

Dolany u Olomouce, Olomouc distr., Olomouc Region

Medieval monastery Vallis Josaphat

(1380s–1425 AD)

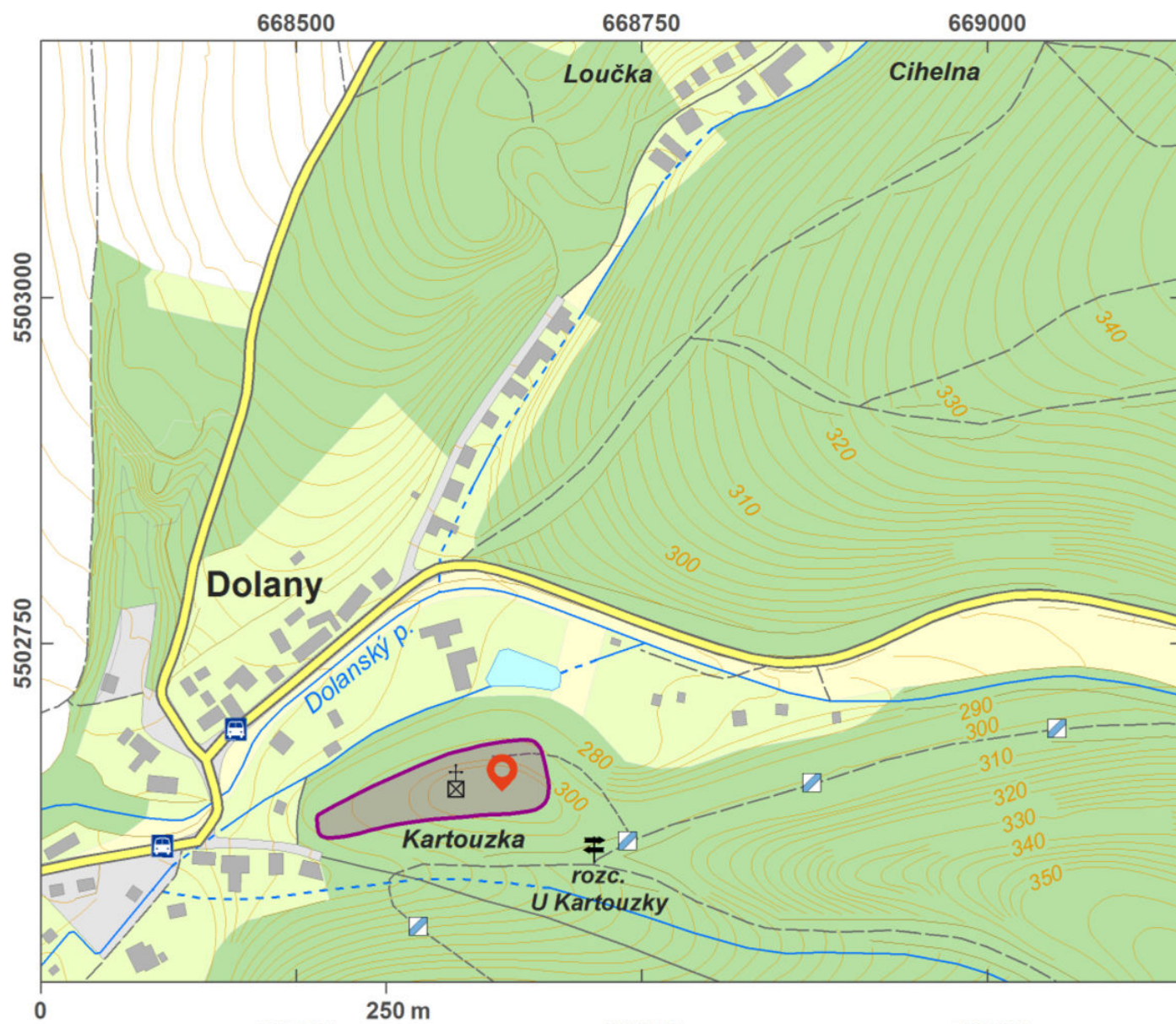


The unique medieval charterhouse of ‘Vallis Josaphat’ was established in the 1380s by splitting the Carthusian abbey of Tržek near Litomyšl. It was deserted on 2 February 1425, when its inhabitants were expelled by Hussite soldiers. In view of its short-lived existence, this charterhouse, situated in a strategic position, has never been finished. A vast archaeological excavation was carried out on the site. Today, the uncovered walls still show a height of almost 2 m. The centre is formed by a single-aisled church with pentagonal presbytery, to which two chapels are attached from the north. In addition, we can see the outlines of the cloister, a chapter house, the monks’ cells and service buildings spread over three terraces.

References: Burian 1966; Vrána 2002; Bolina 2004; Unger 2008.

Navigation point: N 49°39′10.14″, E 17°20′10.81″.

Map notes: A – monastery; B – Jívová Road; C – fortification with ditch and earthwork; D – church; E – rood screen; F – south chapel; G – north chapel; H – chapter hall; I – large cloister; J, L – monk's cells; K – small cloister.



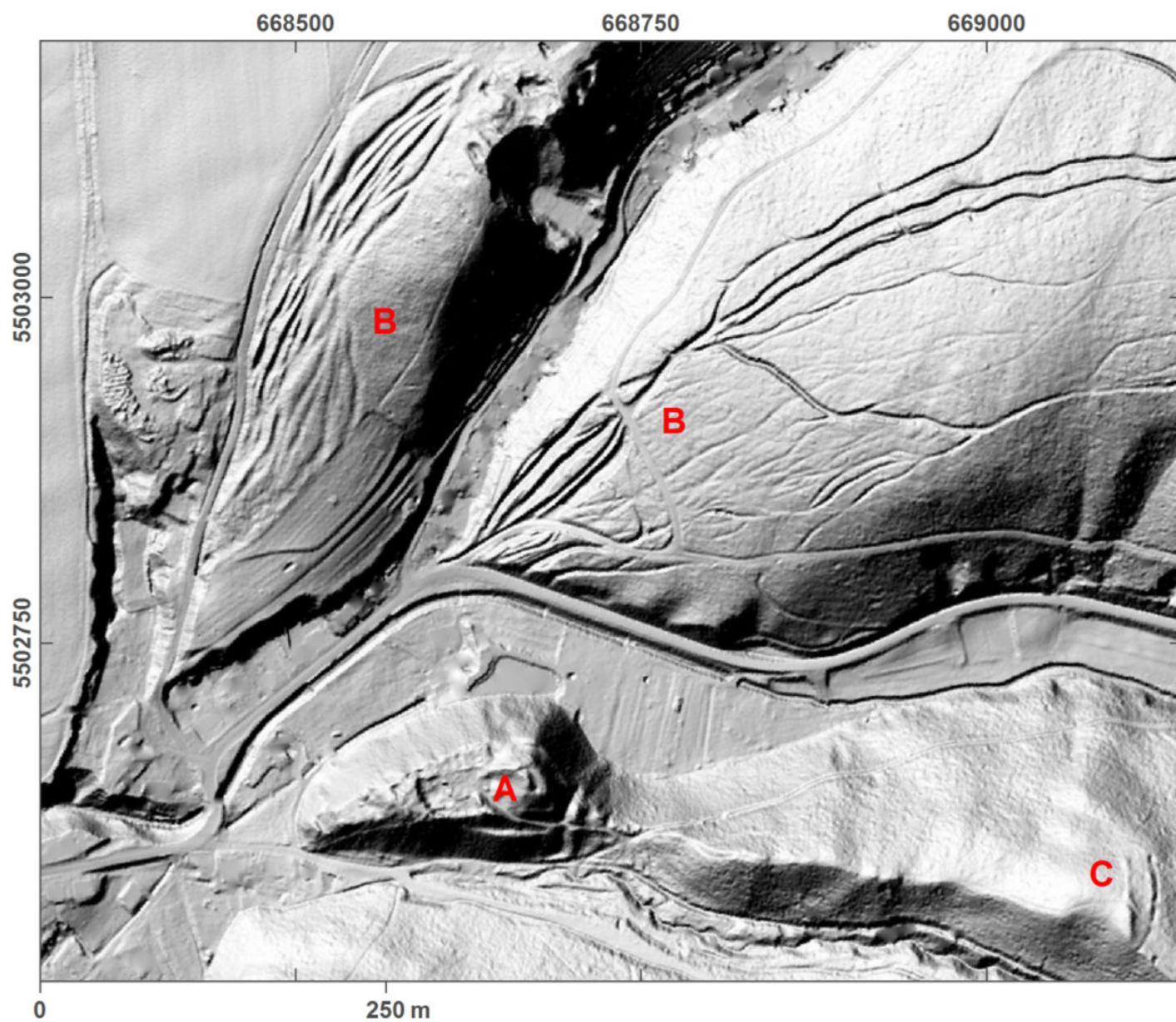
Access map.

After Tomášek et al. 2015.



Site plan.

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Site plan – LLS picture.

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View of the small cloister and the abbey church from the south-west.
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The large cloister from the east, monk's cells on the right.
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