

LEGEND

- parking, parking area
- bus stop
- train tation
- petrol station
- public toilets
- ATM
- pub / bar
- cafe / pastry shop
- restaurant / bistro
- food / convenience store
- post
- doctor
- dentist
- pharmacy
- police
- playground
- goat minizoo
- viewpoint
- small scene, amphitheater
- paddling camp
- starting tourist signpost

WALKING ROUTES

Svatoš rocks

Length 6.5km / ⌚ 1.5 hours

Accessible for pedestrians, cyclists, paddlers. National Nature Monument Jan Svatoš (since 2007). A granite rock town called after the local legend Petrified Wedding Parade. Since the 19th century a popular tourist destination. There are 2 restaurants, a hanging wooden footbridge and a natural family ground Children's Paradise.

Loket viewpoints

Length 1.2km / ⌚ 30 min.

Forest trail above the road with three observation points. From the gazebos and open viewpoint you can see the breathtaking panorama of the town. A memorial tablet is placed on the rock in honor of the scientist and archaeologist Anton Gnirs and his daughter Anna.

Romantic walk along the Ohře River

Length 1km / ⌚ 20 min.

A romantic trail leads from the amphitheater along the right bank of the Ohře River. The route is broken through the the Kolowrat Rock (1819). A striped piglet by the locals called Zepras peeks over the entrance. The walkway is a popular view of the town. You can cross the river to Zahradní Street via the rocking bridge and from there you can ascend back to the square at several points of the city fortifications.

Pointed Stone and Gallows hill

Length 3km / ⌚ 45 min.

The walking circuit with nice views of the town leads along the forest path from the place where the church of St. John the Baptist and cemetery were. After a relatively steep climb (500m) you will reach a rock formation with an iron cross, called the Pointed Stone. The ascent continues up to Gallows Hill, where the gallows used to stand still in the 18th century. Around the transmitter you can walk to the motocross area and from there on the pavement back to the town.

Culture hints:



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THE LOKET CASTLE

Originally a Romanesque royal castle was founded in the 3rd quarter of the 12th century during the reign of King Vladislav II probably as a foothold of royal power. Since then underwent a number of construction work. In the second half of the 15th century and the beginning of the 16th century the austere castle architecture changed into a representative family residence built in the spirit of late Gothic and the emerging Renaissance. Since 1602 when the town became the owner of the castle its decline began. In 1797–1822 it was rebuilt into a state prison (in operation until 1948). Since 1992 the castle has been the property of the town Loket. The castle offers a visitor circuit which can be completed individually or with a guide. In individual exhibitions placed in 7 castle buildings you can see exhibits from the so-called Loket collections (furniture, wooden sculptures, paintings, porcelain, mineral collections, weapons, tin items, etc.). An impressive exposition of torture is installed in the dungeons area.

attractions:

- The Romanesque rotunda from the first half of the 12th century with an inner diameter of 3.5m and a height of 6.5m.
- The part (14kg) of the oldest known Czech meteorite (The Cursed Burgrave) which allegedly landed in the courtyard of the castle in 1422.
- Interactive nature trail for school children "Flight through the Charles World".

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📍 Hrad Loket

Opening hours:

- daily, last entry 30 minutes before closing time
- XI.–III. 9 am – 4 pm
 - IV.–V. / IX.–X. 9 am – 5 pm
 - VI.–VIII. 9 am – 6:30 pm

Admission: with text / guide in a foreign language

- Adults: 110 CZK / 170 CZK
- Children, students, seniors, disabled: 90 CZK / 140 CZK
- Family admission: 330 CZK / 420 CZK
- Children under 6 years of age, handicapped + 1 accompanist : free



CHURCH OF ST. VÁCLAV

The Baroque Roman Catholic parish church was built on the site of the original Gothic church in 1701–1734 according to the project of the builder Wolfgang Braunbock of Teplá. The restoration of the interior is currently underway. The church is administered by the Knights of the Cross with the Red Star.

attractions:

- Sculptural decoration of the interior - the main column altar with statues and a pulpit by Jakub Eberle.
- A painted antependium from 1744 with the theme of Gloria of the Holy Trinity by Eliáš Dollhopf is placed on the altar stone.
- The interior features an unusual monument to the fallen in World War I a memorial painting by Walter Ditz from 1923.



BLACK TOWER

Originally defensive prismatic tower of the town's fortification system. It is located near the former main city gate which was part of the fortress the so-called The Lower Castle. Its defensive function is evidenced by narrow windows (loopholes). The turret apartment was later set up on the top floor to guard the city against frequent fires or other dangers. Today it offers visitors a nice view of the city and the castle. There is an exposition of historical crafts, seals of the Loket guilds, apprenticeship certificates, guild books and orders.

attractions:

- The entrance to the tower is located at the middle of its height (proof of the defense function of the tower).
- The total height of the tower is 32 meters from the street to the top floor you climb up 25 stone and 78 wooden stairs.

opening hours: daily

- V.–IX. 11 am – 5 pm
- VI.–VIII. 11 am – 7 pm
- X.–IV. closed

free admission



TOWN HALL

The two-storey Early Baroque building with a tower was built between 1682–1687 according to the design by architect Abraham Leuthner. Barrel vaulted ceilings have been preserved on the ground floor. In the years 1953–1967 the district archive was located here. After extensive reconstruction in the 1980s it is the seat of the municipality.

attractions:

- Stone emblem of the town above the entrance under the main cornice from 1686 by stonemason Andreas Zeidler of Teplá polychrome by Bečov painter Christian Leibelt.
- On the ground floor of the town hall there is a municipal library with a unique exhibition of artistic bookbinding.



ALTAN – WEYROTHER VIEW

The romantic pavilion on the outcrop of the castle rock was built in 1812 in anticipation of the imperial visit as part of a walk route below the castle along the banks of the Ohře River. It was named after the former regional governor. It is a small building on a hexagonal ground plan covered with a pyramid roof. In the summer season it is open to the public.



COLUMN WITH THE STATUE OF THE HOLY TRINITY

The triangular High Baroque column is one of the most important sculptures in West Bohemia and a distinctive artistic dominant of the square. In 1717–1719 it was commissioned by the city as a thank you for averting the plague. The sculptor is Johann Karl Stilp from Cheb. On the triangular pedestal stands statues of St. Wenceslas, St. Florian, St. John the Baptist, Immaculata, St. John of Nepomuk and St. Sebastian. There are three sculptures on the molded ledge; Archangels Michael, Rafael and Gabriel. At the top of the triangular pillar is a sculpture of the Holy Trinity with a cross and a star.



URBAN FORTIFICATION

The city fortification is a proof to the importance of the city in the Middle Ages. Fortification system had been built since the 13th century but fully developed especially in the 14th century. In the 17th century the fortification was extended by Baroque bastions. The walls encircled the entire city. Today's form of fortifications consists of fragments of walls, Robič Tower and Black Tower and 5 bastions equipped with glazed windows. Since the second half of the 19th century parts of the walls were sold to the owners of neighboring houses or possibly demolished. The fortification was restored in the 1970s. Only in 1990–2000 the preserved parts of the fortification were repaired and this unique fortification system is freely accessible to the public.

attractions:

- The height of the original walls is not known. From older images it is estimated that in places it was up to 5 meters the wall width was approximately 1.5 meters.
- On the ramparts of the city fortifications you will find a freely accessible Gallery on the City Walls with a permanent installation of a presentation of works of art by contemporary artists and photographers.



THE ROBIČ TOWER

The quarry stone building is located in the southern part of the fortification where it connected the town with a suburb of the same name. A peculiarity of the tower is on the consoles placed historical stone toilet on the top floor of the tower. The building is not open to the public.



THE SCHWARZENBERG VIEW

Also called Goethe's Pavilion was built in 1823 on the southern wall of the city wall belonging to the hotel At the White Horse. The wooden porch with its decorative carved railing was the site of the 74th birthday of the German poet J. W. Goethe and his fateful encounter with young Ulrika von Lewetzov. You can sit on the veranda with a great coffee and enjoy the view of the surrounding hillsides the river and the buildings under the walls.



J. W. GOETHE STATUE

In the small park near the elementary school there is a statue of J. W. Goethe, created in 1932 by sculptor Willy Russ from Krásno on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the death of a great German poet.



THE AMPHITEATER

Set in the romantic setting of the park below the castle of Loket the Natural Theater opened its first cultural season on July 2, 1949 with Antonín Dvořák's opera Rusalka. Until 1964 when the theater was closed due to declining attendance and lack of maintenance funds thousands of spectators attended the performance. The amphitheater was restored only after 1990 and today it hosts concerts of classical and contemporary music and operas, theater and film performances and other cultural events during the summer season.



THE TOWN COURT

The building was opened in 1895 for cultural and educational purposes. It combined the functions of the boarding school of the local school and the socio-cultural facility. After World War II the National Committee was located here. The building includes an entrance hall and a main hall with a stage. The building lived in the early 1990s rich cultural life after privatization into private property decayed for many years. In 2002 it was returned to municipality Loket. In 2015 the hall was declared an immovable cultural monument and the building is currently being reconstructed so that it can become again a dignified cultural and social center of the city after almost 30 years.



THE LEYN COLUMN

On the ground at the steps of the castle stands the calvary from 1679 decorated with monograms, the emblem of the cloth guild and the name of the donor Andreas Leyn.



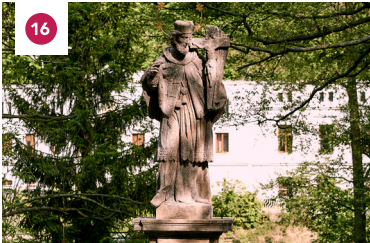
BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER OHŘE

The reinforced concrete bridge replaced the original chain bridge from 1836. It was built in 1934–1936 according to a design by architect Adolf Benš.



THE HOUSE NO. 18

The massive three-storey house with high gables in romantic style was created in 1898 by Austrian architect Gerhard Reitmayer for the city savings bank. But it never settled here the original purpose is reminded only of the initials ES (Elbogener Sparkasse) and entrance and bee in the gable extension. In a contemporary building suitable as a boarding school and school canteen.



ST. JOHN OF NEPOMUK SCULPTURE

The Baroque sandstone sculpture from 1734 was originally placed on the central pillar of the Jánský Bridge over the river Ohře. During the construction of the new concrete bridge it was moved on the right side of the dispatch to the old bridge.



CHAPEL OF ST. ANNA

The baroque chapel situated on a driveway from Karlovy Vary was built in 1744 as an acknowledgement for the fact that in 1742 the town was saved from looting by the French soldiery.



THEODOR KÖRNER MEMORIAL TABLET

Since 1903 a memorial tablet with the bronze relief of Theodor Körner (1791–1813) by sculptor Carl Friedrich Echtermeyer has been placed on the rock wall below the castle. It commemorates the stay of a German poet in Loket in 1812.



CHAPEL OF OUR LADY

At the crossroads of the Lužná and Sports streets was built in 1725 a chapel dedicated to the Virgin Mary after devastating fire of town. The statuette is placed on the gable. In the oval niche is a relief depicting a burning heart with a halo a symbol of the Heart of Jesus.



LOCAL LIBRARY AND EXHIBITIONS OF ART BOOKBINDING

T. G. Masaryka 1 (ground floor of town hall)
+420 352 684 229 / knihovna@mkloket.cz
www.mkloket.cz / 📍 Městská knihovna Loket

admission to the exposition: free of charge for individuals, group tour with commentary 20, – / person

opening hours:

- Mon 10: 00–17: 00
- Tue – Thu 12: 00–17: 00
- Fri closed
- Sat – Sun 10: 00–12: 00/13: 00–17: 00
- During main holidays (VII–VIII), operating hours is different

The unique exhibition has been a part of the library since 2008. The world-famous Czech art bookbinders Jan and Jarmila Sobota were invited to create it. Bookbinding and objects of Czech and foreign bookbinders are represented. The collection is constantly expanding. A specific part of the exhibition consists of restored historical bookbinding. Part of the exhibition is a bookbinding workshop with an exhibition of tools and instruments used in the production of bookbinding. All exhibits are fully functional and are used in bookbinding workshops.



GALLERY ON THE RAMPARTS

Občanské sdružení 456
os456@seznam.cz
www.os456.cz/galerie-na-hradbach
📍 Občanské sdružení 456
free admission

Permanent presentation of works of art by contemporary artists and photographers located on the ramparts of the city fortifications. The exhibition is accessible from several places - entrances to the fortifications can be found at the bridge (in front of the Emperor Ferdinand Hotel), from Sobotova Street, from Týršovo Square, behind the hotel at the White Horse Hotel.

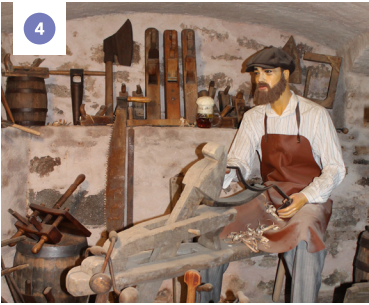


MUSEUM OF SPA CUPS

Sobotova 10
+420 352 327 100 / info@hotel-loket.cz
www.hotel-loket.cz/cz/ocneni

Opening hours: All year round daily 9 am – 5 pm
Admission: 50 CZK

The family collection of the Lojin family contains more than 3,000 cups from the second half of the 18th century to 1945 and is constantly being expanded. The founder of the collection was the well-known balneologist MUDr. Jaroslav Dolina from Karlovy Vary. It is the most comprehensive set of porcelain spa cups in the world intended for drinking mineral water from springs in Karlovy Vary. They are exhibited in five rooms with a total area of 480 m². Since 2011 the collection has been registered in the Czech version of the Guinness Book of Records.



MINIMUZEUM OF BREWERY

Sobotova 10
www.hotel-loket.cz/cz/pivovar
📍 Rodinný pivovar Sv. Florian
admission: free passage, free admission

The exhibition is a part of the family micro-brewery of St. Florian. It is located in Payer's house - one of the oldest houses in the city. The three rooms show the traditional production of barrels, malt processing, original bottling and also old machines used for bier production. The entrance to the exposition is directly from the brewery restaurant in the basement of the Císař Ferdinand hotel or from the brewery shop (Payer's House) on the square.



MUSEUM OF SECRET ASSOCIATIONS

T. G. Masaryka 115
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www.masonichouse.cz/cs/muzeum
Admission: adults 130 CZK / children 105 CZK

opening hours: VII.–VIII. daily 11 am – 6 pm / Wed closed IX.–VI. Sat – Sun Sat – Sun 10 am – 5 pm

The museum offers a collection of more than 700 exhibits of secret associations (Freemasons, Illuminati, Rosenkrucians, Skull and Bones and others). Rare ritual objects, including altar, personal belongings of members of the orders, valuable books, rank insignia and identification documents come mainly from Europe, America and Cuba. The collection collected for more than 50 years ranks among the world's unique.



ROPE PARK

Park is under the main bridge
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www.lanopark.cz
📍 Lanový park Loket

opening hours: V.–VI., XI.–X. Sat – Sun 1 pm – 5 pm VII.–VIII. Tue – Sun 10 am – 7 pm (Mon closed)
basic admission: small circuit 100 CZK / large circuit 170 CZK

Rope park in the trees. A total of 18 obstacles - cobweb, hanging sleepers, Himalayan and Burmese bridge, beam, net footbridge, vertical logs, descent cable car and more is installed at a height of 5 to 12 meters with a total length of almost 300 m.

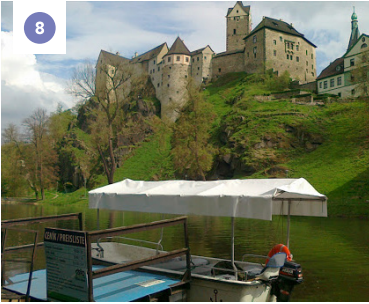


CAFÉ GALLERY

T. G. Masaryka 32
www.galerieloket.cz
📍 Galerie Cafe Loket
Contact: +420 728 260 043
free admission

opening hours: IX.–IV. After closed Tue – Fri 2 pm – 6 pm Sat – Sun 1 pm – 6 pm V. – VIII. After closed Tue – Sun 10 am – 6 pm

The family art café is connected to an art gallery and shop. It offers products by local and international artists. Temporary exhibitions of paintings and ceramic works of art are presented during the year as well as concerts and theater performances for young and adult audiences.



SIGHTSEEING CRUISE ON THE RIVER OHŘE

Dock under the main bridge
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opening hours: • V.–IX. Sat – Sun, public holidays 11am - 5pm • VII.-VIII. Tu – We and Fr – Su 1 pm – 5 pm

Admission: adults 50 CZK / children 25 CZK / family (2 + 2) 120 CZK

The cruise offers an extraordinary experience and a tour of the historic city from the deck. The cruise takes place only under favorable weather conditions and water level. It takes 25 minutes. Minimum number of passengers 5 persons / maximum number of 11 persons per circuit.