

NATIONAL HERITAGE INSTITUTE

REGIONAL HERITAGE SITE MANAGEMENT AT SYCHROV

RULES FOR VISITORS TO THE COURT OF HONOUR OF THE STATE CHATEAU OF SYCHROV

(THE "COURT OF HONOUR")

Article 1 - ACCESS TO THE COURT OF HONOUR

The Court of Honour is 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 Court of Honour is open to the public during the opening hours of the chateau.
2. Access to the Court of Honour may be modified by the management of the heritage site if necessitated by the operational or security situation. For operational reasons (filming, commercial rental, etc.), the Court of Honour may be entirely closed to the public.

Article 3 - ADMISSION FEE

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

Article 4 - ORGANISATION OF VISITS

1. The tour of the Court of Honour is unguided.

Article 5 - SAFETY AND PROTECTION

1. In the Court of Honour, 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 in the Court of Honour.
 - b. Throw cigarette butts on the ground, light or use open fires.
 - c. Use any kinds of fireworks.
 - d. Carry weapons.
 - e. Move off the marked paths, tread new paths/trails, pick or break flowers, tear off blossoms/leaves of trees and bushes, break branches, climb trees and bushes, climb over and under fences, walls and railings, hunt animals and birds or in any way harm and damage or take away fauna and flora in the Court of Honour.
 - f. Use the grass areas for having picnics; except for the designated areas.
 - g. Damage, destroy or remove in any way the equipment of the Court of Honour, or write or paint on the walls, statues, tiles and panelling, rocks and other natural and structural elements in the Court of Honour.
 - h. Bathe in the fountain at the well house.
 - i. Drive and park motor vehicles, ride bicycles, scooters, roller skates, skateboards, etc.
 - j. Post or hand out posters, leaflets, etc. without the knowledge of the heritage site management.
 - k. Throw rubbish outside the garbage cans or otherwise litter the Court of Honour.
 - l. Camp, play ball games, sledge, ski or skate.
 - m. Fly, take photos and film with drones; any exceptions may be granted by the chateau manager: sychrov@npu.cz.
 - n. Pursue geocaching, place "caches" in the area of the Court of Honour, any exceptions may be granted upon agreement with the castle manager: sychrov@npu.cz.
 - o. Disturb the peace, order, safety and good manners, play loud music or other sound recordings, shout and be loud, thereby disturbing other visitors and fauna.
 - p. Touch or tamper with the information system.
2. For the protection of the Court of Honour 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 visiting the Court of Honour, visitors must pay close attention to uneven road surfaces, low passageways, water areas or other hazards occasioned by the nature of the Court of Honour. 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 COURT OF HONOUR WITH BICYCLES and other means of transport

1. Visitors riding bicycles, scooters, roller skates, skateboards, etc. are not allowed in the Court of Honour.

Article 7 - ACCESS TO THE COURT OF HONOUR WITH ANIMALS

1. Animals are allowed in the Court of Honour 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.

Article 8 - TAKINGS PHOTOS AND MAKING VIDEOS

1. In the Court of Honour, visitors are allowed to take photos and make videos for their own use while respecting and protecting the privacy of other visitors.
2. Taking photos and making videos by the visitors 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: sychrov@npu.cz.
3. When there is a cultural or other event open to the public held in the Court of Honour, the visitor acknowledges and understands that photographic/video documentation 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 9 - SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

1. In the event of a cultural or social event in the Court of Honour, the castle manager may modify the conditions for entry depending on the specific event. For example, the manager may prohibit entry with animals, prohibit entry with bicycles, etc.
2. Vehicles may enter the Court of Honour only with prior approval of the heritage site management. This approval is only granted in exceptional cases (e.g. immobile participants of wedding ceremonies, etc.).

Article 10 - 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 castle manager, telephone: 482 416 011 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.