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to Nature

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### Repaired and safe way onto the Ořešník rock

**Hejnice (7 October 2012)** – The Czech Union for Nature Conservation (CSOP) with its general partner, NET4GAS, presented, in co-operation with the Jizera Ještěd Mountain Association, already the 54<sup>th</sup> natural locality within the Closer to Nature programme to the public. The location is called Ořešník and it is a well-known trip destination with an impressive view of the heart of the national nature reserve called the Jizera Mountains Beechwood.

Ořešník reaches an altitude of 800 m and belongs to one of the most beautiful trip spots of the Jizera Mountains. To get on the top comprising a high rock, visitors have to climb stairs that were carved in the rock and provided with a railing in 1898. It means that it is already 114 remarkable years that people can come here to enjoy the view of the core part of the national nature reserve called the Jizera Mountains Beechwood, a unique association of fir and beech forests on scree slope of the northern part of the local mountains. The view offering to see as far as the distant Lužice in good weather is a reward for visitors for conquering the difficult way up.

The condition of the tourist monument became unsatisfactory with time with some elements becoming critical. There was neither any information panel here to inform visitors of the surrounding natural places of interest.

“Oak tree requiring enough warm or large-leave lime can be found in the local beechwoods, and the highest placed yew tree grows not far from the Stojka rock in the Jizera Mountains. You can also find steep slopes here created by large granite plates with great feldspar crystals resembling high mountain walls,” said Tomáš Klimovič of the Czech Union for Nature Conservation of the Jizera Mountain Conservation Area Administration.

The railing, rock steps and the water-collecting ditch were repaired thanks to the Closer to Nature programme. The path leading onto the top became safer for visitors, and relax benches were installed on viewing points along the route with an information panel. “We are glad we can help that people are really closer to nature. The mission of our programme can clearly be seen on the Ořešník project,” said Milan Řepka, spokesperson for NET4GAS.

So, do not hesitate and set out for a trip onto the top of Ořešník near Hejnice just now when the local forests are full of colours.

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**The Czech Union for Nature Conservation** is a civic association of people who share an active interest in nature conservation and the environment. ČSOP's mission is to protect and restore nature, the landscape and the environment, to promote environmental education and support sustainable living. The Union currently has 9,000 members coming from the ranks of professional naturalists, experienced volunteers as well as pure enthusiasts who simply love nature. For more information please go to [www.csop.cz](http://www.csop.cz).

**NET4GAS** is aware of its social responsibility and therefore develops and constantly deepens its concept of corporate philanthropy and sponsorship. The company acts as a reliable and safe gas transmission system operator and develops a responsible environmental policy that takes into account the interests of future generations. The NET4GAS long-term strategy - which is put into practice through the NET4GAS Closer to Nature programme - springs from the close relation between the core business pursued by NET4GAS on the one hand, and nature-conservation and environmental issues on the other. NET4GAS is the general partner of the Czech Union for Nature Conservation since 2007 and supports other projects for which the motto "Closer to Nature" represents an integral part of sustainable development. For detailed information on the localities newly opened to the public and on other nature spots of interest, as well as for destination tips, please visit [www.closertonature.cz](http://www.closertonature.cz).