TRACES · VOLUME 02

Following Carl's Footsteps

Scharfenstein, the Zschopau, forest and landscape – continue exploring Volume 02 together outdoors.

Not a fixed walking route

This activity gives you things to observe. Historical sites may have changed or be privately owned. Always check current access and opening hours locally.

1 · Scharfenstein: how much room is there for fields?

Look at the valley, slopes, forest and settlement. Where might grain have been grown in the 18th century? Why could a poor harvest hit a region like this particularly hard?

2 · The Zschopau: water as part of history

Pietzonka reports high water in the Zschopau in January 1770. Find a safe place with a view of the river. What might flooding have meant for roads, mills and fields at the time?

3 · Castle and village: close together, different lives

Look at the position of the castle in relation to the houses. How might it have felt if people in the settlement were hungry while knowing that provisions existed elsewhere?

4 · The forest: larder and boundary

Do not collect anything you cannot identify safely. Just look: what edible things might a forest provide – berries, mushrooms, nuts? Why was game nevertheless not simply "there for everyone"?

5 · Ways out

Find an old or modern route leading out of the settlement. During the hunger years people left their homes. What would you take if you had to travel on foot without knowing when you would return?

Family bingo

- ▫ saw the river
- ▫ saw the castle
- ▫ saw the forest
- ▫ discovered a possible old route
- ▫ considered where fields could have been
- ▫ found a question to look up later

Afterwards

Which place connected Volume 02 most strongly with the real landscape for you?

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