



HIDDEN GEMS

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We have discovered a few places in Harrachov and its vicinity for you which are not so well known among tourists.

The locals definitely recommend seeing them.
Do you think you have already seen everything around here?

Please, give us a chance to show you a few more places that are worth visiting.

So, let's go and explore the glorious outdoors of the Krkonoše!

Happy exploring!

The Orea Resort Sklář Team

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BLACK POND (ČERNÝ RYBNÍK)

Pond location



Harrachov's Black Pond is a place that can't be found in many tourist brochures. It is well-known only to the locals. Swimming is not allowed in the pond as it is used by the local glassworks for making wooden moulds for glass vessels. You need to walk through the glassworks' reception, past the local doctor's surgery and along an asphalt road through a place called Huťský kout. At the end of the road walk around the barrier, which is there because no vehicles are allowed to enter, and go on for another 300 metres.

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HARRACHOV PONDS (HARRACHOVSKÉ RYBNÍČKY)

Hiking trail:



Let's stick to ponds and explore one more place that many people don't know. Thanks to a subsidy from the Ministry of the Environment, the town of Harrachov managed to restore three beautiful ponds in the famous Anenské údolí (Anna Valley). The ponds were originally established by Count Harrach and used for trout farming. They also retain water in the landscape. Their restoration began in 2019 and was finished in early 2020. At present, they are fully accessible to the public. They are situated at Rybárna nature trail.

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JANOUŠEK ROAD

Hiking trail:



Another nice place is Janoušek Road (Janouškova cesta), also known as Terex Road. The name "Terex" is based on that of the telehandler used in the making of the road. The road was originally built for logging purposes. It was named Janoušek Road after a well-known native of the Krkonoše, Oldřich Janoušek, who was a notable local forestry worker, a popular story-teller and actor playing Harrachov's Krakonoš (mythic ruler of the mountains).

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JÁRA CIMRMAN LIGHTHOUSE

By car:



There are many places in the Krkonoše offering really beautiful views. One of the newer ones is Jára Cimrman Lighthouse. The "lighthouse" (a lookout tower, in fact) commemorating the imperishable glory of Jára Cimrman (a fictional Czech genius) was built in 2013. This truly remarkable masterpiece is situated in the picturesque town of Příchovice near Harrachov. After climbing its 105 steps, you will get a stunning view from the altitude of 801 metres above sea level. You can expect not only breath-taking views of the surroundings but also many interesting things in the museum under the tower.

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RUČIČKY CROSSROADS

Hiking trail:



If you enjoy conquering mountain peaks or hiking in a beautiful countryside, you shouldn't miss the wonderful trail to Ručičky Crossroads. There aren't many crossroads that get mentioned as often as this one. From Ručičky, many trails will take you to other beautiful places. You can hike to Krakonoš's Breakfast Hall (Krakonošova snídaně), the spring of the Elbe, Dvorečky, and Vosecká bouda (a chalet). They are all worth visiting.

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ORLE TOURIST SHELTER

By car and on foot:



This house with walls of hewn stone was built by the owner of the then famous Carlsthal Glassworks around 1860. It was originally supposed to be an administrative building and it has a beautiful fireplace. It is now used as a tourist shelter. It offers an unusual attraction for those who love watching the starry night sky. An "Astro Trail" (a model of the solar system) is now being built as part of the Jizera Dark Sky Park. There is also one of the most famous exhibitions of glass paperweights, the only one of its kind in Poland and one of the very few in the world. The paperweights were made using the layered filigree glass technique and the most refined glass-making technique, millefiori.

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KAMIEŃCZYK FALLS

By car and on foot:



If you mention Harrachov's waterfalls to anyone, they are likely to think you mean the Mumlava Falls (Mumlavské vodopády). However, these famous falls are not the only ones in this location. The Kamieńczyk Falls are situated in Szklarska Poręba, Poland, near Harrachov. They are the highest falls (27 metres) in the Polish part of the Krkonoše, at the altitude of 843 metres above sea level, falling into the beautiful Kamieńczyk Gorge. Past the central cascade, there is an artificial pit called Gold Pit (Złota Jama), where pegmatite and amethyst can be found.

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GIANT'S KETTLES

If you are planning to visit the Mumlava Falls, there is another place not known by many and well worth seeing. Just a stone's throw above the famous falls you can see what is called "giant's kettles." This is a natural phenomenon that has been created in the Mumlava for thousands of years. An eddy rotates in a tiny "bowl" in the bedrock making the sand inside it move and thus grinding and enlarging the bowl. These kettles in the Mumlava reach the depth of up to 2.9m. This natural phenomenon can't be overlooked. You need to walk upstream from the falls and this time we won't give you any clues as to how to get there. Use the opportunity to explore the beautiful area around the Mumlava and try to find them! Good luck!

NOTES

TOP 10

1. MUMLAVA FALLS
2. GLASSWORKS AND BREWERY
3. MINING MUSEUM
4. ŠINDELKA FORESTRY AND HUNTING MUSEUM
5. SKI JUMPS
6. CABLEWAY
7. BOBSLEIGH TRACK
8. ANNA VALLEY
9. KRAKONOŠ'S BREAKFAST HALL
10. HARRACHOV GOLF CLUB