

Předmostí, Přerov dist., Olomouc Region

Palaeolithic campsite

(100000 and 29000–26000 years ago)

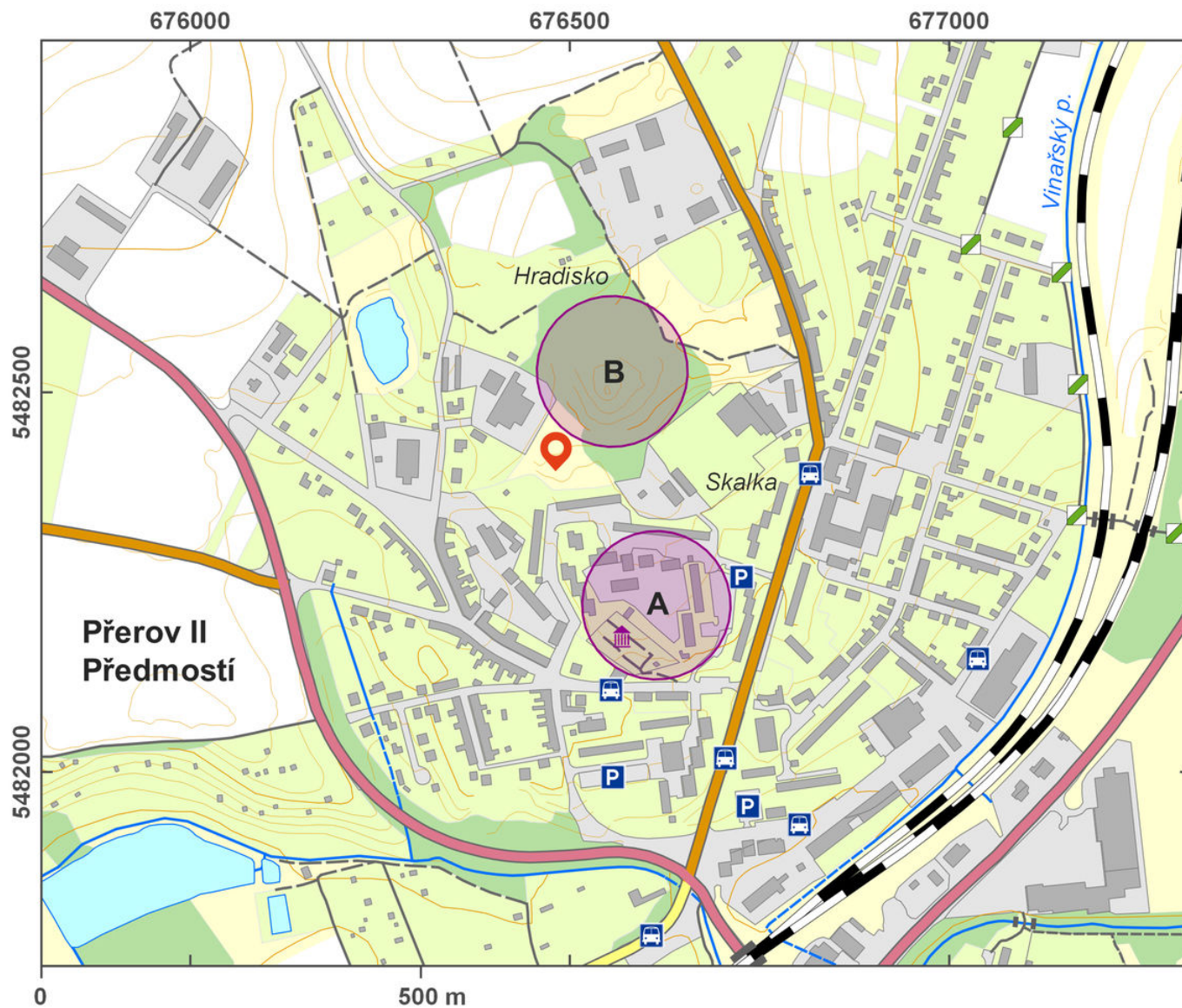


This world-famous Upper Palaeolithic site with settlements and burials, deposits of mammoth bones and finds of Palaeolithic art in the Skalka Field is one of the largest of its kind in Europe. The area has been known since the 2nd half of the 16th century, archaeological excavations have been undertaken since the end of the 19th century. Among the most important finds is an accumulation of mammoth bones, more than 20 human skeletons, a carving depicting a mammoth and a mammoth ivory with the geometric depiction of a woman. Thanks to loess extraction in the area, the section of a cultural layer was preserved, a part of which is now situated in the Mammoth Hunters' Memorial (Památník lovců mamutů). This long-term settlement falls into the Early Gravettian Period. The Neanderthal settlement of Předmostí was concentrated around the Hradisko Hill. Today, prefabricated housing occupies the Skalka Field; a graveyard lies in the south part next to the Mammoth Hunters' Memorial. Both sites are part of the 'Through Předmostí back to Prehistory' (Předmostím až do pravěku) educational trail.

References: Wankel 1884; Maška 1894; Peška – Plaček 2002; Svoboda 2006.
https://www.archeologickyatlas.cz/en/lokace/predmosti_pr_paleoliticka_stanice

Navigation point: N 49°28'00.83", E 17°26'13.88" (Musum of the Mammoth Hunters).

Map notes: A – Skalka mound; B – Hradisko mound.



Access map/site plan.

After Tomášek et al. 2015.



Camp of the mammoth hunters in Předmostí near Přerov, covered with modern prefabricated housing.
Photo Z. Schenk.



Ceremonial opening of the Mammoth Hunters' Memorial on 7 October 2006.
Photo J. Mikulík, 2006.