



## Novohrad - Nograd Geopark Castle Museum Fi akovo

Fi akovo castle rises on steep cliff in a basin of Ipe river on the south part of Middle Slovakia. It is situated on the north part of historical Novohrad on the western border of Protected Landscape Area Cerová vrchovina, which is the youngest volcanic mountain in Slovakia. The castle ruins, which is seat of Castle Muzeum, rise on stone direct in the centre of town.



Fi akovo castle



Visible geological layers

Fi akovo castle together with the cliff create the unique harmony of nature with human. The castle cliff is the remain of volcanic crater actived in the Later Post-Tertiary approximately before 300th and 400th years and it belonged to the last volcanos in Cerová vrchovina. You can find a flown ball-shaped corpuscles of fist-size in many places within the upper castle. There are a volcanic bombs from sandstone.



Exhibition of Castle Museum Fi akovo

Since 2008, the Bebek tower permanent exhibition presents the history of the castle and town. There are exhibited valuable medieval finds, craftman's tools, weapon fragments, ceramics, pictures, oil-paintings and exhibits from the most important archeologic localities of Fi akovo and its surroundings. This year will be created a paleontological exhibition through grants, where the bones of prehistoric animals will be placed.

There is tourist guide available for visitors in several languages. The Castle Museum Fi akovo regularly organizes events in the castle area. Management of this institution cooperates with the international geopark management, several universities and professional organizations. The castle is open from 15. march to 15. November, Monday - Sunday. Outside the tourist season they provide entrance for groups after previous booking.



Paleontological exhibition in Fi akovo castle

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