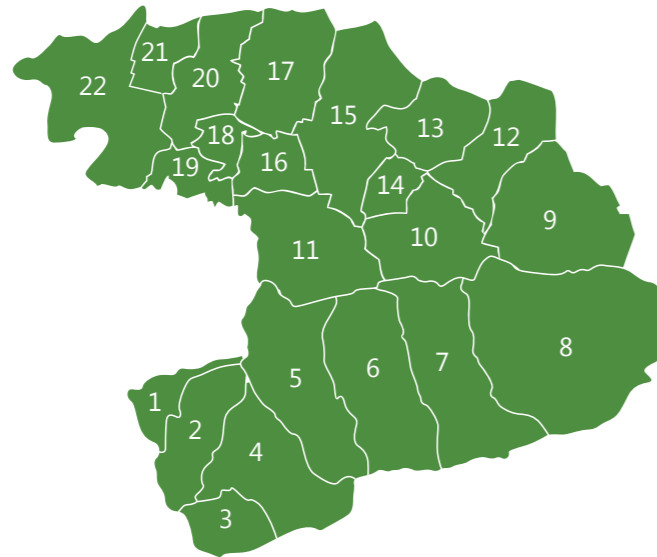




„My Wallachia“

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| 1. Janová | 12. Prostřední Bečva |
| 2. Hovězí | 13. Dolní Bečva |
| 3. Zděchov | 14. Vigantice |
| 4. Huslenky | 15. Rožnov pod Radhoštěm |
| 5. Halenkov | 16. Vidče |
| 6. Nový Hrozenkov | 17. Zubří |
| 7. Karolinka | 18. Střítež nad Bečvou |
| 8. Velké Karlovice | 19. Velká Lhota |
| 9. Horní Bečva | 20. Zašová |
| 10. Hutisko-Solanec | 21. Krhová |
| 11. Valašská Bystřice | 22. Valašské Meziříčí |

Natural Heritage

The beautiful region of Wallachia is part of The Beskydy Protected Landscape Area. There are virgin forests and mountain meadows with rare plants and wildlife. Traditional lifestyle, especially shepherding and mountain agriculture, have shaped the unique features of the Wallachian landscape, which is among the best preserved ecosystems in the country.

The following areas have the status of natural monument or nature preserve: Galovské lúky (Huslenky), Poskla (Hutisko – Solanec), Pod Juráškou (Horní Bečva), Uherská (Zděchov), Stříbrník (Hovězí), Kutaný (Halenkov), Razula (Velké Karlovice), Kudlačena (Horní Bečva) and others.



1 - View of Mt. Radhošť (and Velký Javorník) from Valašská Bystřice



2 - Galovské lúky, Huslenky

Cultural Heritage

The valuable cultural heritage of the region includes monuments to local traditions, particularly in the area of architecture. In most municipalities, historical churches, bell towers, chapels, museums and traditional timbered houses have been preserved.



3 - A timbered church dedicated to the saints Cyril and Methodius, Mt. Radhošť



4 - Antonín Strnadel Museum, Nový Hrozenkov

The natural beauty of the countryside and the culture of the local people have inspired many artists to depict Wallachians in paintings, stories, poems and songs. Numerous dancing and singing groups keep Wallachian folklore alive.



5 - Wallachian Wedding, folklore ensemble Hafera, Nový Hrozenkov

Markets, fairs, festivals, shows, exhibitions, lectures and theatre plays - a wide range of cultural events takes place in Wallachia all year round.



6 - 300-Year-Anniversary Fair in Velké Karlovice



7 - Portáš Festival, Valašská Bystřice

In Rožnovsko and Horní Vsacko seven tourist information centres offer services to visitors. They are located in Karolinka, Nový Hrozenkov, Velké Karlovice, Zašová, Valašská Bystřice and Rožnov pod Radhoštěm.

Wallachia offers so much..., come and explore...

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Sports and Leisure

Destination Wallachia offers excellent opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts and history lovers alike. Traditional architecture and folklore, unique and well-preserved countryside and a tourism infrastructure attract many visitors. In the summer, Wallachia is a prime destination for bicycling and hiking. In the winter, downhill and cross-country skiing and snow-shoeing are popular pastimes.



8 - Lake Na Stanoch, Nový Hrozenkov

Zděchov, Velké Karlovice, Vigantice, Hutisko-Solanec, Rožnov pod Radhoštěm and Valašské Meziříčí all have outdoor swimming pools. Dams and river pools can be found in Hovězí, in Bystřička and in Horní Bečva. In Nový Hrozenkov, a fresh water lake is a popular attraction for swimming and water skiing.



9 - Swimming pool, Vigantice



10 - A winter ride

Visitors interested in horseback riding come to Horní Vsacko and Rožnovsko to enjoy special riding programs, which are offered at different venues. At the moment, horseback riding can be enjoyed in Hovězí, Janová, Karolinka, Velké Karlovice, Rožnov pod Radhoštěm, Valašské Meziříčí, Valašská Bystřice, Prostřední Bečva and Horní Bečva.



11 - Jurkovič view tower, Rožnov pod Radhoštěm

View towers present especially attractive places to go for day trips. In Horní Vsacko, there are view towers on the mountains of Miloňová, Sůkenická and Ztracenec. In Rožnovsko, there is a newly renovated view tower by architect Jurkovič in Rožnov pod Radhoštěm and two towers on mountain tops in Bůřov and Velký Javorník. To enjoy magnificent panoramic views, however, there is no need to go to a view tower. Viewpoints to see the beautiful country abound.



12 - Jičinka Creek, Veřovické vrchy

A wealth of bicycling and hiking trails wind their ways through the hilly countryside. The most popular areas are Javorníky, Vsetínské vrchy, Veřovické vrchy, Pustevny, Radhošť and Soláň. In Velké Karlovice and Zděchov, bicyclists can try special single track bicycle trails.



13 - Veřovické vrchy with Mt. Radhošť in the background



14 - Cyklostezka Bečva bicycle path, Janová

Cyklostezka Bečva, which starts in Vsetín and runs all through the Vsetínská Bečva river valley, is a very popular bicycle trail.



15 - Ski trail on top of the Javorníky mountain ridge

The winter weather in the area is usually favourable for skiing. Cross-country skiers enjoy tens of kilometres of groomed cross-country trails in the valleys of Horní Vsacko and Rožnovsko areas. The centre of cross-country skiing is Velké Karlovice.



16 - Ski centre Razula

Local ski resorts operate ski slopes ranging in difficulty. All slopes are equipped with surface ski lifts. Velké Karlovice, Nový Hrozenkov, Horní Bečva, Pustevny and Soláň are the largest ski resorts but many villages have surface ski lifts as well. Pustevny, Rališka and Kohútka centres operate chair ski lifts.



17 - Vranča ski lift, Nový Hrozenkov



18 - Information Centre, Valašské Meziříčí

Accommodation services are plentiful and diverse. They include chalets, houses-for-rent and hotels including family pensions or large five star venues. Restaurants and bars typically offer local specialties.



19 - Accommodation in Velké Karlovice



20 - Fojtka, Hutisko-Solanec