

The Game Reserve Hvězda (Obora Hvězda)

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Summer Palace Hvězda

The Summer Palace Hvzda was built by Ferdinand of Tyrol the Emperor's governor to Bohemia (the second son of the Game Reserve founder Ferdinand I Habsburg) according to his own project design in the form of six-point star and in June 1555 he, in person, dug the hole for its cornerstone. The Summer Palace construction was completed in autumn 1556. The Summer Palace is a Renaissance building of 40 metres in diameter. On the ground floor there is a central hall surrounded by five rooms in the points and with abundant ornaments and other beautifying on its ceiling. At the first floor there are former residential rooms and at the second floor there is a former banquet hall. The roof used to be originally higher topped with a small tower bearing a gold plated star. During the Prague siege in 1648 the roof was clad with copper, which was then very precious, and thus the Swedes dismantled and stole it. The current flatter resemblance of the roof originates from the time of Emperor Joseph II.

In 1986 through 2000 the Summer Palace underwent capital reconstruction and in May 2000 it was opened to the public again after the fourteen-year break. In 2005 the renewal of the floorscape in front of the Summer Palace was finished. In the Summer Palace areas there is a permanent exhibition of "The past and the present - construction development of the Summer Palace since its founding till present days". In the basement there is a model of the Battle at Bílá Hora (White Mountain) installed.

Opening hours of the Summer Palace Hvězda (2007):

from May to September: 10:00 - 18:00 o'clock (open daily, closed on Mondays)

April, October: 10:00 - 17:00 o'clock (open daily, closed on Mondays)

Admission (in 2005) - 30 CZK; children, pensioners, students - 15 CZK; children under the age of 6 - free of charge

Lake Hvězda

In May 2005 a new lake was constructed in the Game Reserve Hvzda, which is not merely a place of pleasant stay in nature, yet the locality history is also interesting. The lake development project was created on the basis of a historical study on the territory, which discovered that in the Game Reserve there were several water bodies, which were created and vanished again over times. The present lake is located on the place of its predecessor that vanished in the course of 17 th century. Before the reconstruction was launched remnants of the original dam were still visible. The lake is fed by water from a creek having its head in the Spring Svtluška (Firefly). Downstream the spring there is a new distributing structure built, which provides for the uniform supply of water into the lake as well as into the existing growth of alders and wetland where a number of rare animals and plants occur. This territory was proposed to become a part of Natura 2000, the system of localities of natural value. The Svtluška (Firefly) Creek, which is the water source to the lake, is from 90 % fed by water from underground shafts and tunnels and therefore the lake shall be one of the cleanest water bodies in Prague