

Czech-Saxon Ore Mountains Region

Guide and Schedule of Events for the period of July to September 2012



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The European Union has supported the project that focuses on joint promotion of the Ore Mountains on both sides of the border. The joint promotion of the region without borders will help remove current information barriers and will support overall development of the Ore Mountains and the neighbouring area called Podkrušnohoří.

For many years this area has been trying to change its image, which is perceived rather negatively especially on the Czech side due to mining and historical devastation of environment. From a different point of view, you can see a unique area, which can offer incredible experiences to a visitor. The Ore Mountains hide a lot of amazing places, which are certainly worth seeing. The guide provides several tips for interesting outings that will help you understand the history and wild beauty of this area.

We believe that you will fall in love with the Ore Mountains and that you will be happy to come back again.

Did you know that...

- ...the Ore Mountains have the largest number of hills named Špičák?
- ...Kammweg (ridge trail) is the oldest trail – in German speaking countries and that it was open in 1904? It is the first inter-regional tourist route in Saxony, which received a certification from the German Tourist Association and it is one of the four certified routes in the Free State of Saxony.
- ...the legendary Sachsenring in Hohenstein-Ernstthalu in the Ore Mountains belongs among the most modern cycling circles in Europe and that Moto GP racing are held here every year?
- ...The Day of Saxony in Freiberg is the largest folk festival in Saxony, and it is held during the second weekend in September in the city of Freiberg? For locals and for visitors alike, the city offers three great days of festivities – the celebration will take place in the historic city centre, on 17 stages and in many halls.
- ...bicycle races called Olbernhauer Radtour, Erzgebirgs-Bike Marathon and Drei-Talsperren Marathon attract cyclists to the Ore Mountains every year?
- ...the Wolf's Pit in Horní Blatná is an interesting natural monument, which holds snow even during a hot summer?
- ...the Ore Mountains spread from the southwest to the northeast over a distance of 130 km and therefore represent the longest mountain range in the Czech Republic?
- ...you may ride your bike through the entire ridge starting at Děčínský Sněžník on the east, going through Telnice, Cínovec, Fláje, Mount of St. Catherine, Mount St. Sebastian, Měděnec, Klínovec, Boží Dar, Pernink, Jelení, Bublava and Kraslice, all the way to the city of Cheb on the west?
- ...the landscape in the Ore Mountains was severely affected by harmful emissions in the past but surprisingly regenerated itself perfectly and recently became a „member“ of the Premier League of Czech tourist destinations offering a variety of ecosystems and vegetations and unique habitats for protected bird species?
- ...every year in July 22 a strike of miners takes place here, commemorating the first successful labour struggle of miners who used to work in the Ore Mountains during the Middle Ages? After the procession of miners is over – which passes through Neustädtel all the way to the mining Church of St. Wolfgang, a Mass service for miners is held here. And finally, at the end a festive concert is held at the city square.



1 NATURE TRAIL – BOŽÍ DAR PEAT-BOG

In the surrounding of the Boží dar peat-bog a nature trail was built, which is 3.2 km long and runs through one of the most precious sections of the nature park. It has 12 stops with information displays where you can read detailed information about the fauna and flora living in the peat-bog ecosystem. The biggest botanical attraction of the Boží dar peat-bog is a birch tree called Bříza zakrslá (Betula nana), which is a relic from the ice age. It differs from other types of birch trees because of its small size. Another typical flora of the peat-bog is a snake root called Rdesno, Zábělník bahenní, Viola bahenní, Kohoutek luční and many others. At the last stop in the Boží dar peat-bog you may join another popular nature trail called Blatenský trench, which is a unique technical sight.



Contact: ■ www.bozidar.cz

2 CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN ČESKÝ JIŘETÍN

The church in the border village of Český Jiřetín is the only all-wooden church in the Ore Mountains. The church was built in the second half of the 17th century in the village of Fláje where it remained until 1969. During the construction of the Fláje dam the church was the only saved structure in the flooded village and moved to the nearby Český Jiřetín. An interesting fact is that in 1999 the church bell tower was equipped with a bell which originally came from a church in the village of Klíny. Today, you may see an exhibition in the church, focusing on the history of border villages or you may visit a concert of children's choirs, which is held there before Christmas.



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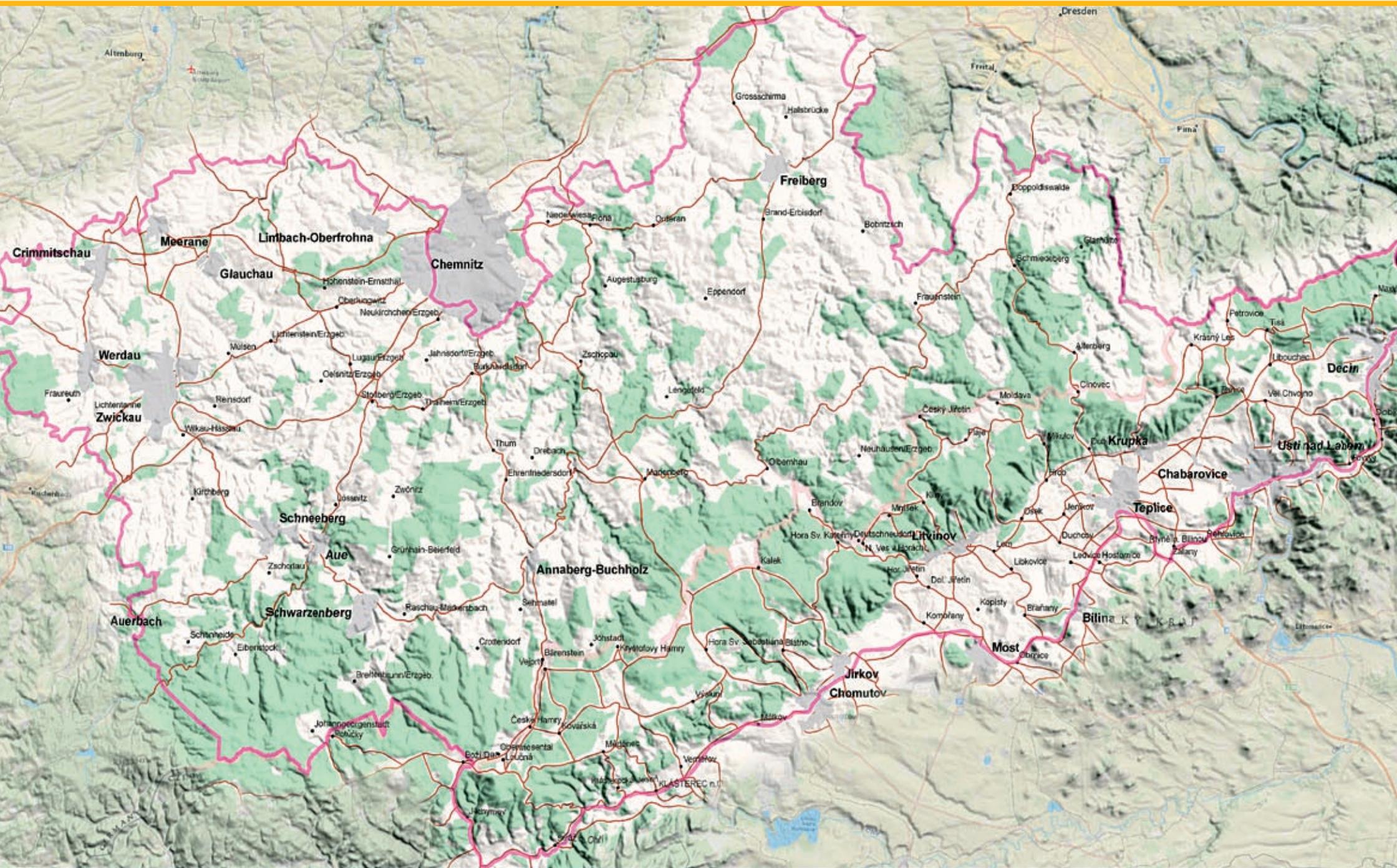


3 KOMÁŘÍ VÍŽKA (Mosquito Tower)

Old stone viewing towers hide a special charm. If you have enough time and desire to breathe fresh mountain air, we strongly recommend to take a trip to the viewing tower at Komářův vížka. The Komářův vížka viewing tower is located at Komářův hůrka (Komářův Peak), north of the city of Krupka, and it is the oldest viewing tower in the Ore Mountains. It was built in 1857 by Prince Clary Aldringer, an admirer of viewing towers. The viewing tower provided spectacular views for decades until the nineties of the 20th century, when new owners had the tower completely reconstructed, and the tower windows were bricked up. But do not despair as you may enjoy magnificent views from any place around the tower. If the weather is fine and the visibility is good, you may see as far as the peaks of the Krkonoše Mountains and you will also see the Czech Central Mountains as if they were at your fingertips.

You may take a cable chairlift to the Krupka viewing tower. The cable chairlift is the oldest and longest chairlift without any stops in the Czech Republic. This year in May, we celebrated its 60th anniversary. Underneath Komářův vížka you can take a guided tour through the Chapel of St. Wolfgang, which will teach you about the history of tin mining and will recommend additional attractions and tips for trips.

Contact: ■ www.komarivizka.eu





7 4th SAXONY DAY FOR MINERS AND STEELWORKERS IN JÖHSTADT August 24 through August 26, 2012

Experience the tradition on your own between August 24 and August 26, 2012, when the fourth Saxony day for miners and steelworkers is held in Jöhstadt. Come and see the march of miners and miners' bands dressed in traditional ceremonial uniforms, and under the glare of lights of the great miners' celebration.



Contact:

- www.bergbautradition-sachsen.de
- www.sbhkt.de

8 LOOKING FOR MUSICAL TREASURES

The Ore Mountains Musical Festival: September 4 through September 23, 2012
European Brass Band Meeting September 21 through September 23, 2012

The Ore Mountains Musical Festival held between September 14 and 23 will bring together artists of international significance, who will turn magnificent church buildings into wonderful musical experiences. Entirely different kind of music awaits guests every year during the third weekend in September – held in the village of Schlema. First-class orchestras from eleven European countries will demonstrate a variety of genres from swing and big-band-sound through cheerful folk music, rock, pop and finally, classical music, as they will perform at the European Festival of Brass Music – the International Music Festival will certainly inspire the entire audience.

Contact:

- www.musikfest-erzgebirge.de
- www.kurort-schlema.de
- www.bergmannsblasorchester.de

The Schedule of Events in the Czech-Saxon Ore Mountains Region

JULY

July through Sept. 2012

An outdoor stage theatre season Greifensteine – presents the Theatre of Eduard-von-Winterstein of Annaberg-Buchholz – Ehrenfriedersdorf, Phone: +49 (0)3733 1407130 – www.winterstein-theater.de

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Day of Miners – Altenberg, Schlema, Oelsnitz and Ehrenfriedersdorf – www.erzgebirge-tourismus.de

July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2012

Brass Band Concert in City Park – Chomutov – starts at 17:00. – www.chomutov-mesto.cz

July 6 – July 15, 2012

Kláštorec Musical Sources – Klášterec nad Ohří – 8th annual Music Festival at the Chateau presenting the famous Czech violin virtuoso Jaroslav Svěcený – www.muklasterec.cz

July 6 – July 8, 2012

Motor bike racing GP in Sachsenring – Hohenstein-Ernstthal – www.sachsenringgp.de



Sachsenring from the air

Autor: Thierne

July 7 – July 8, 2012 **Rides on the Ore Mountains railway road** – a track between cities Schwarzenberg and Annaberg-Buchholz – www.aussichtsbahn.de

July 7, 2012 **Musical Festival Mitte Europa** – concert – Osek – Church of the Assumption – starts at 16:00. – www.osek.cz

July 12, 2012 **Fairytale Forest** – a fairytale journey through the Chateau park – Klášterec nad Ohří – you need to pick up a ticket at the department for children and youth from June 1, 2012 – www.muklasterec.cz

July 12 – July 15, 2012 **ALPE ADRIA CHAMPIONSHIP 2012** – Most – Motor bike championship of the Czech Republic – www.autodrom-most.cz

July 13 – July 15, 2012 **International race Royal Cup 2012** – radio controlled speed boat model championship – Barbora lake, Duchcov – www.vodninaadrzbarbora.cz

July 16 – July 29, 2012 **Sculpture Symposium** – Most – the facility of the Church of the Assumption of Virgin Mary – www.imostecko.cz

July 21, 2012 **Laughing Summer – Musical Festival** – Kadaň – www.mesto-kadan.cz

July 21, 2012 **Horserace OAKS** – Hipodrom Most – www.hipodrom.cz

July 22, 2012 **The procession of miners, Mass for miners and concert in Schneeberg** – Schneeberg – www.schneeberg.de

July 22 – July 28, 2012 **Sculpture Symposium held at Lesná for the first time** – Lesná – www.horskyhotellesna.cz

July 25, 2012 **Concert in honour of the 200th anniversary of the last visit by L. v. Beethoven in Duchcov** – Chateau Duchcov – www.zamek-duchcov.cz

July 28 – July 29, 2012 **Victorian Festival – International Folklore Festival** – Chomutov – SKKS atrium – www.chomutov-mesto.cz

July 28 – July 29, 2012 **Pony show** – Zoopark Chomutov – www.zoopark.cz

July 28, 2012 **The Ore Mountains Folk Festival presenting folklore groups from Bohemia, Moravia and friends from the German side of the Ore Mountains** – Lesná – www.horskyhotellesna.cz

July 28, 2012 **Summer Games – 1st game event in Mikulov** – Nová Ves v Horách – www.novavesvhorach.cz

July 29, 2012 **String Claret concert** – Osek – Church of the Assumption of Virgin Mary – starts at 16:00 – www.osek.cz

July 29, 2012 **Folk Most** – Most – Church of the Assumption of Virgin Mary – www.imostecko.cz

AUGUST

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2012 **Brass Band Concert in City Park** – Kamenčák 2012 – Summer Music Festival – Chomutov – starts at 17:00. – www.chomutov-mesto.cz

August 3 – August 5, 2012 **FIA CHAMPIONSHIP CENTRAL EUROPE ZONE** – Autodrom Most – www.autodrom-most.cz

August 4, 2012 **Kamenčák 2012 – Summer Music Festival** – Chomutov – www.chomutov-mesto.cz

August 4, 2012 **Rose from Casanova** – Duchcov – 15th Annual Author Song Contests of amateur singers – www.zamek-duchcov.cz

August 4 – August 5, 2012 **The Ore Mountains Bike Marathon** – Seiffen – www.ebm100.de

August 10 – August 12, 2012 **Beerfest in Freiberg** – Freiberg – www.freiberg.de

August 10, 11, 17, 18, 2012 **Enchanted Safari** – Chomutov – fairytale beings in Stará Ves – Fairy, Sprite, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Devil's farm – www.zoopark.cz

August 10 – August 17, 2012 **Painting Symposium at Benedikt in Most** – Most – August 17, Auction of the works of participating artists – www.benediktmost.cz

August 12, 2012 **P. Červinka and O. Kvěch, Organ and Vocals Concert** – Osek – Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary – starts at 16:00 – www.osek.cz

August 17 – August 19, 2012 **Zwickau City Festival** – Zwickau – www.zwickautourist.de

August 18 – August 19, 2012 **Afro&Orient express** – Dance and Music Show – Chomutov – SKKS atrium – starts at 20:00. – www.chomutov-mesto.cz

August 18 – August 19, 2012 **Osecké Celebrations** – Osek – shuttle transportation between Most and Osek provided by a train pulled by a historic steam locomotive – www.osek.cz

August 18 – August 19, 2012 **City Festival** – Schwarzenberg – all day – www.schwarzenberg.de

August 18 – August 19, 2012 **Rides on the Ore Mountains railway track** – a track between cities Schwarzenberg and Annaberg-Buchholz – www.aussichtsbahn.de

August 20 – August 24, 2012 **Siraex – 6th Annual Festival of Contemporary Dance Styles with international participation** – Klášterec nad Ohří – Baroque summer palace opposite the Chateau – www.muklasterec.cz

August 24 – August 25, 2012 **Emperor's Day – 20th jubilee** – Kadaň – contemporary crafts, jugglers, historic marketeers, style music, street theatre, fireworks – www.mesto-kadan.cz

August 24 – August 26, 2012 **4th Saxon miners day** – Jöhstadt – www.bergbautradition-sachsen.de

August 25, 2012 **Venetian Night** – Autokemp Osek – Osek – www.osek.cz

August 25, 2012 **Horserace Summer Grand Prix** – Hipodrom Most – www.hipodrom.cz

August 25, 2012 **A Night at the Chateau** – district of Zwickau – www.nachtderschloesser-zwickau.de

August 26, 2012 **Country fest** – Chomutov – SKKS atrium – starts at 15:00. – www.chomutov-mesto.cz

August 28, 2012 **Holiday Shooting Competition** – Meziboří – shooting range SSK – www.mezibori.cz

August 28, 2012 **Tennis and Petanque Tournament** – Meziboří – tennis courts – www.mezibori.cz

- August 30, 2012** **Giacomo Casanova March** – Duchcov – Hiking club TJ Sokol
– <http://turistikasokoldv.cz/tl>
- August 30, 2012** **National Sokol Cycling Event** – Duchcov – Hiking club TJ Sokol
– <http://turistikasokoldv.cz/tl>
- August 31 – Sept 2, 2012** **CZECH TRUCK PRIX 2012** – Autodrom Most – www.autodrom-most.cz

SEPTEMBER

- Sept 1, 2012** **European Heritage Days** – Chomutov – City historical sites available to public – no charge, starts at 9:00 until 17:00 – www.chomutov-mesto.cz
- Sept 1, 2012** **Indian Summer open air** – Rock Festival – Chomutov – SKKS atrium – starts at 15:00. – www.chomutov-mesto.cz
- Sept 1, 2012** **Švejkbobraní 2012 alias „For the Emperor“** – Klášterec nad Ohří – celebration of good food and drink in the presence of the Good Soldier Švejk with a rich cultural programme – held at the Chateau – www.muklasterec.cz
- Sept 1, 2012** **Pluto II Memorial** – hiking march – Louka u Litvínova – www.loukaulitvinovala.cz
- Sept 1, 2012** **„XTERRA Krušnooman Klíny“** – XTERRA Czech Tour 2012 – Klíny – www.kliny.cz
- Sept 7 – Sept 9, 2012** **Day of Saxony** – Freiberg – www.freiberg.de
- Sept 8 – Sept 9, 2012** **5th series of the Mi ČR FSR-V race** – lake Barbora, Duchcov – radio controlled speed boat model race – www.vodninadrzbarbora.cz
- Sept 8 – Sept 9, 2012** **Mariánský Pilgrimage Festival** – Krupka – www.krupka-mesto.cz
- Sept 8 – Sept 9, 2012** **Rides on the Ore Mountains railway track** – a track between cities Schwarzenberg and Annaberg-Buchholz – www.aussichtsbahn.de
- Sept 8, 2012** **Winter Queen Cup Horserace** – Hipodrom Most – www.hipodrom.cz
- Sept 8, 2012** **Klášteřec March** – Klášterec nad Ohří – City Festival festivities with a rich cultural programme held at the Evženie Spa facility – www.muklasterec.cz
- Sept 8, 2012** **Most Celebration** – Most – in the Church of the Assumption of Virgin Mary – www.imostecko.cz
- Sept 8, 2012** **Day of Historical Crafts** – Seiffen open-air museum – www.spielzeugmuseum-seiffen.de
- Sept 9, 2012** **Day of open historical sites** – the Ore Mountains – <http://tag-des-offenen-denkmals.de>
- Sept 13, 2012** **Crazy Pentathlon** – a traditional afternoon full of crazy games – Klášterec nad Ohří – City Library – starts at 15:00 until 16:30 – www.muklasterec.cz

- Sept 13, 2012** **28th annual autumn run through Bažantnice** – Duchcov – Sport facility Bažantnice – www.duchcov.cz
- Sept 14 – Sept 23, 2012** **The Ore Mountains Musical Festival** – the Ore Mountains – www.musikfesterzgebirge.de
- Sept 15 – Sept 19, 2012** **Bobbin days in Annaberg** – Annaberg-Buchholz, Haus des Gastes „Erzhammer“ – www.annabergbuchholz.de
- Sept 15 – Sept 16, 2012** **The Ore Mountains Young Firefighter Competition** – the Benedikt facility in Most – www.euroreg.cz
- Sept 15, 2012** **Good Bye Summer 2012** – Klíny – Sport and lots of music in the mountains at the cable car lift – www.kliny.cz
- Sept 15, 2012** **Mariánský Folk Festival** – Mariánské Radčice – www.marianskeradvice.cz
- Sept 15, 2012** **Jirkov Mining Festival** – Jirkov City Square – offering rich cultural programme – www.jirkov.cz
- Sept 21 – Sept 23, 2012** **European Brass Bands Meeting** – Bad Schlema – www.kurortschlema.de
- Sept 22 – Sept 23, 2012** Equestrian race – Hipodrom Most – www.hipodrom.cz
- Sept 22, 2012** **Karel Lím March** – Duchcov – Hiking club TJ Sokol – www.duchcov.cz
- Sept 22, 2012** **Run of Hope** – Meziboří – downhill skiing slope – www.mezibori.cz
- Sept 22, 2012** **Memorial March of Fanda Motl from anywhere to Loučná** – Meziboří – www.mezibori.cz
- Sept 23, 2012** **Jan Zástěra – oratorium „Miserere“ J. Trautzi – concert** – Osek – Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary – starts at 16:00 – www.osek.cz
- Sept 28, 2012** **Milešovka** – Teplice – cross country run from Teplice to Milešovka 17.5 km, starts at 9:30 and at 11:00 near thermal spring Prasátko – www.milesovka.info
- Sept 28, 2012** **Wine Festival** – Kadaň – Festival opens a Mass held in the Franciscan monastery – www.vinobrani-kadan.cz
- Sept 28, 2012** **St. Michael's Festival** – Litvínov, náměstí Míru (city square) – starts at 9:00 until 18:00 – www.mulitvinov.cz
- Sept 28, 2012** **Day of the Czech Statehood** – Jaroslav Svěčený Concert – Cultural Centre Duchcov – www.duchcov.cz
- Sept 29, 2012** **Wenceslas Fun Celebration** – Louka u Litvínova – www.loukaulitvinovala.cz

A person is sitting on a wooden cart, wearing light-colored shorts and dark hiking boots. A green and black backpack is on the cart in front of them, with a blue carabiner attached to a zipper. Two trekking poles are leaning against the cart. The background shows a stone wall and green foliage.

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