



All-day Trip the 5th October 2024



Karlštejn to Beroun



Basic information

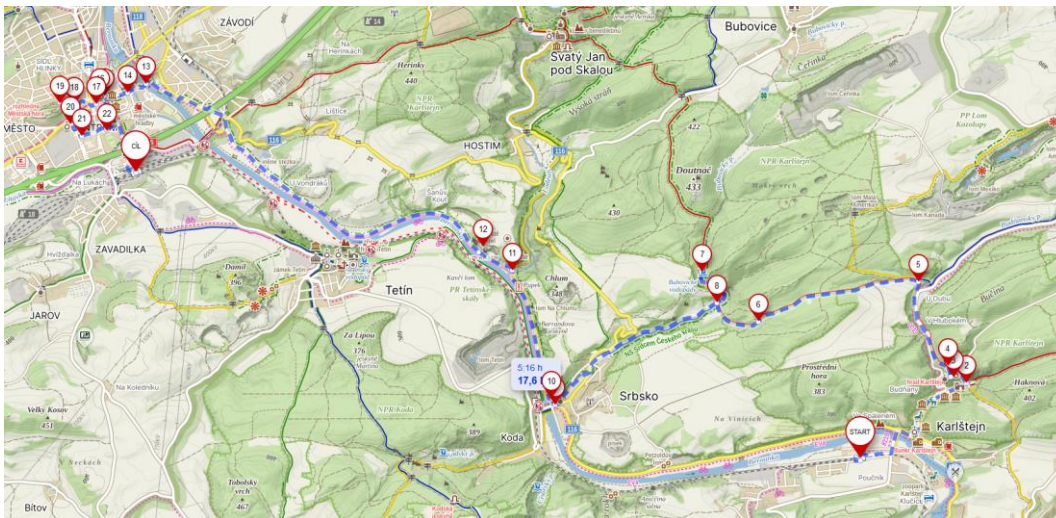
Length of the trip approx. 17,6 km (walking time about 5:16 hours)

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<https://mapy.cz/mobilepromo>

Beroun is located in the Central Bohemian Region and is therefore relatively close to the capital city of Prague. There are a number of interesting places worth exploring. In addition, there are two protected landscape areas nearby, Český Kras (the Bohemian Karst) and the Křivoklátsko region, where you can go for beautiful nature and relaxation. We will take this trip to Karlštejn Castle, a Gothic gem built in 1348 by Charles IV to preserve the precious crown jewels. At Karlštejn Castle, you can not only explore the Czech Crown Jewels and the collection of holy relics, but also spend your day at Karlštejn. After the tour, we will head through the nature of the Český Kras and around the Berounka River to the aforementioned Beroun.





The full itinerary is here <https://mapy.cz/s/jusogosuba>



Height profile of our route:

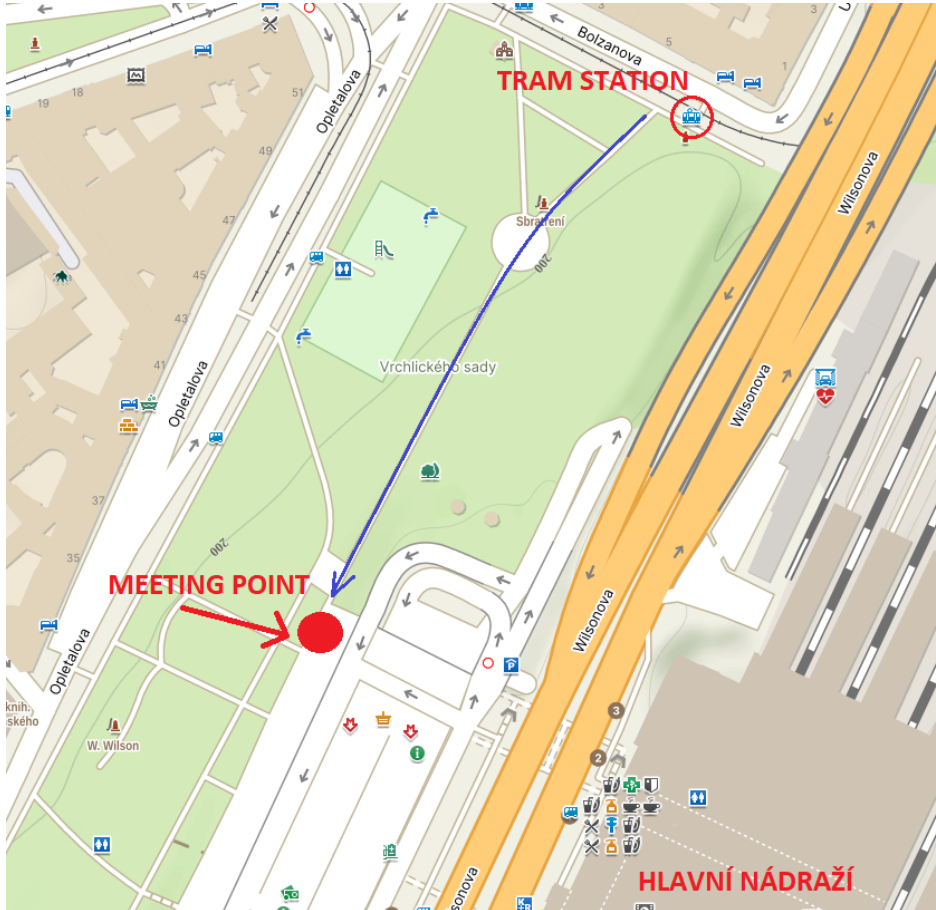


Before the trip, good tips on what to bring and to wear

1. **Drinking water** - People often forget to drink at work, so what about hiking? Do not neglect it. Always carry a bottle of drinking water, at least 1.5 liters per person. But don't worry, we will go through such places where you will be able to buy some water.
 
2. **Suitable shoes and suitable socks** - Footwear is an absolute essential. It's not enough to be sporty. Suitable hiking boots guarantee a successful ascent and return from the mountain. The right summer hiking shoes are those that protect the ankle and have a solid sole.
 
3. **Layering clothes in bad weather**
4. **Sun glasses**
5. **Snacks and food** - we will stop for lunch during our hike, but those who need more energy should pack something in their backpack.
 
6. **Backpack** - we're going on a day hike and to be comfortable it's best to put all your stuff in a backpack.
7. **Map, GPS, mobile app** - nowadays it is customary that most tourists navigate via a map on their mobile phones. In most places in the Czech Republic you can always catch a signal. <https://mapy.cz/mobilepromo>
8. **Pharmacy** - You never know what might happen. That's why a first aid kit with basic first aid supplies should not be missing from your kit, even on less demanding hikes. The case should be cloth with practical compartments inside so that you can find the necessary items as quickly as possible in case of danger. I recommend packing at least a pack of adhesive skin patches with a pillow for the hike.
 
9. **Identification documents and money** - Of course, personal documents, insurance card. And some money or a credit card, you never know when you might need it.

The Timetable

7:15 a.m. [Meeting](#) in front of the main station building (on the corner is restaurant “Potrefená Husa”)



From the **tram stop** with the same name "**Hlavní nádraží**" in Bolzanova Street you go through the park Vrchlického sady, the path about 4 minutes to the station on the left side you have a large building where there is not only the station, but also the metro, there is a lot of shops, snacks and other services.

7:45 a.m. [Departure](#) by train from [Praha Hlavní nádraží](#) = colloquially „*hlavák*“ (train station).

8:26 a.m. **Arrival** by train [Karlštejn](#) (train station) - we're going to Karlstejn Castle immediately.

Castle Karlštejn - <https://www.hrad-karlstejn.cz/en>

9:20 a.m. We are already waiting for the start of the tour in the grounds of Karlštejn Castle
(We have to be at least **15 minutes before** the time of the tour!)



9:40 a.m. to 10:35 a.m. [Guided Tour of the Castle](#) (the tour lasts 55 minutes)

10:50 – 11:00 a.m. [Leaving](#) Karlštejn Castle

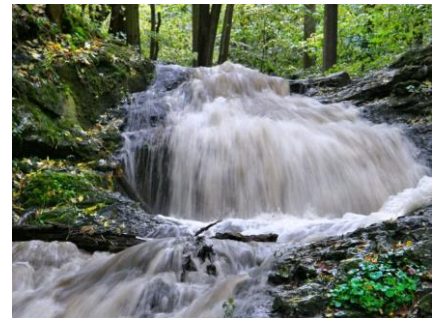
Chráněná krajinná oblast Český kras - <https://en.visitberounsko.com/nature/>

- Translate in English “Protected Landscape Area Bohemian Karst”

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. [Bubovické vodopády](#) (it takes about 1:15 hours.)

The waterfalls on the Bubovický Brook were one of the most beautiful places in the Karlštejn region. They consisted of limestone steps up to two metres high, covered with moss and algae. Nowadays they are completely dry for unknown reasons.

The Bubovický brook is just a small gully, which is often without water, yet it forms beautiful waterfalls in spring and after rains. In winter, they are frozen over, and that is also when they are at their most powerful. Thanks to the frosty valley, the ice lasts quite a long time. The highest level reaches two metres.



The waterfalls are one of the most famous and longest tourist accessible places in the Karlštejn National Park. In front of the waterfalls, the Bubovický brook rises and behind them it slowly sinks again to the bottom of the debris valley between Doutnáč and Velká hora, through which it flows to the Berounka River. It flows on the surface only in the spring months and only reaches Serbia in very wet winters.

12:15 p.m. [Arrival at the Restaurant](#) (it takes about 1 hour)

- The name of restaurant is “**Restaurace u Berounky**” - lunch break approx. 1,5 hours.
- <https://hoteluberounky.cz/en/food-menu/>

13:45 p.m. [Departure from the Restaurant](#)

14:10 p.m. [Arrival Signpost “V Kozle”](#) (It takes about 25 min.)

The river confluence [Berounky](#) and river [Loděnice](#).

Quarry Alkazar

At the beginning of the 20th century, limestone was mined here in a stage quarry and transported to Beroun by a narrow-gauge railway. The mining was ended by World War II, when a system of underground spaces was created here, in which a Nazi underground factory for the production of aircraft engines was to operate. However, the project was not completed and in the 1950s part of the premises was used to store radioactive waste from the Jáchymov mines. These areas are now enclosed by concrete screens.



The original name of the quarry was Hostim I, but the walls of the quarry inspired the tramps to name it after the Arab impregnable fortresses in Spain, and now the name Alkazar is also mentioned in official materials.

Today, the quarry walls are a popular place for climbers and even the first climbing park in the Czech Republic was created here.

15:40 p.m. [Arrival to town Beroun](#) (it takes about 1:30 hours)

More information about [town Beroun](https://infocentrumberoun.cz/en) <https://infocentrumberoun.cz/en>

Beroun town walls and gates

Part of the medieval walls and town gates have been preserved and are open to the public. It offers an interesting insight into the city's defence mechanisms of the past. The historic medieval walls, founded by Wenceslas II in 1295, were modernised in the 15th and 16th centuries and still survive in large sections. Two defensive gates have also been preserved.

The Prague Gate

The gate, also known as the Lower Gate, was part of the city's defence system and formed the entrance to the city by road from Prague. It was built in the 14th century, but its current appearance is the result of repairs in 1893.

In the Middle Ages it was the seat of the gatehouse, later it became the town cloakroom and in the 20th century the town archive. Today the gate houses the Jiří Jeníček exhibition gallery.



Husovo square

The dominant feature of the square is the Gothic parish church of St. James. Next to the church there is also the deanery area. The Baroque building of the deanery belongs to the Cultural Monuments. The

building with a five-bay façade, divided by cornices and fitted with windows with heart-shaped bars, replaced the original Gothic rectory at the beginning of the 18th century.

At the lower end of the square, where a small tavern stood as early as 1302, stands the town hall, which was rebuilt in 1903 according to the plans of František Coufal in neo-Baroque style. The two-storey façade of the town hall with three gables impresses with its massive entrance portal with two male figures supporting a balcony, a clock, the town emblem, the emblem of the royal crown and rich stucco and sculptural decoration. Next to the town hall is a 14th-century house. Also called Na Nová after the former inn. In the 16th century, the owner of the house, Beroun's mayor Matěj Střelec, made firearms and ran a pub called U Střelců. Today there is a tourist information centre.

The Church of saint James in Beroun, a Baroque building on Gothic foundations, is the most important church in the town. It is dedicated to St. James the Greater, also called St. James the Elder. It dominates the upper part of Hus Square, but its main entrance is from the smaller Seydl Square. It is protected as a cultural monument of the Czech Republic.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Church_of_Saint_James,_Beroun



The Pilsen Gate

The Pilsen Gate, or also the Upper Gate, has been part of the city fortifications since the beginning of the 14th century. It guarded the trade route from Prague to Pilsen and was used for collecting customs duties until 1752. The originally Gothic tower was rebuilt and repaired several times afterwards.

Nowadays, you can see a permanent exhibition of the wall system, including period drawings of the town, Beroun's town privileges and historical documents, the most valuable of which is the one from 1404. In it, King Wenceslas IV confirms the foundation of the hospital. From the gallery of the gate there is a nice view of the town and its surroundings.



The Bear reserve – [journey here about 15 min. + tour 15 min.](#)

On the slope of the City Mountain there is a beararium with three bedrooms, a food preparation room and an enclosure of almost 25 acres. The inhabitants of the beararium were the bear brothers Matěj, Vojta and Kuba, who are known not only to children from the popular evening cartoon by Václav Chaloupek, The Bears. Currently, only Kuba the bear is left, Vojta died in April 2016 and Matěj followed him in April 2023. The Bear Kingdom is free and open to the public.

<https://en.visitberounsko.com/turisticke-cile/beroun-bear-reserve/>

16:25 p.m. [Departure from The Bear reserve](#)

- Walking to the train station Beroun (about 30 minutes)

The Church of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary (or Annunciation of the Most Holy Mother of God) is a Baroque sacral building in Beroun. It is a branch church of the Beroun Roman Catholic parish, used in the 21st century for services of the Czech Orthodox Church. It is protected as a cultural monument of the Czech Republic.

The Church of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary (the title can also be read christologically as the Annunciation of the Lord) was built in 1525. It was further repaired in the 19th century and then in the 1970s.



17:00 p.m. Arrival to the train [Beroun station](#)

- The journey to Prague Hlavní nádraží takes about 45 min. until 1 hour, departures:

15:44 p.m.

17:22 p.m. - probable departure

17:44 p.m.

18:46 p.m.

19:08 p.m.



**Thank you for
participating in the
trip, you made it!**