

NATIONAL HERITAGE INSTITUTE

REGIONAL HERITAGE SITE MANAGEMENT AT SYCHROV

RULES FOR VISITORS TO THE PARK AND GARDEN OF THE STATE CHATEAU OF LITOMYŠL

(THE "PARK, GARDEN")

Article 1 - ACCESS TO THE PARK AND GARDEN

The park and garden are part of a national cultural heritage site, protected under Act No. 20/87 Coll. on State Heritage Protection, as amended.

Article 2 - OPENING HOURS

1. The park is open on the following days during the following hours: January-December 6:00 a.m. -10:00 p.m. The garden is now closed to the public due to the reconstruction of the chateau.
2. Access to the park and garden may be modified by the management of the heritage site if necessitated by the current operational or security situation. For operational reasons (filming, commercial rental, etc.) the park and garden may be entirely closed to the public

Article 3 - ADMISSION FEE

1. The admission to the park is free for visitors.
2. Persons under the age of 15 are not allowed in the park and garden without being accompanied by an adult.

Article 4 - ORGANISATION OF VISITS

1. The tour and visit to the park and garden are unguided.

Article 5 - SAFETY AND PROTECTION

1. In the park and in the garden, it is prohibited to:
 - a. Consume alcohol or any other narcotic or addictive substances. No persons reasonably suspected of being drunk or under the influence of drugs or other narcotic or addictive substances are allowed.
 - b. Smoking (including e-cigarettes, except in designated areas), lighting and using open fires is prohibited in the garden.
 - c. Throw cigarette butts on the ground, light or use open fires.
 - d. Use any kinds of fireworks.
 - e. Carry weapons.
 - f. In the park and garden it is prohibited to move off the marked paths, to tread new paths/trails, to pick and break flowers, to tear off blossoms/leaves of trees and bushes, to break branches, to climb trees and bushes, to climb over and under fences, walls and railings, to hunt animals and birds or in any way to harm and damage or take away fauna and flora in the park and garden.
 - g. Damage, destroy or remove in any way the equipment of the park and garden, write or paint on walls, statues, tiles and panelling, and other natural and structural elements.
 - h. Bathe in the fountains, ornamental ponds or the chateau pond.
 - i. Use the grass areas for having picnics; except for the designated areas.
 - j. Feed the animals bred by the National Heritage Institute. Climb down or otherwise disturb their dwellings.
 - k. Drive and park motor vehicles and lean any means of transport (bicycles, scooters, etc.) against the wall or place them in any places other than those designated for this purpose.
 - l. Post or hand out posters, leaflets, etc. without the knowledge of the heritage site management.
 - m. Throw rubbish outside the garbage cans; litter in any way.
 - n. Camp, play ball games, sledge, ski or skate.
 - o. Fly drones; any exceptions are granted by the head manager of the state chateau of Litomyšl, telephone: 461 615 067, e-mail: litomysl@npu.cz.
 - p. Pursue geocaching, place "caches", any exceptions may be granted by the head manager of the state chateau of Litomyšl, telephone: 461 615 067, e-mail: litomysl@npu.cz.
 - q. Disturb the peace, order, safety and good manners, play loud music or other sound recordings, shout and be loud, thereby disturbing other visitors.
 - r. Touch or tamper with the information system.
2. To protect the park, the garden and visitors, selected outdoor areas are monitored by a camera system with video recording. Information on the protection of personal data is available on the website at www.npu.cz in the personal data protection section.
3. When touring and staying in the park and garden, visitors must pay close attention to uneven road surfaces, low passageways, or other hazards occasioned by the historic nature of the park and garden. Visitors must take the utmost care for their safety, the safety of the children they are accompanying and any other persons entrusted to them.

Article 6 - ACCESS TO THE PARK AND GARDEN WITH BICYCLES and other means of transport

Visitors riding bicycles, scooters, roller skates, skateboards, etc. are not allowed in the park and garden unless there is a bicycle route directly marked in the park and garden.

Article 7 - ACCESS TO THE PARK AND GARDEN

1. Animals are allowed in the park under the following conditions:
 - a. The animal must be on a leash.
 - b. The owner of the animal, or the person leading the animal, is responsible for the animal's behaviour, including any damage that might be caused by the animal to the property of the National Heritage Institute.
 - c. The person responsible for the animal must ensure that the animal's excrement is cleaned up.
 - d. The admission of the animal is free of charge.
2. If there is a directly marked path in the gardens for the movement of animals on a leash or if a marked hiking trail leads through the gardens, then animals are allowed to enter under the same conditions as in the courtyard or park.

Article 8 - PLAY ELEMENTS IN THE PARK AND GARDEN

There are no play elements in the park, garden or anywhere on the grounds of the the state chateau of Litomyšl.

Article 9 - TAKINGS PHOTOS AND MAKING VIDEOS

1. In the park and in the garden, photography and filming with a mobile phone or camera for personal use is permitted; with respect and protection of the privacy of other visitors.
2. The operation of drones is prohibited above the site, in the site and in the building under the administration of the NPÚ. Possible exceptions are permitted by the chateau administration: litomysl@npu.cz
3. Taking photos and making videos for public presentation and for commercial purposes must be agreed in advance in writing with the heritage site manager, specifying the date of taking the photos or making the videos and other details. Please send any requests for taking pictures/filming to: litomysl@npu.cz or call: 461 615 067.
4. When there is a cultural or other event open to the public held in the park or the garden, the visitor acknowledges and understands that photographic/video documentation of the event may be taken during the event. This documentation will be used exclusively to meet the legitimate interests of the National Heritage Institute (also referred to as "NHI") for the purposes of promoting the event, informing about the event, etc. on the website, social networks, printed materials, etc. The photographic/video documentation will be taken mainly to capture the course of the event as a whole, not specific individuals. If visitors have any objections to this, they can contact the event organiser. The National Heritage Institute always protects any personal data obtained against misuse and processes them in accordance with currently applicable laws. Information on the protection of personal data, including advice on the rights of visitors, is available on the NHI website at www.npu.cz in the personal data protection section.

Article 10 - SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

1. The premises of the Litomyšl State Castle are undergoing reconstruction from 2023, we ask visitors to respect the safety measures and not to enter the closed parts, in particular it is forbidden to enter the French garden, where there is construction site equipment. The area of the Litomyšl State Castle is understood to mean the main building of the castle with the second courtyard (arcaded) and the third (small – now closed due to reconstruction), garden, park, Manor house and carriage house. The remaining properties of the castle complex (the first courtyard, the brewery with IC, accommodation, Bedřich Smetana's birthplace, the stables and the riding stable) are the property of the City of Litomyšl.
2. Paths in the garden and park are not maintained in winter, extra attention should be paid.

Article 11 - FINAL PROVISIONS

1. Visitors can submit their wishes, compliments or comments in writing directly at the heritage site in the book of wishes and complaints, which will be presented to them upon request by the head of the heritage site management. Visitors may also contact verbally, in writing or by phone the heritage site manager: litomysl@npu.cz; or the National Heritage Institute, Regional Heritage Site Management at Sychrov: bidlasova.lucie@npu.cz
2. The visitor is liable to the National Heritage Institute or the manager of the heritage site for violation of the Rules for Visitors and for damage to property, in accordance with the applicable laws. The liability of the management of the heritage site for any damage caused to visitors during their stay on the grounds is governed by the generally applicable laws. The National Heritage Institute is not liable to visitors for damages resulting from failure to comply with these Rules for Visitors.
3. Exceptions to the Rules for Visitors may be granted in justified cases by the manager of the heritage site.
4. These Rules for Visitors enter into effect on 1 January 2025 and the existing Rules for Visitors are being repealed at the same time.