

Abstract

The state Švihov Castle is located in the eponymous town in the western part of Bohemia. Půta Švihovský built this unconquerable object in 1480 near the Uhlava river. Other owners of the castle include the Říčanští's from the town of Říčany in the 16th century, and then the Černín's from the town of Chudenic, who owned the building until the end of the Second World War. This castle was not only used as a home of the Lord, but moreover, it was used for agricultural purposes beginning in the 18th century.

After the war, all the Černín's property was confiscated, and the castle has since been owned by the government. After the castle's submission to the government, numerous construction has been performed which continues to this day. The majority of the restoration took place under the direction of Břetislav Storm, M.A.E. Furthermore, in subsequent years, the castle has served multiple purposes such as archaeological and historical research, restoration and construction activities and also many movies have been filmed there.

The castle has been recognized as a national cultural monument, and has been managed by the National Heritage Institute since 2002. It has become a popular place to visit, not only because of its scenic beauty and uniqueness, but also because various cultural and social events often take place there.