

Length of the route:
8 km (moderately brisk walk about 4 hours)

Náročnost trasy:
medium

Marked:
BLUE

Route description:

Andělíček Hill – Krásná Vyhlička – Rok – Crossroads: head towards Šibeník – Crossroads: turning to Sedlo – Crossroads: head towards Vrabčov – Divišov – Páteček – Červené Dvorce – Horní Dvorce – Crossroads: head towards to the Chapel of the Virgin Mary of Lourdes – Crossroads: turning to Dohaličky – Kočičí skály – Studený kout – Svatobor Hill

On one of the hillsides of Svatobor, you will see **Starý Vodojem** (the Old Water Tower) (3) (557 m). This reinforced concrete edifice was built in 1931 as part of an extensive project which was the construction of the municipal water conduit. When looking south east, below the horizon you will see the settlement of **Dobrá Voda near Hartmanice** (4). One of the many interesting museums around Sušice can be found there, the Museum of Dr Šimon Adler.



You might like to rest for a while on the observation platform, before you set off to the settlement of Rok, and then towards Záluží, Vrabčov, Divišov all the way to Páteček near the Otava. Keep your eyes peeled as the picturesque town of Sušice will appear round the corner.

From the Otava we start climbing again - all the way to the peak of Svatobor. Again you will have superb views across the valley of the river and the Šumava hills.

When you follow the blue cobweb towards the north, you will see the extensive complex of the Solo factory. On your route, you will reach another superb observation point known as **Krásná vyhlídka** (5) (695 m) na vrchu Kalovy. Pabove Kalovy. On a clear day, you can see the highest Šumava mountain – the Velký Javor 1456 m (easily recognisable as there are two circular towers near the peak).



Our walk taking in the best observation points around Sušice starts at **Stráž Peak** (1) (552 m). Stráž used to be a lookout and guard post. There is a Baroque chapel of the Guardian Angel, commonly referred to as Andělíček, that was built as a pilgrimage chapel by the Capuchins in 1682 – 1683. In 1735 cloisters with four corner chapels, dedicated to the Virgin Mary, St John of Nepomuk, St Florian and St Mary Magdalene, were added to the chapel. When looking south, you can see the town as if on the palm of your hand.

The dominant feature of the surrounding countryside is the **Svatobor Hill** (2) (845 m) with its observation tower and a tourist chalet. The Svatobor woods are popular with tourists, cyclists and also mushroom pickers. You can reach the top on horseback. There is a chalet at the top of Svatobor with an open fire place where you can have a picnic and grill a sausage or two. The way down the hill can be adrenalin-filled – you can leap from the paragliding ramp or whoosh down on a terrain scooter. In winter, nothing will get you down faster than a wooden sleigh.



Museums around Sušice

Museum of the Šumava in Kašperské Hory (6) (tel.: 376 582 226) – the museum features permanent exhibitions on the countryside and history of the Šumava Mountains, the history of gold mining, wood processing, and glass making. There are also Gothic statues from the end of the 15th century, and pictures and drawings with Šumava motifs.



Museum of František Pravda in Hrádek u Sušice (7) (tel.: 376 508 514) – this museum is located in the beautifully renovated chateau Hrádek u Sušice. František Pravda was a priest, educationalist and writer. The museum has displays on the history of the village and the chateau.

Museum of Historical Motorcycles and Czech Toys in Kašperské Hory (6) (tel.: 606 737 041) – the museum features the biggest of historical motorcycles in the Czech Republic. There is also a collection of historical bicycles. In the museum you will also find an exhibition of Czech wooden toys.

The Šumava Brewery Museum in Kašperské Hory (6) – (tel.: 728 124 463) – the museum features more than 800 exhibits from old pubs and breweries in Bohemia and Moravia. You can see the interior of a pub from the 1930s; there are different types of taps to be seen, collections of beer glasses of various sizes and the largest display of old beer bottles in the country.

Mining Museum in Hory Matky Boží (8) (tel.: 376 594 431) – the museum displays are devoted to silver mining and the former mining glory of this small town. You will see a miniature copy of a mining shaft, samples of different ores, mining tools and equipment.

Museum of Dr. Šimon Adler in Dobrá Voda (4) (tel.: 376 593 412) – the first part of exhibition is devoted to the everyday life, culture and religion of Jewish minority in the border area of Western Bohemia. The second part of the exhibition looks at the life and fate of the Jewish historian and Rabbi Dr Šimon Adler. The museum also features an exhibition on the history of Hartmanice and its surroundings, and a presentation of traditional Šumava crafts.

Blacksmith Museum in Velhartice (9) – the historical blacksmith's workshop. There are two rooms showing what life was like for a blacksmith's family. Displays: history, regional history, applied art and design.





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To the south east of the town you will see the two stone towers of **Kašperk Castle** (10) – one of the three castles situated in the vicinity of the town.

South of Kašperk castle you will see the peak of **Sedlo** (11) (902 m), where Celts built their oppidium (fortified settlement) three thousand years ago. The first modern construction at Sedlo was a military lookout post built during the Second World War. However, the edifice was not maintained and it fell down.

A new observation tower was constructed at Sedlo in 2009. The observation tower is freely accessible, it is made of wood and there is a gallery at the height of 23.75 metres. The tower has 8 floors, the layout is a heptagon. The views from the gallery are breathtaking. These views can only be matched by views from the

Svatobor Observation Tower (2), and you should not miss this.



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Castles and chateaux around Sušice

Kašperk (10) (tel.: 376 582 324) – this highest located castle in Bohemia (886 m) was founded by the Czech King and Roman Emperor Charles IV in 1356.

Rabí (12) (tel.: 376 596 171) – the largest castle ruins in Bohemia. In 1421 Jan Žižka lost his second eye during the siege of the castle.

Velhartice (9) (tel.: 376 583 315) – the Medieval Gothic castle from the end of the 13th century. The dominant feature is the ruin of the Gothic palace, known as Rajský dům, and the tower of Putna; both parts are connected via a massive stone bridge.



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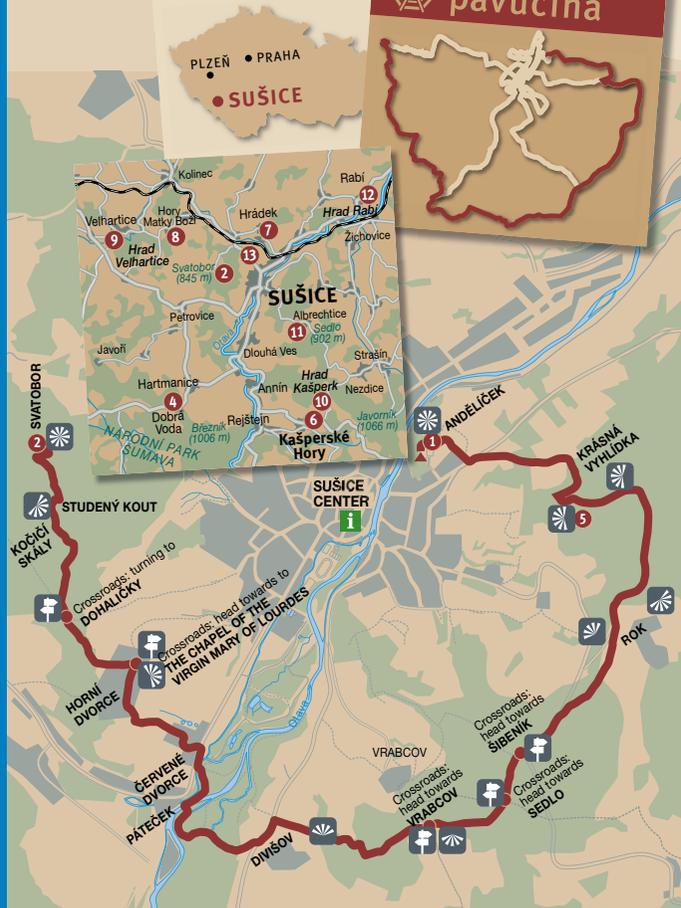
Hrádek u Sušice (7) (tel.: 376 508 514) – the chateau provides romantic accommodation, a restaurant, there is also the Museum of František Pravda, the Chapel of St Valburga and the park to enjoy. It became the Construction of the Year in the region of Pilsen.



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If you are enjoying yourself and fancy walking a bit further, you might like to head for the **peak of Hrádek** to visit the **statue of St John of Nepomuk** (13). This hill north of Sušice is bare, with no trees around and therefore you have unobstructed views in all four directions.

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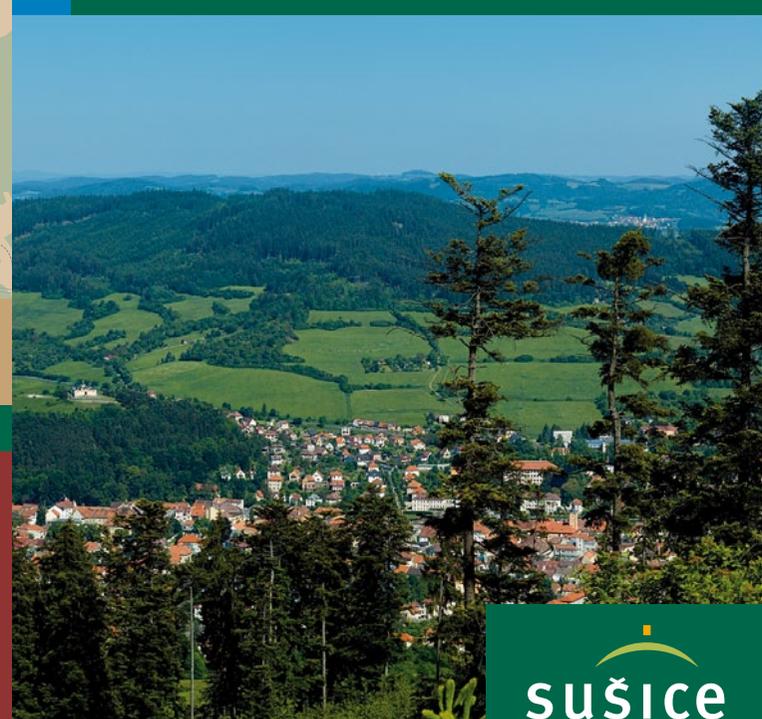


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