

The History of the Chateau Garden

The history of the Lysice chateau garden can be traced back to the 16th century, when a vegetable garden and an orchard are known to have been adjacent to a water fortress in the north. A real ornamental garden dates back to the middle of the 17th century. Located at the eastern wing of the chateau building, it had a traditional Renaissance appearance and was enclosed by a high wall. Later, an upper terrace was added to a detached garden pavilion (casino) to the north of the castle, divided into flowerbed areas with a pool and an artificial grotto in the middle. As late as the early 18th century, there were still two large ponds in the garden below the upper terrace (a pond enclosed by a high fence wall with a wooden walkway and a pond in the southern part of the garden).

In the Baroque period, the garden was adorned with abundant sculptural decoration, and both ponds were removed. A chateau plant nursery with two orangeries, one of which was used more as a greenhouse, was built near the west wing of the chateau. The garden was most significantly extended in the second half of the 18th century. In the lower southern part, a formal vegetable garden was built in place of the pond, enlarged by an orchard to the east and two smaller terraced 'espalier' gardens above it, with trellises on the walls covered with climbing roses. The Baroque appearance of the garden was preserved until 1843.

Under the ownership of the Counts of Dubský, the garden was modified to its present form. In the middle parterre, the ancient enclosure wall with a wooden walkway was demolished and replaced in the mid-19th century by an elegant colonnade with a covered pergola, which connects the interiors of the first floor of the chateau with the garden. This garden architecture is unique to this site. Several small buildings (apiary and gazebo 1860) were added to the garden, and a sala terrena - garden hall (1876) replaced the former detached garden pavilion (casino). The garden is adorned with a number of terracotta vases and statues. The plant nursery on the other side of the chateau has also been extended by the addition of a fig tree house (1835) with a technically unique sliding roof (1887), and the baroque orangeries have been replaced by a new orangery (1841-1842) and a new greenhouse (1889).

The garden has been owned by the state since 1945 and has only regained its late 19th century historic appearance thanks to extensive restoration (2021-2023). It is carefully maintained by a team of chateau gardeners.

The chateau garden and the fig tree house are accessible to visitors for separate self-guided tours (guided tours are only available on the dates specified on the chateau's website).

You can find **the Rules for Garden Visitors** at the entrance to the chateau garden and also at www.zamek-lysice.eu

We kindly ask you to respect the rules, in particular the following:

- The entrance to the chateau garden is subject to a fee. Tickets can be purchased at the chateau's ticket office.
- The garden is open during the chateau's opening hours and your stay in the garden is limited to these opening hours only.
- Do not enter the garden and the fig tree house with your dog or any other animal.
- Do not walk outside the footpaths. The lawn can be used for seating only in the picnic area (G).
- Do not pick plants or fruit in the garden and the fig tree house or in their surroundings.
- Throw your litter only in the bins.
- Do not smoke in the garden or in the fig tree house and their surroundings.
- Do not throw any objects into the fountains or other water bodies.
- Do not disturb others by shouting, loud music or using a drone.
- Do not damage or steal the renovated equipment of the garden and the fig tree house.
- Children's safety and behaviour is the responsibility of the accompanying adults.

To move strollers and wheelchairs between the lower and middle terraces of the garden, you can use the ramp (F) behind the apiary (E).

The exit from the garden is at the garden hall (J) in the upper terrace of the garden and your tour continues to the fig tree house.

The garden seating furniture and benches are available for your relaxation.

Please note that the entire area of the chateau, including the gardens and the fig tree house, is continuously monitored by a camera system with recording. Information on data protection is available at www.npu.cz.

We kindly ask you to respect the instructions of the staff of the chateau administration and plant nursery.



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Welcome to the chateau's terraced garden with its unique colonnade and visit the only preserved fig tree house in the Czech Republic and Central Europe.

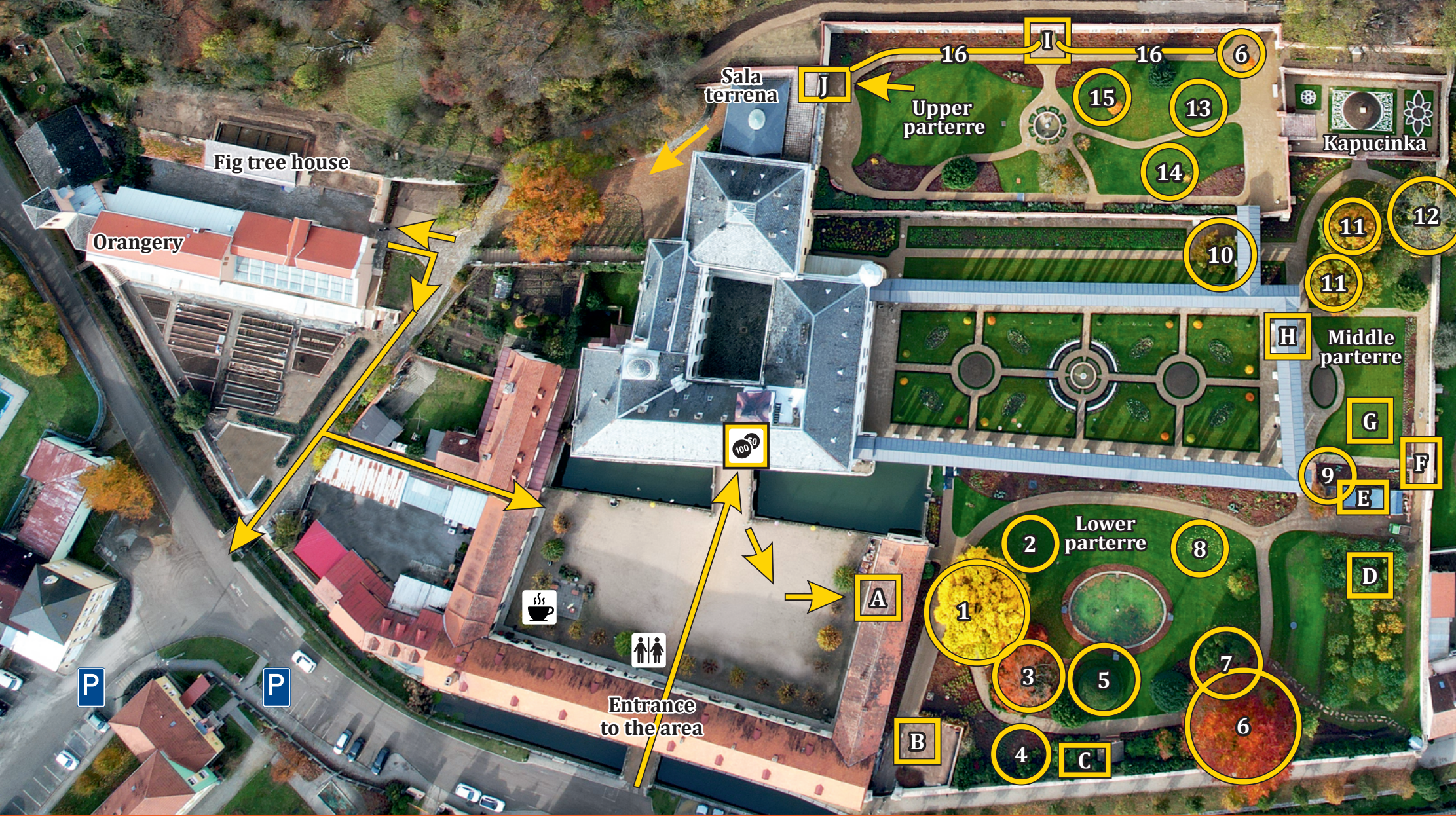
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ÚSTAV



- A • entrance to the garden
- B • emergency toilet (VI-VIII)
- C • gazebo
- D • orchard (fruit garden)
- E • apiary
- F • entrance ramp
- G • picnic area
- H • colonnade
- I • grotto
- J • exit from the garden
- P • parking lot

- 1 • Maidenhair Tree – *Ginkgo biloba*
- 2 • Smoothleaf Elm – *Ulmus minor*
- 3 • Dawn Redwood – *Metasequoia glyptostroboides*
- 4 • Black Walnut – *Juglans nigra*
- 5 • Yew – *Taxus baccata*
- 6 • European Beech – *Fagus sylvatica* 'Atropunicea'
- 7 • Saucer magnolia – *Magnolia x soulangeana*
- 8 • London Planetree – *Platanus x hispanica*

- 9 • Cornelian-cherry – *Cornus mas*
- 10 • Medlar – *Mespilus germanica*
- 11 • Pedunculate Oak – *Quercus robur* 'Fastigiata'
- 12 • Indian-bean-tree – *Catalpa bignonioides*
- 13 • Tulip-tree – *Liriodendron tulipifera*
- 14 • Norway Maple – *Acer platanoides* 'Palmitifidum'
- 15 • European Hornbeam – *Carpinus betulus*
- 16 • Collection of beardtongues (*Penstemon*)