

Stradonice u Pátku, Louny dist., Ústí nad Labem Region

Prehistoric hillfort

(800–450 BC)

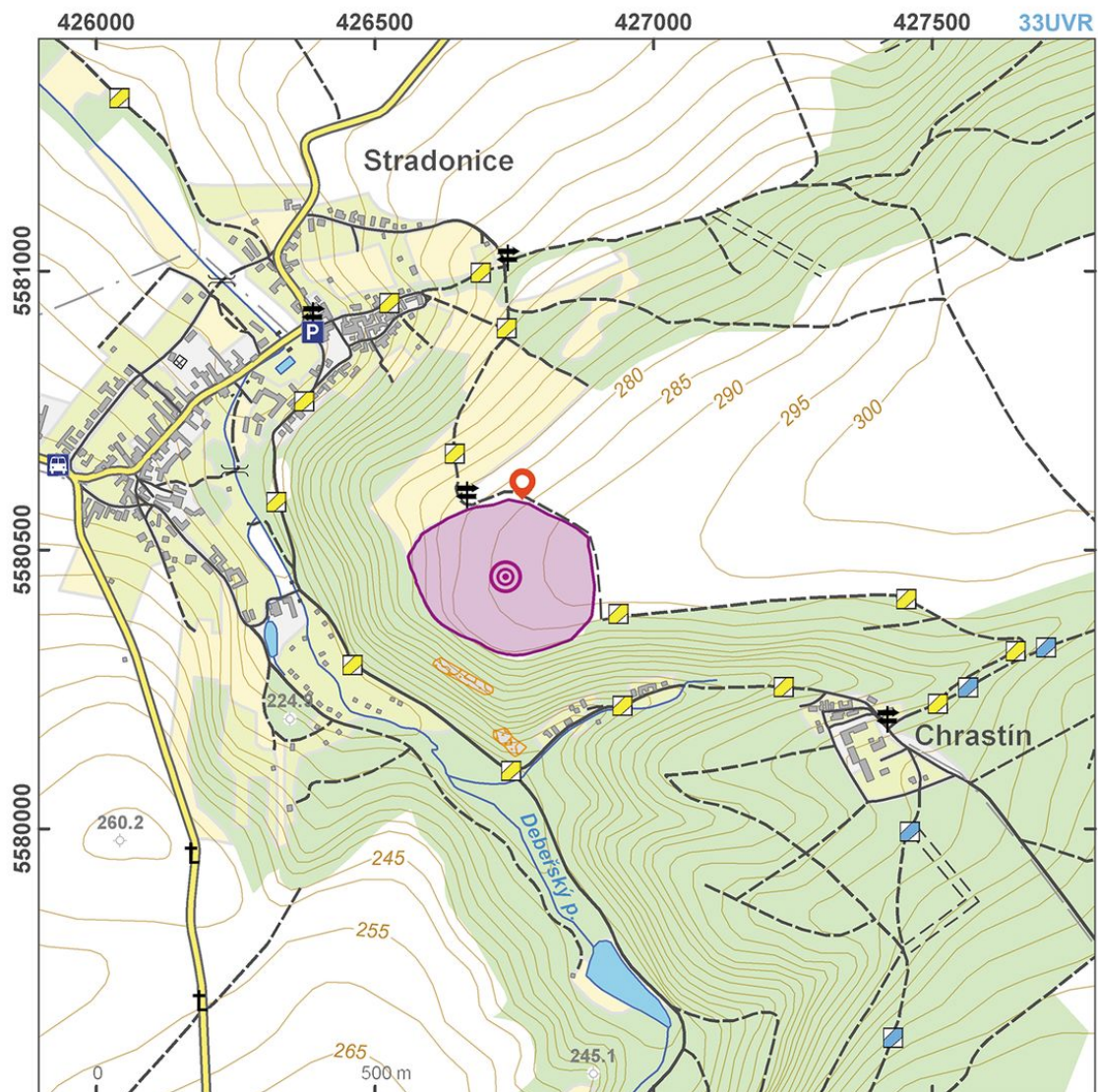


One of a few spectacular prehistoric hillforts not covered by a forest today and, thus, providing a stunning panoramic view of the Central Bohemian Uplands. The univallate hillfort at the 'Na šancích' site was built in the Hallstatt Period. The fortification consists of several sections constructed using different techniques. A monumental wood and earth rampart on the northeast side originally had a frontal stone screen wall, a palisade and an outer ditch. Today, the 'Stradonka' watchtower, built in an assumed Iron Age form, stands on top of the rampart. The hillfort may have served as a refuge in times of danger, for meetings of local communities to conduct religious ceremonies, festivals and/or as a market place. It could therefore also have been an ideological centre and a source of tribal identity and prestige.

References: Píč 1895; Smrž 1981, 1982, 1992; Dreslerová – Hrubý 2004; Smrž.

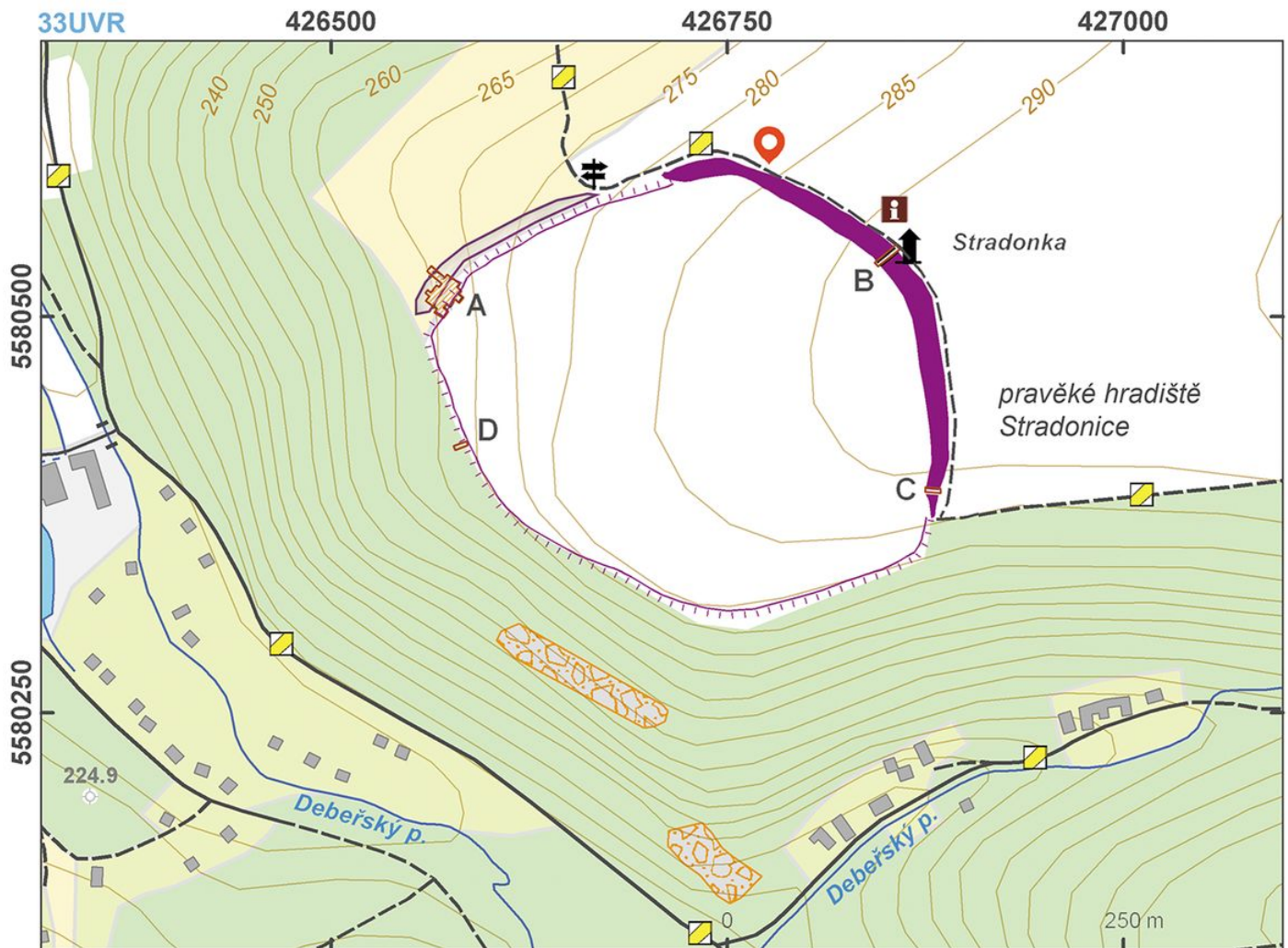
Navigation points: N 50°22'22.45", E 13°58'12.90".

Map notes: A – archaeological trench at the assumed entrance; B – trench cutting through the best preserved part of the fortification; C – trench at the point where the bank was levelled; D – trench at the part of the hillfort perimeter where no fortification was preserved.



Access map.

After Kuna et al. 2014.



Site plan.

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Aerial view of the hillfort.

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Cross-section of the bank during excavations in 1970s.
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