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### Framed folk architecture typical for Cheb

Framed houses in the square are an example of folk framed architecture typical for Cheb that is characteristic due to rich decoration of the house gables. You can admire the style purity of the buildings, kept despite the fact that the buildings were built by different people in different times. The core of these buildings is formed by a frame which was filled with split stakes and sticks wrapped in straw and clay were interlaced in between. The wall was then daubed by another layer of clay and lime washed or painted.

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### Historical cemetery

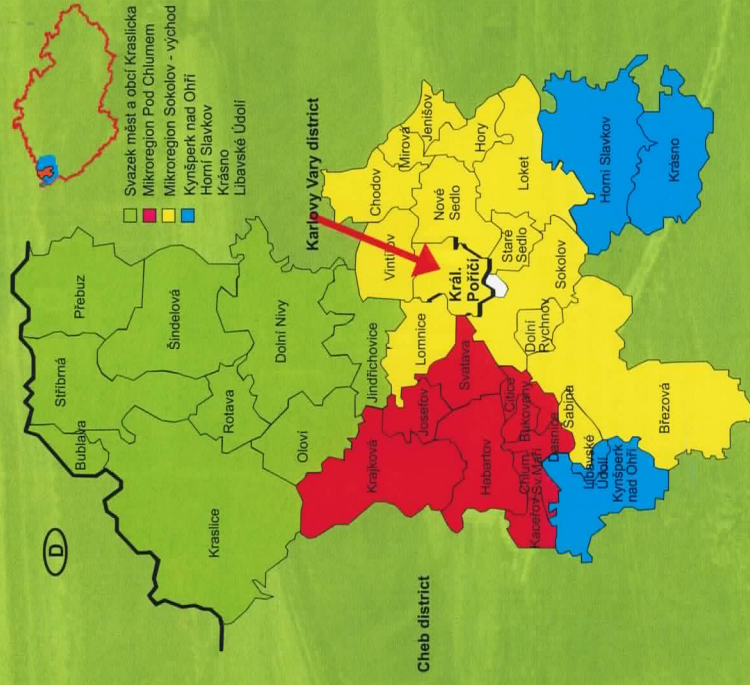
We will go underneath a railway viaduct and arrive at Poříčí cemetery. At first, deceased people were buried near the walls of St. Kunhuta's Church. However, with the development of the municipality and an increase in inhabitants, a new cemetery was established including a house for the gravedigger and a mortuary. As a result of the influence of local porcelain factories, the gravestones were decorated with photographs on porcelain plaques.

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### Buštěhrady railway

Buštěhrady railway, which was built in the 19th century, had immense significance in the Sokolov region's industrialization. The original railway had to be removed to make way to mining. Only some small remains of the original railway survived and are noticeable to the keen eye of an observer who may see them from the track leading towards the beginning of the educational trail - towards Bernard Grange. The last stone viaduct is now part of the mine's railway siding. After completing the educational trail you have the opportunity to refresh yourself in the renowned restaurant at Bernard Grange.

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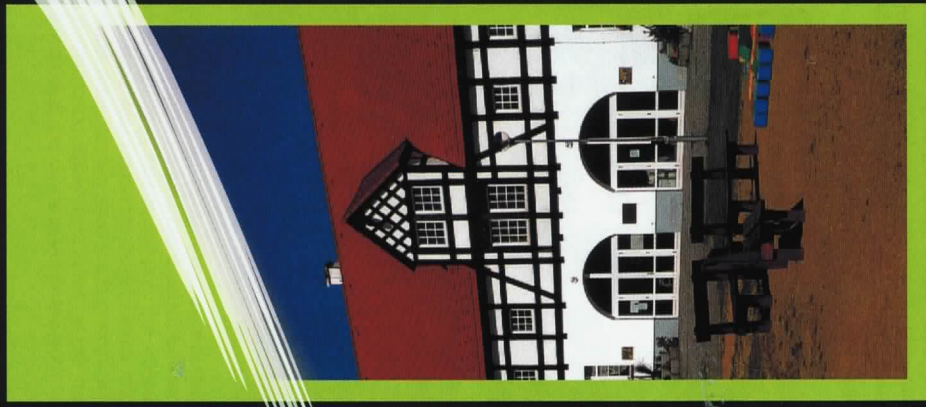
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**Welcome to the Královské Poříčí educational trail which is structured as a closed hiking trail with its starting point at Bernard Grange. The length of the trail is 3.5 km. You will receive a map in the Information Centre at Bernard Grange.**

**1 Bernard Grange – a centre of traditional craft**

Framed grange buildings built by Bernard Seeböhm, the director of the mining company, have been turned into shops and craft workshops where you can buy original and handmade gifts. Besides visiting the workshops with their traditional production methods you can take the guided tour to see an agricultural exhibition and an exhibition devoted to crafts. There are 20 day-long cultural and social events held every year at the grange.

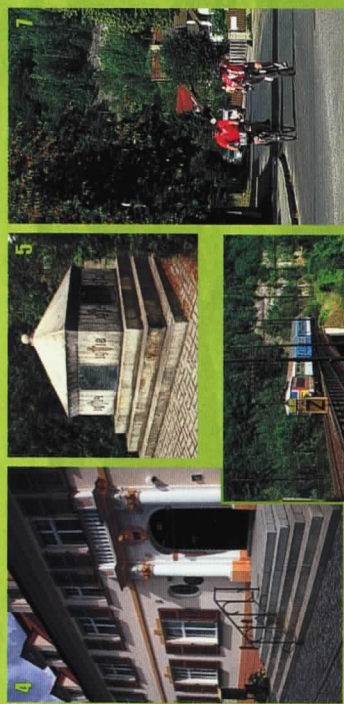
**2 Marie mine**

Behind the bank dividing the village of Královské Poříčí and the strip mine Jirí there was an underground mine called Marie. In the 2nd half of the 20th century it was the only underground mine in the Sokolov mining district. The whole area is interlaced with numerous underground corridors. A unique mining steam engine from 1897 that comes from this underground mine has been preserved and is displayed in the Krasno mining museum. The view from the look-out on Pískový vrch into the pit of the coal mine is very impressive.



**3 Mining architecture**

The coal miners who came to Královské Poříčí for work formed a large group of new inhabitants. The municipality experienced busy construction activity. Many family houses rose along the roads leading from the historical village square. Near Pstružný creek in the upper part of the village miner's colonies were built – blocks of flats for employees of the mines. A company grocery store, a school, a nursery and even a spa were available in the vicinity. The majority of these houses have been renovated and form a unique complex of original architecture.



**4 The manor**

The manor was built in 1909 and 1910 for the family of company director Kurt Seeböhm. This imposing villa served its original purpose until the end of the Second World War. After the liberation of Královské Poříčí, the US Army established its local headquarters there. From the 1950's till 2002 the manor accommodated the headquarters of the local construction apprentice centre. Nowadays, the local municipal office and a library providing internet access to the public operate there. In the afternoon, visitors can use its bowling alley and fitness club.

**5 The monument to the victims of the First World War**

The First World War had tragic consequences for the municipality. A monument ranking among the biggest and most beautiful of its kind was built in the 1920's in honour of those killed. Bronze plaques with the names of those who died are placed on all four sides of the monument.

**6 Railway corridor**

The municipality of Královské Poříčí is divided into two by a railway corridor which was finished in 1982. The original railway was removed to make way for coal mining. Behind the village, the railway cuts into an artificial canyon. This unusual and expensive type of construction was applied due to the lack of available tunnel construction resources resulting from construction of the Prague metro tunnels.

**7 Bike trail along the Ohře**

This stop brings us to a map of bike trails of the Karlovy Vary region. In 2003, a bike trail along the Ohře leading to Loket was built. From there, a historical trail leads all the way to Karlovy Vary. The upstream direction will lead you to Kynšperk and Cheb where the trail joins the system of bike trails in Germany. An educational trail along the Ohře will introduce you to interesting facts about the river and its surroundings.

**8 Ohře river and canoeists campground**

The Ohře has for centuries been co-forming the history of the local countryside. No wonder then, its significance is reflected in the name of the village Královské Poříčí (King's Riverside). Of its total length of 300km, 242 km can be canoeed. The upper section of the river has a curvy basin and its width is at some parts reduced to only several metres. The middle section flows through the valley of Svatošské rocks and is suitable for first-time canoeists. The rest of the Ohře threads through valleys and at the very end it flows through wide meadows. Campsites for canoeists are adequately distributed but there are slightly less of them in the lower section of the river.

**9 Crosses of conciliation**

The tourist signs lead us along the flood protection embankment towards St. Kunhuta's Church. There is a group of crosses of conciliation which were brought here from mining areas and thus saved from excavators. These stone crosses were built in the middle-ages to commemorate some events and were often erected after concluding a conciliatory contract. Explanations of their origin often differ. Their mysterious magic speaks to us nevertheless.

**10 St. Kunhuta's Church**

St. Kunhuta's Church belongs among the oldest landmarks in the Sokolov region. The first reference about the church comes from 1240. Its early origin is supported by the existence of a roman window which was revealed during reconstruction works in the 1990s. The altar, pulpit, baptistery and organ come from baroque times. Recently, the church was decorated with a ceramic nativity scene made according to an Antonín Weinfurter design by Loket's ceramist Jan Herák.

**11 Village conservation area**

The original middle-ages layout of the village square was preserved in Královské Poříčí. The buildings that you can see there today come from the 19th century and are characteristic due to their tall slender gables facing the square and by their long rectangular ground plans leading deep into the rear. There are three farmhouses (no. 7, 11 and 32) that were declared monuments.

