

Svitávka, Blansko dist., Southern Moravia Region

Prehistoric and early medieval hillfort

(from 2400 BC to the mid-15th cent.)

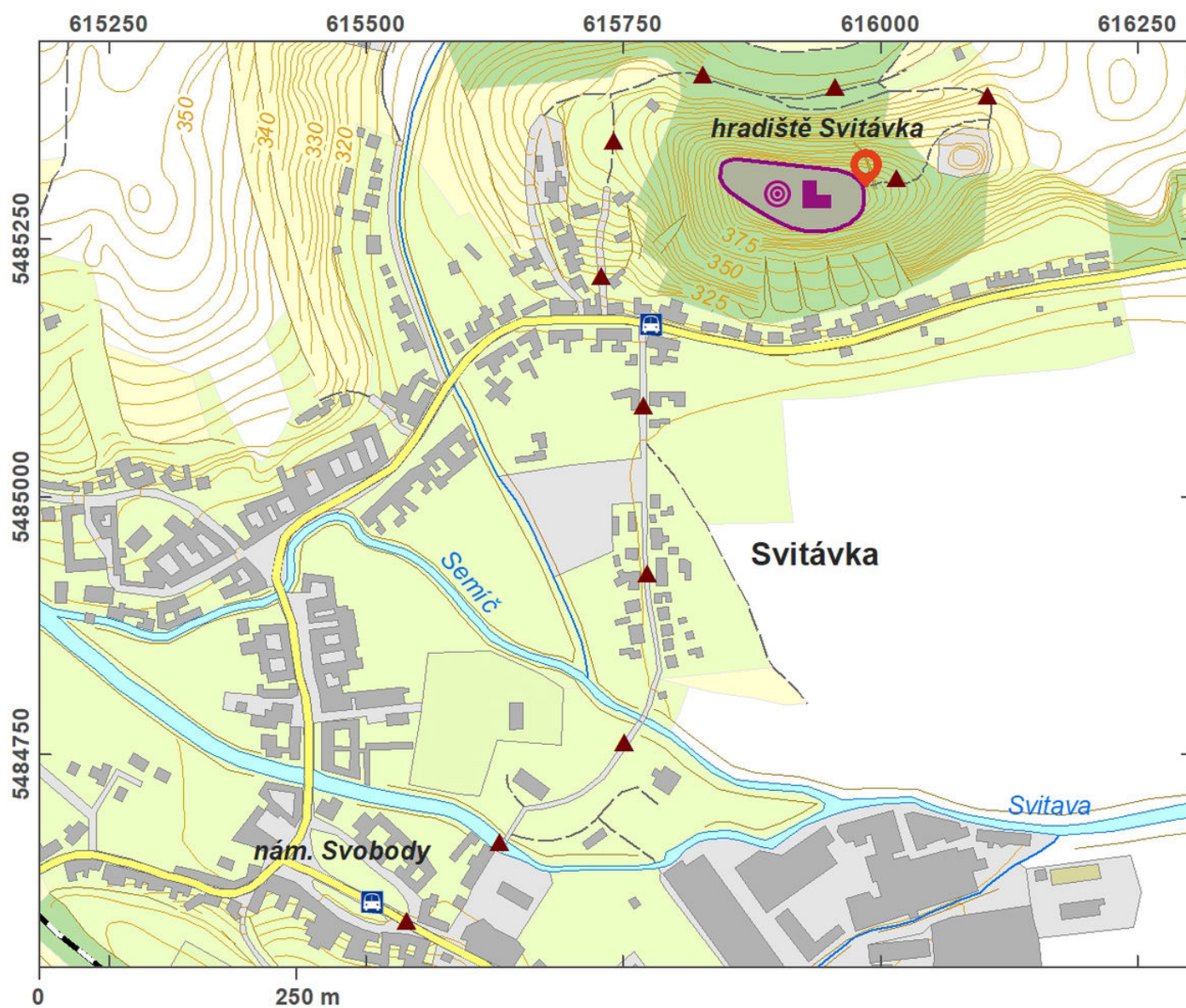


The prehistoric and early medieval fortified settlement represents evidence of the long-term occupation of an important site in the Boskovice Furrow. The site was described at the beginning of the 20th century; archaeological excavations were carried out in the 2nd half of the 20th century and yielded evidence of prehistoric settlement from the Eneolithic and Bronze Age, when the area of the settlement was fortified with a wall of earth and wood and a facing stone wall. In front of the fortification, there were terraces dug into the slope containing evidence of metal foundries. The La Tène settlement is attested only fragmentarily. In the Early Middle Ages, the settled upper part was encircled by a palisade. The fortified settlement was also occupied in the 12th and the 1st half of the 13th centuries, but subsequently abandoned. The latest phase is marked by the erection of a nameless castle in the mid-15th century, from which the fragments of a prismatic tower, residential apartments with cellar and a curtain wall have survived. Today, the site is partially forested and we can see the outline of the remains of the tower and of the walls of the Chapel of the Holy Spirit on the surface.

References: Procházka 1994; Čižmář 2004; Šimeček 2009.

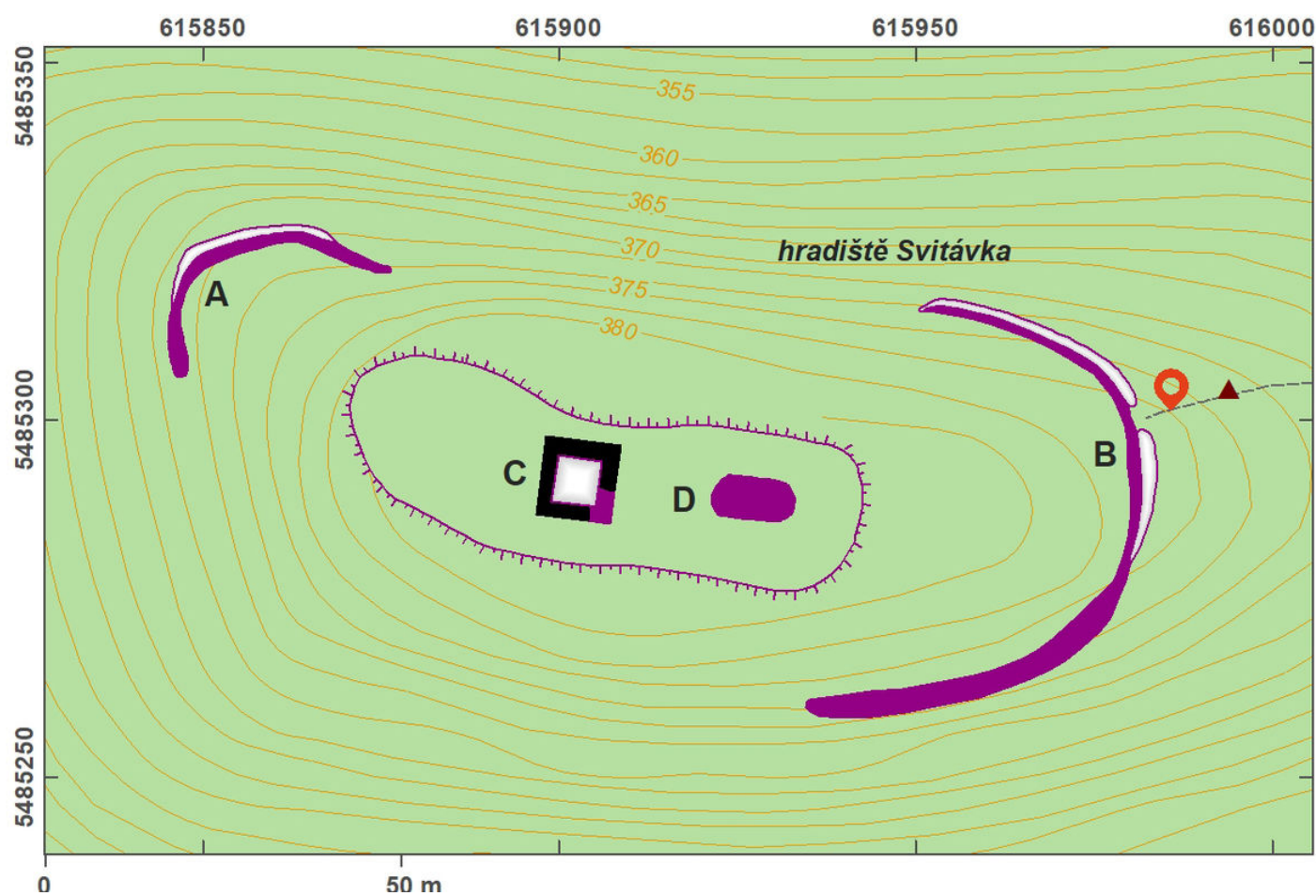
Navigation point: Procházka 1994; Čižmář 2004; Šimeček 2009.

Map notes: A – earthwork and ditch on the west slope; B – earthwork and ditch on the east slope; C – foundations of prismatic towers; D – remains of the deserted Holy Spirit Chapel.



Access map.

After Tomášek et al. 2015.



Site plan.

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Distance view of the hillfort.

Photo R. Stránská, 2015.



View of the ditch.

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View of the chapel walls from the west.

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Aerial view of the hillfort from the south-east.

Photo M. Bálek, 1998.



Aerial view of the hillfort from the south.

Photo I. Čížmář.



Aerial view of the hillfort from the west.

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