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## Back in the good old days

### Seidel, Schiele, the synagogue, and other lesser-known sites

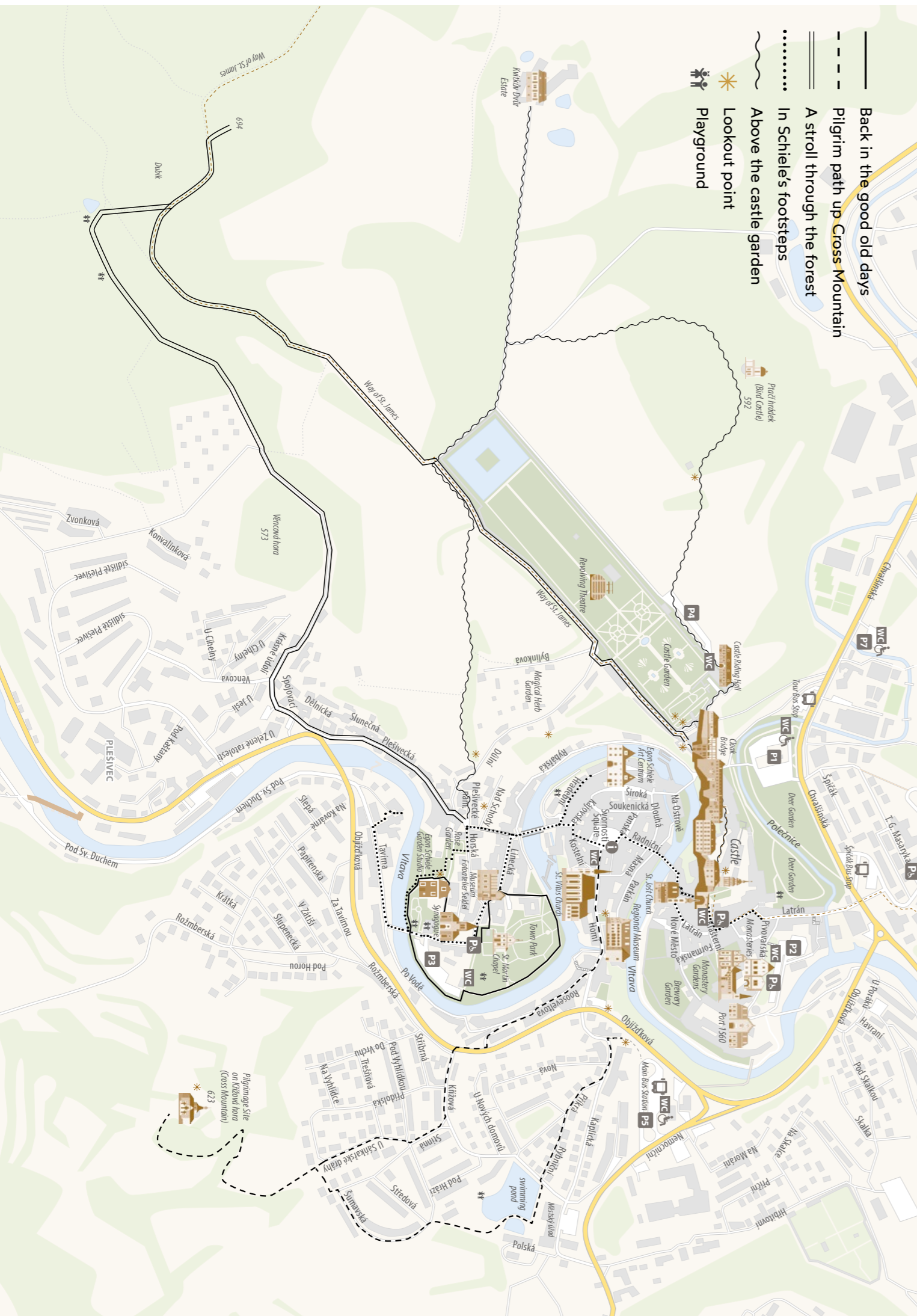
In contrast to the historic centre, the southern meander of the Vltava River offers a peaceful atmosphere, sufficient space to rest and relax in the greenery, and sights associated with the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Start your walk at the Museum Fotoatelier Seidel and get acquainted with the work of Český Krumlov's greatest photographers, father and son Seidel, whose photos make up a chronicle of the town and region at the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Then walk through the Town Park and the children's traffic playground along the Vltava River to the charming Egon Schiele Garden Studio.

Climb the terraces above Schiele's house into the rose garden and head to the synagogue. This pearl of Art Nouveau architecture in Český Krumlov was built in 1909 and today hosts cultural and social events. You can return to the town centre along one of the many paths in the Town Park.

*Tip: The Egon Schiele Garden Studio is open in the summer and offers a glimpse into where the famous painter lived and worked in 1911. Enjoy a coffee or a glass of wine on the terrace or in the sun loungers, or even take a swim in the river. A small changing booth and a luxurious green area with plenty of space for sunbathing are also at your disposal.*

- 1.2 km
- mild
- asphalt, pavement, stairs, gravel paths



# Pilgrim path up Cross Mountain

## Hike to Cross Mountain and back to the centre via Upper Gate

The walk leads to a Baroque pilgrimage site on Křížová hora (Cross Mountain), a spiritual site with strong energy and romantic views of the surrounding area.

Go uphill from the square, up Horní Street, Roosevelt and Křížová Streets, where you'll encounter the first of the six niche chapels (1750–1755) that make up the Stations of the Cross – the Seven Stations of the Sorrows of the Virgin Mary. The seventh and last stop is the chapel of Our Lady of Sorrows and the Holy Cross from 1710, located on the top of Křížová hora and surrounded by an octagonal ambulatory with arcades. It is open to the public on weekends and holidays. Your reward for climbing the hill is also a beautiful view of Český Krumlov and Blanský Forest with Kleť Mountain.

Return to town via the red trail through the Horní Brána (Upper Gate) district. In the summer you can enjoy swimming in the pond, and there is also a children's playground with a climbing wall, plus volleyball and beach volleyball courts. From the pond, continue between the early 20<sup>th</sup> century villas typical of the Horní Brána neighbourhood.

*Tip: On the way from Horní Brána, make a small detour on Kaplická Street to the lookout above the bus station and enjoy one of the best views of the town centre and the castle.*

3.4 km  
mild to moderate  
asphalt, pavement, dirt road



# In Schiele's footsteps

## Places associated with Egon Schiele and his time in Český Krumlov


Český Krumlov has inspired generations of artists. It was probably the Austrian painter Egon Schiele (1890–1918) who made its quaint streets and corners most famous.

Start in the Egon Schiele Art Centrum and gain inspiration at the exhibition on Schiele's work and life. The walk leads then to the garden house where he moved in 1911 with his companion Wally, and to Tavrína, where he drew the terraced houses on the opposite bank of the Vltava River. Schiele lived at 133 Masná Street in 1910, and his mother's family home can be found a street away, at 111 Parkán Street. He frequented Café Fink in Latrán (today a pizzeria) and stayed in the hotels U Města Vidně (today Bellevue) and U Zlatého Anděla (now Zlatý Anděl).

Many of Schiele's Krumlov paintings are inspired by the views from the castle tower or other lookouts. However, Schiele did not seek to capture the town's outer appearance, but rather its mysterious and fascinating atmosphere.

*Interesting fact: In the spring of 1911, Schiele left Vienna for Český Krumlov with the serious intention of settling here permanently. The locals, however, were shocked by his liberal lifestyle and especially by his nude drawings of local girls. At the beginning of August, he was forced to leave the town, returning afterwards only for short stays.*

4.3 km  
mild  
asphalt, pavement, stairs, gravel paths



# A stroll through the forest

## Fun and exploration on Dubík Hill with a return through the Plešivec neighbourhood


It's only a few kilometres from the town centre to the forest in Dubík, where you can keep yourself and your kids entertained for half a day on the educational and playful trail, the playgrounds, and in the forest outdoor gym.

The walk first leads past the castle garden and along the blue hiking trail to the top of Dubík Hill. Then you'll descend to a pond, meeting the signs of the Dubík Nature Trail along the way. It has a total length of 2 km and is full of interactive elements. Around the pond, you reach a playground and an outdoor gym. You can extend your walk by exploring another nature trail featuring regional bird species.

Return to the town downhill through the little-travelled Krásné Údolí Street and the suburb of Plešivec. The name for the Plešivec neighbourhood is derived from the name for a bare, unforested hill, as this was its original appearance. Plešivecká Street takes you to the square of the same name, from there you go down the stairs and continue on to the centre.

*Interesting fact: In the part from the castle to Dubík Hill, you'll walk along the Way of St. James leading to Santiago de Compostela. It passes through the South Bohemian Region for a total length of 213 km up to the border with Austria.*

5.1 km  
mild to moderate  
asphalt, pavement, stairs, dirt and forest paths



# Above the castle garden

## Through the castle courtyards and garden to the Bird Castle and Kvítkův Dvůr

This walk leads to lesser-known places historically tied to the Český Krumlov Castle. Start with a walk through the castle courtyards and then go around or through the castle garden (open April–October) towards Ptačí hrádek (Bird Castle). On the way, you can enjoy unusual views of Krumlov and the Blanský Forest. Ptačí hrádek, originally a memorial in honour of Charles I Philip of Schwarzenberg, who commanded the victorious troops in the Battle of Leipzig against Napoleon in 1813, is now privately owned and is only visible from the outside. You then follow the green trail past the remains of an irrigation tank which was used in the 18<sup>th</sup> century to pump water and supply the fountains in the castle garden.

To reach Kvítkův Dvůr, you'll walk through an avenue of monumental trees from the early 18<sup>th</sup> century. The farmhouse itself was built in the 13<sup>th</sup>–14<sup>th</sup> centuries and its current appearance comes from a mid-18<sup>th</sup> century reconstruction. Tours of the building, offered by its owner, include unique Rococo interiors. From Kvítkův Dvůr, return to the castle garden and then along a dirt road lined with chapels towards the Plešivec Square and the town centre.

*Tip: In the summer, include a visit to the Magical Herb Garden on Bylinková Street near the castle garden. This is perfect for those who love medicinal herbs or for anyone who just wants to sit and relax in the fragrant greenery.*

4.6 km  
mild to moderate  
asphalt, pavement, stairs, dirt and gravel roads

