The Poodří House of Nature

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The Poodří House of Nature (Poodří přírodní Poddůry) is a visitor centre which runs a wide range of events, primarily aimed at showing the natural, cultural and historical landscapes of the PLA (Poodří Protected Landscape Area) and the Odra River. Schools and other visitors are welcome to use the specialised programmes both in the House of Nature and outdoors, which can be divided into three parts: the indoor exhibition with didactic talks, touch screens and information stands, the outdoor garden with the Odra river course model and various interactive features; and the live animals part. A multi-purpose hall with 35 seats is available, usually housing a permanent exhibition or an event. The permanent exhibition is divided into three parts: the indoor exhibition with didactic talks, touch screens and information stands, the outdoor garden with the Odra river course model and various interactive features; and the live animals part. A multi-purpose hall with 35 seats is available, usually housing a permanent exhibition or an event. The meanders of the River Odra are accompanied by many flumes and ditches that used to power watermills and sawmills and supplied water to extensive waterfowl hunting grounds, many of which still embellish the landscape of Poodří today.

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All visitors are welcome. Thanks to its extraordinary natural value and due to the bird migration corridors in Central Europe. Thanks to its extraordinary natural value and due to the bird migration corridors in Central Europe. Thanks to its extraordinary natural value and due to the bird migration corridors in Central Europe. Thanks to its extraordinary natural value and due to the bird migration corridors in Central Europe. Thanks to its extraordinary natural value and due to the bird migration corridors in Central Europe.

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Tip for a Trip: Chateau Nature Trail

This trail is 7 km long, but you will find so many interesting things around Bartošovice that you’ll want to spend the whole day here. The trail is a round trip which begins and ends near the chateau and the House of Nature. The terrain is easy and you will walk under mighty oak trees on fishpond banks, through meadows and an apple orchard. You can sit by the well or directly above the water surface of the flume that supplies water to the local mill, a cultural and historical monument. You will see the beauty of the Bartošovický luh nature reserve and see the biggest living plane tree in the Czech Republic in the chateau garden. In the ideal case you can visit the House of Nature on the same trip.

Tip for a Trip: Kotvice – The Landscape of Changes

This nature trail will take you through the Kotvice nature reserve, near Studénka. In less than 4 kilometres you will see Rožďalovice, an interesting and diverse landscape, constantly changing under the influence of both nature and man but still preserving its charm and natural wealth. Nine panels between Nová Horka and Pasečný bridge will give you many interesting facts about the history of the place and the animals and plants living on the Odra floodplain. Near the Kotvice fishpond, an important bird nesting site, you will find a bird watching site built above the water surface. You will be accompanied by the otter, the main character in the comic strip that you will find at every station on this trail.

Tip for a Trip: Rezavka – The Ostrava Part of Poodří

Would you like to see the beauty of nature around the River Odra? Why not come to the city of Ostrava! A great part of the Poodří PLA is actually located on the town’s territory, together with the Rezavka nature reserve. Rezavka consists of an alluvial forest with a dense network of flumes and cut-off lakes, herb-rich meadows and the Nový fishpond with extensive reed growths. On its bank a bird watching site has been built. The trail begins along the River Odra in Ostrava-Zábřeh and has ten panels dedicated to the animals and plants living on the floodplain. The best time to see the reserve: In spring it is covered in a layer of spring blooms, in autumn it is covered with a blanket of golden leaves. However, a walk along the flumes lined with old trees is enchanting at any time of the year.

Tip for a Trip: Travel through the Floodwater Landscape

This nature trail will take you along the real floodwater landscape – the floodplain between Jeseník and Suchdol. It starts at the leisurely rippled by the left-hand bank of the River Odra. It uses non-traditional information panels made from driftwood with comic strips. It has just enough text to present the interesting facts in an easy way and is enjoyable especially by children, but it can also be appreciated by adults. The trail has interactive features or a practical example: raw minerals from Poodří, wood chewed by a beaver, wooden chimes... You will learn how the landscape was formed, how to properly care for it and who are the wanted as well as unwelcome inhabitants. You won’t get bored on the Floodwater Landscape Trail. Just check it is not flooded before you enter.