



Czech Republic's unrivalled system of marked walking trails

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5 People in the Czech Republic love to walk. Anywhere and anytime. Hiking and walking have a very long tradition. The nationwide organization of walkers decided more than a hundred years ago to create a system of marked trails, which now cover the whole of the Czech Republic.

10 Almost 40,000 kilometers of walking trails run through the Czech Republic. The system is remarkably complex, so that no matter where you are – even in a city – you can find a little red, yellow or green marking to show you a pleasant walk. The trails are connected together to create a network, which enables you to chose how long you want to walk. For example, you can decide to follow the red markings and walk all the way from the East to the West of the Czech Republic. Karel Markvart, who works at the nationwide Club of Czech Tourists (Klub českých turistů), believes that the Czech Republic has probably the most complex system of walking trails in the world.

15 *Yes, the marked trails cover the whole of the Czech Republic. It is also true that in other countries they have some long-distance trails going across the country, but they have some regions without any marked trails, which you could not find here.*

20 Previously, tourists used to walk using military maps. Whenever they found a nice walk, they put a colored mark on a stone, tree or a fence. Then in 1889 the Club of Czech Tourists decided to created a complex system using the same type of marks across the whole territory of the Czech Republic. Nowadays, the Club is a volunteer organization supported by the state. Among other activities, it publishes maps and maintains the system of marked walking trails. Currently, volunteers are developing a new system of marked trails for cyclists and skiers. Mr. Markvart has a unique job: he is the only professional walking trail marker in the Czech Republic.

25 *This work is done only by volunteers. I am the only professional who does this and I get paid for the management of this system. Other volunteers make the marks and do the maintenance in their free time. They don't get paid, they get only reimbursement for travel costs and material, such as paint or signposts.*

30 Prior to the fall of communism, Czech walkers had a specific problem: the Communist Party did not want to publish accurate maps, because they believed they could be used by the capitalist enemy. Mr. Markvart explains further:

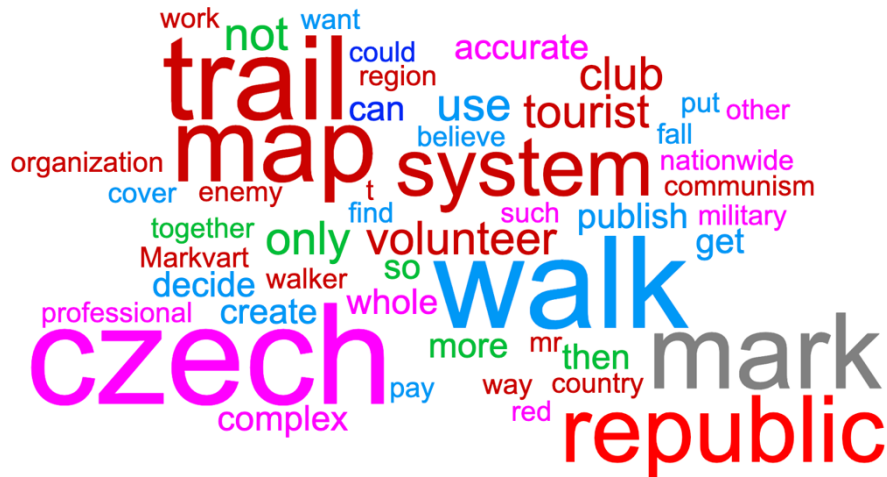
35 *Before the fall of communism in 1989 maps for general public were not accurate. The original map was cut into pieces, which were then bent and twisted in different ways and then put together again, so that the maps wouldn't help the enemy in a war. So there were really big distortions on the maps. And we were not allowed to publish maps of special regions - such as military areas - at all.*

40 Today, the maps are all accurate. Of course, there can be minor mistakes, but the Club of Czech Tourist has many fans who phone and write in to correct them.

Syllable stress table

Copy words from the word cloud on the previous page into this table.

Czech Walking Trails	1st syllable	2nd syllable	3rd syllable	4th syllable
One syllable	1.1			
Two syllables	2.1	2.2		
Three syllables	3.1	3.2	3.3	
Four syllables	4.1	4.2.	4.3	4.4
Five syllables	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4



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2	walking trails run through the Czech Republic. The	system	is remarkably complex, so that no matter where you
3	the Czech Republic has probably the most complex	system	of walking trails in the world. " Yes, the marked
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5	activities, it publishes maps and maintains the	system	of marked walking trails. Currently volunteers
6	trails. Currently volunteers are developing a new	system	of marked trails for cyclists and skiers. Mr. Markvart
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3	or green marking to show you a pleasant walk. The	trails	are connected together to create a network, which
4	has probably the most complex system of walking	trails	in the world. " Yes, the marked trails cover the whole
5	of walking trails in the world. " Yes, the marked	trails	cover the whole of the Czech Republic. It is also
6	in other countries they have some long-distance	trails	going across the country, but they have some regions
7	country, but they have some regions without any marked	trails	, which you could not find here. " Previously tourists
8	maps and maintains the system of marked walking	trails	. Currently volunteers are developing a new system
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10	unique job: he is the only professional walking	trail	marker in the Czech Republic. " This work is done

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