



We will set out from Nový Jičín over Svinec Hill to the destination of our trip, Kojetín.

Kojetín is a village 4 km far from Nový Jičín; it is situated in a saddle between Svinec and Straník Hills.

The Picrite Mandelstones in Kojetín are an extraordinary nature monument; they are situated along both sides of the road leading from Kojetín to the village of Straník.

For its extraordinary value, a legal protection in the category of a „nature monument“ was declared for this locality. It is not allowed to wilfully violate the cliffs of the quarry anyhow. The reason for protection is geological. The point is to preserve a locality of one of the types of undersea volcanic activity in the Lower Cretaceous Period during which the so called „picrite mandelstone“ evolved here.

This area of 0.23 ha was declared to be a nature monument in 1997. The locality is situated at a height from 482 to 500 metres above sea level. Two marked hiking trails and a cycle path lead through the area of the nature monument. The nature monu-

ment is part of František Palacký's Nature Trail Relating to National History and Geography.

A memorable tree grows near the north edge of the village; it is a lime tree, *Tilia platyphyllos*, and it is one of the oldest trees in the region of Nový Jičín. Under the crown of the lime tree one of the informative boards of František Palacký's Nature Trail is placed.

Above the dam you will surely not overlook a marked memorable tree, a common maple growing near the road. The common maple is our autochthonous woody plant. This one is one of the oldest specimens in North Moravia.

The ski resort of Svinec offers enjoyment of sport. The main downhill course is 470 m long and has a camber of 120 m. Its terrain is interesting even for more demanding skiers. The slope is artificially snowed up, it is modified every evening and it is possible to go skiing here under artificial lighting every evening.

The ski resort has also a children's hill of Včelínek, where you can ski on natural snow.

## *The Trip of Nový Jičín Kojetín*

