



Houses of Nature

VISITOR AND INFORMATION CENTRES IN PROTECTED AREAS OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC



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Come and see

and explore the protected areas with us

Sandstone rock towns, mountain ridges and meadows, karst underground and above ground, wetlands of pond basins, a mosaic of meadows, orchards, fields, forests and picturesque villages – these are our Protected Landscape Areas.

Discover the diverse nature, the stories of rare plants and animals and how people have influenced the landscape – for better or worse. In the Houses of Nature and Information Centres you will find **interactive exhibitions**, watch **3D films**, pick up information and tips for **excursions**. **Guided tours, specialized programs** and other **events** are also available.



The **House of Nature programme** is implemented in collaboration with municipalities, businesses, non-profit organizations, landowners and other local partners. The Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic launched the programme in 2008. There are now 23 Houses of Nature and Information Centres serving visitors in 15 protected landscape areas (PLA), one national nature reserve (NNR) and one national natural monument (NNM), with more in the pipeline. Their construction and operation are co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund – Operational Programme Environment, the State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic, national programmes of the Ministry of the Environment and other sources.

The **Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic** is a state institution that provides professional and practical care of the nature, especially protected landscape areas, national nature reserves and national natural monuments. For more information visit www.nature.cz.

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Did you know that...

- there are 26 protected landscape areas in the Czech Republic? The latest is the Brdy PLA, which was established in 2016.
- the Amateur Cave in the Moravský kras Protected Landscape Area with more than 50 km is the longest cave system in the Czech Republic?
- big beasts – bear, wolf and lynx, are returning to the Czech Republic? You probably won't see them in the wild, but you can only find traces of all these three beasts in one place – in the Beskydy Protected Landscape Area.
- the peregrine falcon is gradually returning to our landscape? Fifty years ago it was on the verge of extinction, but now several pairs of this beautiful bird of prey regularly nest in the Český ráj Protected Landscape Area.

Thank you that you respect nature and that you...

- camp and light fires in designated areas only
- drive and park where permitted
- in national nature reserves keep to designated paths only
- when cycling, you are considerate of the surrounding countryside and other visitors
- protect animals and plants in their natural habitat
- do not harm wildlife and damage monuments
- take your litter with you.

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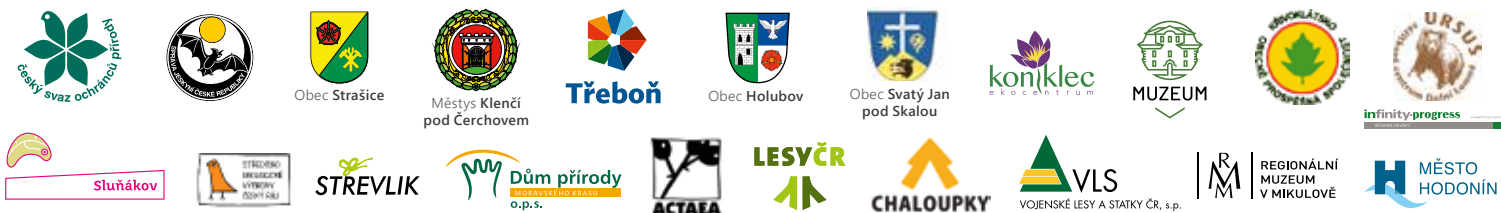
Houses of Nature are visitor centres of protected landscape areas and other important protected areas. In the interactive exhibitions you can watch a short film about nature and the history of the area, the influence of man on the development of the area and the protection of nature and the landscape. The Houses of Nature organise programmes and excursions with qualified guides, workshops, lectures, short-term exhibitions, educational and training programmes for individual visitors as well as visitor groups and schools. In House of Nature you will find interesting information, entertainment for children and adults, deepen your knowledge of local nature and visit shops with regional products. Within the House of Nature network, information centres are set up in protected areas, which are mostly smaller and usually only open seasonally.



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Photo on the front page: the House of Nature of Český ráj exhibition.
Photos on the right: the Blaník House of Nature exhibition; children in the exhibition of the Český les House of Nature; Czech illustrator and sculptor František Skála's Garden of Paradise in the outdoor exhibition of the Litovelské Pomoraví House of Nature; exhibition of the Moravský kras House of Nature.

Operators and investors involved in the House of Nature programme:



You can obtain a Visitor Passport at the visitor and information centres of Protected Areas and National Parks. There are stamps for you to get in your passport. When you have collected five stamps from five different centres you will receive a gift.