



## Through the Stříbrný potok valley Skorošice village



### Nýznerovské vodopády (Nýzerov waterfall)

The Nýzerov waterfall is a splendid cascade waterfall, unique in the area of Stříbrný potok (Silver creek), less than hundred metres from its confluence with Bučinský potok (Bučinský creek), approximately 2 km above the village of Nýzerov. Since 1965 the waterfall has been on the list of protected areas. The whole area amazes and delights visitors with its uncommon character, typical for far higher mountain scenery. The lower part of the waterfall forms cascades in the narrow rock ravine, where the mountain look is enhanced by lots of fallen tree trunks. This part is not so easily accessible but the impression is so strong that it is definitely worth a little additional effort. The upper part of the waterfall is accessible by the new comfortable staircase, which gets the visitor to the bottom of a "bowl" with partly slanting walls, so the visitors get the feeling of being in a cave through which a stream of crystal pure water flows. Especially in the periods with abundance of water this scenery is very impressive. And when "Madam Winter" builds its magical ice structures on the waterfall, it is impossible to describe how beautiful the scenery is.

The waterfall on Silver creek was created on a site where water encounters stone blocks made of rock resistant to erosion (amfibolic gabrum). The water falls on particular cascades to the depth of 14 metres, the highest cascades are up to 3 metres! These were created on the contact area based on more resistant rock – a dike of amfibolic gabrum. Due to quite massive through-flow, the Nýznerovské vodopády makes for really impressive scenery. In 1968, a protected natural area "The Silver creek waterfall" was declared

there. The best access to the area is on the forest path from Nýzerov, accessible only on foot.

The area is characterised as a geo-morphologically important canyon pass in crystalline slate. There is no similar cascade waterfall with so much erosion and eversion signs in the Rychlebsko or Jesenicko regions and, as wild as the scenery is, it attracts the attention of all visitors. The best access to the area is by the natural trail from Nýzerov, accessible only on foot. From the information centre for visitors it is only 15 to 20 minutes to the waterfall.

The creek originates under Smrk mountain at a height of 1,100 metres above sea level and to the valley its water must flow down nearly 700 metres on a 10 km track. The "wildest" spot is the canyon on the confluence with Bučinský creek, where the water has formed cascades and smaller waterfalls – this locality is protected as an area of natural beauty, Nýznerovské vodopády.

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## Project mission

The main mission of the Project was to ensure a possibility to relax and to provide basic infrastructure in the surroundings of the natural area Nýzerovské vodopády (Nýzerov waterfall) and provide the tourists with interesting information, all this with the help of educative expositions in the premises of the created gallery. The expositions focus thematically on natural and cultural sights, fauna, and flora, folk and historical traditions in the Žulovsko mikroregion. Implementation of the project brought support to rural tourism and as a part of the project, a natural trail leading through the protected area Nýzerovské vodopády has been built.



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## The Rychlebské mountains

The Rychlebské mountains make a natural historical border between the regions of Silesia, Kladsko and Moravia – these three areas “touch” each other nearly exactly on the highest point of the area, the Smrk mountain (1.125 m). The shape of the mountain range resembles the letter T, however, situated bottom up and also a little slanted. Its main edge spans more than 30 km in the direction from the Hrubý Jeseník mountain range, to which the Rychlebské mountains adhere in Ramzovské sedlo, to the northwest, and continues still further to Poland. From Smrk to the southwest spans the mountain range towards Kladské sedlo, where it borders with the Kralický sněžník mountain range. The third, quite original part of the Rychlebské hory mountain range is Sokolský hřbet, adhering to the main edge from the opposite side and reaching, particularly in Studniční vrch, the height of 992 m above sea level. The longest river in the area of Rychlebské hory is Vidnávkva, 32 km long, and the largest city is Javorník with a population of 2965.

## The characteristics of the region and Skorošice village history

The beautifully situated ancient village of Skorošice lies on the border between the picturesque Žulovská pahorkatina and steep slopes of the Travenká hornatina's highest parts. Skorošice village lies in the Skorošický potok valley, approximately 1.5 km from Žulová village.

The dominant view-point in Skorošice is the marvellous mountain range between Špičák (957m) and the Břidličný(946m) peaks. In the village there are approximately 780 inhabitants. The first written reference to the village is related to its founder, Skoroš, and dates back to documents from 1268 - 1271. However, the existence of the village has been recorded since the beginning of the 14th century.

The village unofficially consists of two parts - Dolní and Horní Skorošice. The settlements Petrovice, Nýzerov and Sedm lánů also belong to the village. Unfortunately, two picturesque settlements, Kamenná and Hraničná, no longer exist. Especially in the interesting upper part of Skorošice (Horní Skorošice) we can see quite a number of preserved houses and estates from the period of German settlement. The view-point of the village is St. Martin's church dating from the second half of the 19th century, visible from a distance, on the list of protected sights, as well as the rococo statue of Virgin Mary Immaculata in front of the church.

In the close surroundings of the village there are lots of abandoned quarries, some of them are flooded and serve as open-air swimming facilities in summer. In Skorošice, there is an interesting cycle path (No.6043), and the tourist red mark shows the way directly to the mountain edge. The village is an ideal starting point, either to the southern part of Žulovská pahorkatina, but above all also to the magnificent central part of the Rychlebské hory mountain range.

The tourist track leading through Skorošice, Špičák, Pomezny, Břidličný, Skoroš, Chlum, Kamenná, Nýzerovské vodopády and back to Skorošice is without a doubt among the most unforgettable ones.