



NET4GAS Closer to Nature

40 locations opened to the public with ČSOP

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NET4GAS: ČSOP's General Partner



- **The NET4GAS Closer to Nature programme was launched in 2007:** NET4GAS became historically the first and only general partner of the Czech Union for Nature Conservation (ČSOP)
- **Target: restoration of natural locations** all over the Czech Republic **and their opening to the public**
- **40 locations** have been opened since 2007
- **The NET4GAS business is inseparably linked to the environment and its protection**

2007

- The Údolí pod Klíčem /Klic valley/ nature trail
- Nature trail through the Hloučela bio-corridor
- Opičák
- Jelenice
- The Myslík quarry
- The Pozorovatelna /Observation post/ nature trail

2008

- The Chodníčky v Podbeskydí /Pavements in Beskydy foothills/ nature trail
- Les plný smyslů /Forest full of senses/
- The Bludovská stráň nature trail
- The VINOŠKÝ park – Satalická bažantnice nature trail
- Zlatý vrch /Golden Hill/
- Kamenec
- The Zvolská Homole nature trail
- The Fryšták nature trail
- Mločí studánka /Salamander spring/
- The Velký Košíř nature trail
- The Mnichovské Hadce /Mnichov serpentines/ nature trail
- Hasina
- The Chlum quarry
- The Mokroš bio-centre
- The Zahrady /Gardens/ nature trail
- The Observation post in Blahutovice
- The Votočnice nature trail

2009

- Rezavka
- Štěpán
- Medník
- Vladař
- Podkovák
- Kudlačena
- Podlešákův jilm /Podlešák's elm/
- Nad řekou /Over the river/

2010

- The Choryňský mokřad /Choryn wetland/ natural reserve
- Vodní svět /Water world/
- Poustka
- The Skalka natural reserve
- The Sudslavice circuit natural reserve
- The Žákova hora national natural reserve
- Mojžíšův pramen - Císařský kámen /Moses Spring/
- Semanínská stezka /Semanin trail/

2011

- Na cvičišti /Training Area/ nature trail



What does NET4GAS Closer to Nature support?



- Restoration and opening of new locations and nature trails to the public,
- Awareness of the natural locations as well as nature and environmental protection education,
- Distribution and restoration of information panels,
- Construction and restoration of vantage points, benches and tables, bird and beaver observation posts, bridges and footbridges,
- And much more.



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- A joint server of NET4GAS, ČSOP and DAPHNE ČR
- A significant tool raising the public's awareness of interesting locations, plants and animals across the Czech Republic
- News
- Trip tips
- Further information on the NET4GAS Closer to Nature programme

The Nad řekou (Over the River) nature trail

- A part of a unique project aimed at restoration of what used to be one of the most remarkable Czech arboreta, almost disappeared in the 2nd half of the 20th century

Zlatý vrch /Golden Hill/

- Foundations of a Medieval advanced warning post of the Bečov castle were discovered at the top of the hill during construction of the trail

The Vodní svět /Water World/ nature trail

- The only beaver observation post opened to the public in the Czech Republic

Čedičová hora Vládař /The graystone mountain Ruler/

- Occurrence of green-winged orchid – a severely endangered species

The Štěpán nature reserve

- Up to 160 bird species were recorded in the reserve

The Sudslavice circuit nature trail

- The Sudslavice cave is one of the Central Europe's most important sites of Pleistocene fauna discovery. On the site, 9,000 bones and 13,000 teeth were found.
- The Sudslavice linden by which the trail starts (and ends) is the Czech Republic's second largest linden, with its 600 years of age and its trunk circumference reaching 11.7 m.

The Medník hill

- Restoration of the country's second oldest nature trail from 1965 (the former regime referred to it as the Kögler trail, the oldest one in the Krásná Lípa district, built during WWII, and silently neglected it)
- The area is the only place in the country with occurrence of dog's tooth violet, a critically endangered perennial plant
(Only one species of dog's tooth violet occurs in the Czech Republic and across Europe)

The Opičák forest and wetland

- This precious suburban nature area was saved from being cleared and filled in by ČSOP which bought it for money raised in a public collection
- In this country, the bird observation post is absolutely unique, its concept resembling the favourite "tree trails" built abroad

The Podkovák nature trail

- The only peat bog opened to the public in the area of Český les



Partnerships of the NET4GAS Closer to Nature programme



▪ Partnership

- The TEREZA association (Main partner in 2010)
- Daphne ČR – Institute of Applied Ecology (general partner since 2009)
(Revitalization of Peat Bogs in the Ore Mountains)
- Czech Union for Nature Conservation (general partner since 2007)
- The Podyjí National Park (general partner in 2007 – 2008)
- The Dolní Morava biosphere reserve (general partner in 2007)

▪ Grant programme

- Within its grant programme, NET4GAS also supports other initiatives
(e.g. in 2010 we supported the Společnost Renata association and a project targeted at children “How to protect nature”, children’s ethnographic ensemble Slováček or an exhibition in the Ore Mountains Folk House in Lesná)
- For more information please visit www.net4gas.cz



About us



NET4GAS, s.r.o.



We ensure:

- International natural gas transmission across the Czech Republic,
- Inland natural gas transmission to domestic partners,
- Further development of the gas transmission system as well as that of related products and services.



NET4GAS: Safe construction, reliable operation, environmental friendliness



- The technology of modern pipeline construction strives to minimize negative impact on the environment and maximize construction and operation safety to the largest possible extent.
- We thoroughly monitor the condition of the nature and the environment prior to, throughout and after any construction.
- The construction mostly copies the existing transit pipeline corridors and the fact that a new pipeline is built near the existing, active ones proves safety of the construction.
- Every step taken during the construction has to comply with all the strict international regulations.
- The demanding final tests guarantee the operation will be safe and reliable.
- The construction is completed once the arable land is back in place and the working zone is put back to the original condition; unlike construction of other sources of energy, that of natural gas pipelines leaves but negligible traces.
- The pipeline protection zone regime puts no restrictions to agricultural or farming activity.
- More than 40 years of our experience are a guarantee of safety, reliability and environmental friendliness.



Czech Union for Nature Conservation



- A civic association of people who share an active interest in nature conservation and the environment
- Established in: 1979
- Mission: To protect and restore nature, the landscape and the environment, to promote environmental education and support sustainable living.
- Over 9,000 members, professional naturalists, experienced volunteers as well as pure enthusiasts who simply love nature.



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