

NOTICE FOR VISITORS

Dear visitors, the Břevnov Monastery is a place of prayer, the home of the Benedictine community and also a national cultural monument. This place is sought by religious people, families with children, elderly fellow citizens, people coming for peace, quiet and spiritual encouragement, therefore mutual consideration is important.

St Margaret's Basilica is primarily a place of religious ceremonies. The church is sacred for believers, they express this through respectful, quiet behavior. A similar attitude should be inherent to everyone who enters the church: they maintain silence, which includes turning off their mobile phones, and it goes without saying that they do not enter the church with food or drink.

Access to the lawns near the church is prohibited. We are reacting to the behavior of some visitors. It repeatedly happened that when the coffin was taken out of the basilica with the deceased, children ran around without the intervention of their parents, which the mourners rightly considered undignified. Even children riding down the ramp from the basilica or playing ball games near the church and other monastic buildings do not belong to a way of behavior that would respect the character of this space. So we are primarily concerned with noise reduction and overall calming of movement around the basilica.

The greenery in the monastery area has also been damaged and destroyed for a long time. There are not many green areas in urban environments – all the more care must be taken to protect and preserve them for the future. For the same reason, we ask you to walk along the marked routes in the monastery garden as well.

The use of any vehicles, including bicycles, is prohibited throughout the monastery grounds. Wheelchairs for the physically disabled and baby carriages are of course an exception. Bicycles, segways etc. can only be stored in designated areas. Movement on children's bouncers and scooters is only allowed on the roads in freely accessible parts of the area, and only for children accompanied by an adult who is responsible for the child's safety and for not endangering and disturbing other visitors.

The free movement of dogs and other animals is prohibited in the entire area of the Břevnov monastery – outside dogs and other animals only on a leash. The owners are obliged to clean up after their animals.

Dogs and other animals are not allowed in the interiors of the sightseeing route – including animals in crates and luggage.

In the interest of the safety of all visitors, please do not bring any dangerous objects into the area. We also thank you for respecting the smoking ban – it is only allowed in designated areas of the monastery grounds.

In the interiors of objects included in the sightseeing route (or in other marked areas) it is forbidden to take pictures, film and take other documentation without prior agreement and written consent of the monastery management.

Use of photos, videos etc. taken in the outer parts of the monastery grounds for commercial purposes (advertising etc.) is prohibited without prior agreement and written consent of the monastery management.

The entire monastery grounds are privately owned. The owner of the monastery grounds is Benedictine Archabbey of St Adalbert and St Margaret.

Please respect the instructions of the members of the order and of the monastery staff, and respect also the Safety Guidelines of the monastery grounds.

