

Prague-Královice, Prague

Early Medieval hillfort

(10th–12th cent.)



The Přemyslid's hillfort of Královice was built in the 10th century, a period marked by the construction of a large number of fortified sites in central Bohemia, probably in connection with protection of the early Přemyslid domain (the Přemyslid dynasty ruled Bohemia from the 9th century until 1306). The hillfort is enclosed to this day by distinct banks, the remains of wood and earth ramparts with a frontal stone screen wall, originally accompanied by a ditch. Metallurgy activities and forging were conducted at the site. A church that is not mentioned until 1354 probably stood in the acropolis while the hillfort was still used.

References: Richterová 1997; Lutovský 2001; Štefan – Hasil 2014.

Navigation points: N 50°02'36.05", E 14°38'06.40" (entrance).

Map notes: A – acropolis; B – inner fortifications; C – bailey; D – outer fortifications.



Access map / site plan.

After Kuna et al. 2014.



View from west on the outer fortification shows its extent.

Photo Z. Kačerová, 2013.



Inner bank in spring.

Photo Z. Kačerová, 2013.



View on the bailey, outer bank in in the background.

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Excavations of the outer fortification, 2012.

Photo J. Zavřel, 2012.



Remains of stone screen wall and inner wooden construction of the bank.

Photo I. Štefan, 2012.



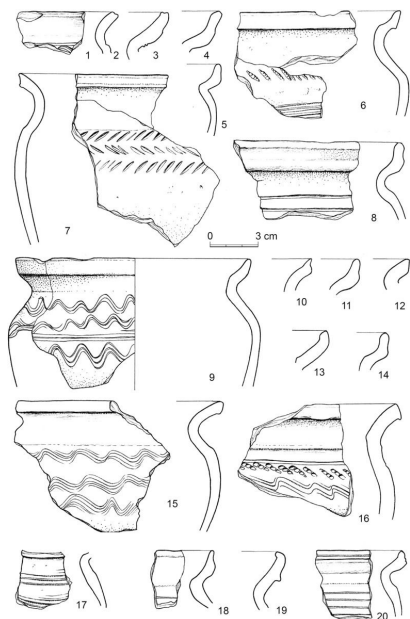
Huge post pole in the fortification rear.

Photo I. Štefan, 2012.



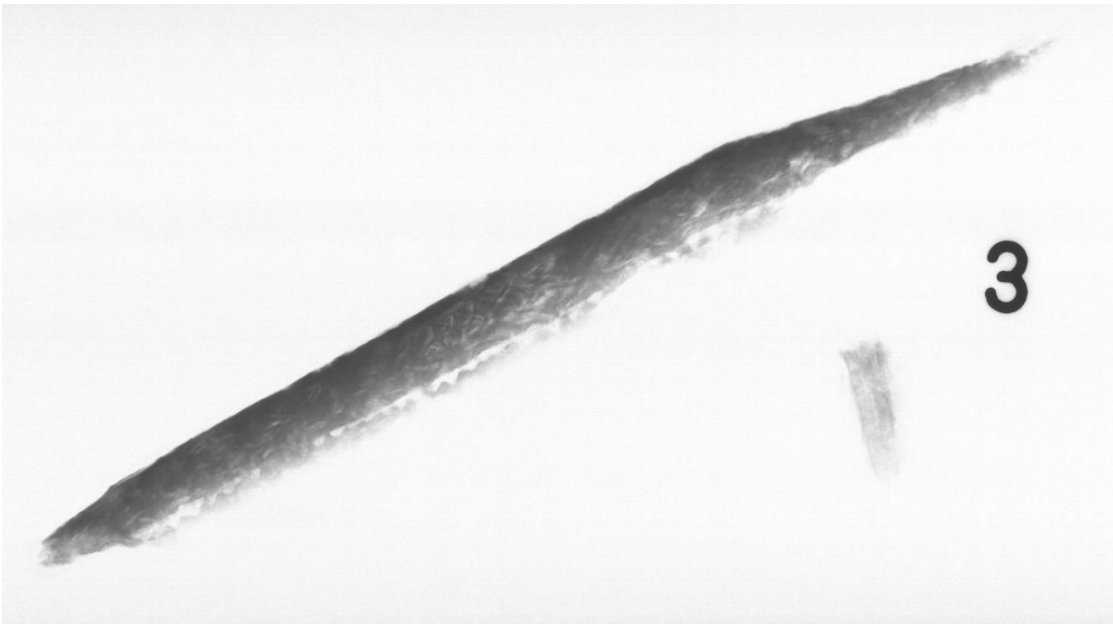
Documentation of a settlement feature at the acropolis during archaeological field work.

Photo I. Štefan, 2013.



A sample of Late Hillfort pottery.

Drawing L. Raslová.



X-ray snap of a medieval iron knife.

After J. Hasil, 2015.



Late Medieval fortified manor in Pragou-Královice.

Photo Z. Kačerová, 2013.