

Closing report – Nature Trail of Plumlov

The project was realized from October 2013 through July 2014

The project included the realization of the nature trail through Plumlov area which will serve to all visitors of this area as well as to the pupils of local primary and lower secondary school and nursery school as a source of information about their region and local landscape, as a place for walks and a source of knowledge of local history and nature. We also expect other schools from surrounding towns and villages to use this trail.

The actual trail consists of 12 stops and it is about 10 km long. It leads mainly through forest paths and field pathways. There are three options to choose from, a long one, one of middle length and a short trail. Only a short section stretches along a road. Out of the 12 stops five are aimed at the history of the town and its main landmarks, the remaining seven stops are devoted to the nature of Plumlov area. The nature trail is altogether aimed at history, botany, zoology, geology and ecology. It is possible to go by foot as well as to ride a bike round the trail. In addition you can use a colour map and a brochure which are available at the Plumlov School, the local municipal office and at the Information centre. Also interesting handouts were created for the pupils of primary and lower secondary schools. At each stop there is an information board which includes the facts about the locality. At six stops tourists can have a rest at seating areas.

Stops summary

1. Plumlov in the days of old

This stop familiarizes the visitors with the history of Plumlov and with other interesting facts linked to the town.

2. The history of Plumlov castle

The history of Plumlov castle, its owners and the interestingness of its building up are introduced at this stop.

3. The history of Plumlov palace

The aim is to introduce the history, the building up, the owners and their fate in general.

4. Podhradský pond

The aim is to familiarize different kinds of trees growing on the banks of the pond including the memorable tree. In addition different species living in and in surrounding areas of the pond are introduced as well as the way of their lives.

5. The uniqueness of Pavlečka's Rock

To introduce this unique nature monument and its thermophilic vegetation is the aim of this stop.

6. Vinohrádek

The stop focuses on the area of Vinohrádek and its thermophilic vegetation. In addition the principles of protection the environment are mentioned.

7. Pond Bidelec

The commonly occurring kinds of birds and amphibians living in the water, on the embankment, above the water surface and also in the nearby forest as well as the most frequently occurring plants of this area are described.

8. The Holy Trinity Church

Interesting history of the parish church.

9. The Plumlov dam

Introduction of the history of this dam, the most commonly appearing kinds of fish, the history of fishing in this area, the principles of sport fishing, the fish farming and net fishing.

10. Thermophilic vegetation at Čubernice

The aim is to get to know the nature sanctuary of Čubernice with its unique vegetation and to get familiar with the principals of the maintenance of this nature sanctuary.

11. Woods

The ecosystem and protection of woods.

12. Vantage point

The water ecosystem, the history of ponds and fishing.

Members of the implementing team were: Mgr. Dagmar Zapletalová – the headmaster, Mgr. Pavel Majoršín - the deputy headmaster, Mgr. Simona Zapletalová – the coordinator of the project, Mgr. Petra Finsterlová – a teacher, Veronika Somerová, Anna Rindová, Hana Kenická – pupils of the seventh class, Ing. Pavel Koutný – a local representative and a sponsor, Martin Hyndrich – the deputy mayor and Petr Petyrek – a sponsor. The team had working meetings regularly according to the schedule. All the pupils of the school (308) were engaged in the realization and the using of the trail. The pupils surveyed interesting locations surrounding their school, they searched for information and were keen on the history of their region.

Subsequently 12 most interesting locations were selected and elaborated into each of the nature trail stop. An external advertising agency prepared the graphical design of the information boards, maps and brochure. Mr. Petr Petyrek – firm Grevis, provided the production of wooden stands, benches and metal components. Mr. Petyrek also offered a negotiable price for our school so 12 stops instead of 10 planned stops were produced. Coating, surface working and placing of the information boards were accomplished by Club organization of Plumlov. In June lessons of history, biology, geography and ecology took place there. The grand opening of the nature trail was on the 13th June 2014 at Plumlov School. The media and the public were present. Regrettably one of the information boards was destroyed by vandals. Due to great cooperation of all above mentioned parties a new information board will be made and placed back. During the realization of the project a new sponsor was found and therefore a larger number of copies of the maps and brochures were printed. The project was presented in these newspapers: Plumlovský zpravodaj – twice,

Prostějovský večerník – once and Prostějovský deník also once and on the web page of Plumlovská School - www.zsplumlov.cz

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