

# Radkov u Vítkova, (Opava dist., Moravian-Silesian Region)

## Medieval castle Vikštejn

(13th–17th cent.)



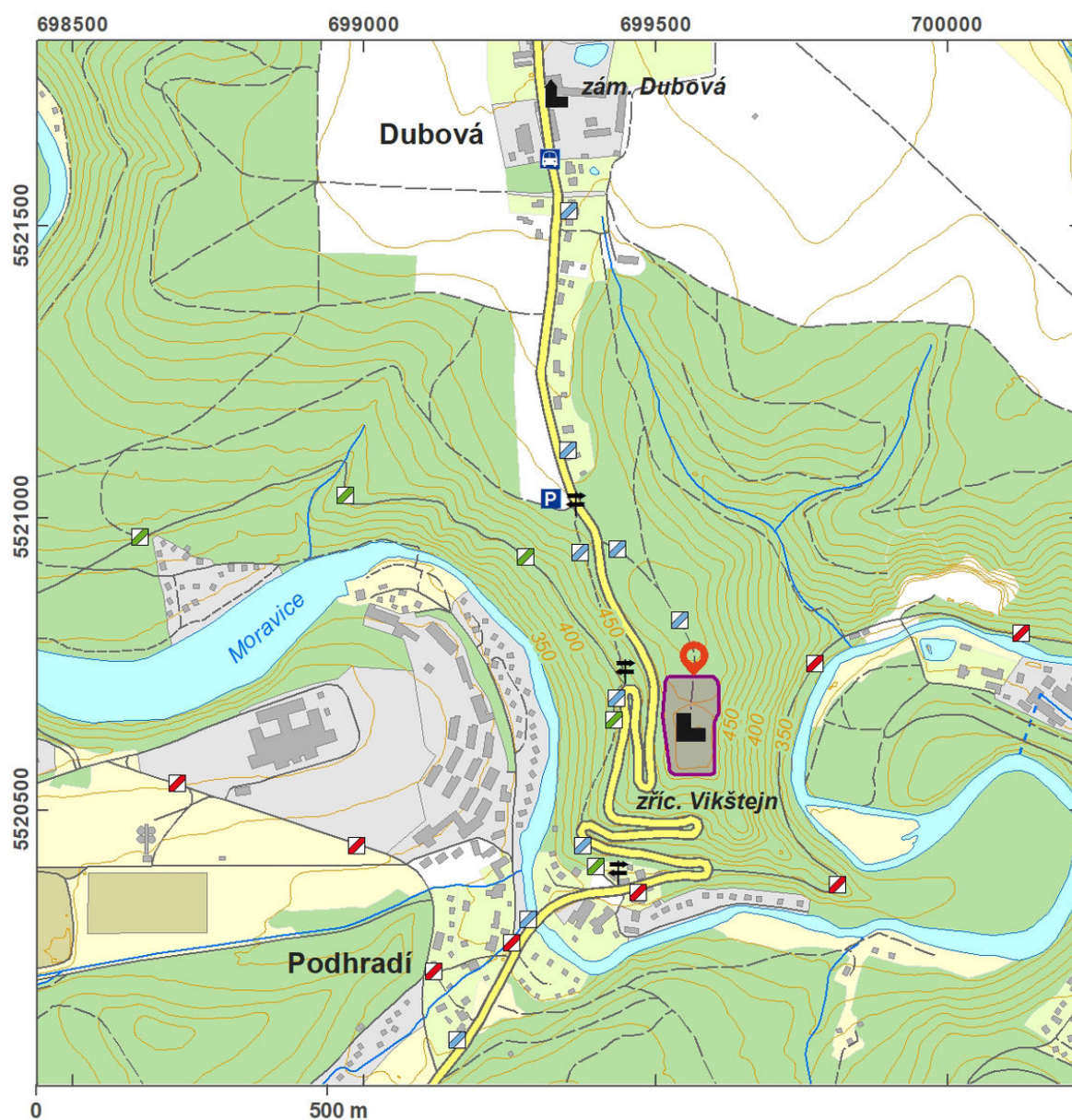
This vast ruin of a medieval castle is situated in the valley of the Moravice River in a unique natural reserve. The first written record of the castle stems from 1377; after the owners had changed for a number of times, it was deserted in the course of the 18th century, fell in disrepair, and in 1789, it was inhabited only by a single eremite. Originally, the castle consisted of an oval upper ward protected by a curtain wall. The south part of the upper ward contained residential apartments, from which only relics of the walls are preserved now. Among the other defensive structures are a zwinger wall, well preserved in the east, and a moat with a well carved into the rocks. Some of the remains stem from a Renaissance reconstruction. In 2011, the castle area was revitalized and panels informing about the history, building development and archaeological finds at the castle were installed.

**References:** Plaček 1996; Kouřil – Prix – Wihoda 2000.

**Navigation point:** N 49°48'20.87", E 17°46'25.11".  
[https://www.archeologickyatlas.cz/en/lokace/radkov\\_op\\_hrad\\_vikstejn](https://www.archeologickyatlas.cz/en/lokace/radkov_op_hrad_vikstejn)

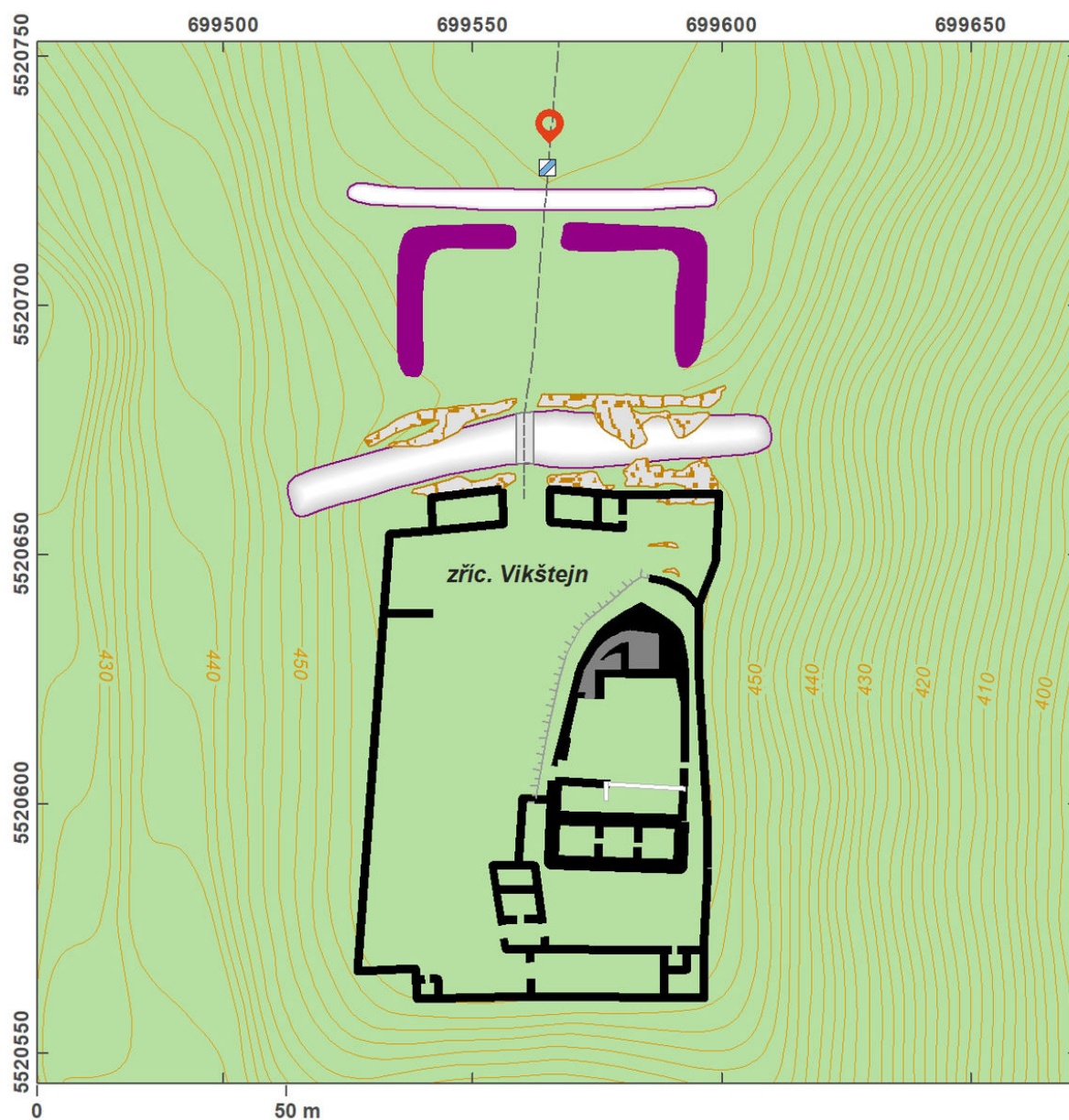
**Map notes:** LLS picture: A – the relics of the town and fortification of Radkov; B – the network of hollow ways.





Access map.

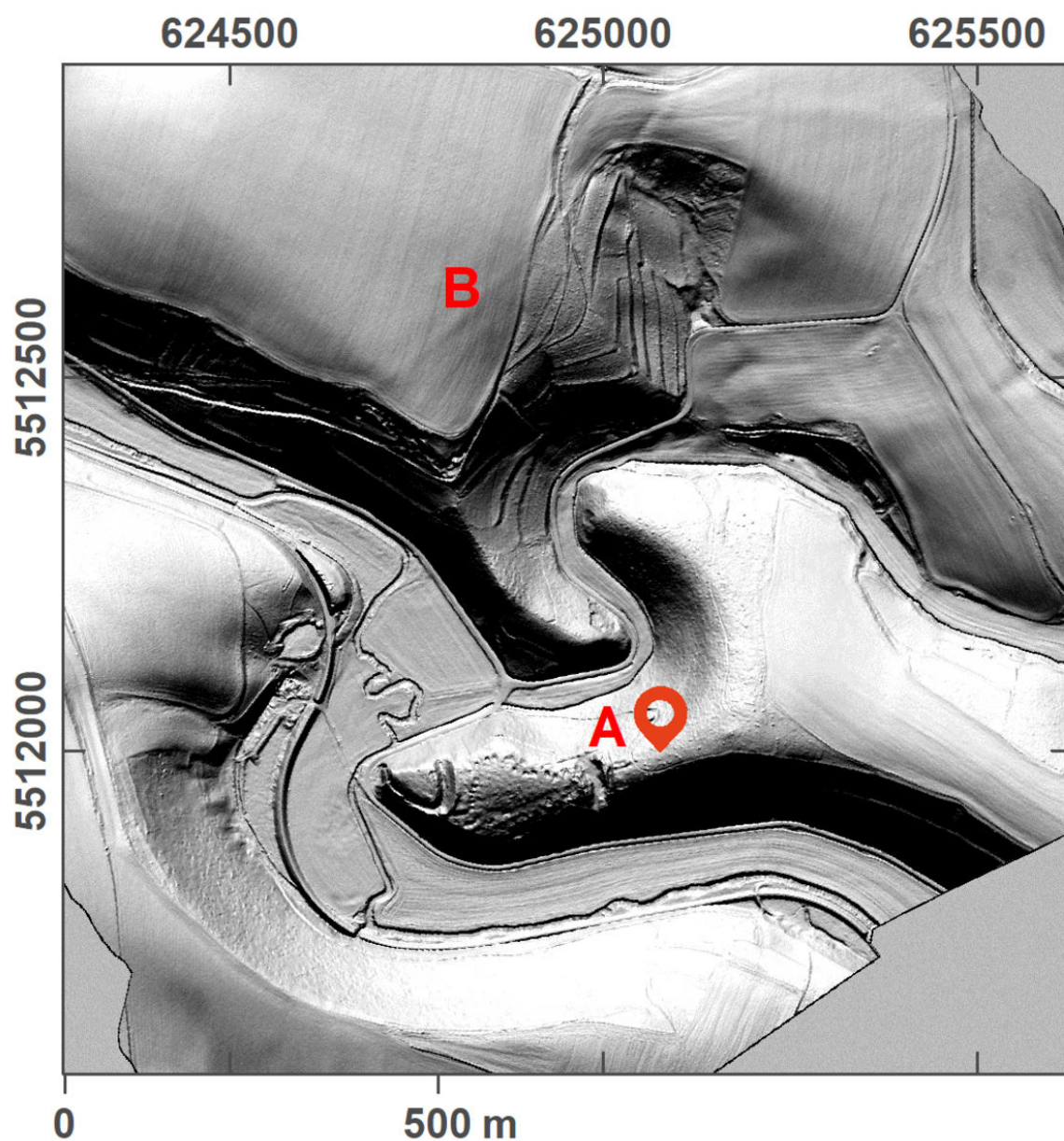
After Tomášek et al. 2015.



Site plan.

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LLS picture.

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Medieval upper ward of the castle protected by a mantlet wall with bergfried and embrasures.

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Stone ball (projectile) walled up in the west wall of a Renaissance service building.

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