'8.992"N, 14°23'46.240"E

ROUTE DETAILS:

This route explores the Jetřichovice area with its sandstone cliffs including Rudolfův kámen, Vilemínina stěna, and Mariina skála. Starting in Mezní Louka take the CT 21 to Hluboký důl and join the CT 3030. Stay on the CT 3030 along the Hluboký důl valley and head right onto the Česká cesta trail, joining the CT 3029 to arrive at the cabin at Tokáň. Then take the CT 3076 to Jetřichovice. Along the way there are pretty views at places such as Rudolfův kámen and Mariina skála. The route circles back through Vysoká Lípa on the CT 21.

Tip: Stop for a bite to eat at Tokáň
Highlights: Rudolfův kámen (Rudolf's rock) observation point, with its wonderful views, is named for Prince Rudolf Kinský, who had a gazebo built at its summit.
Practicalities: Access to Mariina skála and Rudolfův kámen is only possible on foot.



ROUTE 3 BEER BREWING AND BOHEMIAN FOLKLORE



Length: 46 km (Děčín–Velké Březno 18 km + 5 km side trip to Zubrnice, total round trip 46 km)
Climb: 103 m
Difficulty: Easy
Type: Touring bike, electrobike
Start: Děčín (Tyrš Bridge)
50°46'51.784"N, 14°12'30.593"E

ROUTE DETAILS:

The route follows the Elbe south to the Velké Březno brewery. Take the CT 2 from Děčín towards Těchlovice. Leave the trail at Malé Březno, turning left for a visit the Zubrnice outdoor folk museum about 5 km away. If you decide to skip Zubrnice, just stay on the CT 2 all the way to the brewery. The return trip follows the same route.

Tip: Visit the outdoor folk museum at Zubrnice (additional 160 m climb).
Highlights: Brewery Březňák – brewery tour and beer tasting.
Practicalities: Information about the brewery and the museum is online at www.zubrnice.cz and www.breznak.cz.

ROUTE 4 ALONG THE PLOUČNICE



Length: 25,5 km / 31 km
Climb: 675 m / 640 m
Difficulty: Medium
Type: Touring bike, electrobike
Start: Děčín (Tyrš Bridge)
50°46'51.784"N, 14°12'30.593"E

ROUTE DETAILS:

This route follows the River Ploučnice all the way to Benešov nad Ploučnicí and its charming chateau. Then it continues to the ruins of Ostrý castle, or optionally returns through the hills, stopping at the Sokolí vrch observation tower on the way back to town. Take the CT 15 from Děčín towards Benešov nad Ploučnicí. Continue on towards Františkov nad Ploučnicí and the Ostrý castle ruins and then take the same route back, or else take a left at Benešov towards Ovesná. After the climb to the village of Dobrná, turn left again and continue to the viewing tower at Sokolí vrch. The CT 3052 will take you back to Děčín.

Tip: Sokolí vrch – the 51-meter viewing tower at the top of Sokolí vrch commands a view of the surrounding highlands, the Elbe valley, and beyond.
Ostrý castle ruins – the historic seat of the Markvartic dynasty stands above the Ploučnice River.
Highlights: Benešov nad Ploučnicí castle – this Renaissance complex is a national cultural landmark.
Practicalities: Benešov castle is open at the following times:

Mai: 10.00 – 17.00 (Tu - Su)
(last tour of the lower castle 14.30 p.m., upper castle 16.00 p.m.)
June - August: 09.00. – 18.00 (Tu - Su)
(last tour of the lower castle 16.30 p.m., upper castle 17.00 p.m.)
September: 10.00. – 17.00 (Tu - Su)



ROUTE 5 AMONG THE CLIFFS



Length: 26,5 km
Climb: 241 m
Difficulty: Easy
Type: Touring bike, electrobike
Start: Sněžník – Bike bus (cyklobus) service
50°47'29.252"N, 14°5'13.356"E

ROUTE DETAILS:

This easy ride explores the Tisá cliffs, eroded by time and weather into fantastic shapes. Take the CT 23 from Sněžník to the cabin above the village of Tisá where walking tours of the Tisá cliffs begin. Continue along CT 3017 to Sněžník where you can climb up Děčínský Sněžník. Then take the CT 23, known as the "Ore Mountains highway," back to Děčín.

Tip: The unique cliff labyrinths at Tisá with their weird rock formations are worth a stop.
Highlights: Děčínský Sněžník – at 723 m, this sandstone summit is the highest point of the Děčín highlands and the highest tableland in the Czech Republic. At its top stands a stone watchtower with a fabulous view of the surrounding area.
Practicalities: The cabin at Tisá has a place to lock bikes while you enjoy the cliff formations.

From the village of Sněžník up to the watchtower it's a 2 km climb on a paved trail; take your descent slowly out of courtesy to those who are on the way up.

Děčínský Sněžník watchtower:

April - June: 10.00 - 17.00 (Mon – Sun)
July - August: 09.00 - 19.00 (Mon – Sun)
September - October: 10.00 - 17.00 (Mon – Sun)
November - March: 10.00 - 16.00 (Sat – Sun)

ROUTE 6 BOHEMIAN-SAXON SWITZERLAND BY BIKE (1)



Length: 43 km
Climb: 900 m
Difficulty: Advanced
Type: MTB, touring bike, electrobike
Start: Mezní Louka
50°52'24.859"N, 14°19'1.084"E

ROUTE DETAILS:

This route explores the wilderness of Bohemian Switzerland National Park, including the Kyjov valley and the Weifberg and Na Tokáni panoramic points. Starting at Mezní Louka, take the CT 21 for a couple of hundred meters before turning onto CT 3030. Continue along Hluboký důl to the border crossing at Zadní Jetřichovice. From here ride into Germany along the Křínice River valley and take the second right turn around Rudolfův kámen. The trail leads to the village of Hinterhermsdorf, where the opportunity presents itself for a nice side trip to see the view from the Weifberg observation tower. Then you can return to Hinterhermsdorf and take the trail towards Zadní Doubice. Upon crossing the border, the trail enters the lovely Kyjov valley and takes you to Dix mill. The next right turn returns you on the CT 3029 via Doubice and Na Tokáni to Vysoká Lípa. From here it is only a couple of kilometers on the CT 21 to Mezní Louka.

Mezní Louka – Zadní Jetřichovice – Hinterhermsdorf (view)
– Zadní Doubice – Kyjov – Doubice – Saula – Tokáň (view) –
Táborový důl – Vysoká Lípa – Mezní Louka

Highlights: Weifberg – A wooden observation tower with a stunning panoramic view of Saxon Switzerland.

