

Šaunštejn (340 m above sea level)

The beautiful clifftop ruin of Šaunštejn offers wonderful views of the Vysoká Lípa area, parts of Bohemian Switzerland, and Růžovský vrch. The spot, known locally as "the bandit castle," is on the red trail from Vysoká Lípa towards Malá pravčická brána. The castle ruin itself is up a steep set of stairs set in a crack in the bluff. The viewing areas at the top are joined by steel footbridges.



GPS: 50° 52' 7.22" N, 14° 21' 7.4" E

Mariina Vyhlídka Observation Point

(428 m above sea level)

This clifftop observation point is one of the most popular hiking destinations in the Jetřichovice cliffs. A romantic wood cabin perched at the top of the cliff, it has a panoramic view of the woodlands, bluffs, and hills of Bohemian Switzerland and is open year round. To get there, take the red trail from Jetřichovice. You can continue your trek along the Jetřichovice cliffs to Vilemína point, Rudolfův kámen, and Pohovka, then go back to Jetřichovice on the green trail or continue further on the red trail until Vysoká Lípa.

GPS: 50° 51' 34" N, 14° 24' 19" E



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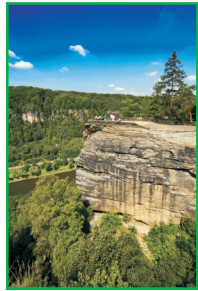
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Labská Stráž - Belvédér Panoramic Terrace

(250 m above sea level)



This observation terrace has a magnificent view of the Elbe River canyon. A high arched niche at the back of the terrace once served as an outdoor stage. Adjacent is a hotel with a restaurant. The spot is accessible from several directions. You can arrive by car or come by foot on the red trail, a lovely hike of 15 km from Hřensko. Or take the ferry from Dolní Žleb and climb the old stone stairway to emerge at the top as if entering the past.

GPS: 50° 50' 57.84" N, 14° 13' 17.04" E

Imperial Observation Terrace (289 m above sea level)

The table mountain known as Quaderberg (or Kvádrberk) looms over the right bank of the Elbe on the northern edge of town. At its foot is a city park and at its top the Imperial observation terrace offers a fantastic view of Děčín and the Elbe River valley. From here the red trail traces the Růžový hřeben ridge and the sandstone canyon of the Elbe to picturesque Hřensko.



GPS: 50° 47' 8" N, 14° 13' 42" E

Shepherd's Bluff (288 m above sea level)

There's a great view over the River Elbe and Děčín's historic center from the restaurant terrace on this mass of rock in the heart of town. The restaurant, which looks like a small castle perched atop this 150-meter cliff, is just above Děčín Zoo. It is open year round and is accessible by car. Hikers can take one of the footpaths leading up the ridge. The truly adventurous can scale the cliff itself on one of ten via ferrata routes.



GPS: 50° 46' 48.065" N, 14° 12' 15.809" E

Pravčická Brána (447 m above sea level)

Pravčická Brána, probably the most beautiful natural rock formation in Bohemian Switzerland, has come to symbolize the region. Its great size is even more impressive up close. The arch spans 26.5 meters at a height of 16 meters and is 7 to 8 meters wide and 3 meters thick at its narrowest point. The upper surface of the arch is 21 meters above its foot. There is parking at Mezní Louka and the hike up to the arch winds along sandstone cliffs for 6 km. There is also a shorter, steeper path from Hřensko. www.pbrana.cz

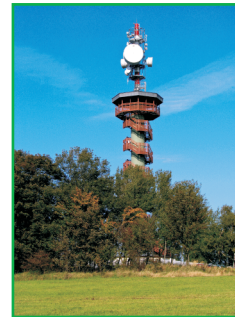


GPS: 50° 53' 1.09" N, 14° 16' 52.61" E

Sokolí Vrch Observation Tower

(506 m above sea level)

This observation tower in the village of Dobrná offers a 360° view of Děčín, Děčinský Sněžník, the Ore and Lusatian Mountains, the mountain Říp, Bezděz Castle, and Ještěd. On a clear day, the view from the deck 162 steps up reaches as far as the Giant Mountains and Sněžka. The tower is open May through October daily except Mondays. Children under six are free, 6-15 years 13 CZK, adults 20 CZK.



GPS: 50° 46' 59.873" N, 14° 16' 23.785" E

Janov Observation Tower (506 m above sea level)

This recently opened observation tower is accessible year round free of charge. It is located at the edge of Janov, about 15 km north of Děčín. Follow the yellow hiking trail from Hřensko along the Kamenice River and the Divoké soutěsky gorge. The tower has a view of nearby villages, Děčinský Sněžník, the cliffs of Stříbrné stěny, Pravčická brána natural sandstone bridge, Růžovský vrch, and parts of the Lusatian Mountains as well as the table mountains of Saxony.

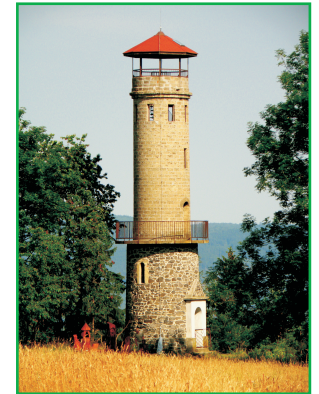


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Velký Chlum

(507 m above sea level)

Follow the red hiking trail along the Elbe River, then through the woods from Staré Město all the way up to the stone observation tower. Along the way there is a good view of the landscape and the city below. You can take a break by the campfire at the foot of the tower. In clear weather you can see south to the Kuklu broadcast tower, the observation point at Varhošť, and other summits in the Central Bohemian Uplands such as Kletečná and Milešovka. To the west the Ore Mountains and the tower on Děčinský Sněžník are visible. And to the north are the heights of Bohemian Switzerland. The observation tower is easily accessible. You can drive nearly all the way.

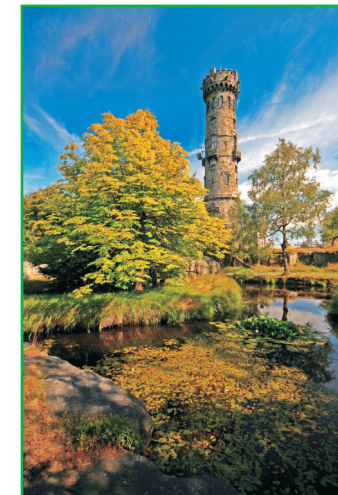


GPS: 50° 44' 51.527" N, 14° 13' 41.791" E

Sněžník

(723 m above sea level)

No visit to Děčín would be complete without seeing Sněžník, one of the oldest observation towers in Bohemia. Built atop the highest table mountain in the country, Děčinský Sněžník charms with its view of the Lusatian Mountains and Bohemian Switzerland. By car (from Děčín or Jílové) you can get within 1.5 km of the



tower. There is a paid parking lot from which a paved trail leads up to the summit. At the top there are a restaurant and a buffet.

GPS: 50° 47' 35" N, 14° 6' 31" E