

# Malé Hradisko, Prostějov District, Olomouc Region

Staré Hradisko, La Tène oppidum

(2nd–1st cent. BC)



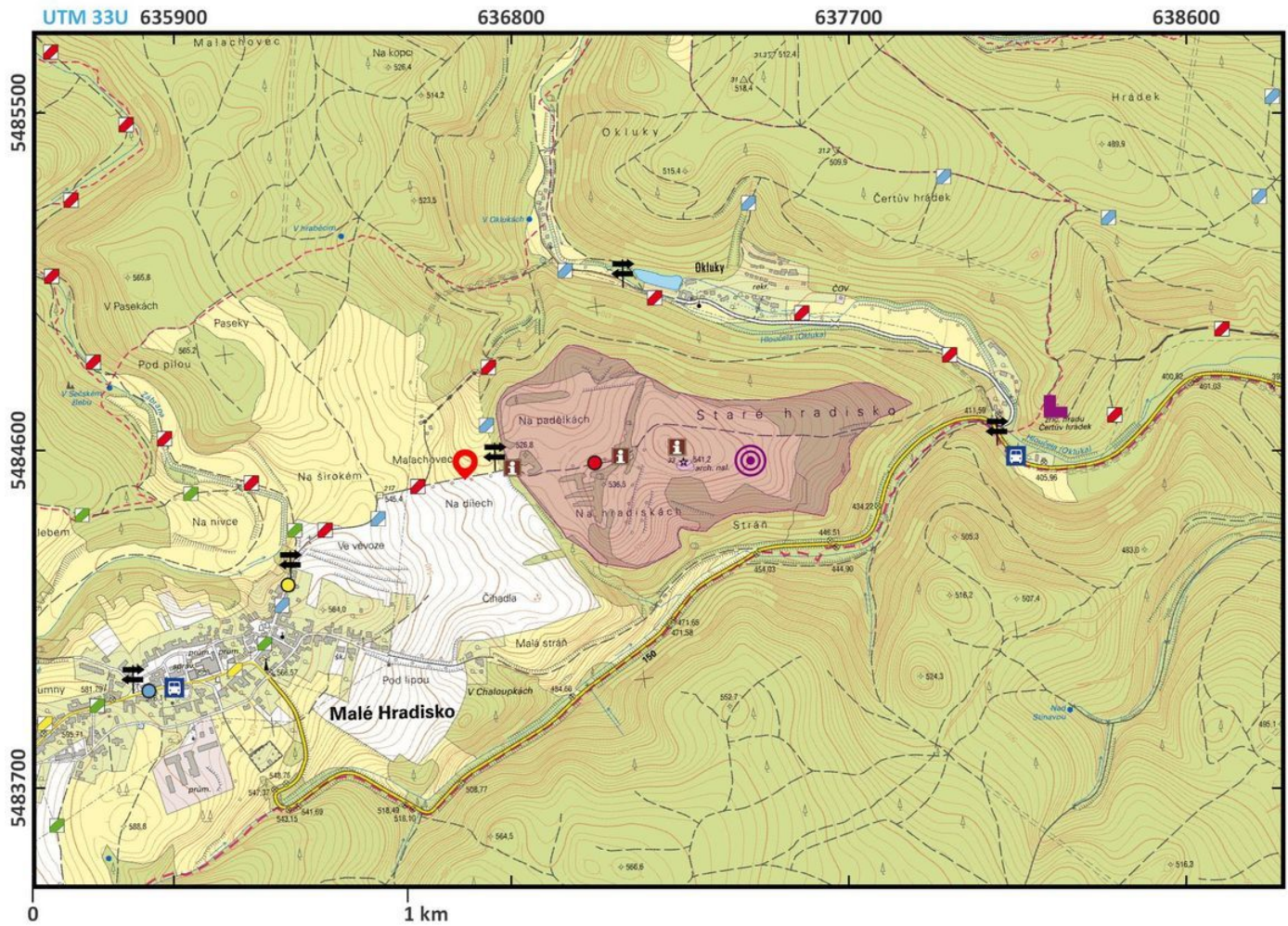
This important “Celtic” oppidum is situated on a broad promontory, naturally protected from three sides, at the Staré Hradisko (“old hillfort”) site. It has a strong 2,800-metre long outer fortification enclosing an area of 37.5 ha. The settlement consisted of a central part and two outer baileys while the surroundings of the site were also settled. The fortified area was densely built up with farmsteads of approximately 50 × 50 m, protected with fences and connected with frequently paved paths. The inhabitants specialised in iron production, processed Baltic amber and minted coins. It appears to have been a central site for most of Moravia and controlled the long-distance trade between the Baltic area and Northern Italy. The oppidum has been known since the 17th century and excavations began at the beginning of the 20th century. The first systematic excavation started in the 1930s. The research also shows that the site was occupied in the Final Bronze Age although it is not clear if it had been fortified by then.

**References:** Čižmář 2002; 2004; Čižmářová 2004; Meduna 1961; 1970.

**Navigation point:** N 49°29'52.9", E 16°53'08.3" (Malé Hradisko, in front of Staré Hradisko).

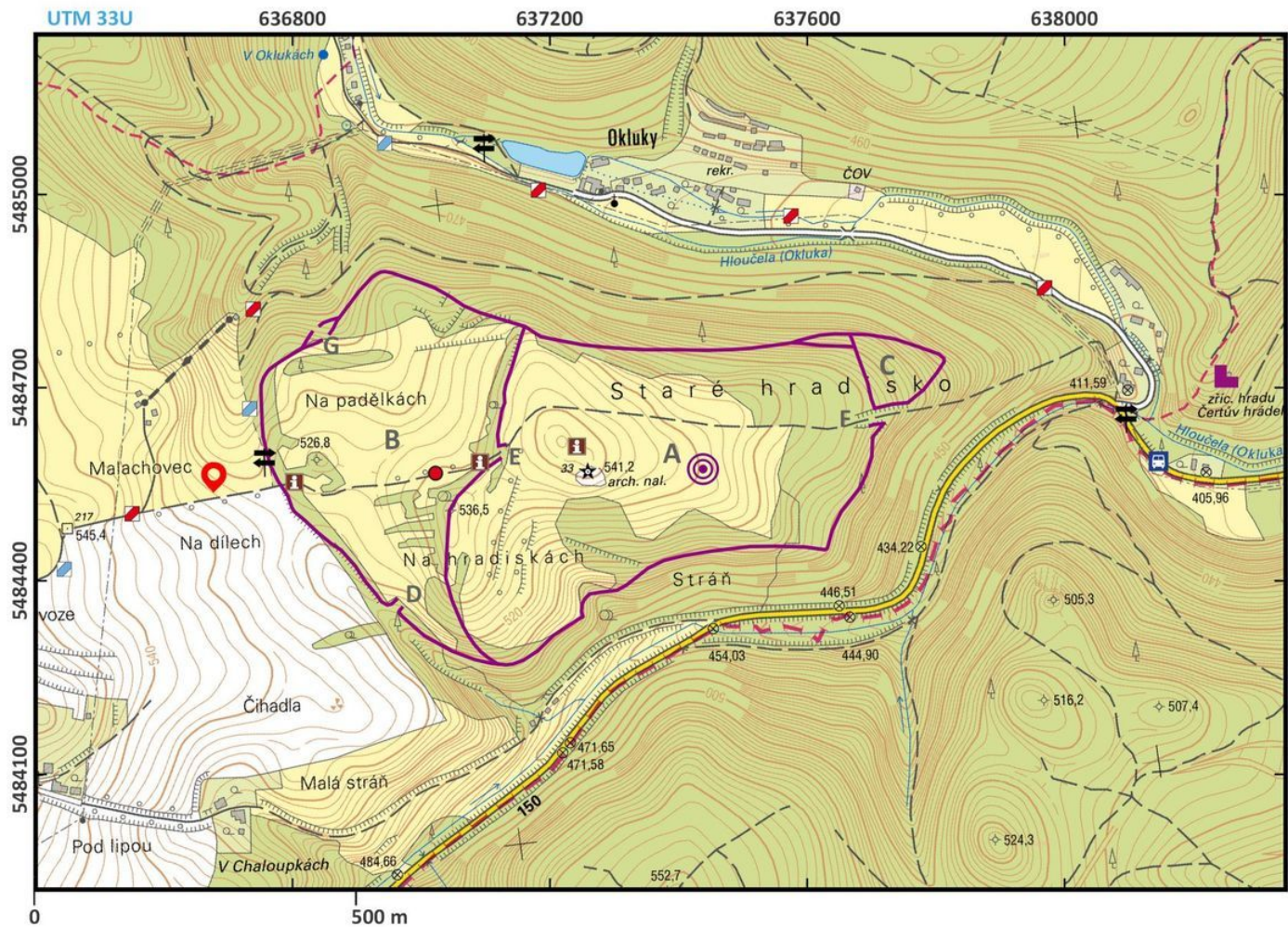
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**Map notes:** A – central part; B – western outer bailey; C – small eastern outer bailey; D – gate to the western outer bailey; E – central gate; F – eastern gate; G – north-western gate.



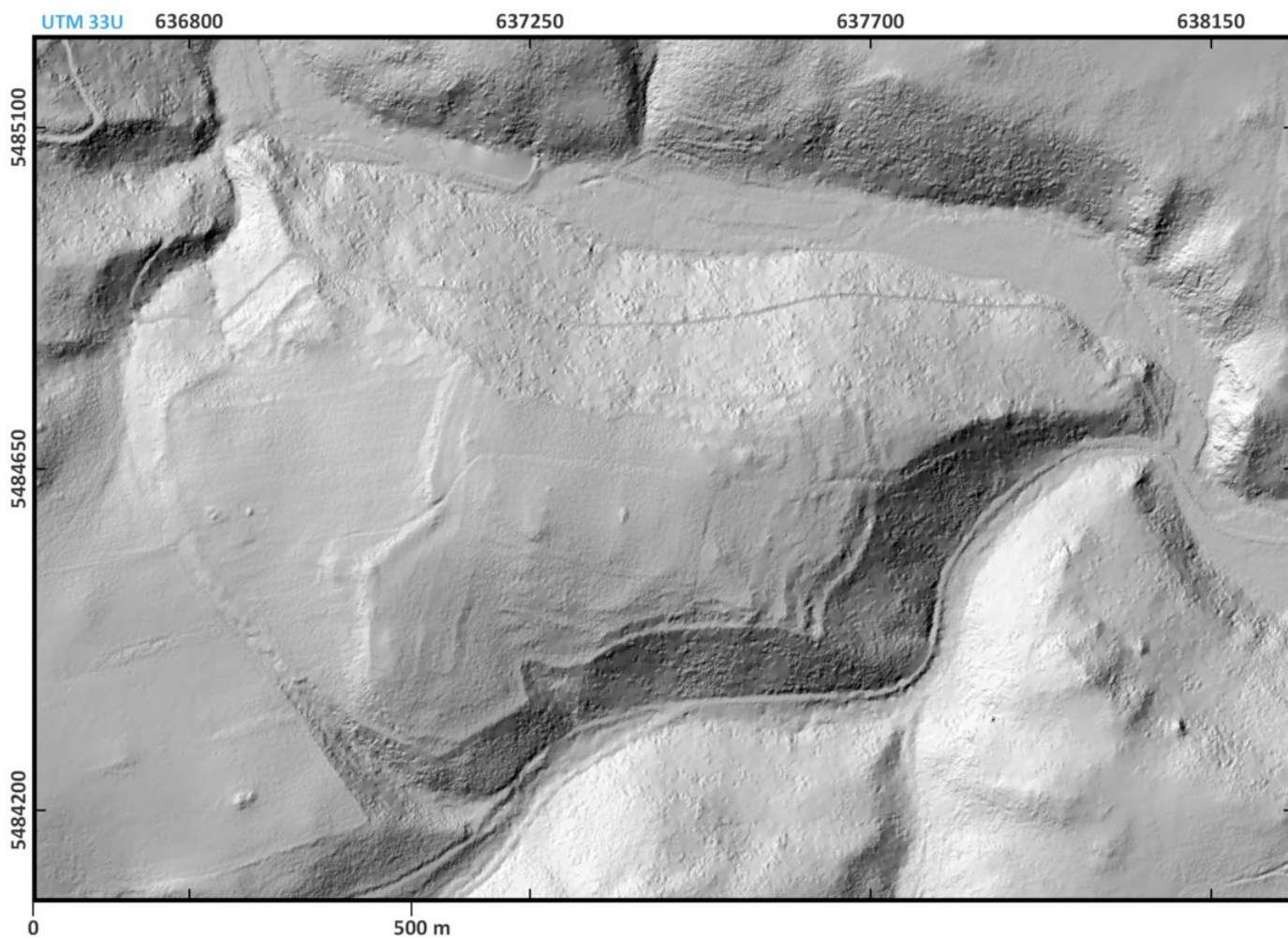
Access map.

Map by A. Gašpar, 2020.



Site plan.

Prepared by A. Gašpar, 2020.



Digital relief map of the site.

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Aerial photo of the site with a snow cover; from the west.

Photo M. Bálek, 2001.



View of the area in front of the oppidum fortification; from the south.

Photo I. Čižmář, 2020.



View to the east from the highest point of the acropolis.

Photo I. Čižmář, 2019.



Access road from the village to the oppidum; view from the western entrance gate.

Photo I. Čižmář, 2015.



Educational panel near the inner gate of the oppidum; view from the west.

Photo I. Čížmář, 2006.



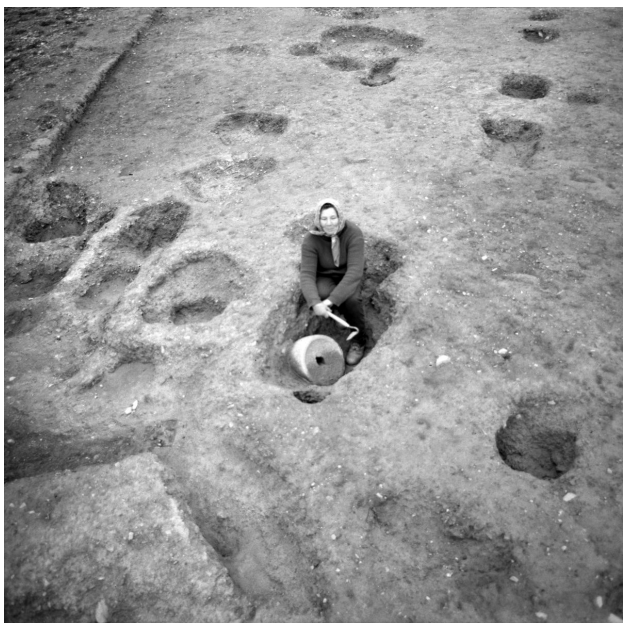
First aerial photographs of an archaeological site in Moravia: a view of the Staré Hradisko oppidum taken in 1935.

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Installing scaffolding for vertical photography of the uncovered area during the excavation in 1983.  
Photo M. Čížmář, 1983. Archive of IAB, M-FT-112331405.



Working image of the archaeological excavation in 1983; a summer worker with a quern.  
Photo M. Havelka, 1983. Archive of IAB, M-FT-112319405.



View of the section of the fortification in trench pit I during the archaeological excavation in 1989.

Photo M. Havelka, 1989. Archive IAB, M-FT-112547112.