

# Houses of Nature

VISITOR AND INFORMATION CENTRES IN PROTECTED LANDSCAPE AREAS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC



Come with us  
to see and learn about our protected areas

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Sandstone rock towns, mountain ranges and meadows, karst underground and karst landscape, wetlands, fishponds, orchards, variegated meadows, pastures, forests and picturesque villages – all of this can be seen in our protected landscape areas (PLA).

Come and see our diverse nature, discover stories of rare plant and animal species and the activities of man which influenced our landscape for both good and bad. You can explore interactive exhibitions, watch 3-D films, gather information and find tips for your trips in the Houses of Nature. They will offer you guided tours, events and special interpretation programmes.

## BESKYDY PLA

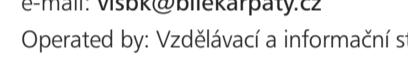
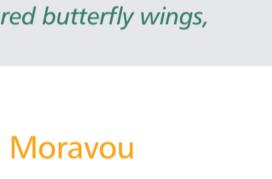
... These are the only mountains where you can find the footprints of three big predators that are returning after a century – the lynx, wolf and bear.



## Information Centre of the Beskydy PLA – Dolní Lomná

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## BÍLÉ KARPATY PLA

... Discover the beauty of orchid meadows with solitary oak trees and coloured butterfly wings, or broadleaved forests that are among the oldest in our country.



## Information Centre of the Bílé Karpaty PLA – Veselí nad Moravou

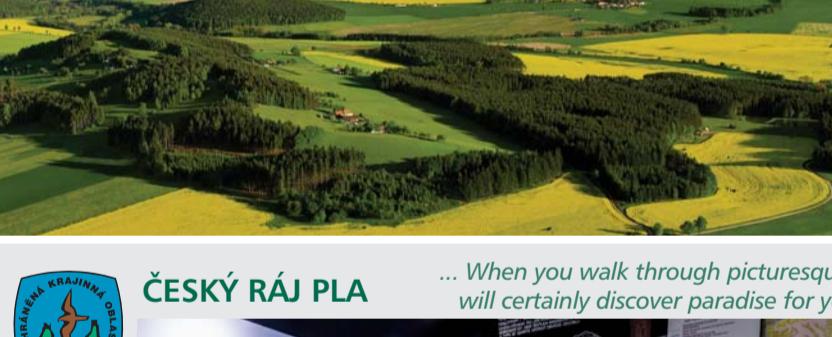
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## BLANÍK PLA

... Come and see if the famous Knights of Blaník are prepared in the landscape with old unravelling Czech legends and the mythical double peak of Velký and Malý Blaník.



## The Blaník House of Nature

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## BLANSKÝ LES PLA

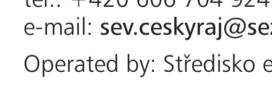
... Climb to the summit of Kleť with the oldest observation tower in Bohemia and look as far as the stars...



## Information Centre of the Blanský les PLA – Holubov

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## ČESKÝ RÁJ PLA

... When you walk through picturesque villages and the sandstone rock town off the main season, you will certainly discover paradise for yourself here, just like the peregrine falcons did after many years.



## The Český ráj House of Nature

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The House of Nature programme is developed in cooperation with boroughs, businesses, non-profit organisations, owners and other local partners. The Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic launched the programme in 2006 and now eight Houses of Nature have been opened, together with seven smaller information centres, in 12 protected landscape areas (PLA) while others are in preparation. Their construction and operation are co-financed from the European Fund for Regional Development – Operating Programme Environment, State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic and the national programme of the Ministry of the Environment.

The Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic is a state institution that provides professional and practical care of the country's natural systems, which especially include protected landscape areas, national nature reserves and national natural monuments. For more information, see [www.nature.cz](http://www.nature.cz).

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### Thank you for helping us protect our nature and for:

- ❖ Camping and lighting fires only in places designated for the purpose.
- ❖ Driving and parking your cars only where permitted.
- ❖ Keeping to marked pathways while in a national nature reserve.
- ❖ Keeping to cycling trails and showing consideration to the natural sites as well as other visitors.
- ❖ Leaving animals and plants alone in their natural habitats.
- ❖ Not damaging inanimate nature and remarkable monuments.
- ❖ Taking your rubbish with you.

### Did you know that...

❖ There are 26 Protected Landscape Areas in the Czech Republic? The latest one is the Brdy PLA, established in 2016.

❖ The oldest national nature reserve is Žofínský prales? It was established in 1838 as the very first private nature reserve in Central Europe.

❖ Big predators are returning to the Czech Republic, namely the bear, wolf and lynx? You probably won't see them in the nature, but you can see the footprints of these three predators in one place – in the Beskydy PLA.

❖ The falcon, the symbol of the House of Nature of Český ráj, is returning to our nature? Fifty years ago, it was almost extinct, but now a few pairs of this bird of prey nest regularly in the Český ráj PLA.



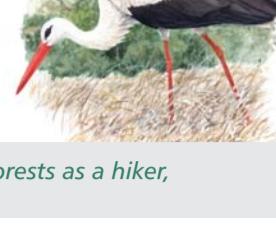
## ČESKÝ LES PLA

... The chances that you will see beavers building dams here are good. And you can certainly admire the bearer of good news – the white stork, which will also accompany you in the House of Nature.

### The Český les House of Nature

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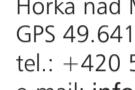
## KŘIVOKLÁTSKO PLA

... Whether you hit the River Berounka on a canoe or see the royal forests as a hiker, you cannot help but succumb to the charm of the landscape here.

### Information Centre of the Křivoklátsko PLA – Křivoklát

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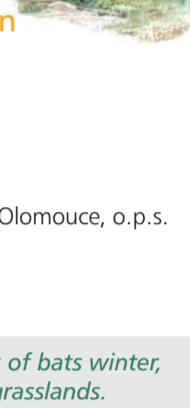


## LITOVELSKÉ POMORAVÍ PLA

... In spring, the floodplain forests will intoxicate you with the smell of wild garlic, the beauty of tall ancient oak trees, and the River Morava will surprise you with its wildness.

### The Litovelské Pomoraví House of Nature

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## MORAVSKÝ KRAS PLA

... Come and explore the petrified world of limestone caves where hundreds of bats winter, and the diverse landscape of cold karst canyons and warm and dry rocky grasslands.

### The Moravský kras House of Nature

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## POODŘÍ PLA

... Discover the land of the River Odra in endless winds where the otter wanders between the winding river and fishponds and where frog concertos are mixed with birds singing.

### The Poodří House of Nature

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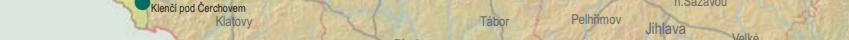
## SLAVKOVSKÝ LES PLA

... Discover the forgotten springs of mineral waters that make their way to the surface in endless forests dominated by just one ruler – the red deer.

### The Slavkovský les House of Nature

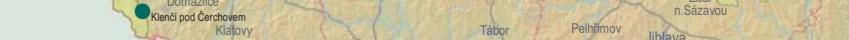
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## TŘEBOŇSKO PLA

... Enter the picturesque land of fishponds, dams, canals, mighty hundred-year-old oak trees, majestic white-tailed eagles and the ever-present water birds.



### The Třeboňsko House of Nature

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