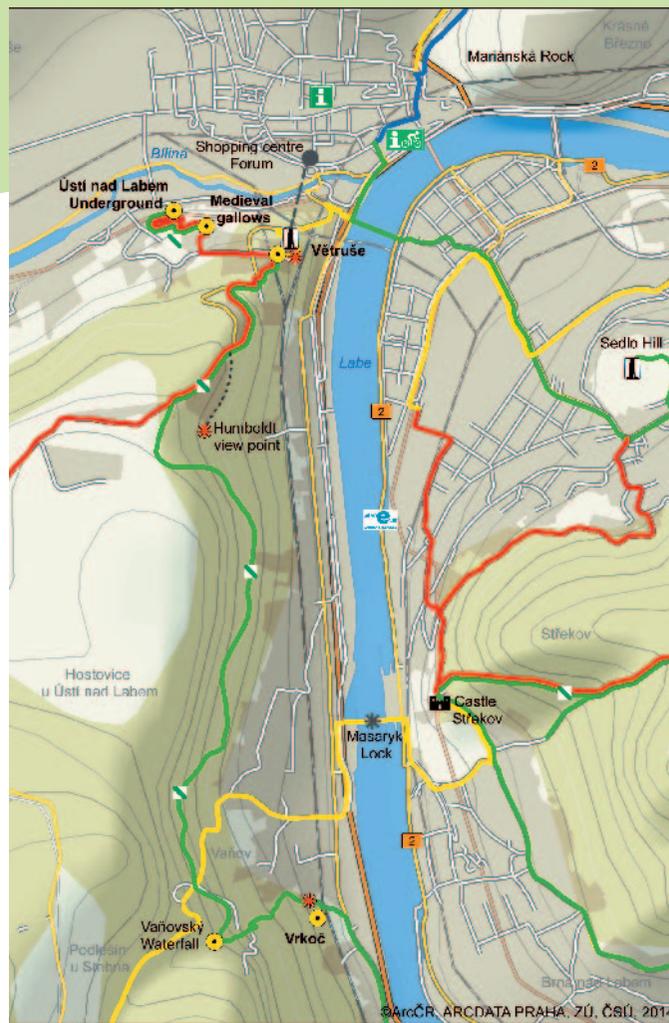


Ústí nad Labem Underground: Drama in the past, entertainment today

Children's adventure park and the Museum of Civil Defense in Ústí nad Labem presents to the visitors under the common name Ústí nad Labem Underground. Few people would expect, that at the foot of the slope below Větruše, close to the busy Žižkova street, is hiding so much excitement and mysterious space. In the former air-raid shelter from 1942 (which was later converted into a bomb shelter) we can look into publicly accessible corridors, explore gas masks from 1920 up to the present or attend some of the events, such as military races.



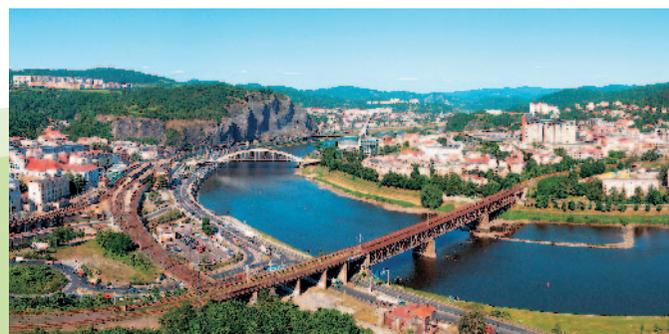
Children's adventure park with its original offer of attractions and games will appreciate both small as well as adult visitors. Geopark, airsoft shooting, gyroscope, trampoline, archery, ropes with the web and straw animals - it is only a selection of what we can try out here. If even that was not enough, adults can visit the tasting wine cellar, hidden in the labyrinth of tunnels 750 m long. The whole area can be very pleasant reward for completing one or both of nature trails.



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Nature trails from Větruše

-  I. Větruše – Vrkoč
- II. Větruše gallows – Ústí nad Labem Underground





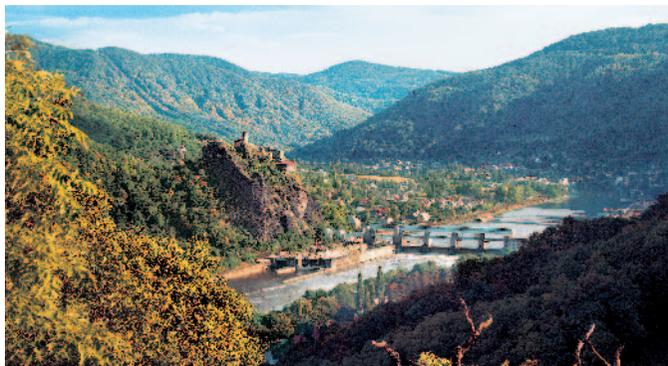
Větruše

The starting point of the two nature trails is an areal of romantic summer chateau, which is located on the same name hilltop above the river Elbe. The chateau stays here since 1897 and takes pride in a hundred feet tower, which opens magical views of the city and the Elbe river valley cutting through hard rocks and slopes. At Větruše there is a wide range of services and attractions. The most popular include a children's playground with natural and mirror labyrinth or the adjacent sports ground. In the chateau there is a hotel and a restaurant with a terrace, where in addition to good food, we can relax in the wellness studio, take a massage or workout in the fitness center. The chateau Větruše can be reached via a pedestrian route from the city center or by the cable car from the Forum shopping center. Tourist signpost in Větruše can not be missed. Then you just need to choose which educational path you will take.

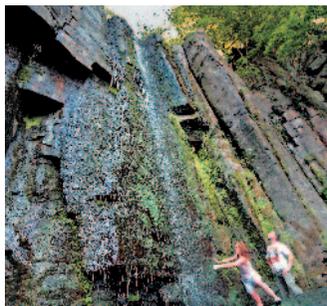


Nature trail Větruše - Vrkoč (4 km)

One of the most beautiful and most typical views in the area between Větruše and Střekov Castle offers just this nature trail. The admiration deserve both unique perspectives, as well as a vast array of basalt boulders known as the "stone sea". In the direction from Větruše the trail coincides with the green and red tourist route. After the first kilometer red route disconnects towards Milbohov, green route goes parallel to a nature trail. To the interesting spots along the way belongs Humboldt view point, named after the German naturalist and traveler Alexander von Humboldt. For him was the Bohemian Uplands a fascinating place. As on one's sleeve seems here the medieval Střekov Castle, Masaryk Lock and the river Elbe.



In the convenient way, across the slope, we come to Vaňovský waterfall on the Podlešínský brook. It is with its 12 meters one of the highest waterfalls in the Bohemian Uplands. To Vrkoč we reach turning from the waterfall, where from we return to the trail and go down into the Čajkovský street (Vaňov), where the trail ends. Back in the city we return by bus or we walk through the Masaryk Lock on the other bank of the Elbe, where from we will see the starting point - Větruše - from the other side.



Where Vrkoč took its name?

The european rarity, nowadays protected as a natural place of interest, is known primarily as a rock formation with a columnar basalt disintegration. Very detailed morphology of the rock looks like a woman's hair combed.



Nature trail Větruše gallows - Ústí nad Labem Underground (400 meters)

Let us not be fooled by the somewhat grim name. This new nature trail leads through a restored historic tourist route, which previously belonged to the favorite walking places. On the trail we get so, that from Větruše we will follow the red route through Fibichova street to a medieval gallows, which belongs to the best preserved in the Czech Republic and "served" until the 18th century. Not by chance the hill on which stands the gallows is called the Judgment hill. From there just follow the signs of nature trails and gain links not only to the grim history but also to the dramatic stories of the town of Ústí nad Labem and unique natural conditions of the place (especially the geology and flora). During the descent down you will get acquainted with e.g. exciting tracks after the bombing of the 17th and 19th April 1945, with literally swept off neighborhoods Ostrov and with the cause of the slant of the tower of the Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary.

