

The tourist trail marking system, Czech Tourist Club



The Czech Tourist Club has a long tradition: in 2008, it celebrated its 120th anniversary and nature conservation and landscape have been part of its objectives since 1922. A campaign of marking and maintaining tourist routes has been underway since the creation of the organisation. The project's goal is to improve access to the landscape and the relationship between people and their surroundings. Tourist routes have been marked on tourist maps and walking routes have been complemented by skiing and cycling alternatives. Forty-eight accommodation facilities have also been set up to support expanding tourism. The marking of the tourist trails is mainly done by volunteers and the tourist club can still boast the largest voluntary force in the country. The organisation is youth driven, with more than 10 000 members below the age of 26. Apart from the tourist trails, the tourist club has been involved in various other projects such as the establishment of Tatransky National Park after an agreement with Poland in the 1920s and the 2006 opening of a museum in the former Jewish synagogue in Bechyně.

The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe congratulated the organisers of the project and recommended making it well-known to the general public for its exemplary value, and as a source of inspiration.