

ABSTRACT

The aim of this diploma thesis is to propose several locations suitable for natural history excursions in the surroundings of Kolín and Kutná Hora.

The theoretical part focuses on the theoretical basis of excursion activities in school education at lower secondary school and on the natural history evaluation of the Kolín and Kutná Hora districts.

The practical part of the thesis proposes several locations that can be visited as part of natural history education at the lower secondary schools. Each location is briefly characterized, its transport accessibility and the difficulty of the route are described. A worksheet with a map and introductory text was created for each location. In addition, 15 other worksheets on various topics that are suitable for use in the proposed locations were created.

Part of the thesis is the realization of one of the excursions – specifically, an excursion along the Vrchlice Valley educational trail with 7th grade students. In the evaluation of this excursion, the thesis focuses on the assessment of its influence on the students' knowledge.

In the research part of the work, a questionnaire survey was conducted among natural history teachers at the lower secondary school, mainly from the surroundings of Kolín and Kutná Hora. The survey mapped the teachers' approach to excursions. It was inquired whether teachers organize excursions, what are the criteria for their selection, what factors limit excursions, how often and where do they organize excursions, what is the course of excursions and whether they are anchored in the curriculum.

KEYWORDS

Excursions, lower secondary school, Kolín, Kutná Hora, teachers' attitude to excursions, worksheets