

Mirkovice, Český Krumlov dist., South Bohemian Region

Medieval gold panning area

(12th–14th cent.)

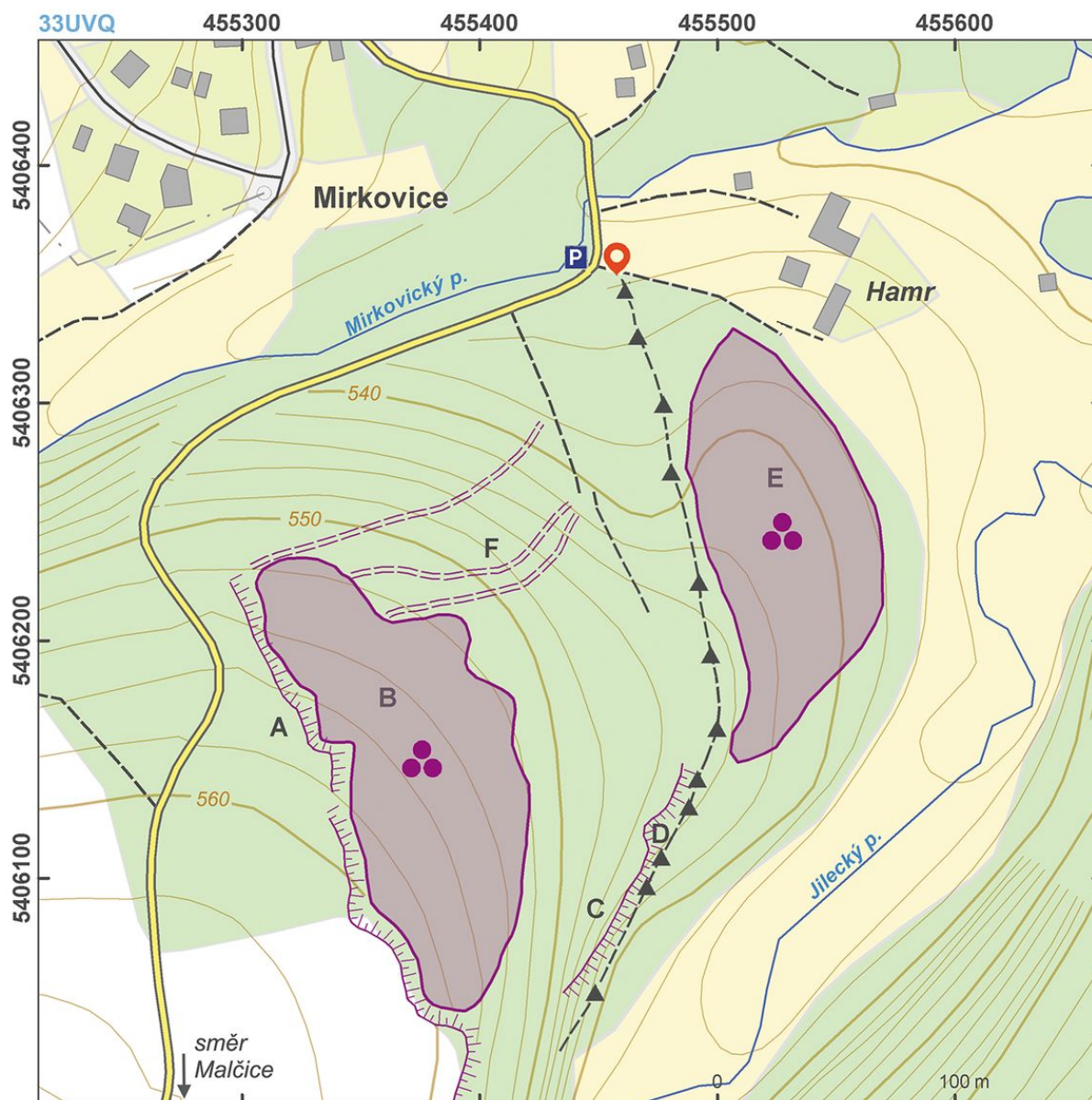


A large gold mining area used approximately between the 12th and 14th centuries. The area includes mining trenches, tailing heaps, goldwashing spoil heaps and border stones with engraved crosses marking the individual mining fields. Gold panning and mining on the Jílecký Stream are primarily connected with the House of Rosenberg (Rožmberk), which amassed considerable wealth from this activity. The processing of gold is documented, for example, at the castle in Český Krumlov.

References: Michálek – Zavřel 1996; Ernée a kol. 2014.

Navigation points: N 48°48'30.78", E 14°23'36.09".

Map notes: A – relief edge along which mining was conducted; B – area with tailing heaps (goldwashing spoil heaps); C – second relief edge, marked with boundary stones; D – trenches from the extraction of gold; E – goldwashing spoil heaps; F – hollow ways or remains of water canals.



Access map / site plan.

After Kuna et al. 2014.



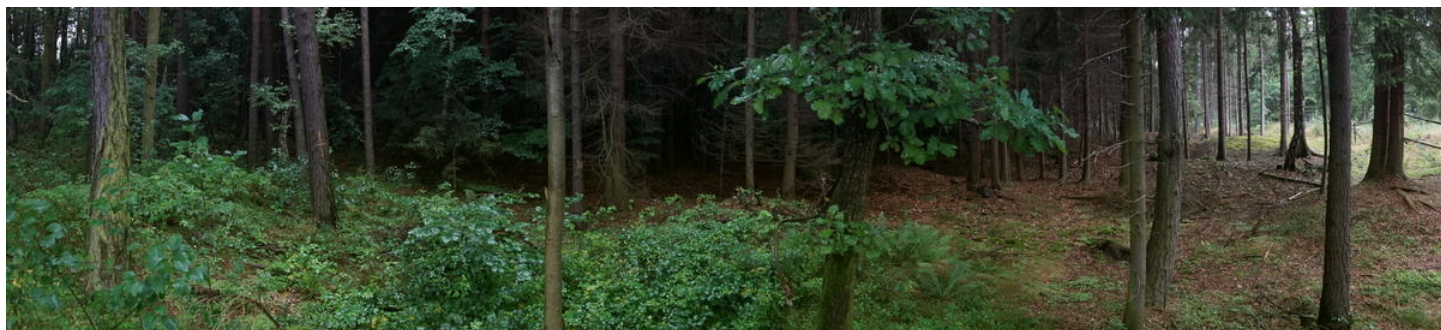
Remains of hollow ways or water channels.

Photo J. Mařík, 2014.



Western part of the area with remains of Early Medieval mining activities.

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A line of boundary stones in eastern part of the area.

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Boundary stone with an incised cross.

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Boundary stone.

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Eastern part of the area with remains of mining activities.

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Panoramic picture of the mining area.

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