



First we will set out from Nový Jičín in the direction of Čerták.

The water dam of Čerták with an area of 3.5 ha is used mainly for recreation, it is a favourite natural swimming pool and a place for practising of the fishing sport; however, it is also a locality where notable and protected animal species live.

Čerták is a frequent destination of walks and outings, in summer it is a favourite recreation spot for the town's inhabitants and visitors. The environs of the dam are well-known for the deposits of teschenites, volcanic rocks which originated in the teschenite-picrite activity in Lower Cretaceous.

Below the dam we will find Čertův mlýn (the Devil's Mill) Restaurant with outdoor tables.

A legend is told about the mill; its hero is an old, veteran soldier. Once as he was supposedly returning to his native village, he slept at the mill, which had been already empty and derelict for about 20 years at that time. It was because it was haunted – when someone stayed there overnight, he/she was found dead in the morning. The soldier went to bed, but at midnight he was woken by the millwheel, which started to rotate of its own accord. A devil appeared and asked the soldier to go with him. The soldier, nevertheless, threw a bast rope noose over the devil's head and he bound and tied him to the rotating millwheel. The devil promised he would never appear at the mill again. Then a cock crowed and the devil disappeared. Since that time the mill had been peaceful and the brave soldier got the building as a gift from the manorial nobility.

Along a wood path leading from Čerták we will get to a picturesque valley with farmsteads, to Bludovice.

Bludička farmstead is surely worth visiting; it dates back to 1883.

It is a typical family farm with a lot of animals: horses, cows, goats, and also unique Walachian sheep. It does not lack even geese, cats and dogs. If you are interested, you can go for a marvellous canter on the hillsides of Bludovice.

From Bludička we will get to the heart of Bludovice, where we will find Baroque St. Michael's Chapel.

In the neighbourhood of this chapel a village school should have been built in 1737; the delivered material for the building of this school, was, nevertheless, stolen. Thus the school was established ten years later. It was built together with a new chapel after the plans of a local native, the senior building councillor, Ferdinand Neuser from Salzburg, by Tomáš Chytil, a builder from Nový Jičín, in 1861.

Enjoyment of sport is offered by a downhill course with a ski lift and a possibility of evening skiing, built on the slope of Palacký Hill.



# The Trip of Nový Jičín Čerták - Bludovice

