

Jistebsko, Jablonec nad Nisou dist., Liberec Region

Prehistoric stone quarry

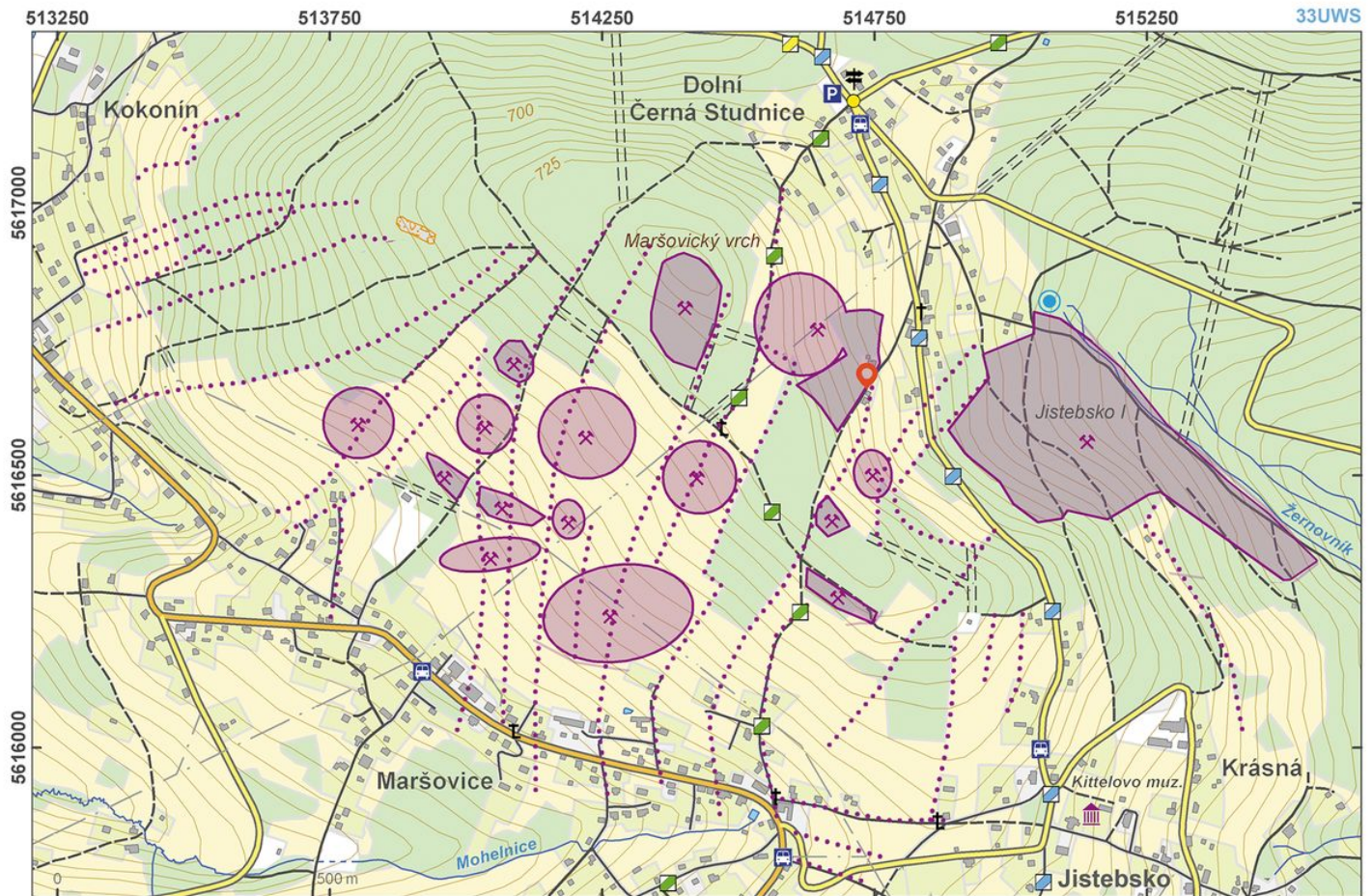
(5400–4800 BC)



An area of extraction of raw material (amphibolite) in the Neolithic. The rock was used for the production of stone axes, the main wood processing tools but also weapons and prestigious objects. Based on estimates, more than 1,500 tons of stone was extracted at the site over the course of 500 years to produce 1.5 to 3 million semi-finished products that were subsequently distributed over distances of hundreds of kilometres. The area comprises mining pits, processing precincts and omnipresent stones – mining and tool production waste. According to radiocarbon dating the mining activities may be dated to 5600-4860 BC.

References: Šída 2005, 2007; Prostředník – Šída 2010; Prostředník a kol. 2011; Šída a kol. 2013.

Navigation points: N 50°42'06.14", E 15°12'31.77".



Access map / site plan.

After Kuna et al. 2014.



Mining surface relicts.

Photo Z. Kačerová, 2014.



Former mining features.

Photo Z. Kačerová, 2014.



Traces of previous mining activities visible on the surface.

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Location of P. Šída's excavations.

Photo P. Šída, 2011.