

JAM is a virtual guide to the town's modern architecture. It focuses on the so-called "modern town", i.e. Jičín in the period from 1850 to the present.

Here we suggest several walking trails, but you can also simply read the texts about the specific buildings or architects that interest you.

JAM follows in the footsteps of the successful Brno Architecture Manual (BAM, bam.brno.cz/en/), Pilsen Architecture Manual (PAM, pam.plzne.cz/en/), Litomyšl Architecture Manual (LAM, lam.litomysl.cz/en/), Zlín Architecture Manual (ZAM, zam.zlin.eu/en/) and the Hradec Králové Architecture Manual (KAM, kam.hradcekralove.cz/en)



1 Čeněk Musil I (basic) Čeněk Musil and the transformation of Jičín during the 20 years of interwar Czechoslovakia

Duration: 1.5 hours

Čeněk Musil was the architect and urbanist who (without exaggeration) literally transformed Jičín during the 1920s and 1930s from a sleepy 19th century backwater into a modern town. Musil oversaw the construction and modification of over 650 buildings, and through his Regulatory Plan (Regulační plán města Jičína), conceived in the avant-garde spirit of Vladimír Zákrevs, he set the course of the town's development.

On the basic route we have brought together 20 of the town's key buildings which simultaneously characterise Musil's architectural output. A more detailed understanding of his oeuvre can be got from the trail's extended version, which encompasses 40 buildings and public spaces.

Both trails take you to his public buildings, outstanding examples being the Commercial College (VP220) and Municipal Library (VP400) at the start of the walk, and to the apartment buildings and other objects designed for private investors.

The routes lead you to the villa quarter of Čeřovka, a superb example of Musil's urban vision. The basic walk ends in the grounds of the hospital, with the exceptionally accomplished morgue building.

Of all the most important buildings erected in Jičín during the First Republic, only a handful were not designed by Musil – regarding public buildings, the Bohemian Paradise Theatre – later a cinema (1923, the company Gröger, Hemerka a spol.), successfully reconstructed in 2017–2018 (PP47), and the Husite Congregational House (Denisova 613 (VP613)).



Commercial College
(today's Masaryk Business Academy) (VP220)



Čeřovka – a garden city,
Foersterova Street (F)



Morgue (G)

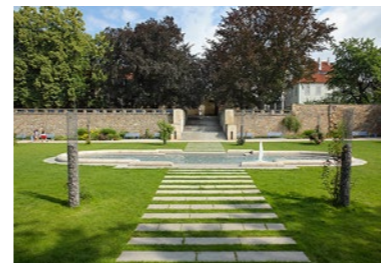


Student House
(today's Václav Čtvrtek Library)
(VP400)

2 Čeněk Musil II (extended)

Duration: 2.5 hours

Building on the basic Čeněk Musil route, this expanded trail is dedicated to those who wish to discover the works of this architect and urbanist in greater detail.



Municipal Park (A)



Vlach House (VP501)



Municipal Authority building
(District Savings Bank) (VP18)

3 Art Nouveau in Jičín Jičín at the turn of the 20th century

Duration: 1.5 hours

The walking trail sets off from Hotel Praha (VP310), a distinguished new building from the period, situated on the most important thoroughfare in this part of town. It takes you first to Tyršova Street. Here the new buildings were situated up to the line of the street, as regulations dictated, and sprang up in the years from 1904 through to the outbreak of WWI. The ornamental design on the facade of Tyršova 353 (VP353) is conceived in the decorative spirit of Czech modernism – or late Art Nouveau – and together with the facade at no. 354 (VP354), they are some of the most interesting examples of this trend, and not just here in this street. Also compelling, and unique within the architectural context of Jičín, is the attic gable on the building at 331 Tyršova Street (VP331). The only building in the street not the work of local contractors, again with a remarkable facade, is no. 250 (VP250), designed by the Prague architect Rainer Grossmann (1904). The route continues into Svatopluka Čecha Street and on into Vrchlického, where space was sufficient for villas and detached homes situated along the street line. Homes here were put up during the first decade of the 20th century. On the eastern part of Svatopluka Čecha we find a blend of progressive examples of Art Nouveau, and a remarkable example of the surviving vogue for historicising features – even now at the end of the first decade of the twentieth century. Besides a series of villas with glazed verandas, corner turrets, and richly decorative Art Nouveau facades, Vrchlického Street also boasts a building with imitation timberwork,

executed in Art Nouveau stylised crosses, which has no equivalent elsewhere in Jičín. From the intersection of Vrchlického and Husova, the route makes a detour to another unique building – a Protestant chapel, built as part of the villa of entrepreneur Bohuslav Mareček (VP289) (Konecchlumského 289). The way back to the centre follows Husova Avenue, where our gaze is directed to building no. 322 (VP322) with its sgraffito decorations, and in particular to Hotel Praha. On Božena Němcová Street you can see today the still well-preserved building of the municipal baths, continuing to serve its original purpose. Two further branches of the route take you to Smetanova Street and especially out to the suburb of Letná, behind Kníže Pond, where the villa built for Theodora Němcová according to a design by Dušan Jurkovič catches the eye. Next-door is the Jakubec villa, one of few buildings erected in the first two decades of the 20th century to have entirely escaped the slightest whiff of Art Nouveau or any historicising style (HP157) (Maršála Koněva Street 157, 1911, Pavel Janák).



Hotel Praha (VP310)



Mareček villa – Chapel
of the Evangelical Church of Czech
Brethren (VP289)

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- Čeněk Musil I
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List of objects by trail

Čeněk Musil I and II

- **BASIC** + ● **ADVANCED**
- **VP220** Commercial College (today's Masaryk Business Academy) – 17. listopadu 220
- **NM100** Higher Trade School (today's Tertiary Professional School and Secondary Technical School) – Pod Koželuhy 100
- **NM32** Burian House – Irmy Geisslové 32
- **NM65** Pažout House – Irmy Geisslové 65
- **PP49** Apartment building for Ministry of Defence employees – Ruská 49
- **A** Municipal Park – Smeřických / Valdštejnovo náměstí
- **B** Conversion of the “Coronation Fountain” – Valdštejnovo náměstí
- **HP211** Detached apartment building – Na Tobolce 211
- **VP56** District Authority building – Havlíčkova 56
- **VP18** Municipal Authority building – Žižkovo náměstí 18
- **VP3** Conversion of the “Paris” Hotel – Žižkovo náměstí 3
- **VP127** Terraced house – Husova 127
- **VP79** Department store – furniture market – Husova 79
- **VP77** Apartment building with shops on Husova Avenue – Husova 77
- **VP107** Conversion of the Palacký Building (today's Masaryk Theatre) – Husova 107
- **VP400** Student House (today's Václav Čtvrtek Library) – Denisova 400
- **VP486** Apartment building – Jungmannova 486
- **VP485** Apartment building with Čeněk Musil's architectural office – Fügnerova 485
- **VP424** Terraced house – Fügnerova 424
- **C** “Station quarter” – Českých bratří / Dělnická
- **VP428** Villa “Florea” – Denisova 428
- **VP427** Apartment building for post office employees – Denisova 427
- **VP212** College of Housewifery (today's Student Halls of Residence for the Tertiary Professional School and Secondary Technical School) – Denisova 212
- **VP504** Hušek Hotel – Denisova 504
- **VP490** Terraced house – Svatopluka Čecha 490
- **VP391–392** Apartment buildings – Tyršova 391–392
- **VP411** Apartment building for Ministry of Defence employees – Tyršova 411
- **VP501** Vlach House – Tyršova 501
- **D** Unrealised quarter along the lime-tree alley
- **S12-15** Agricultural College (today's Elementary School and Special Educational Needs Secondary School) – Soudná 12-15
- **E** Čefovka – a garden city, part I – Československé armády / Kukulova
- **VP440** Detached house – Kukulova 440
- **VP655** Detached house – Jaselská 655
- **VP654** Detached house – Pod Čeřovkou 654
- **F** Čeřovka – a garden city, part II – Pod Čeřovkou / Foersterova
- **VP547** Čeněk Nedomeš House – Strauchova 547
- **G** Morgue – Bolzanova / Kukulova
- **HP269** Agricultural Sickness Insurance Company (today's Jičín Area Hospital, Pavilion N) – Smetanova 269
- **VP512** District Hospital (today's Jičín Area Hospital) – Bolzanova 512
- **H** Unrealised Regional Court – Jiráskova / Železnická
- **HP515–516** Apartment buildings – Tylova 515–516

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- **VP310** Hotel Praha – Husova 310
- **J** The Valdické Suburb on the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries – Husova / Tyršova
- **VP357** Antonín and František Holeček's two-storey townhouse – Tyršova 357
- **VP323** Antonín Holeček's two-storey townhouse III – Tyršova 323
- **VP293** Antonín Holeček's two-storey townhouse I – Tyršova 293
- **VP252** Two-storey townhouse – Tyršova 252
- **VP318** Antonín Holeček's two-storey townhouse II – Tyršova 318
- **VP331** Antonín Holeček's two-storey townhouse IV – Tyršova 331
- **VP250** Two-storey townhouse – Tyršova 250
- **VP346** Antonín Holeček's two-storey townhouse V – Tyršova 346
- **VP262** Two-storey townhouse – Tyršova 262
- **VP271** Two-storey townhouse – Tyršova 271
- **VP353** Building of the Jičín Civil Servants' Housing Co-operative I – Tyršova 353
- **VP354** Building of the Jičín Civil Servants' Housing Co-operative II – Tyršova 354
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- **VP268** Dům Adolfa a Julie Novotných – Svatopluka Čecha 268
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- **VP348** Detached house – Vrchlického 348
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- **HP150** Villa of Theodora Němcová – Maršála Koněva 150