

Abstract

The diploma thesis deals with the tourism in the Bohemian Paradise, the emphasis is on the town of Turnov that is regarded with its neighbourhood as a tourist centre of the region. The thesis describes the last third of the 19th century and the period before the First World War. The first part of the work focuses on the phenomena associated with the development of modern tourism in the observed region, such as the growing sector of services, the advent of railways or tourist organization. This section also includes chapter on the genesis of the name Bohemian Paradise (Český ráj). The other part of the thesis analyses the town Turnov and its surroundings. After a brief introduction, the thesis studies technical and material base that the town offered to the incoming visitors. The attention is turned to accommodation and catering services, summer apartments or local guide services. The main part describes the activities of the local department of the Czech Tourist Club. The department was founded in 1892 and fully took the initiative associated with the organization of tourism in the region, such as marking of hiking trails, keeping and enhancement of local landmarks, publication of promotional and guide materials, operation of tourist stations or student dormitories, and organization of lectures and various cultural events.

The thesis uses the sources from the State District Archives Semily and the Museum of the Bohemian Paradise Turnov. The archival fond containing the materials from the local department of the Czech Tourist Club is divided between the two institutions. The vast majority is located in Semily. Official books, meeting minutes, articles of association, promotional materials, maps, reports illustrating the care of sights and the maintenance of trails and their own tourist facilities are stored and processed here. The Museum in Turnov has great collections of local tourist literature –guides, travel books, magazines, bulletins or maps. Last but not least, the work uses the Journal of Tourists (Časopis turistů), published by the Czech Tourist Club.