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# The importance of singletrails in the forest environment for individual groups of stakeholders

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# Introduction

- 3 Monitored Localities – Singletrail Moravian Karst – Jedovnice trails, Singletrail Moravian Karst – Mariánské valley trails and Rychlebské trails in the Rychlebské Mountains



# Methodology

- ▶ Qualitative research - stakeholder analysis
- ▶ Stakeholders include:
  - ▶ Representatives of the management of the municipality where the singletrail is located
  - ▶ Entrepreneurs
  - ▶ Operators of individual singletrails
  - ▶ Hunters whose hunting grounds are a part of the territory in which the singletrail is located
  - ▶ Local citizens who live in municipalities in the immediate vicinity of the observed singletrails
  - ▶ Cyclists who ride singletrails
  - ▶ Tourists
- ▶ 182 semi-structured interviews

# Results - Management of the municipality

- ▶ Jedovnice trails and Mariánské valley trails
  - ▶ Management of Jedovnice and Brno-Líšeň do not believe that singletrails greatly contributed to the municipal budget or that they had a significant impact on the increase of tourism in both localities
- ▶ Rychlebské trails
  - ▶ The most significant impact - direct impact on development of local tourism, economy and even on employment
  - ▶ Construction of new accommodation capacities (30-40) and approximately 11 new restaurant facilities
  - ▶ Singletrails contribute to the municipal budget through an accommodation fee within which an average of 200,000 – 250,000 CZK is collected annually

# Results - Entrepreneurs

- ▶ Jedovnice trails and Mariánské valley trails
  - ▶ Business activity before the construction of singletrails - the opening of singletrail tracks had not contributed significantly to sales
- ▶ Rychlebské trails
  - ▶ The construction of singletrails had the greatest impact on entrepreneurs in the municipality Černá Voda
  - ▶ All approached entrepreneurs started their business after the construction of singletrails and the biggest part of their income comes from users of singletrails

# Results - Hunters and forest keepers

## ▶ Jedovnice trails

- ▶ Two biggest downsides in connection with the operation of the singletrail – (1) difficult way of using the forest economically and (2) worsened conditions for hunting
- ▶ Conflicts between hunters, cyclists and operators

## ▶ Mariánské valley trails

- ▶ The highest incidence of conflicts
- ▶ According to hunters, the problem of singletrails is the fact that trails lead through need zones for animals
- ▶ Cyclists do not respect the opening hours

## ▶ Rychlebské trails

- ▶ Problems with: (1) disturbance of animals in the forest and (2) difficult hunting

# Results - Local citizens

## ▶ Jedovnice trails

- ▶ + singletrails bring new opportunities for entrepreneurs and the municipality
- ▶ - traffic situation, especially on the shore of the Olšovec pond, where the camp and the Base are located
- ▶ - limited leisure activities (walks in the forest, mushroom hunting, or walking dogs)

## ▶ Mariánské valley trails

- ▶ - Local citizens do not feel safe (cyclists rode very fast on the roads and that they ignored children and dogs that were being walked)
- ▶ Singletrails are not an important topic for them

## ▶ Rychlebské trails

- ▶ Two main topics: (1) increase of tourism that causes big profits, and (2) loss of quietnes



# Results - Cyclists

## ▶ Jedovnice trails

- ▶ Trails are located near Brno
  - ▶ The most often cyclists from Brno
  - ▶ The most common length of stay is one day
- ▶ + Services of the Base

## ▶ Mariánské valley trails

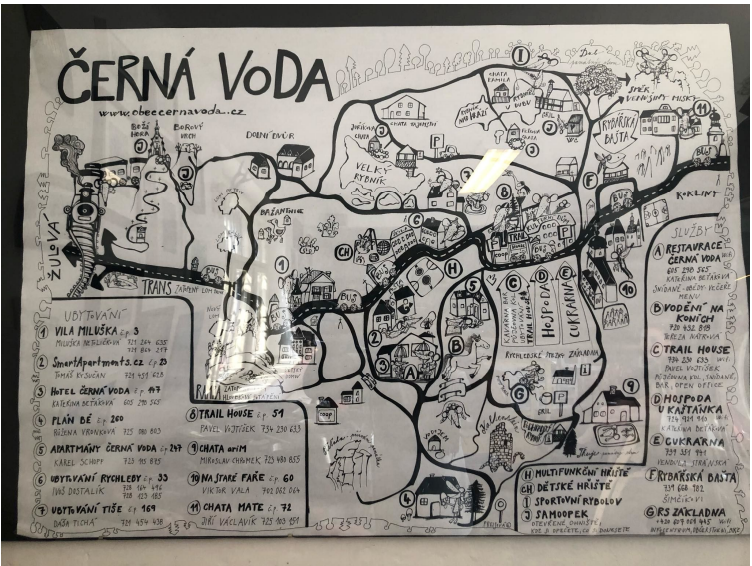
- ▶ Cyclists from a greater distance than Brno
- ▶ In most cases cyclists are on the local singletail for the first time

## ▶ Rychlebské trails

- ▶ Distance of the singletail from the place of cyclists residence does not play a big role
- ▶ Connected with the length of the visit (cyclists most often stay for three to five days)



# Discussion



# Thank you for your attention.

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