

Česká Cikánka, Žďár nad Sázavou distr., Vysočina Region

Prehistoric and early medieval hillfort, medieval castle

(750–400 BC, from the 2nd half of the 10th cent. to the 14th cent.)



The multi-cultural site of Zkamenělý zámek is situated amidst of the forested landscape of the Bohemian-Moravian border and has been known since the end of the 18th century. The first archaeological finds can be dated to the Neolithic. A modest hillfort belongs to the Hallstatt Period and Early Middle Ages. It was erected on a partially split rock, formed of magmatic gneiss in the middle of a long ridge. It was encircled by a double ditch, which was incorporated into a fortress in the 13th–14th centuries. Specific for the site is the use of large boulders and a good state of preservation of the defence features.

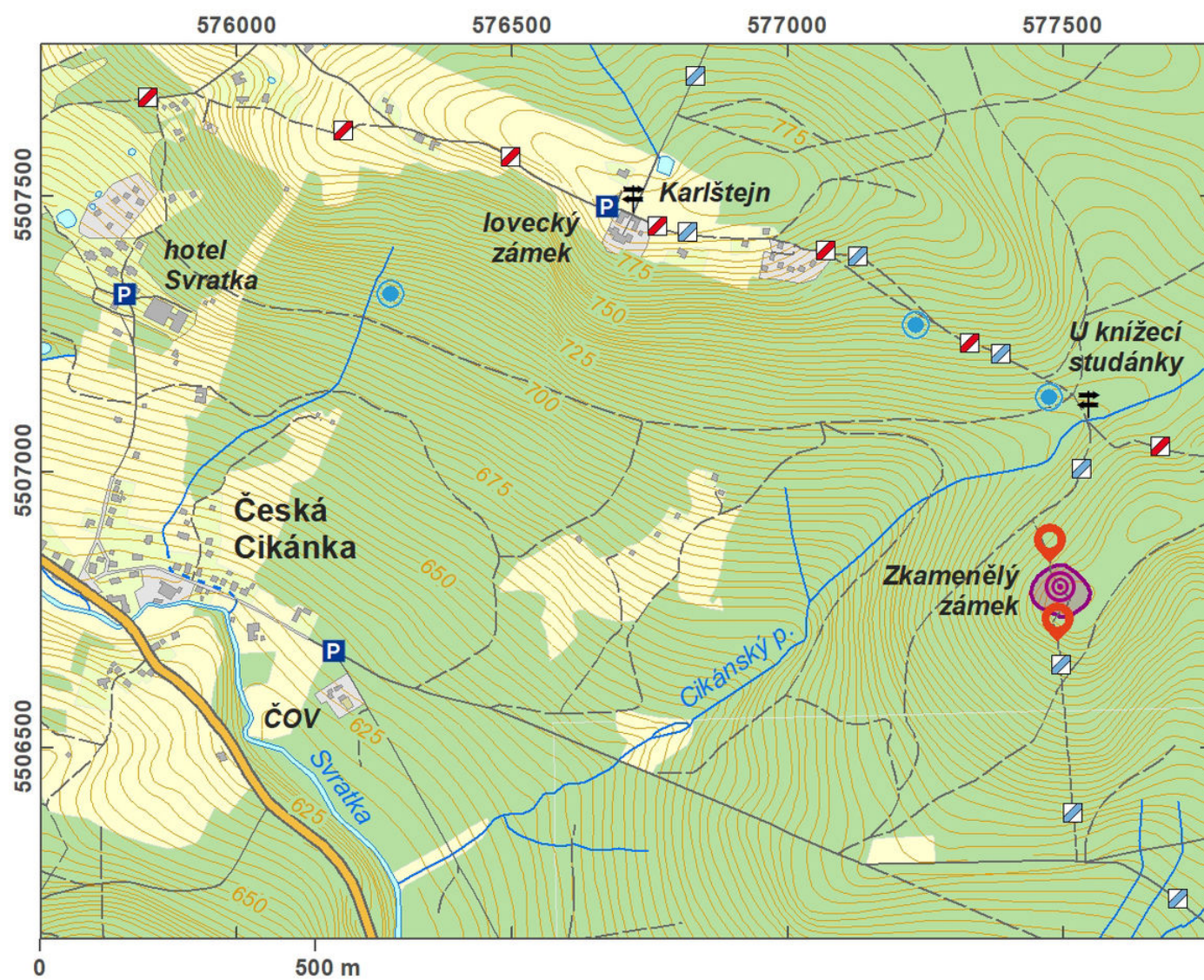
References: Adámek 1902; Frolík 1979; Frolík 1985; Čtverák et al. 2003.

Navigation point: N 49°42'32.62", E 16°04'28.61" (entrance from the north).

Map notes: 1 – outer moat; 2 – inner moat; 3–4 – earthworks; 5 – shallow ditch; 6 – entrance to the upper ward; A, C

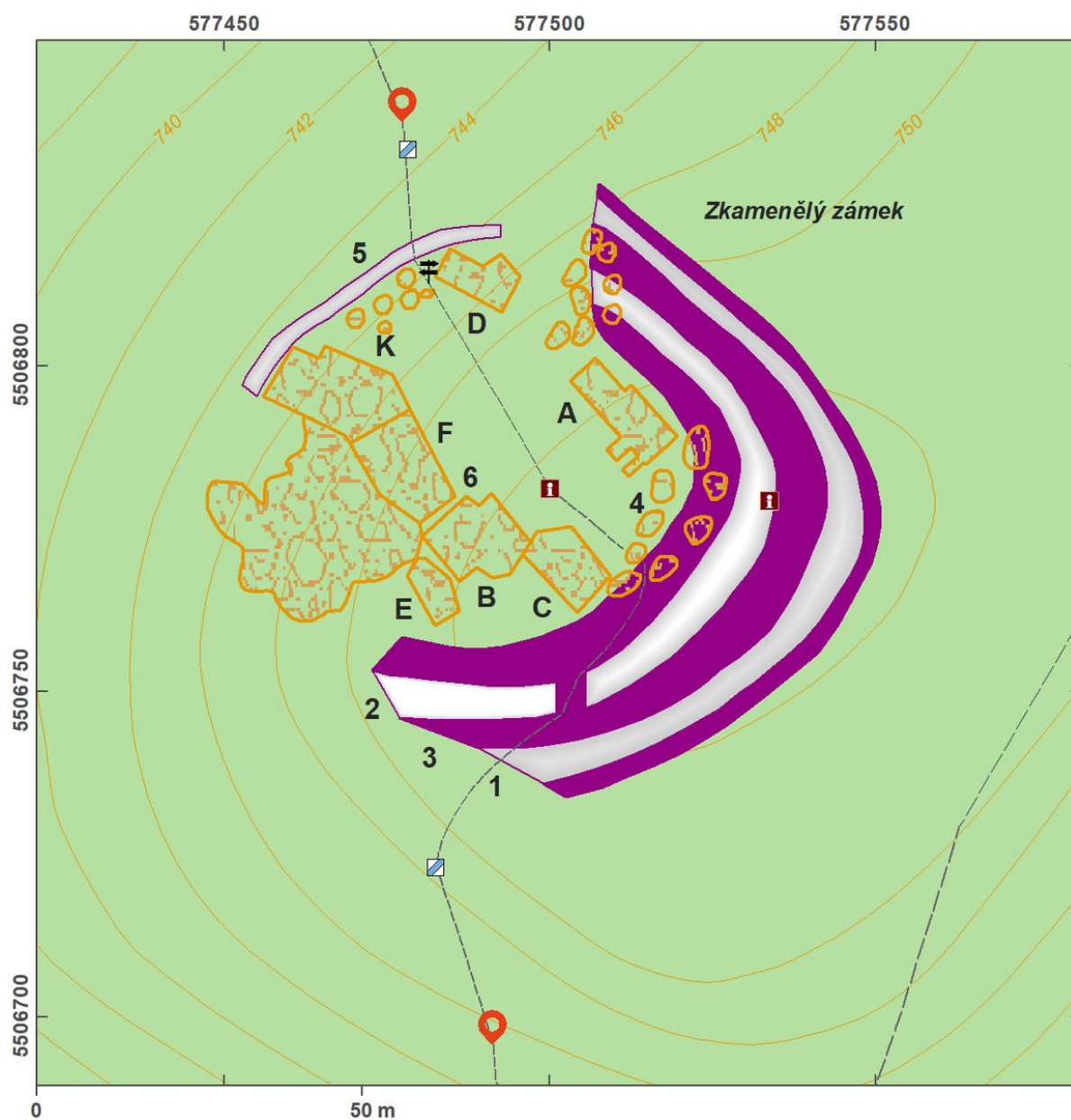
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– area between the rock formations; B, D, F – boulders; K – 'zkamenělá věž' (petrified tower).



Access map.

After Tomášek et al. 2015.



Site plan.

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The highest rock in the north-western part of the area.

Photo A. Knechtová, 2014.



Short stone rampart between the rocks in the south part of the area.

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