

## Bzí and Radkovice u Měčina, Plzeň-South dist. and Klatovy dist., Plzeň Region

Hill-top settlements of the Middle Eneolithic

(3100–2800 BC)

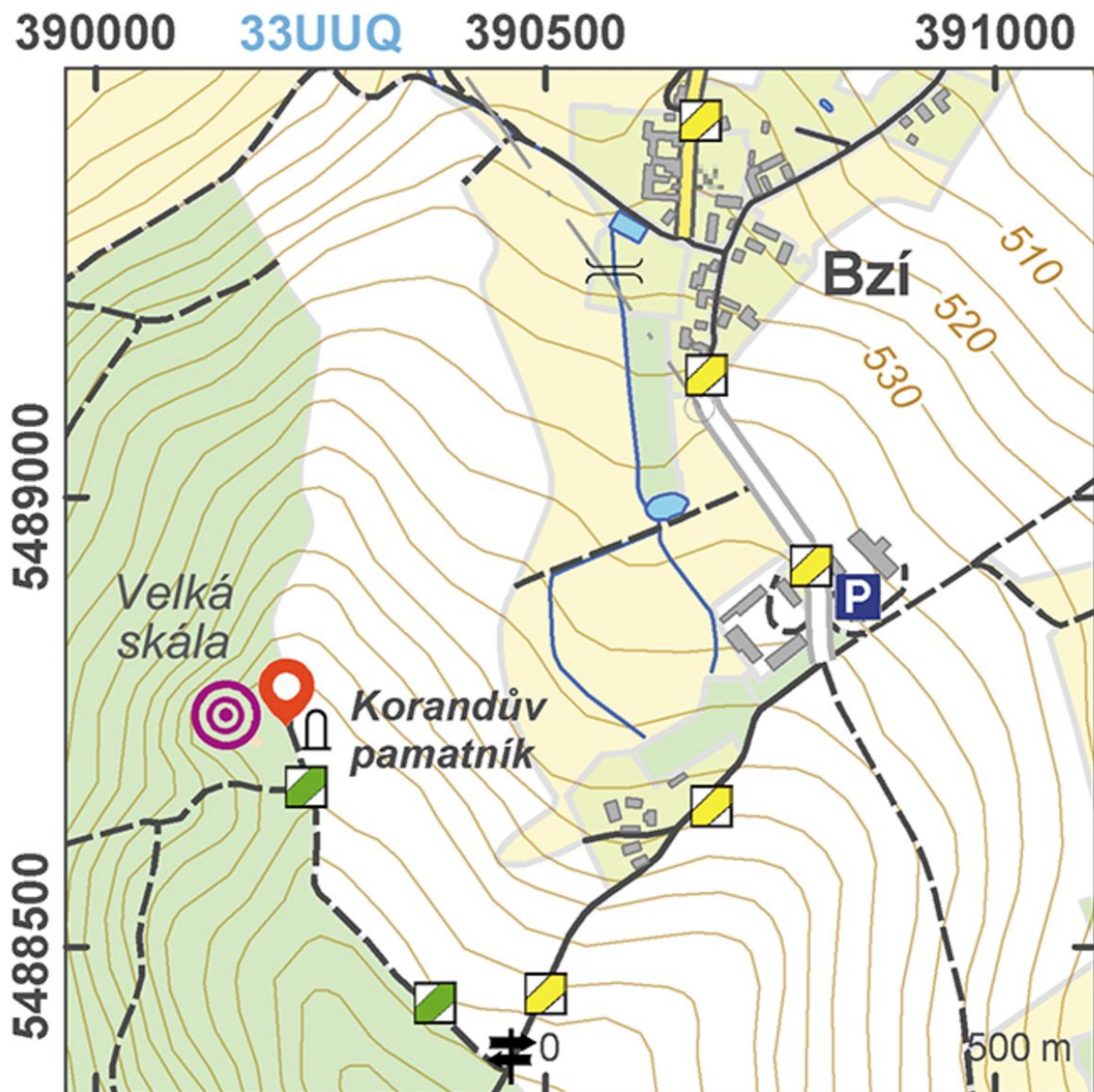


Two Middle Eneolithic Cham Culture settlements with a peculiar location on smaller rock outcrops in west Bohemia. The hilltop sites were probably occupied by a single family or small community. Amateur archaeologist F. X. Franc conducted an excavation at 'Velká Skála' near Bzí at the end of the 19th century, though in a very sophisticated manner: he studied, for example, raw materials for the production of stone tools, and the imprints of cereal grains on pottery. The second site on 'Osobovská skála' near Radkovice was discovered relatively recently and the excavations confirmed the agricultural character of the settlement.

**References:** Franc 1906; John 2007, 2010.

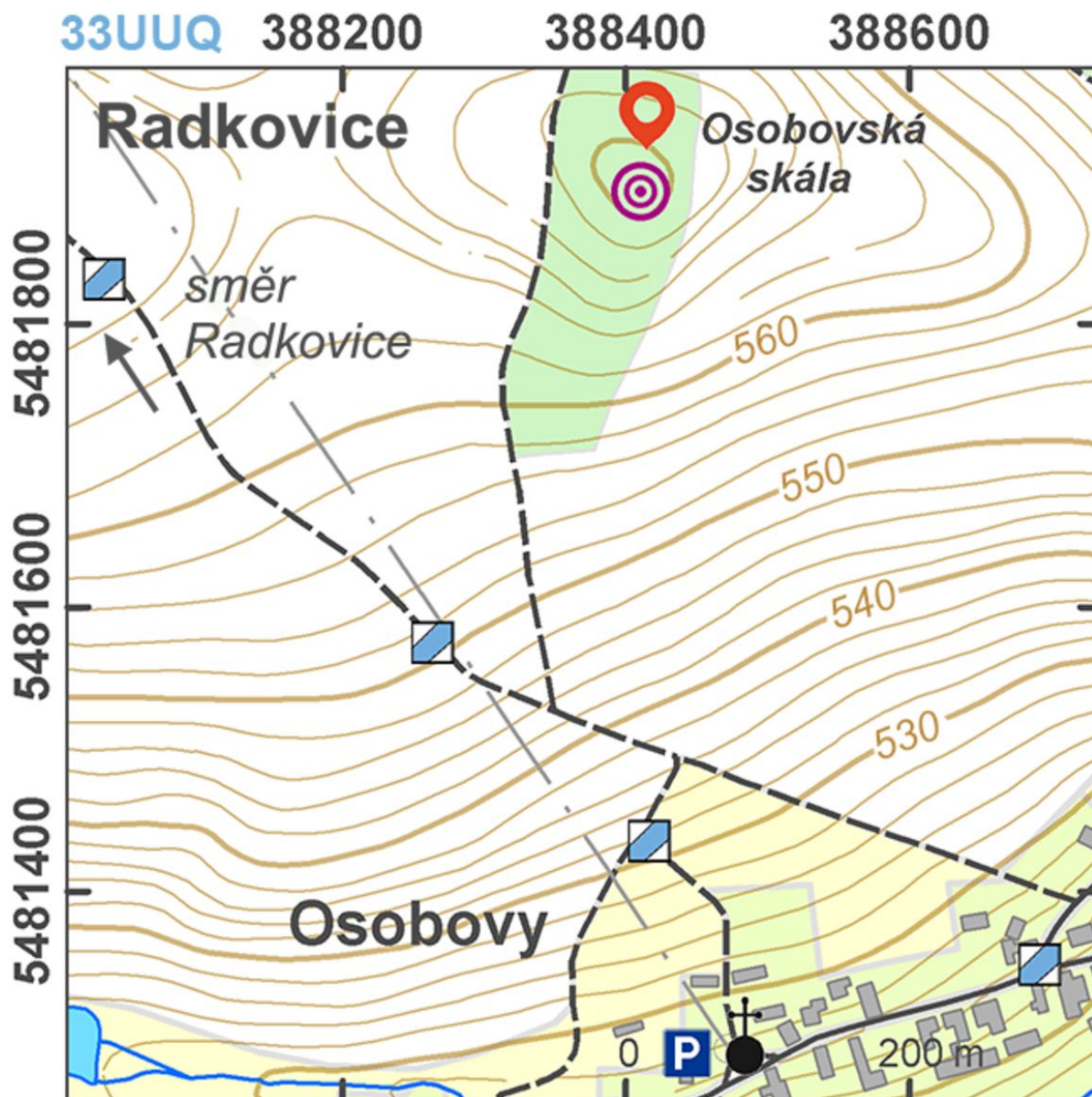
**Navigation points:** N 49°32'30.08", E 13°28'56.76" (Bzí); N 49°28'47.62", E 13°27'34.32" (Radkovice u Měčina).

**Map notes:** B–F – 'Velká Skála' near Bzí, G–J – 'Osobovská Skála' near Radkovice. B – locations of dwellings and large concentrations of archaeological finds; C – tilted plateau where remains of three house were discovered; D, F – concentrations of finds; G – a plateau on which a dwelling probably stood; H–J – archaeological trenches.



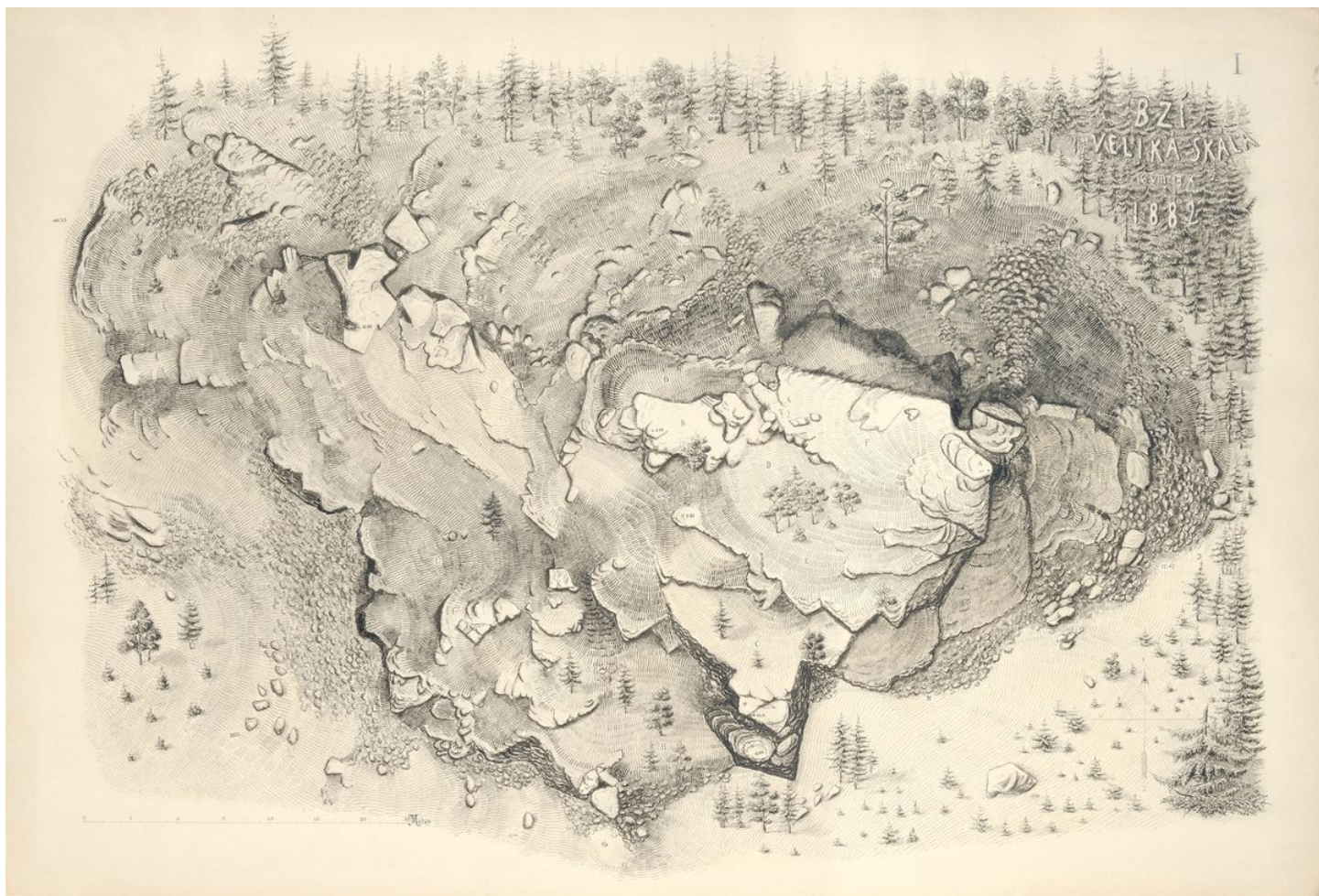
Access map / site plan – Bzí, Velká skála.

After Kuna et al. 2014.



Access map / site plan – Radkovice, Osobovská skála.

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F. X. Franc's plan of the hillfort 'Velká skáka' near Bzí (1882).

After Franc 1906.



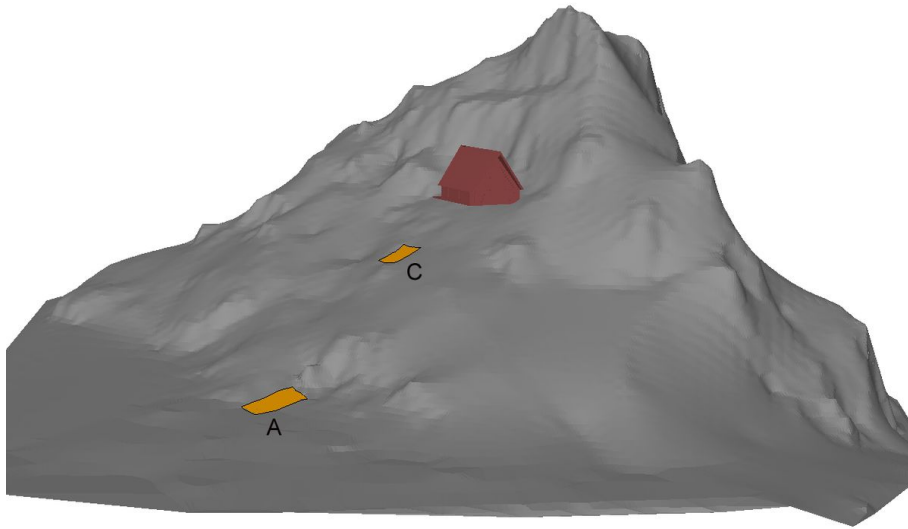
'Velká skála' near Bzí.

Photo D.Dreslerová, 2013.



'Osobovská skála' near Radkovice - the site of Aeneolithic settlement.

Photo J. John 2006.



Computer model of 'Osobovská skála' near Radkovice with archaeological trenches and supposed position of the Aeneolithic house.

After John 2007.