



We will set out from Nový Jičín to the destination of our trip, to Hostašovice.

Hostašovice is the southernmost part of the region of Nový Jičín. The area of the village belongs to Podbeskydská Upland; the southern part of it belongs to Moravian Beskydy. The village is situated in a valley between the mountains at the edge of Moravian Gate.

In the village area we will find several important buildings worth our visit. Among church sights it is mainly a chapel built in 1850, consecrated to St. Cyril and Method, in front of which an annual pilgrimage holy mass is conducted on 5 July. After this holy mass the „Day of the Village“ with a rich culture programme is regularly organized.

In front of the chapel in the beautiful and tidy village square, there is a stone cross dating back to 1876. In the area of the village there is the main European watershed. Water from the Hrázkový Brook, Zrzávka and the White Brook flows off to the Baltic Sea, the Srní Brook and the Široká Brook, on the other hand, drain water away in the direction of the Black Sea. The barn at house No. 23 is a curiosity because water flows off from each opposite side of its roof into another sea.

A very interesting nature monument, declared in 1993, is the spring of the Zrzávka River in Domoraz

Saddle. A remarkable thing about it is that a totally different mineral water rises from two springs only two meters far from each other. The first spring is sulphurous, called fittingly „Smradlavka“ (Stinking Spring), the second spring is iron-bearing and got its name after its colouring Zrzávka (Red Spring). This nature monument has an area of 0.47 ha and is situated at a height of 400 m above sea level.

In the south direction from the Zrzávka Springs, the nature monument of Domoraz Meadows is situated; protected orchids can be found here. On the adjacent wetland meadows several specially protected plant species grow, e.g. *Dactylorhiza majalis*. In the nearby woods there are numerous small lakes and springs. In the past the woods used to be a refuge for thieves and robbers, especially of Šimák, Bartoš, and Jura Bartůšek, who was executed in Nový Jičín.

Another unique object of interest is the Jaštěrka Spring on Trojačka Hill. After a couple of meters the spring divides into two branches, each of which drains water away into a different sea. This interesting geographical phenomenon is called „bifurcation“. Hostašovice area, two thirds of which are covered by woods, tempts the visitors to go for interesting walks or bicycle rides along the wood paths in an excellent state of repair.

# The Trip of Nový Jičín Hostašovice

