In 1755 mining began in the black coal fields of Rosice - Oslavany. The coal mines in Moravia were only active tive in this region until 1783. These coal fields were the smallest and oldest in the region, but the black coal from this region was the highest quality in Moravia. Jindřich II. (Henry) was the deepest black coal mine in Central Europe at 1456m. There was also an operational briquette plant between 1891 and 1959. Maximum annual mining capacity was reached in 1963, when 751 668 tonnes of coal was extracted. In the 1970s' mining was centralized in a new mine

Jindřich II. in Zbýšov and other mines in the area ceased activity. In 1992 mining stopped in this area and all the towers were demounted dismantled. At the Jindřich II. mine the old towers have been left standing and are used as transmitters of GSM and Wi-Fi networks) there is also an old riveting tower Simson (built in 1902) as a technical monument.

Regional narrow gauge railway presents a collection of rail transport vehicles on ex - service works railway Zastávka u Brna - Zbýšov. In addition to the museum's exhibition there are special historical trains running including a steam locomotive, excursion wagons, wagons for bicycles and custom - made cargo wagons along with other special trains. Trains runs on selected Saturdays in May-September, custom-made (school trips, company extra events) can be arranged throughout the vear. On selected Saturdays a special transport line Brno-Zastávka-Oslavany and back runs with a historical railmotor M131.1448. A part of our

collection (mining engines and coaches) is deposited in the Museum of Mining and energetics at manor house Oslavany, www.mesto-oslavany.cz



The Museum of Industrial Railways is a civil and a non - profit organization, all staff members work on a voluntary basis. The Museum began in 1991. After 14 vears of activities on Czech and Slovak narrow-gauge forest railways collection of the Museum was relocated in 2005 to Zbýšov. The collection create

30 diesel- (build 1940 -1989), 4 steam- (build 1913-1951) and 4 electric locomotives (system 220 V DC). Most interesting is electric locomotive from Siemens build in 1908 – its the oldest in service in Czech republic.

Up: Engines types BN15R (TSM 1971), 2x BN 30 (ČKD1953 and 1951), BN 30R (ČKD 1961), in background BN 30U (ČKD 1959) in Zbýšov in 2010.

Right: Engine type BN30 R (ČKD 1961) with cargo / work train (last wagon is our first closed passenger coach rebuilt from cargo wagon) on the biggest bridge of our railway - in km 2,444 before station Zbýšov in february 2009.





Locomotive Siemens built in 1908 with summer covered wagon built in museum in 2002 Steam locomotive BS 80 (ČKD Prague 1951) with a passenger train in Zbýšov in 2009



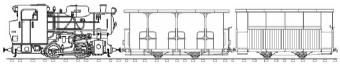
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Regional narrow gauge railway

Zastávka u Brna - Babice u Rosic - Zbýšov











The original works railway was built in 1862 as a way to transport coal between the state railway station Zastávka u Brna and mines in Zbýšov. It is currently converted from a normal (1435mm) to narrow (600mm) gauge according to the needs of our Museum.

- All Saturdays in July and August (and other selected Saturdays in summer) we provide public rides with steam (BS 80 engine - ČKD build in 1951) or diesel engines.
- The oldest electric (220V DC) narrow gauge engine built in 1908
- You can see an exciting exhibition of steam, diesel, and electric locomotives built between 1905 to 1981
- Exhibition of historical photos representing coal minning, energy and rail transportation in the south Moravia region
- Selected Saturdays special historical rides on the rail motor M131.1448 travelling on the state railway Brno-Zastávka-Oslavany and back.
- Refreshment is guaranteed ©



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