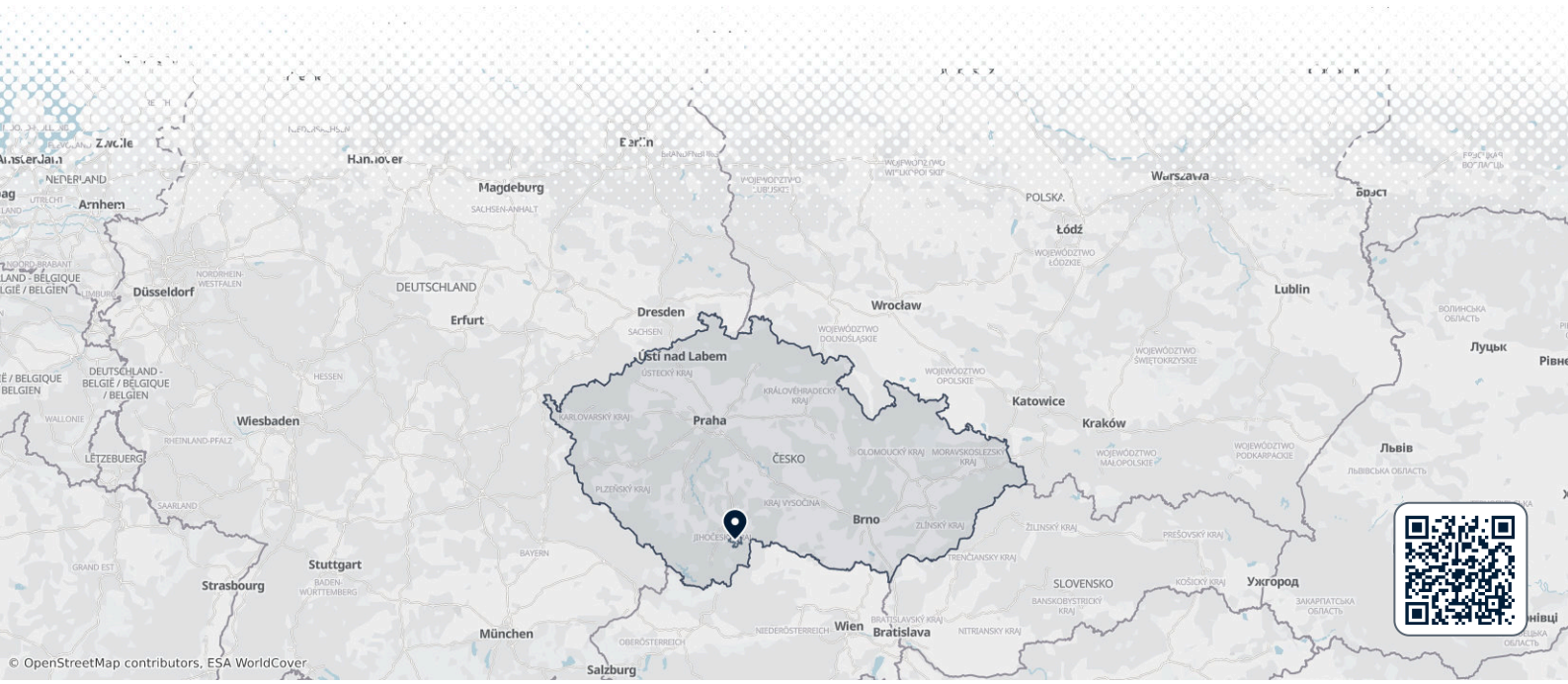


Třeboň

Jindřichův Hradec District · Czech Republic

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Třeboň is a small spa town in South Bohemia built almost entirely around water. Hundreds of man-made fish ponds surround it, part of a network created in the Middle Ages that still farms carp today. The whole area is protected as the Třeboňsko Biosphere Reserve, one of the largest wetland landscapes in Central Europe.

The old town sits on the edge of Svět Pond, right beside the historic centre. Inside its walls, visitors find a Renaissance chateau, a complete ring of medieval gates, and narrow cobbled streets that have changed little in centuries. Třeboň has also been a spa destination for more than a hundred years, known for peat baths said to ease joint and muscle pain.

When to visit

Summers are warm and good for walking or cycling around the ponds. Winters are cold, and many spa hotels offer discounted off-season stays.

Plan around the autumn fish harvest, called výlov, when ponds including Rožmberk Pond are drained and thousands of carp are netted by hand. It runs from September to November and is one of the region's biggest traditions.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	1° / 9° Feels like -5°	-5° / -14°	Dry air
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	4° / 12° Feels like -2°	-4° / -13°	Dry air
March	Fair Fair for cycling	9° / 17° Feels like 4°	-1° / -7°	Dry air
April	Good Good for cycling	14° / 22° Feels like 10°	3° / -3°	Dry air
May	Good Good for sightseeing	19° / 26°	8° / 3°	15 rainy days · Dry air
June	Great Great for sightseeing	23° / 30°	12° / 7°	14 rainy days · Dry air
July	Good Good for sightseeing	25° / 31°	14° / 9°	16 rainy days
August	Great Great for sightseeing	25° / 32°	14° / 9°	13 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Great Great for sightseeing	20° / 27°	9° / 4°	Dry air
October	Good Good for cycling	14° / 22° Feels like 11°	5° / -2°	Dry air
November	Poor Poor for sightseeing	7° / 15° Feels like 3°	1° / -5°	Dry air
December	Poor Poor for sightseeing	3° / 9° Feels like -3°	-3° / -11°	Dry air

Best months: June, August, September

Climate data: NASA POWER (MERRA-2) · 1996–2025

July and August are the warmest, driest months; snow is common from December to February.

Top sights



- A Třeboň Chateau is the town's centrepiece, a sprawling Renaissance residence that once belonged to the Rosenberg family and later the Schwarzenbergs. Guided tours cover richly decorated rooms and halls, including the old family archive.
- A short walk from town, B Schwarzenberg Tomb is the neo-Gothic burial chapel the Schwarzenberg family built for themselves in a park of its own. Twenty-six family members are buried in the crypt beneath it.
- Třeboň is one of the few Czech towns to keep its entire ring of medieval gates standing. C Svinenská Gate is the oldest and most decorated; D Hradecká Gate, E Novohradská Gate, and F Budějovická Gate complete the set, each still marking an entrance to the old town.
- G Regent Brewery has brewed beer on this site since the 14th century, making it one of the oldest working breweries in the country. Tours cover the historic cellars and end with a tasting.
- H Svět Pond borders the old town, with a flat path circling its shoreline. It was enlarged in the 16th century by the engineer Jakub Krčín, whose monument stands on the dam.
- A few kilometres north, I Rožmberk Pond is the largest fish pond in the country. Its earthen dam and outflow channel are still part of a working fishery.
- J Augustinian Monastery, founded in 1367, stands beside the chateau and still functions as a working monastery. Its Gothic church and cloister are open to visitors on limited days.
- K Bertiny lázně is the older of the town's two historic spa houses, open since 1883 for peat treatments aimed at joint and muscle conditions.

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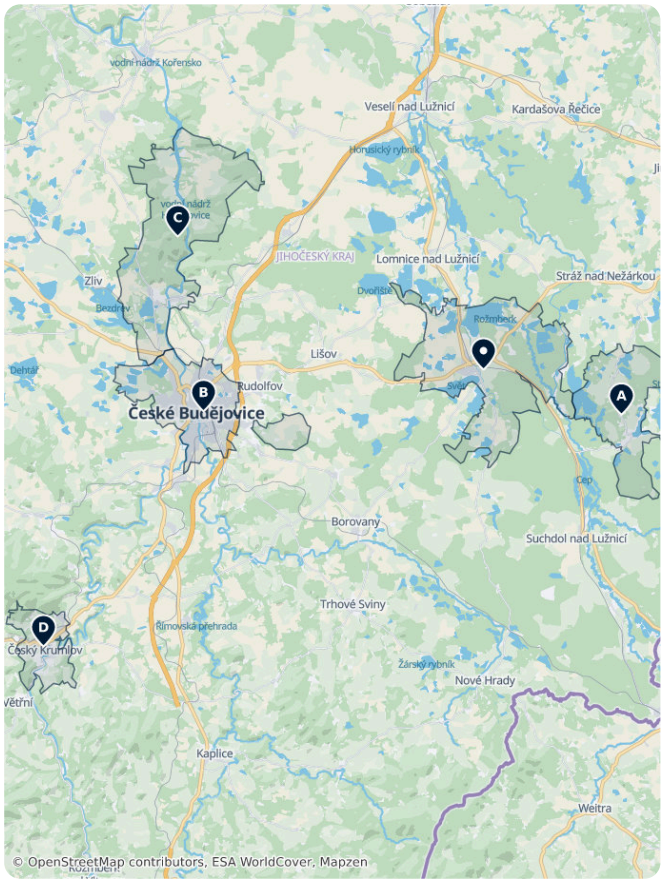
What to experience

- Take a peat bath. Lázně Aurora and Bertiny lázně both use local peat, known as slatina, for treatments said to ease joint and muscle pain, a tradition here since the 19th century.
- Watch the autumn fish harvest. Each year from September to November, ponds including Rožmberk Pond are drained and the carp harvest, called výlov, draws crowds who come to watch the nets pulled in.
- Cycle, walk, or take a rowing boat out on Svět Pond. A flat path circles the shore, and pedal boats are available in summer.

Day trips

Several worthwhile stops lie within an hour or two of Třeboň, from quiet fishpond villages to one of the country's best-known historic towns.

- A Chlum u Třeboně (about 15 minutes by car) — a small fishpond village with a Baroque church and an easy cycling loop through the Třeboňsko countryside.
- B České Budějovice (about 30 minutes by train or car) — South Bohemia's regional capital, with a large historic square and the Budweiser Budvar brewery.
- C Hluboká nad Vltavou (about 45 minutes by car) — a white, Neo-Gothic chateau modelled partly on Windsor Castle, set above the Vltava river.
- D Český Krumlov (about an hour by car, longer by bus with a change) — a UNESCO World Heritage old town beneath its castle, worth the longer trip.



Where to explore

Several preserved towns in the same district make an easy add-on to a stay in Třeboň.

Jindřichův Hradec, the district's main town, has its own moated castle and historic square, about half an hour away by train. On the fishpond trail itself, Lomnice nad Lužnicí sits on the shore of Rožmberk Pond

and makes a good stop on a cycling route. Chlum u Třeboně is another quiet pond-side village worth a short detour. Further south, Nové Hrady has its own Renaissance chateau on the edge of the Novohradské hory hills.

Getting there

- **By air**: The nearest major airport is Prague (PRG), about 150 km and a 2.5-hour drive away. From the airport, take a bus or train into Prague, then a train south to Třeboň — about 3 hours in total, usually with one change. Linz, in Austria, is closer by distance but has very limited scheduled flights.
- **By train**: Třeboň has its own station on the line between České Budějovice (about 30–40 minutes) and Veselí nad Lužnicí, where trains from Prague connect with one change.
- **By bus**: Regional and long-distance coaches link Třeboň with České Budějovice and Prague. The bus station is a short walk from the old town.

Getting around

- **On foot**: The old town is compact enough to see in half a day; most sights are within a 10-minute walk of the main square.
- **Cycling**: The flat terrain around the ponds is ideal for cycling. Bikes can be rented in town for day rides into the Třeboňsko Protected Landscape Area.
- **Regional buses**: Useful for reaching nearby villages; pay the driver directly with cash or a contactless card. Look up routes and times with IDOS journey planner, which covers both trains and buses nationwide.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The old town is compact and entirely walkable; most sights are within a 10-minute walk of the main square.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

High

Flat terrain and marked trails around the fishponds make cycling a popular way to explore the wider area.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?**: Not for the old town — it's small and best explored on foot — but useful for reaching nearby villages and the wider Třeboňsko countryside at your own pace.
- **Parking**: Paid parking zones sit just outside the old town walls; pay by app or at a machine. Free spaces are available a short walk further out.
- **Restrictions**: None specific to Třeboň, though some narrow streets in the historic centre are closed to through traffic.

Food & drink

Třeboň is carp country. Fish raised in the surrounding ponds carries a protected regional name, and it appears fried, smoked, or in soup on menus across town, especially around Christmas and during the autumn harvest season.

Restaurants cluster around the main square and along the path beside Svět Pond, many with pond-view terraces in summer. Pair a fish dish with a Bohemian lager; South Bohemia is beer country as much as fish country.

What to eat & drink

LUNCH

Fruit Dumplings · Ovocné knedlíky
Sweet dumplings filled with seasonal fruit (like plums or apricots), topped with cottage cheese and sugar.

DINNER

Svíčková · Svíčková na smetaně
Marinated beef sirloin in a creamy vegetable sauce, served with bread dumplings and cranberries.

Goulash · Guláš
A hearty stew, typically made with beef, onions, and paprika, often served with bread dumplings or potatoes.

Roast Pork with Dumplings and Cabbage · Vepřo knedlo zelo
A traditional Czech dish of roast pork, bread dumplings, and sauerkraut or stewed cabbage.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Fried Cheese · Smažený sýr
A thick slice of cheese, breaded and deep-fried, usually served with fries and tartar sauce.

Potato Pancakes · Bramboráky
Crispy pancakes made from grated potatoes, flour, and spices, often served as a side dish or a snack.

Chlebíčky
Open-faced sandwiches on slices of white bread, elaborately decorated with various toppings.

Fried Cauliflower · Smažený květák
Breaded and deep-fried cauliflower florets, similar to fried cheese but made with cauliflower.

SWEETS & DESSERTS

Trdelník
A sweet pastry made from rolled dough, wrapped around a stick, grilled, and topped with sugar and walnut mixture.

DRINKS

Pilsner Urquell · Plzeňský Prazdroj
The world's first pale lager, originating from the city of Pilsen, known for its crisp, refreshing taste.

Becherovka
A traditional Czech herbal liqueur with a distinctive bitter-sweet taste, often enjoyed as a digestif.

Kofola
A popular Czech herbal cola-like soft drink, often described as having a unique, slightly medicinal flavor.

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Safety & health

Třeboň is a small, low-crime town, and violent crime against tourists is essentially unheard of. The usual precautions apply: keep an eye on bags and bikes during busy summer weekends and the autumn harvest season, when day-trippers fill the old town.

A pharmacy and small hospital serve the town; for anything serious, the nearest larger hospital is in České Budějovice.

History

Třeboň grew up around a river crossing and received town rights in the 14th century. The powerful Rosenberg family, based nearby, turned the surrounding wetlands into a vast network of fish ponds starting in the 16th century. Their engineer, Jakub Krčín, enlarged Svět Pond and built up Rožmberk Pond into the largest pond in the country, along with a long gravity-fed canal that still helps feed the system today.

Petr Vok, the last of the Rosenbergs, moved his court and family archive to Třeboň Chateau and died there in 1611. The Schwarzenberg family inherited the estate soon after and held it until 1945, later building the neo-Gothic Schwarzenberg Tomb as their family burial place. The town's medieval gates and the Augustinian Monastery, founded by the Rosenbergs in 1367, survived largely because Třeboň stayed a quiet backwater rather than industrializing.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for the Czech Republic at a glance:

CURRENCY

CZK Kč

EMERGENCY

112

ELECTRICITY



Type C / Type E
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES

Czech

TAP WATER

Safe to drink

Třeboň Essentials

Třeboň is a historic town centered around a massive Renaissance chateau and a unique system of medieval fishponds. This selection features the neo-Gothic Schwarzenberg Tomb, the 14th-century Augustinian monastery, and the town's preserved fortifications, including the Budějovice and Novohradské gates. The surrounding Třeboňsko Protected Landscape Area offers a network of cycling paths through a man-made wetland ecosystem, anchored by Rožmberk, the largest fishpond in the Czech Republic, and the scenic Svět pond.





A Třeboň Chateau

One of the largest chateau structures in the country. Explore over 100 beautifully decorated, luxurious rooms and halls.

Zámek 115, 379 01 Třeboň, Czech Republic
(49.00328, 14.76944)

zamek-trebon.cz, +420 384 721 193



B Schwarzenberg Tomb

A monumental neo-Gothic tomb built between 1874 and 1877. It serves as the final resting place for 26 members of the Schwarzenberg family and is located within a landscaped English park near the banks of Svět pond.

(Unnamed Road), 37901, Czech Republic
(48.99394, 14.76562)

schwarzenberska-hrobka.cz, +420384722683



C Svět Pond

A 215-hectare fishpond established in the 16th century by Jakub Krčín. The 49th parallel north passes through its dam, and a 12-kilometer educational trail circles its perimeter, starting just south of the main square.

37901, Czech Republic (48.99467, 14.75131)



D Rožmberk Pond

Rožmberk is a fish pond in the South Bohemian Region of the Czech Republic, next to the town Třeboň.

37901, Czech Republic (49.04209, 14.77570)



E Regent Brewery

One of the oldest breweries in the world, founded in 1379. The complex features traditional brewing technology and offers guided tours of the historic cellars and production facilities.

(49.00226, 14.77175)

pivovar-regent.cz, +420384721319



F Augustinian Monastery

A Gothic monastery complex founded in 1367 by the Rožmberk family. It includes the Church of St. Giles and a preserved cloister featuring rare 14th-century murals and Gothic architecture.

klášterní nádvoří, 379 01 Třeboň, Czechia (49.00536, 14.76899)



G Třeboňsko Protected Landscape Area

Picturesque, open countrysides with beautiful horizons and a number of lovely ponds. Perfect for cycling enthusiasts.

37901, Czech Republic (49.02256, 14.77009)

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H Novohradská Gate

A 16th-century Renaissance city gate located on the southern side of the historic center. It features a characteristic sgraffito facade and provides access to the town from the direction of Nové Hrady.

123 Trocnovské náměstí, Třeboň 37901, Czech Republic (49.00204, 14.77118)



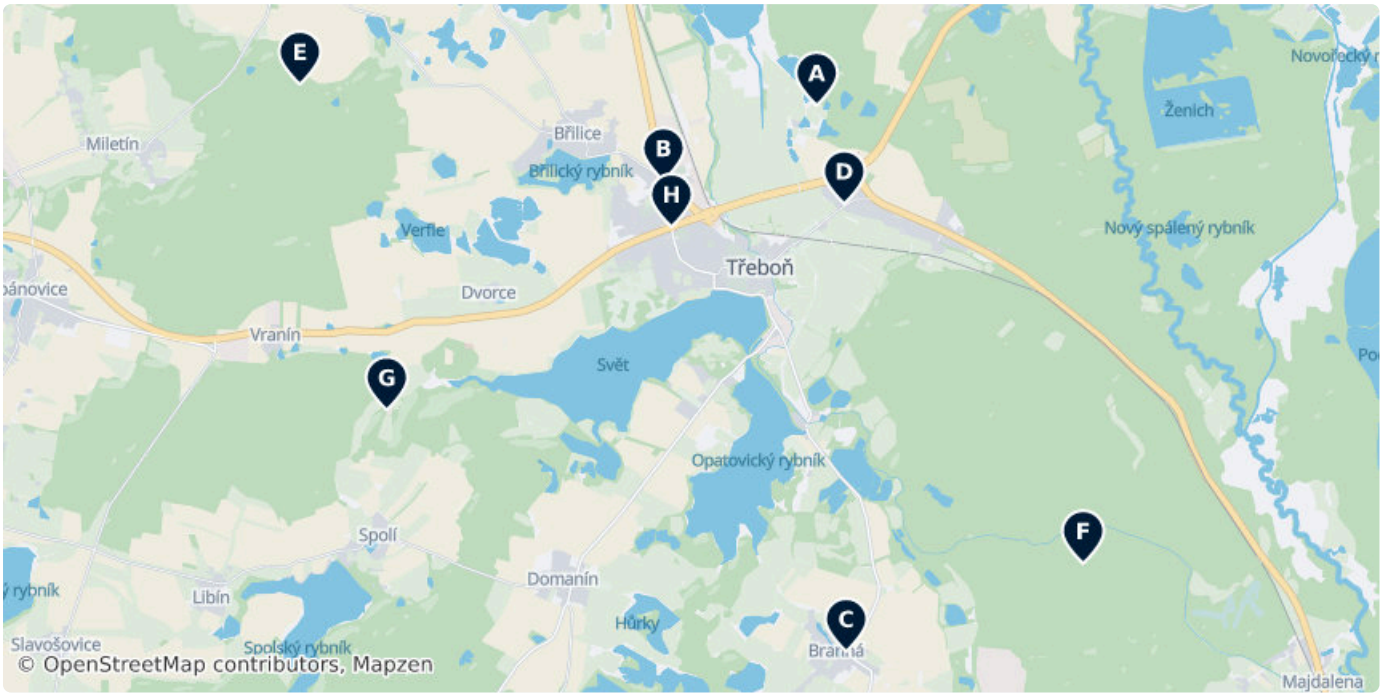
I Budějovická Gate

Built in the early 17th century, this western city gate is part of the town's original fortification system. It connects the historic center with the suburbs leading toward České Budějovice.

125 Husova, Třeboň 37901, Czech Republic (49.00463, 14.76873)

Hidden Chapels and Art

Beyond the historic town center, the Třeboň landscape is dotted with small-scale sacral architecture and local art. This collection features secluded chapels dedicated to St. Vitus and St. John of Nepomuk, often situated near the region's historic pond systems like Opatovický. Highlights include a 19th-century brick shrine near Břilice and the "Třeboň Carp" sculpture, which reflects the town's centuries-old pond-farming tradition. These sites offer a glimpse into the rural religious history and cultural identity of South Bohemia.



A svatý Vít

Small Catholic chapel situated on the banks of the Opatovický pond, serving as a landmark along the recreational path toward the Pergola area.

246 U svatého Víta, 37901, Czech Republic (49.02113, 14.78055)

B Kaple Sv. Trojice

Historic chapel dedicated to the Holy Trinity, located south of the town center near the Golden Canal. It is a typical example of rural religious architecture in the region.

291 Nádražní, Třeboň 37901, Czech Republic (49.01325, 14.75608)

C Panna Marie

Secluded woodland chapel dedicated to the Virgin Mary, located in the quiet landscape near the village of Branná.

38, Branná 37901, Czech Republic (48.96394, 14.78525)

D svatý Jan Nepomucký

Small chapel dedicated to the patron saint of water, located near the Opatovický pond dam.

374 Pod Kopečkem, Na Kopečku 37901, Czech Republic (49.01083, 14.78495)

E kaple sv. Kříže

Rural chapel of the Holy Cross located in the fields between Třeboň and Břilice.

37901, Czech Republic (49.02335, 14.69801)

F Kaplička sv.Huberta

Small shrine dedicated to St. Hubert, the patron saint of hunters, located in the forested landscape near the Starý Hospodář pond.

37803, Czech Republic (48.97317, 14.82309)

G Kaplička 1882

Brick roadside shrine dating from 1882, located on the outskirts of Břilice.

33, 37901, Czech Republic (48.98924, 14.71189)

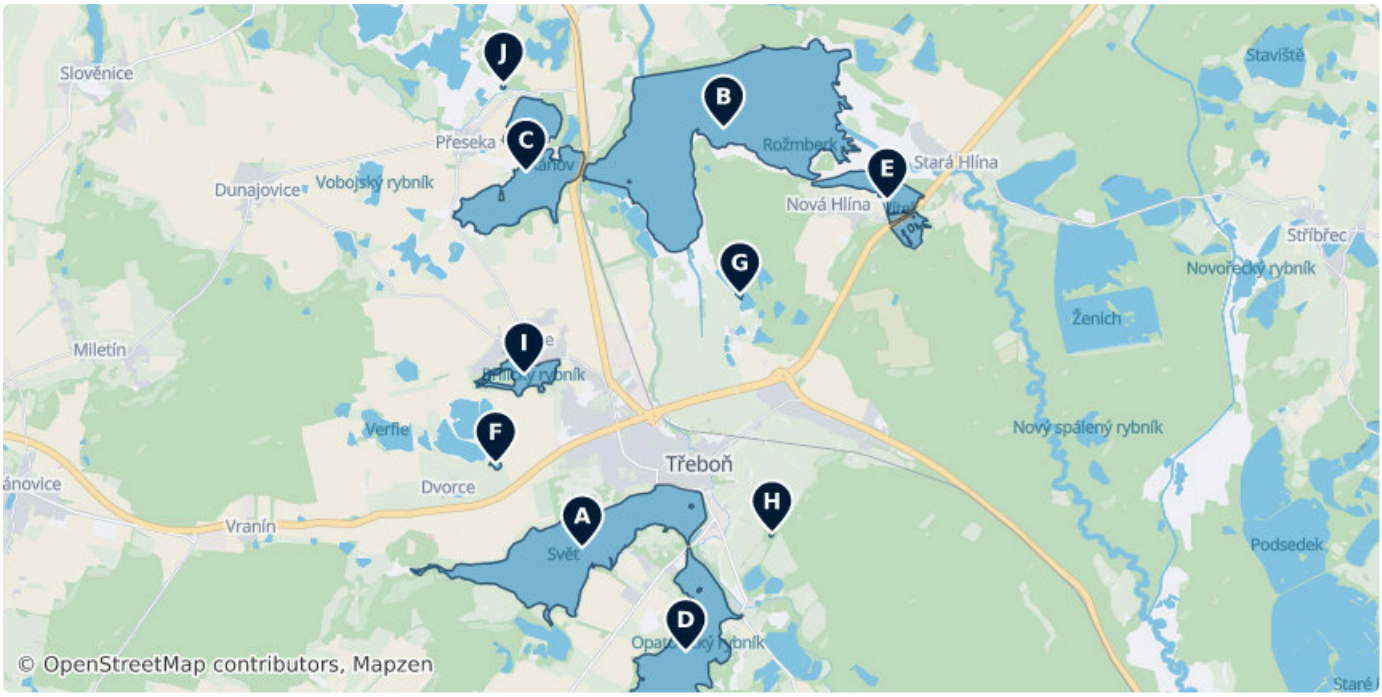
H Třeboňský kapr

Stone sculpture of a carp, symbolizing the town's long-standing tradition of pond aquaculture and fish farming.

(49.00841, 14.75736)

Třeboň Fish Ponds

The Třeboň fish pond system is a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and a masterpiece of 16th-century landscape engineering. Developed primarily by Jakub Krčín and Štěpánek Netolický, these artificial lakes are interconnected by the Golden Canal (Zlatá stoka), a complex water management network. The system includes Rožmberk, the largest pond in the Czech Republic, and Svět, which sits directly on the 49th parallel. These waters support centuries-old carp farming traditions and provide critical habitats for migratory birds.





A Svět Pond

Constructed by Jakub Krčín between 1571 and 1574, this 215-hectare pond sits on the 49th parallel. It features a 12-kilometer educational trail and is located just south of Třeboň's historic center.

37901, Czech Republic (48.99467, 14.75131)



B Rožmberk Pond

Rožmberk is a fish pond in the South Bohemian Region of the Czech Republic, next to the town Třeboň.

37901, Czech Republic (49.04209, 14.77570)

C Káňov

A large fish pond located north of Třeboň, integrated into the 16th-century Golden Canal water management system.

37901, Czech Republic (49.03717, 14.74162)

D Opatovický rybník

One of the region's oldest ponds, dating to the 14th century. It is separated from Svět pond by a historic dam and features the Opatovice mill.

37901, Czech Republic (48.98294, 14.76916)

E Vítek

Fish pond near Nová Hlína known for the historic 18th-century stone bridge with five arches that spans its narrowest point.

37901, Czech Republic (49.03397, 14.80390)

F Tisý u Břilic

A reservoir and fish pond situated west of Třeboň near the village of Břilice.

37901, Czech Republic (49.00416, 14.73637)

G Malý Vítek

A smaller pond connected to the larger Vítek pond system near the village of Nová Hlína.

37901, Czech Republic (49.02332, 14.77847)

H Hrádeček

A fish pond located on the eastern outskirts of Třeboň, part of the local aquaculture network.

(Unnamed Road), 37901, Czech Republic (48.99633, 14.78404)

I Břilický rybník

A traditional fish pond located near Břilice, used for local carp farming.

37901, Czech Republic (49.01427, 14.74124)

J Vydýmač u Přeseky

A small pond and reservoir located near the village of Přeseka, north of Třeboň.

37901, Czech Republic (49.04711, 14.73771)

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