



EU-project “Vital Landscapes”

International Study Tour to Mühlviertel (AT) and Šumava (CZ) 30 August – 2 September 2011

Organized by Land Company Saxony-Anhalt and Association of Cultural Heritage Saxony-Anhalt

- Excursion Guide –

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Local project partners

University for Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna, Institute of Spatial Planning and Rural Development

The University for Natural Resources and Life Sciences in Vienna bring to bear its experiences and competences in the participatory shaping of landscape developments following the model of Agenda-21 processes. To this end, the "Boku" will apply new research approaches that involve both residents and actors in their capacity as "local experts".

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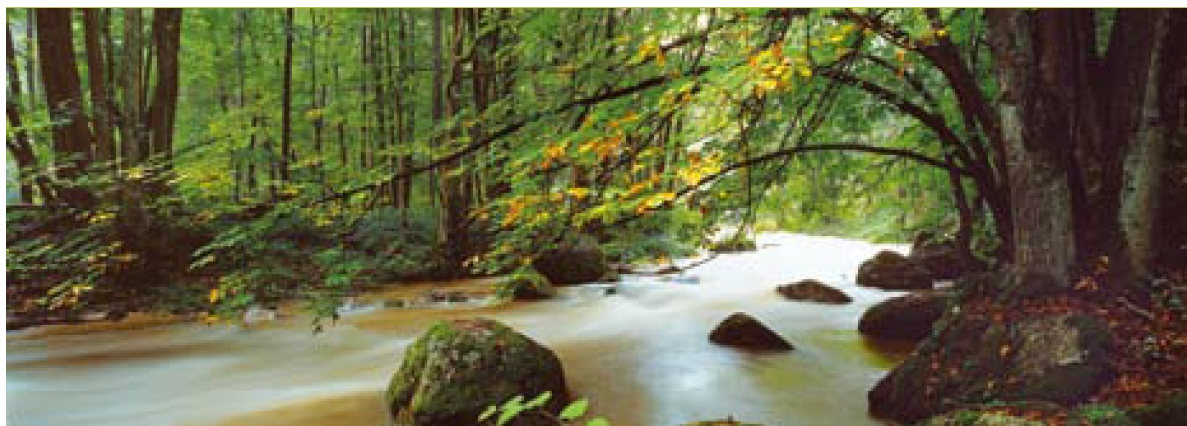
The main focus of work undertaken by the University of South Bohemia in Ceske Budejovice will be the development of a communication strategy and a platform for the mutual exchange of information between nature conservation entities and local people in the Sumava biosphere reserve.

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The Mühlviertler Kernland – facts & figures



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Touristy map of the Mühlviertler Kernland

Language	German
Administration unit	State of Upper Austria, 18 municipalities in Freistadt district
Administrative centre	Regional Association of the Mühlviertler Kernland in Freistadt
Website	www.leader-kernland.at
Vital Landscapes partner	University for Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna, Institute of Spatial Planning and Rural Development
Area	593 km ²
Population density	110 inhabitants per km ²
Establishment	Since 1998 multiple municipality - tourism association
Time zone	UTC+1 MEZ summer time (+2 MESZ winter time)
Number plate	FR
Distinctive features	High share of forest and agricultural landscape



Šumava biosphere reserve – facts & figures



Left:
Chalubská Slat'

Right:
View to Pancire

Figure below:
Emblem of the
National Park &
Protected Land-
scape Area

Language
Administration units

Czech
South Bohemian and Plzeň Region

Administrative centre

Administration of National Park & Protected Land-
scape Area Šumava in Vimperk

Website

www.npsumava.cz

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Area

1.680 km²

Population density

110 Einwohner pro km²

Establishment

Since 1990 biosphere reserve

Time zone

UTC+1 MEZ

Number plates

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Distinctive feature

Most cohesive wood land in Central Europe (incl.
Bavarian Forest)



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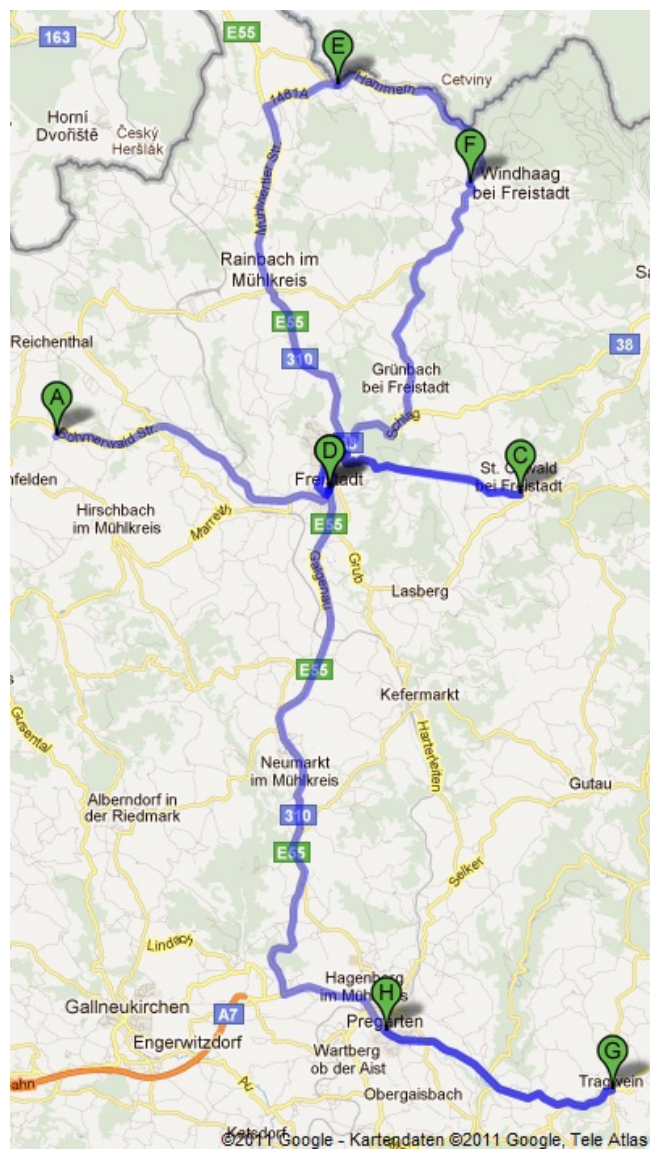




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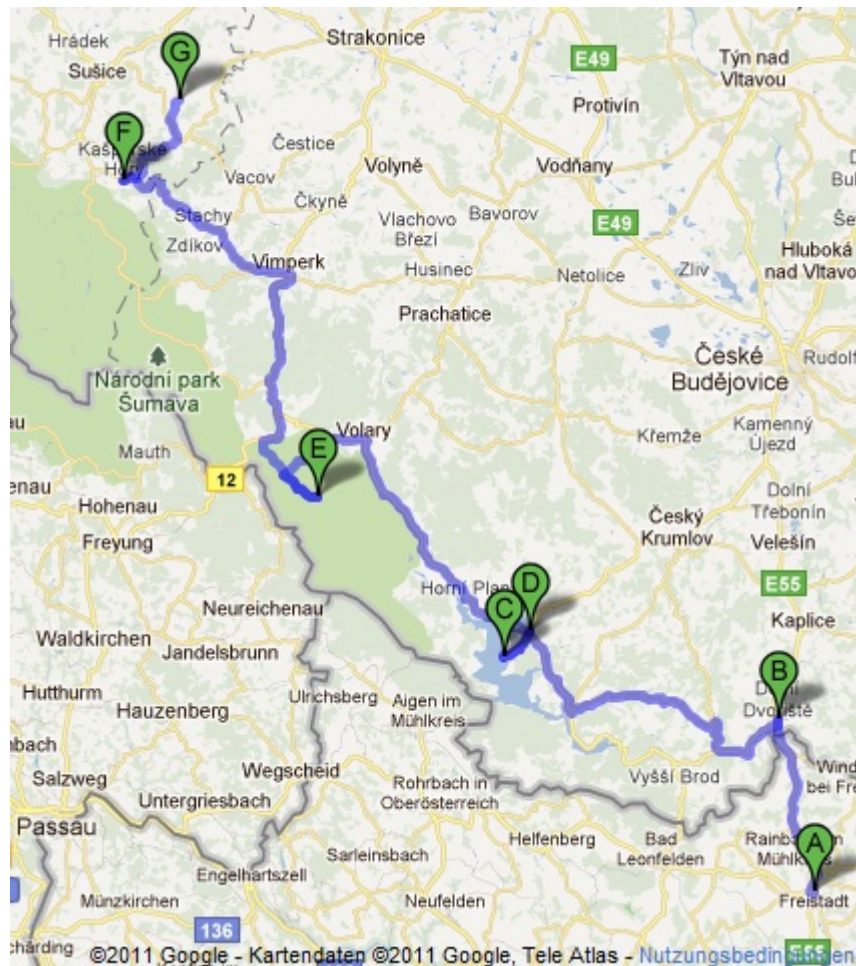
Programme Mühlviertel (AT)



Tue, 30 August 2011	05:00 pm	Arrival Hirschbach /Thierberg [A] 1, Association of Mountain Herbs
	06:30 pm	Departure to Freistadt [D]
	07:30 pm	Dinner at the Hotel Deim, Freistadt, Böhmorgasse 8-10
	09:00 pm	For interested people: Evening guided city tour
	10:30 pm	Ride with part of the guests to the accomodation Hotel Seiwald, St. Oswald, [C]
Wed, 31 August 2011	08:00 am	Breakfast
	08:45 am	Departure from St. Oswald, transfer to Freistadt, Main Square
	09:00 am	Pick up in Freistadt accomodated guests
	09:10 am	Departure to Leopoldschlag [E]
	09:30 am	Information centre Natura 2000, Market Place 2, Leopoldschlag
	10:00 am	Beginning of the hike through the Maltsh area
	12:30 am	Meeting at the Marktwirt Hoffelner, Market Place 11, Leopoldschlag
	12:45 pm	Lunch
	02:00 pm	Departure to Windhaag [F]
	02:30 pm	Beginning oft he guidance through the Forest Museum/Energy exhibition
	04:30 pm	Departure to Tragwein [G]
	05:00 pm	Project presentation mixed orchard meadows/Kernland-Juice at the Pankrazhofer, concluding Jause (Austrian snack)
	08:00 pm	Bruckmühle, Pregarten [H]: Evening programme
	10:30 pm	Ride with part of the guests to the accomodation Hotel Seiwald, St. Oswald
Thu, 1 September 2011	08:00 am	Breakfast
	09:15 am	Departure from St. Oswald, transfer to Freistadt, Main Square
	09:40 am	Pick up in Freistadt accomodated guests , Departure to Dolni Dvoriste, Czech Republic



Programme Šumava (CZ)



Thu, 1 September 2011	09:40 am	Pick up in Freistadt [A] accommodated guests, Departure to Dolní Dvůr [B], Czech Republic
	10:00 am	Arrival at Dolní Dvůr, pick up Vladimir + translator Ride to the Lipno-Lake [C] Walk through the Lipno-Resort as a type of land use in Šumava
	12:30 pm	Lunch at the fish restaurant Hurka, Černá v Pošumaví [D]
	02:00 pm	Transfer to Stožec [E], Šumava National Park information centre, Stožec 68 Discussion with experts issuing landscape management in the National Park
	04:00 pm	Transfer to Kašperské Hory [F] Visit to the communal agrarian company
	06:30 pm	Move into the accommodation Park Hotel Tosch
	07:00 pm	Joint dinner
	09:00 pm	For interested people: Sightseeing Castle Kašperk
Fri, 2 September 2011	08:00 am	Breakfast
	09:00 am	Transfer to Záhřeb [G] Village tour, discussion issuing landscape management from a small mountain community point of view
	11:30 am	Journey home



Association of Mountain Herbs

Herbs can enrich life in many ways:

- as an air freshener in the apartment
- as a delicious condiment in the kitchen and
- as a medical plant in the medicine chest.

In addition there are many other everyday opportunities to enjoy fragrant herbs or to use their good qualities. A relaxing herbal bath today is as pleasant as 2000 years ago. A bouquet of lavender in the closet has lost nothing-useful of its effect, and on a fragrant herb pillow, one can have pleasant dreams – still in computer age.

The herbs of the Association of Mountain Herbs come from the north of the Danube. Two rivers, in many tributaries questing to the Danube, the big and the small Mühl, give the landscape its name: "Mühlviertel".

In this remote mountain region in 1986 farmers decided to help themselves: The cultivation and sale of herbs should protect their businesses. The aim was to produce whole foods.

The herbs grow in small fields, far away from highways and industrial areas. The mountainous landscape in 500 - 900 m above sea level, with its granite soils, the plants can thrive optimally. The often only possible by hand made farm work requires many hours of work. Therefore the mountain herbs allocate their high quality.



Source: www.bergkraeuter.at

Must and juice at the Pankrazhofer

Press release:

Premium-must-sell celebrate first anniversary

Released in: Österreichische BauernZeitung, on April 8th in 2010

One year ago Austrian chairman of must sommeliers Norbert Eder could achieve a long desired dream with the Mosteria nearby the Linz south train station. „The meet of lead products at one place was a special concern of the top producer in Upper Austria“, explains Eder. „Therefore we took matters into our own hands one year before“, says the must sommelier, who sees great potential in this field. At the Mosteria the regional awardees of the most successful must producers are united. A total of 16 cultivars – to vary from pure cultivar, typical cultivar musts to Cuvees made of various fruit cultivars are ready for testing and selling. One background of the business idea was to present the must to the potential customer as premium beverage. „The encouragement of the people, who rediscovered the must through us, pleases me, and confirms us in our work“, points out Eder, who is working currently on a personalized marketing campaign.



Awardee of the Consumption Crown 2010/11

Slogan: Making must is philosophy!

Eva and Norbet Eder, Pankrazhofer in Tragwein, Mühlviertel, Upper Austria creating out of almost forgotten old orchard cultivars as like as of eating apples fruity fresh fruit vine.

In doing so they bethinking old traditions, using flavour-gently latest technic and show respect to the individuality of the products, and never deny their origin and the soil they are grown on, the Mühlviertler granite.

Source: www.pankrazhofer.at



European Protected Area Malsch

The European protected area Malsch extends with the whole size of 348 hectare on a 26 km long, 50-500 meter narrow strip along the Malsch River between Sandl and Stiegersdorf nearby Leopoldschlag. It covers diverse biotopes - e.g. almost unaffected watercourses sections, marsh area and fallow land or forests with diverse intensive land use.



Rare animals and their biotopes:

In some sections of the Malsch area still the Freshwater pearl mussels occurs.

In this area living otter are part of a important population in the north Austrian/South Bohemian area. The lynx sometimes roaming the area too.

The partial open cultural landscape as well as the marsh areas along the Malsch provide rare meadow birds biotopes. Common crane, red-back shrike, Whinchat and Common Snipe are summer birds and brood at the Malsch and the free forest region.



The Hazel Grouse is a habitant of young sukzessions stage of the forest. Because of its small size it can use biotopes, which are less deducible for larger game birds. The coexistence of cover and rich in food areas with hazel trees, birch

trees, willows and brook-side vegetation are of particular importance.

Source: www.naturschutzbund-ooe.at



Mühlviertel Forest House

This museum exhibits the diverse species of the forest. It is devoted to the forest and the forest's forms of appearance. Special treasure at the Forest House are a 80 years old bog spruce, the tree disc of a 450-years old Primeval forest spruce, and a ca. 9 Mio. years old fossil wood. The diverse form of appearance of the biocoenosis forest, from the riparian forest to the lofty mountain forest, is framed in a diorama. A forest grocery, a small arboretum as well a peasant house and herbs garden complete the collection.



Source: www.windhaag-freistadt.ooe.gv.at

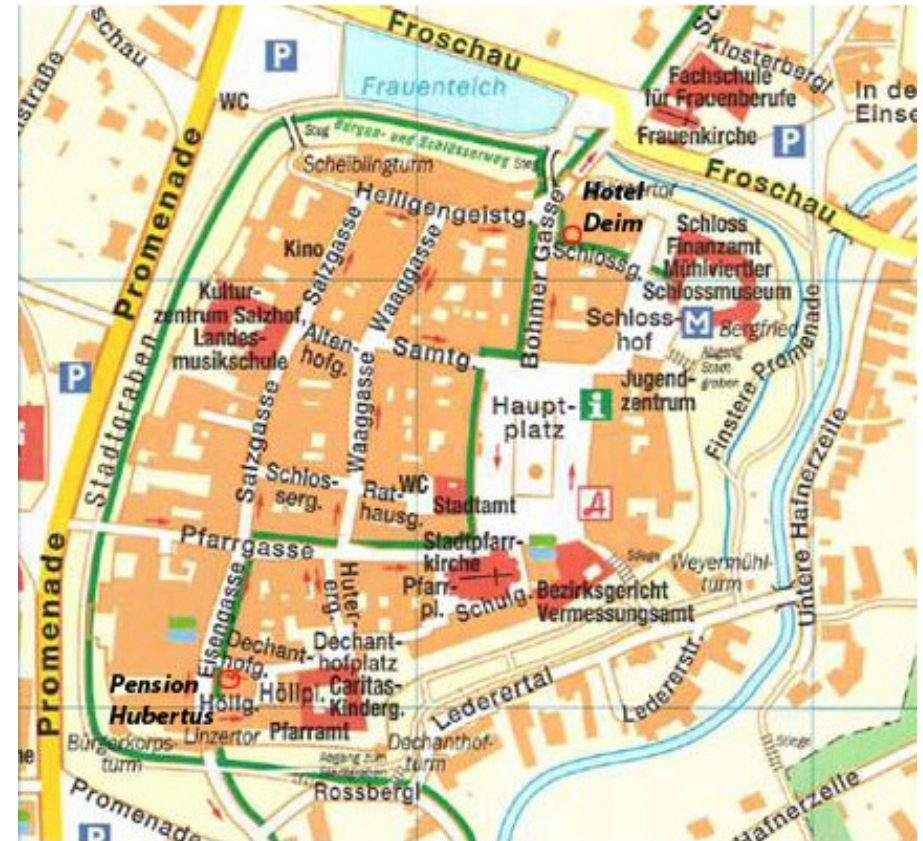
Town of Freistadt



Freistadt (literally "Freetown") is a small Austrian town in the state of Upper Austria in the region Mühlviertel. With a population of approximately 7,500 residents, it is a trade centre for local villages. Freistadt is the economic centre of a district of the same name District Freistadt. The nearest sizeable cities are Linz, the capital of Upper Austria, about 40 km in the south, and České Budějovice, the capital of Southern Bohemia, about 60 km in the north.

Freistadt was an old medieval town (founded around 1220) that separated the Habsburg and Bohemian lands. It stood at crossroads of the salt and iron trade route during the Middle Ages from the Danube to Bohemia. The outer and inner walls, towers and gates of the old city, built mainly between 1363 and 1393 still exist today.

The main entrance to the Old Town is through the Linzer Tor (Linz Gate). The spacious Hauptplatz (main square) is surrounded by painted fronts of renovated burghers' houses. On the highest point of Freistadt stands the parish church of St Catherine (14th-15th century, remodelled in Baroque style in 1690 and rebuilt in Gothic style in 1967); note in particular the interlaced ribbed vaulting in the roof of the choir. At the northeastern corner of the square a gateway leads to the 14th century Schloss Freistadt, with a 50m/165 ft high keep which now houses the Mühlviertler Schlossmuseum, a local museum with a large collection of verre églomisé (glass decorated with a layer of engraved gold). Outside the Böhmertor (Bohemian Gate) stands the little 15th century Liebfrauenkirche with beautiful "pillars of light" of 1484.



Source: freistadt-tourismus.at, www.wikipedia.de, www.landesbewerb.feuerwehr-freistadt.com



Lipno Lake Resort



„Luxus is our norm“



In the center of the green hills of the Šumava Mountain, straight to the Lipno Lake is situated the luxury Lipno Lake Resort. The area with holiday flats for 4 to 10 persons consists of 5 buildings and is located in the municipality of Lipno-nad-Vltavou.

Activities in summer time: bathing and fishing (lake ca.

100 m away), aquatic sports, yachting, boat trips, cycling, in-line-skating and golfing

Activities in winter: skiing in neighboring Skiarea Kramolín and ice skating at the dam lake



View to the Lipno-See

Source: www.lipno-lakeresort.eu, www.tschechienhotel.com, www.wikipedia.de

National Park Information Center, Stožec

The main theme of the exhibition is the forest communities in Šumava NP. Individual ecosystems are displayed on large panels featuring typical flora and fauna representatives as well as forest development and the potential negative effects resulting from their demise.

The second part of the exhibition deals with the transformation of the landscape with the arrival of humans, with the history, with the destiny of the Stožec Chapel and the construction of the Schwarzenberg Canal. Also nearby Stožec's hiking trail you can find the Trojmezí (a stone marking a place where the borders of three countries meet), see figure below. The Stožec area was not accessible in the past due to the "Iron Curtain".

This resulted in the disappearance of many villages in this border area, such as Nové Údolí, Krásná Hora, Radvanovice ... Some of the villages have shrunk to half their original size, such as České Žleby, which lies on the Gold Salt trail.

The settlement of the territory began in the 10th century due to the Golden trail. During this period, a guard castle was built on Stožec rock to protect the pack-horses that wandered along the trail and to check anyone trying to avoid the payment of tax in Volary.



Source: www.npsumava.cz



Town of Kašperské Hory

Kašperské Hory was founded in the 13th century nearby the settlement of miners not far from a gold find spot, which achieve in 1584 the status of a royal mountain town. In 15th century around 40 (!) gold mines were operating. Between 1356 and 1361 Emperor Karl IV constructed the trade route Golden Track (Zlatá stezka) between Plzen and Passau which led through Kasperske Hory.

Besides he built Kašperk Castle to protect the region. The Castle is situated 1km north of the town and measures 180 m in length and 30 m in width. Because of the exposed location on top of an almost vertical hill the castle just needed simple but stable walls to be prevented from conquest.

Contemporaneous the depressing of gold mining was compensated by the boom of manufacturing and trading of glass, wood and paper, but also stock breeding.

There are two museums in town: the Agricultural Bohemian Forest Museum with extensive exhibits in the range of glass and wood products, the gold advancing to



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Kašperské Hory a okolí



natural scientific collections as well works of folk art and seasonal exhibitions.

The other one is the Museum of Historical Motorbikes and Bicycles with an own exhibition of Czech wooden toys and the brewery.

Today the small town is a place for recreation in summer as well as during winter. It is also the setting in the novels and stories by the author Karel Klostermann.

Source: www.kasperske-hory.tschechische-gebirge.de, www.wikipedia.de,
www.sumavanet.cz





Notes



