

The old castle

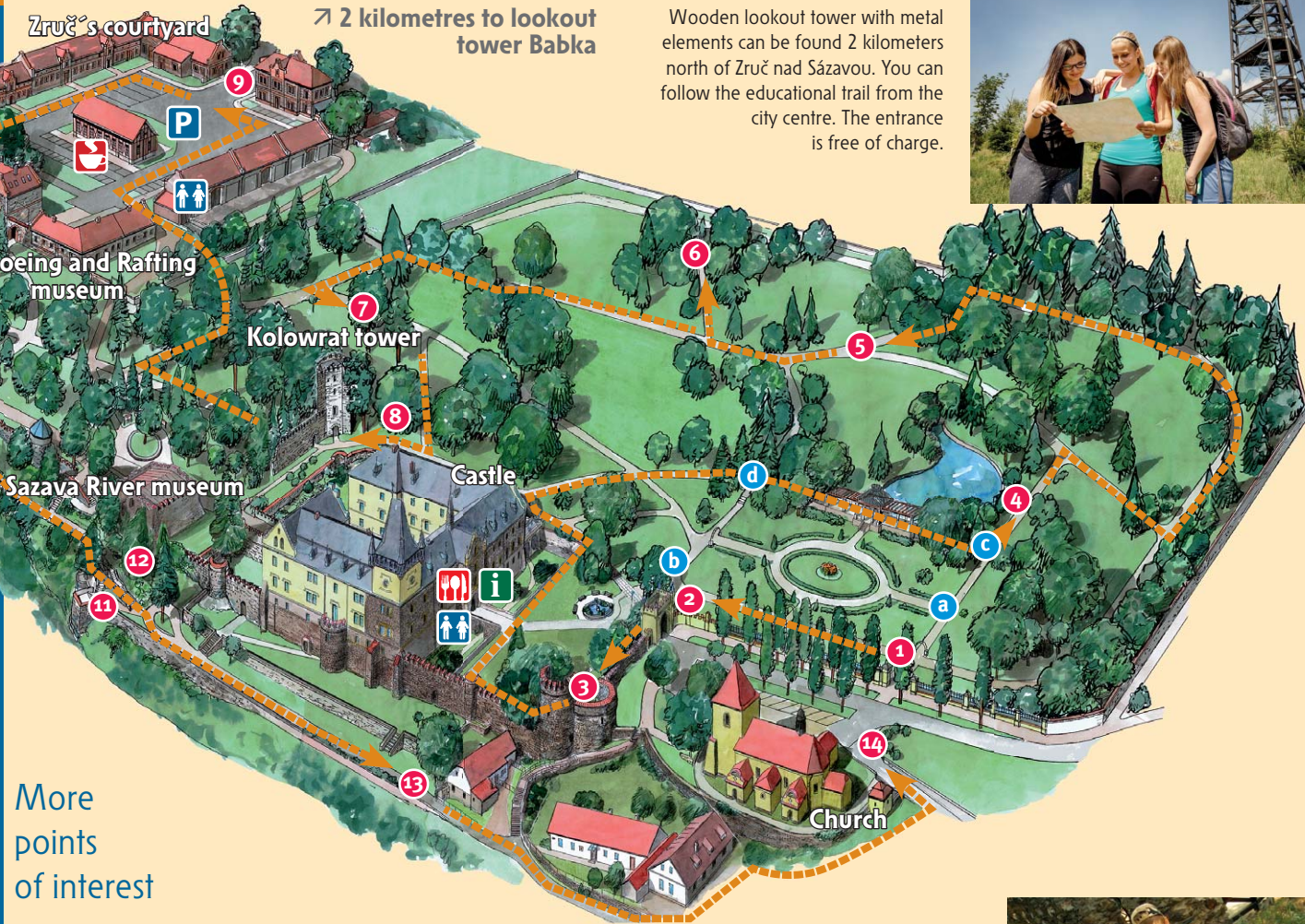
Castle park
Zruč nad Sázavou

History of the park

The front garden has been by the castle ever since, however in the past it had primarily utilitarian function as it served the castle kitchen. It was not until 1834, when the Lowenthals started building the surrounding park. Later on, their efforts were followed by Jan Stanislav Skrejšovský. However the Schebek family had the most significant influence on the current appearance of the park. Picturesque corners of the park invite visitors to relax amongst the trees or to take a stroll along the educational trail, which informs visitors about the history and the nature aspects of the park. The park is owned and maintained by the city Zruč nad Sázavou.

Educational trail through the castle park

- 1 Initial stop
- 2 Audio information panel
- 3 Lion chasting prey
- 4 Baroness' Emma Pond
- 5 Dog cemetery
- 6 J. J. Schebek – the King of Railways
- 7 Woody plants of the park
- 8 Kolowrat tower
- 9 Zruč's courtyard
- 10 Baroness' trail
- 11 Viewpoint
- 12 Former granary
- 13 Fortification
- 14 Church and morgue
- a Board with historical illustrations
- Route of the educational trail



More points of interest

The Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
You can find this church in front of the castle's gates. It is the resting place for previous owners of the castle.



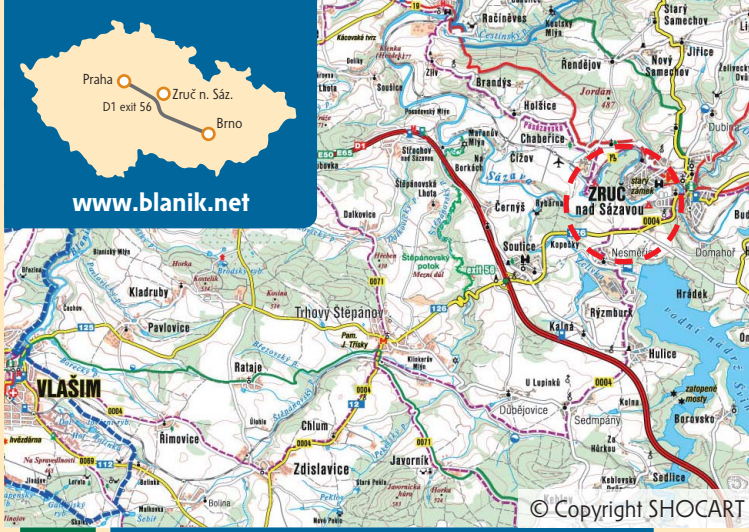
Traffic playground
In the proximity of the Marble's run complex, you can also find a traffic playground for pedal cars. You can either bring your own or rent it there.



In-line track
This 3,8 km long track along the river Sázava is suitable for cyclists, in-line skaters, pedestrians and in winter, for cross country skiers.



Babka lookout tower
Wooden lookout tower with metal elements can be found 2 kilometers north of Zruč nad Sázavou. You can follow the educational trail from the city centre. The entrance is free of charge.



Information centre Zruč nad Sázavou

Opening hours

April and October:	Mon and Wed	8–11:30, 12:30–16 h
	Tue, Thu and Fri	8–11:30, 12:30–15 h
	Sat and Sun	9–11:30, 12:30–17 h
May–September:	Mon–Fri	8–11:30, 12:30–17 h
	Sat, Sun, holidays	9–11:30, 12:30–17 h
November–March:	Mon and Wed	8–11:30, 12:30–16 h
	Tue, Thu and Fri	8–11:30, 12:30–15 h

Discount packages
Day in Zruč for children with Hellas café

- Trail of the Knight Milota of Kolowraty
- Sazava River museum
- Kingdom of Dolls and SEVA blocks
- Hellas Zruč's courtyard café

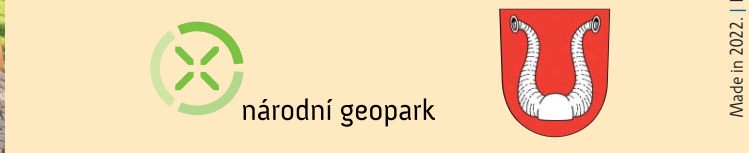
Day in Zruč with ZRUČné dobroty café

- Castle tour
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- Sazava River museum
- Canoeing and Rafting museum
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- Museum of Folk Costumes
- Café in the Museum of Folk Costumes

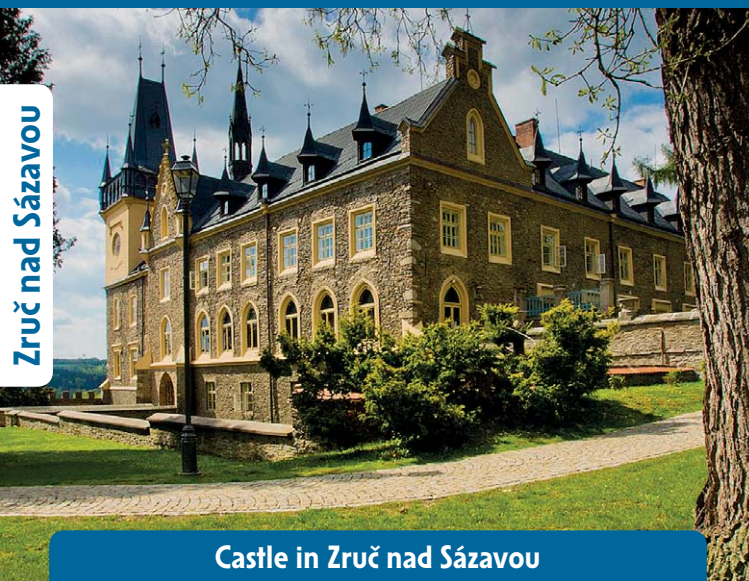
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Castle complex Zruč nad Sázavou



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Castle in Zruč nad Sázavou

The first written mention of Zruč nad Sázavou dates to 1328 but it is quite certain that the original settlement is much older. Possibly Templar Knights built a castle on the rock above the Sázava River to guard an important trade route. You can learn more about the history of the town on **two guided tours** of the castle during which you can see renovated interiors, enjoy the music coming from an orchestration from 1885 or descend the spiral staircase to the baroness' private bathroom. The **castle tower** will let you to admire the old buildings of the town. You can also visit a castle gallery with various exhibitions and special night tours (twice a year).

Opening hours of the castle and all exhibitions:

- April, October: Saturdays and Sundays from 9.00 to 11.30 and from 12.30 to 17.00
- May to September: daily from 9.00 to 11.30 and from 12.30 to 17.00
- November to March: open for groups and by appointment at the Information Centre or on phone: 00420 327 531 329



Kolowrat tower

In the Middle Ages the tower served as a watchtower for castle guards as well as a depot for weapons. It was equipped with loopholes in several directions. Recently, the Kolowrat Tower has been completely renovated. Inside the tower you may find a very interesting **exhibition of medieval weapons**. Each floor of the tower playfully teaches children about its history, historical tools and weapons used for castle defence in the Middle Ages. For example, kids may **crawl through a secret wall**, **fold emblems of the ruling families** at Zruč Castle or use letters to generate answers to some easy questions. The top of this 20-meter-high tower features beautiful views of the entire castle complex.



Sazava River museum

In the old castle granary you can find an one of a kind museum about the river Sázava and its people. Stories of nine people from the past illustrate functions of the river, from transportation to recreation to waste discharge. Thanks to headphones and audio guide, you can listen to stories from the olden days. Characters in real life sizes and their surroundings are depicted in comic book style. At the end, you will also get a chance to watch an original animated film.



Canoeing and Rafting museum

This one of a kind museum is located in the Zruč's courtyard, just a few steps away from the castle. You will find here an interactive tour of historic and modern boats and kayaks, a river model with safe and dangerous weirs, a fiber **glass workshop with a speaking figurine**, a historic boating camp or a raft corner, where you can try to inflate a raft with an electric or hand pump. There is also a room used for projection where you may watch some historical films about canoeing.



Zruč's Marbles Complex

The complex is located near the park. It features a marble run, which is a great attraction for both children and adults. Instructions with rules and variations of the game can be found right next to the marble run. If you do not have any marbles, you can buy them in the information center. Near the marble run complex, there is a large playground for kids with more than forty attractions.

Opening hours: daily from 8.00 to 20.00 | Admission free



Kingdom of Dolls and SEVA blocks

In the castle attic, among the beams of the Zruč Castle roof, there is a large exhibition called the Kingdom of Dolls and building blocks. You can see porcelain, paper, cloth or celluloid dolls there. There are dolls from the Czech Republic, Germany, but also from Japan. In the second part of the exhibition, children can admire and play with building blocks from a Czech company SEVA.



Museum „From the Workbench to Bata“

Zruč nad Sázavou and its surroundings have a rich history of shoemaking craft, which is the main theme of this museum. In 1939 Bata company from Zlín came to Zruč nad Sázavou and built a shoe factory in the town. The Museum „From the Workbench to Bata“ will show you – in three rooms – the history of this shoe making factory from its foundation until the termination of activities. You will learn what a bodkin is, what were the punching pliers used for and you will meet František, the cobbler.



Fun trail of the Knight Milota of Kolowraty

The trail located in the castle moat, allows children to try some of the knight routines on a special playground. The trail has 10 posts including archery, climbing on the totem pole, climbing frame, throwing a hatchet, swings, fishing, and more. When the children complete all the tasks, they get a certificate from the Knight Milota of Kolowraty at the Information Center.

Important information

- The trail is open only in season and in good weather.



Trail through Zruč Castle Park

This educational two-kilometer trail through the castle park has 14 stops with information about the historical monuments and the fate of the Schebek family members, who were the last owners of the castle. Individual stops introduce visitors to cemetery, the former granary or a romantic pond with a gazebo. Each board also features an interesting **task for young visitors to the park** with a cartoon dog girl Dallili. Two **natural gameplay elements** on the trail – a hollow trunk and a tactile pavement are some of the most popular attractions for kids.