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# Wolf Enclosure

Good practice example  
Czech Republic

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# Introduction

## Wolf enclosure in Srní

Location

**Municipality of Srní**

Region

**Southwest Bohemia**

Country

**Czech Republic**

Type

**Natural heritage**



# Location

## Srní

Population

**224 inhabitants**

Distance to the regional centre

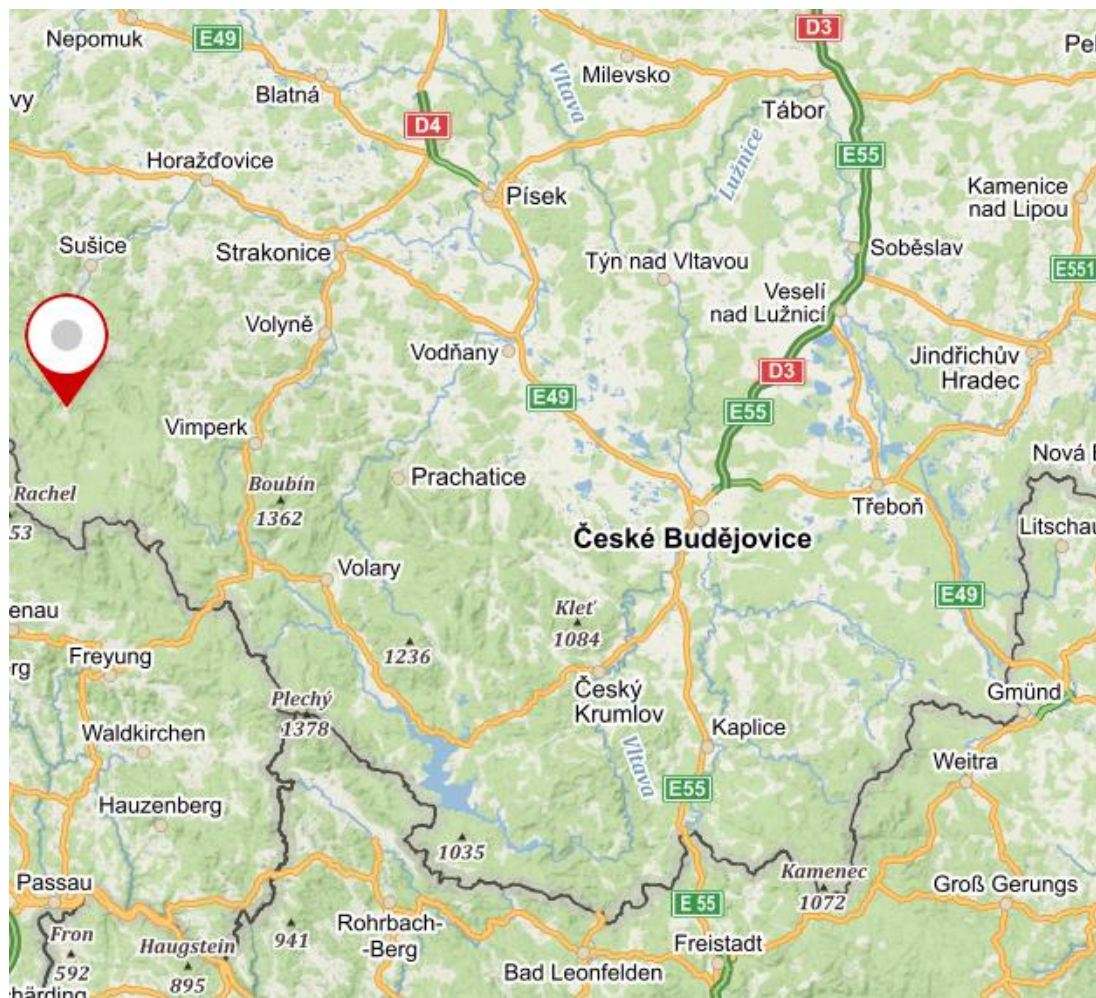
**96 km**

Specificity

**Remote area**

**National Park Šumava**

**Wolf reintroduction**



# Description

## Wolf enclosure / Visitor centre Srní

- Original status: none
- Change driver: presentation of a wolf pack habits in close-to-natural environment and other wildlife in the National Park Šumava
- Long-time effort to re-introduce wolves (*Canis lupus*) into the national park
- Selection of a mode of presentation, zoo-style display refused right away
- Securing the safety of visitors
- Capacity for large amounts of people
- Including more attractivities of the national park. Avoidance of the „come, take picture and go next place“ tourism mode of action
- Attractivity for all target groups
- Wellbeing of the predators

# Results

## Wolf enclosure / Visitor centre Srní

- Visitor centre seated in an almost passive wooden building
- Multimedia presentation of the National Park Šumava wildlife (lynx, grouse...)
- Public facilities, café, shop, car park
- Wolf enclosure set up in a prime forest in the area of 3 ha
- 300 metre-long elevated wooden walkway, enabling observation of the wolves without disturbing their almost natural habitat
- Walkway includes observation decks with additional information on wolves, pack dynamics and hierarchy, food habits, communication, mating...
- Support of „slow tourism“, visitors have to locate the wolves first, they might be scattered all around the enclosure

# Results

## Wolf enclosure / Visitor centre Srní

- Educational trail to the enclosure itself – presentation of prime forest mechanisms and natural processes
- Enables more precise studies on wolves regarding their daily chores, diet, communication...
- Kept wolves are not wildlife catches but wolves raised in captivity, saved from road accidents etc.

# Parameters

## Wolf enclosure / Visitor centre Srní

### Accessibility

**The enclosure walkway and the visitor centre is fully barrier-free. The enclosure can be reached via service track. The educational path is not barrier-free since it leads through wild forest**

### Ownership



**Management body of National Park Šumava**

### Timeframe

**The whole area was set up and created in 2015**



# Performance

## Wolf enclosure / Visitor centre Srní

### Visitor rate

**The visitor rate was ever increasing until Spring 2019 when the pandemics broke out. The area welcomed 300 000 visitors a year. However, being outdoor venue, it was open even in times of moderate restrictions.**

### Visitor composition

- **Hikers**
- **Nature lovers**
- **Scientists, experts (biology, zoology, ecology...)**
- **Schools and other educational institutions**



# Budget

## Wolf enclosure / Visitor centre Srní

### Sources

- 85% of ERDF funds via Regional Operational Programme Environment
- 15% own co-financing

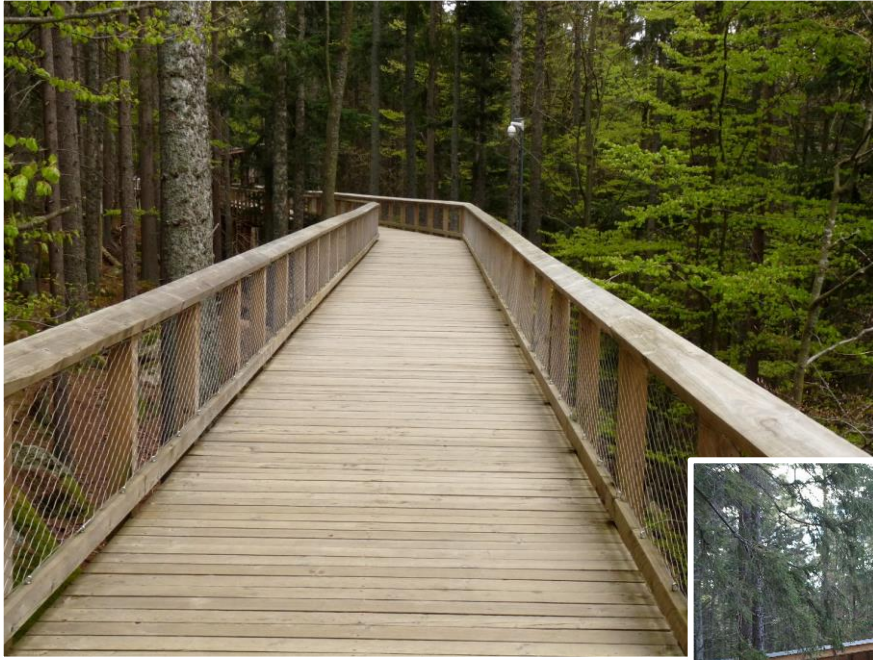
**Overall budget: 2,8 mil. €**

# Images





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**Thank you!**

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