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Do you want to know where Klepáček, the puck of Beroun, hides and in which house the White Lady wanders on the last day of the year? If you do, come along and trace Beroun's legends and stories. This sightseeing route will take you to interesting historical buildings as well as to the town's mysterious places, where you can learn about its history. In this brochure you can



- ▶ Trail A historical
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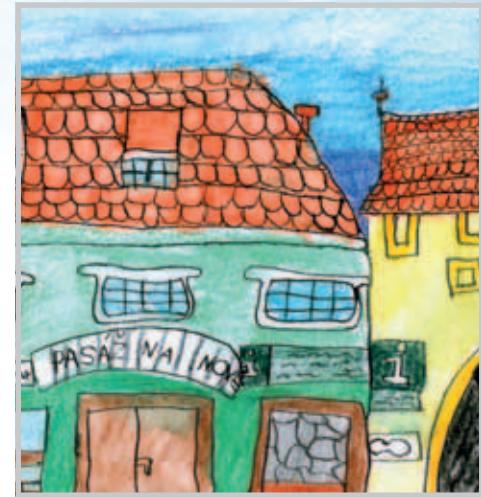
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## Na Nové, 69 Husovo Square

Here is a start point of all trails. Town information centre is currently seated in the building. If you manage to complete all the tasks in the given area, go back to the Town information centre, where the staff will check your answers – and if they are all correct, you will receive a prize.

Na Nové / Matilda, 9 years /



## Town Hall, 68 Husovo Square

The most famous figure in Beroun legends is Klepáček – a manikin who is the memory of the fair burgomaster and who always used to manifest his presence by knocking on the wall; he was the enemy of injustice, falseness, and dishonesty. He punished unfair clerks and craftsmen who pilfered the communal assets or did a poor job.

Town Hall / Lukáš, 10 years /



**task:** Redraw the city emblem  
displayed on the front face of the Town Hall.



### The Prague Gate (Lower Gate)

The Prague Gate came into existence at the turn of the 13th and 14th centuries just opposite the original river crossing. Its main purpose was to protect the entrance to the city and to serve as a control post at the same time. It was damaged in 1421 when the town was conquered by the Hussites. It was later repaired and today serves as an exhibition hall of Jiří Jeníček.

*The Prague Gate / Vašek, 10 years /*



**task:** Make a drawing of how the Prague Gate looks. (As you stand in front of it with the Husovo Square behind you.)



### Municipal Fortifications

Back then, a monastery with the Church of the Virgin Mary and cemetery spread near the town wall. In 1421, the Hussites conquered Beroun by treachery and then burnt and demolished the monastery. For decades, the ruins were the only reminder of this event. Later, the city council started allocating lands for the construction of new houses. Many of them were built directly on the remains of the monastery walls. And strange things happened here... Inhabitants of the houses used to see mysterious green lights hopping along the dilapidated city walls and at times of various religious holiday figures of an altar boy and a priest in a strange black frock appeared after midnight, followed by a black dog with glaring flaming eyes.

*Municipal Fortifications / Vládik, 8 years /*



**task:** Try to guess what the average height of the fortifications today is.



### Jenštejnský House, 87 Husovo Square

*Jenštejnský House / Katka, 12 years /*

The weeping White Lady with a bunch of keys in her hand roams one of the oldest houses in Beroun always on the last day of the year. She weeps because she was punished and cursed when, by misfortune, 2 children whom she was supposed to be minding drowned in a well in the house's cellar. The Museum of the Czech Karst is located in the house today.



**task:** Copy the year written on the portal above the entrance to the Jenštejnský House.



### The Pilsner Gate (Upper Gate)

*The Pilsner Gate / Stážka, 10 years /*

The Pilsner Gate is probably the oldest part of the city fortifications, but its Gothic appearance has not been preserved. After the disastrous fire in 1735 it was repaired in the Baroque style. The trade route from Prague to Pilsen passed through this gate and tax used to be collected here until 1752. Using a spiral staircase you get in the rooms of the former armoury where you can visit a permanent exhibition focusing on the history of this cultural monument and the whole fortification system of the city. The original medieval staircase leads to the second floor. The watchman's flat was located here until 1972; today there you can visit an exhibition devoted to Beroun and its privileges. Examining the tower clock mechanism will fascinate visitors as well. There is a wonderful view of the city from the ambit.



**task:** Which tree is pictured near the clock on the Pilsner Gate?



## St James Church, Seydlovo Square

In the upper part of the square there is a church which probably came into existence in the 13th century together with the town. Numerous legends have been passed down about this church, one of them saying that if a big fire were to hit Beroun, all the church windows would light up after midnight as if hundreds of candles had been lit in the church although nobody was inside. Beroun was struck by fire shortly after this event.

**task:** Which saint is the church consecrated to?

St James Church / Barča, 7 years /



## The Museum of Beroun Pottery, 14 Zámečnická Street

The newly reconstructed Reinov House (Reinovský dům) is situated in picturesque Zámečnická Lane, where the small cosy houses seem to grow straight out of the city walls. Some of their parts are a reminder of the founding of the town of Beroun in the Middle Ages, when the stone fortifications were built. The building has retained the same character that it had after being rebuilt two centuries ago. Nowadays it houses the Beroun Pottery Museum (Muzeum berounské keramiky), where you can learn a lot of interesting things about the glorious history of the local master potters. These potters exported their unique products all over Central Europe during the Renaissance Period at the end of the 16th and beginning of the 17th century. You will certainly have a good time in the pottery workshop, where you can get a lump of potting clay and use your imagination to make your own piece of pottery. You can also get some inspiration in the museum's gallery, where important modern-day potters exhibit their work.



**task:** Which animal is depicted on the replica of the Renaissance tile that is attached to the museum's façade?



## Town Mountain

A fortification was built on the mountain in the 16th century. Modern history of Town Mountain began to be written in 1879, when the decoration society and the Czech Tourist Club (est. 1876) founded a forest park there. Major investment activities did not start taking place here until the mid-1930s. When the local company Jelínek and sons obtained a contract to build a new city cistern, the company itself came up with the idea of adding a concrete gazebo tower to the above-ground part of the structure; it estimated the cost of the look-out tower to be CZK 50 thousand. Beroun Town Hall gave the idea of a gazebo construction a warm welcome. The gazebo was opened in 1936. Under this gazebo there is a bear yard with 3 heroes of children's good-night stories.

Town Mountain / Julie, 11 years /



**task:** Find out the names of the bears dwelling on Town Mountain and enter their date of birth (can be ascertained on the gazebo above their range).



## Observation tower on Děd hill

The observation tower is situated on Děd hill at a height of 492 metres above sea level. Town Mountain was ceremonially opened in 1893 and it is actually the first tower built by the Czech Tourist Club together with the decoration society. The 12-metre high observation tower is made of brick.

Observation tower on Děd hill / Ema, 10 years /



**task:** Count and write down the number of metal steps to the observation tower.



## The Chapel of the Virgin Mary of Sorrows, Samota U studánky Street

Legends state that on 23 June 1723, a hot day, the local shepherd, Matěj Holý, was driving his sheep when he caught sight of a pilgrim washing his side, which was injured. When he came nearer, the unknown man disappeared. After this miraculous apparition a magic power started to be attributed to the well and people named this place The Holy Water. Several miracles are said to have happened in 1723 on the hillside to the north-west of the historical centre of Beroun. Healing powers started being attributed to the well water and in 1724, the Dean of Beroun, Jiří Procházka, had the pilgrimage Chapel of the Virgin Mary of Sorrows built here. The Talich Path with blue tourist markings runs from the chapel to the gazebo on Děd hill. Václav Talich was a conductor and musician who lived in the town.

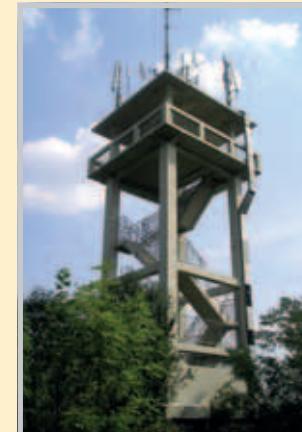
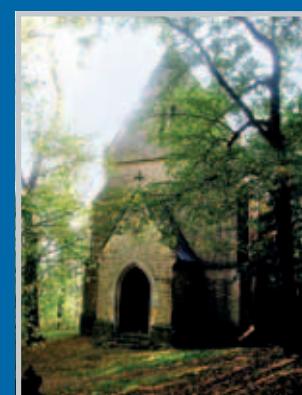
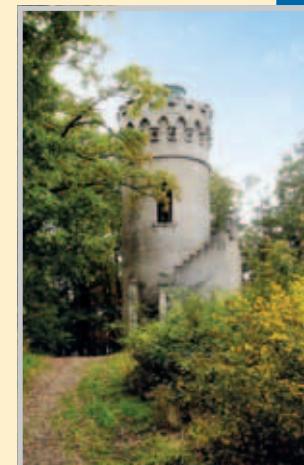
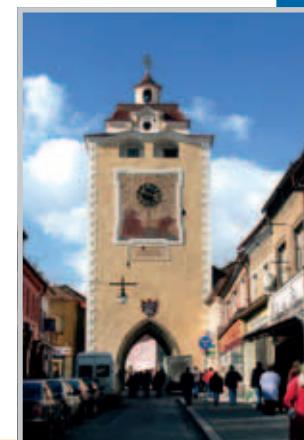
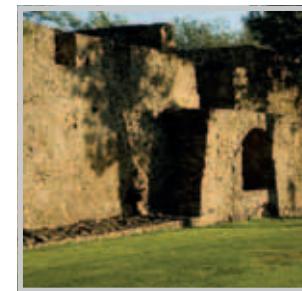


*The Chapel of the Virgin Mary of Sorrows  
/ Katka, 12 years /*



**task:** Count and record the number of big windows in the Chapel of the Virgin Mary of Sorrows.

Emblem of the town Beroun / Anežka, 12 years /



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## Municipality of Beroun

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## Town Cultural Centre of Beroun

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