



Walking paths in the Ochoza woods

In the Ochoza town woods, which the town has been using since time immemorial and has owned since 1580, there are three nice walking paths. They are suitable even for seniors or mothers with baby prams.

1. „Around the Black Rock“

Length: 700 m

Equipment: playing equipment for both children and for adults, benches, resting place, wooden shelter with benches, an orientation chart, a signpost, wastepaper baskets.

Point of interest: from 1898 till 1911 there was a wooden tourist cottage there. Historical sources say that this was the most favourite tourist attraction near Nové Město.

Map marking: yellow

Good to know: this is the farthest track accessible by car. It is easy to get from this path directly to Vlachovice. It commences in a place called „At the Beech“.

What gets said: The path around the Black Rock starts at the cross-roads of the wood tracks. The legends says it is guarded by the local ghost Hejkal. He is a forest being and looks as depicted in a picture placed on one of the trees. At the dusk and at night you can hear him calling: “hey, hey“. Once you are in the woods during dusk watch out. Hejkal is malicious. Once you answer him, he jumps on your back and you have to carry him till the end of the woods.



Notes: All the paths are 1,8 metres wide and the surface is reinforced with rubble. The tracks are designed in such a way that they respect and don't disturb the surrounding wooded countryside, which is part of The Protected area of Žďárské vrchy. A resting place: a massive wooden benches and a table.



2. „Towards Hubert“

Length: 233 m

Equipment: benches, resting place, an orientation chart, signposts, wastepaper baskets

Point of interest: ends in a place called st Hubert, which is documented by a picture placed on a tree - you can here join the picture journey.

Map marking: orange

Good to know: It is possible to get to the vicinity of the track by car.

What gets said: St Hubert came from a very rich noble family in Aquitania. He was an excellent hunter and a lover of debauched feasts and apparently he belonged to the entourage of the Frankish king Theodorick III. He had a good heart. After his wife had died giving birth, he had an unexpected encounter with a red deer, which had a shining cross between antlers. A supernatural voice spoke to him asking him: “Hubert, why are you still hunting deer? It is time to start seeking me - it was I who got sacrificed for you. Later Hubert became a priest, after a bishop. He is known predominantly as a patron of woodcutters and gamekeepers.

From spring to autumn you can use the reinforced paths for walking about the Vydročína Arena and those near the Ski Hotel. Another interesting track is the so-called Picture journey, which crosses in some places the above mentioned tracks and paths. A special leaflet about this Picture journey, including the map and the narratives linked to the individual halts of the Journey, can be bought at the Nové Město Information Centre.

3. „At a swimming pond“

Length: 510 m

Equipment: benches, a resting place, an orientation chart, wastepaper basket.

Point of interest: as the name suggests, the path is in the immediate vicinity of the swimming pond, where you can find playing equipment for children and refreshment for adults.

Map marking: red

Good to know: from the swimming pond you can get through the cottage area called Zahradníkův kout (A Gardener's corner) to the Ski Hotel or link to the Picture journey.

What gets said: In earlier times the meadow under the dam was cultivated. According to surviving eyewitnesses a couple of vipers were brought to the house with hay. At present you can come across both blindworms and vipers, but if you do not disturb them, there is nothing to fear.



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