

Březno u Loun, Louny dist., Ústí nad Labem Region

Open-air archaeological museum

(reconstruction of prehistoric and Early Medieval features)



An open-air archaeological museum at the site of an important archaeological excavation carried out from the 1950s to the 1970s. Excavated over an area of around 5 ha were a Neolithic settlement, two long Eneolithic barrows, a settlement and cemetery of the Early Bronze Age, settlement finds of the Middle and Late Bronze Age, a settlement of the Migration Period as well as an Early Medieval settlement of the period between the 6th and 9th centuries. The excavation produced highly unique information on many of these periods. The experimental archaeology centre and an open-air museum built gradually since 1981 include a reconstructed Neolithic long house, pit houses from the Migration Period and the Early Middle Ages, an Early Medieval pottery kiln and a storage pit for cereals.

References: Hnízdova 1955; Pleinerová 1956, 1972, 1980, 1984, 1986, 1991, 2000, 2007; Pleinerová – Pavlů 1979; Pleinerová – Hrala 1988; Pleinerová – Zápotocký 1999.

Navigation points: N 50°21'33.78", E 13°44'44.66".



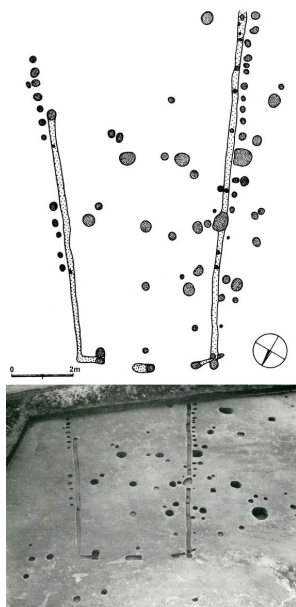
Access map / site plan.

After Kuna et al. 2014.



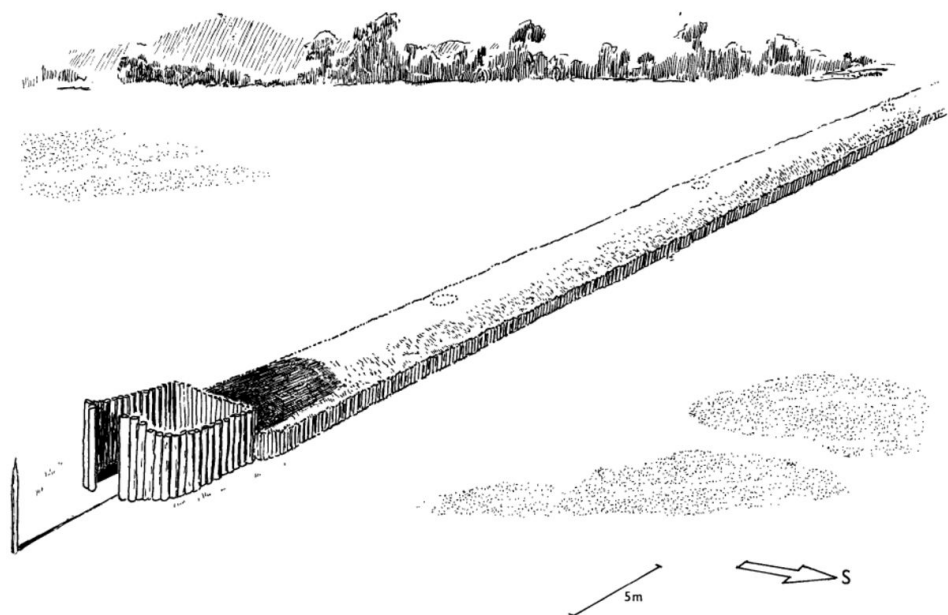
Site plan with Early Medieval features.

After Pleinerová 2007.



Later Neolithic house groundplan that was subsequently reconstructed. Picture from the excavations and a groundplan.

After Pleinerová 1984.



Drawn reconstruction of the long Aeneolithic barrow.

After Pleinerová 1980.



Rear wall of the Neolithic long house covered by an animal skin.

Photo Z. Kačerová, 2014.



Aerial view of the open-air museum.

Photo Z. Smrž, 2006.



Aerial view of the open-air museum and meanders of Eger river.

Photo Z. Smrž, 2005.