

VALDŠTEJNSKÁ ZAHRADA (WALLENSTEIN GARDEN)



The Baroque style Valdštejnská zahrada (Wallenstein Garden) belongs among the most beautiful leisure places in Prague. It is located on Malá Strana (Lesser Town) and is a continuation of the Valdštejnský palác (Wallenstein Palace) premises that is a home to the Czech Senate.

Access roads

The garden is inaccessible from Valdštejnské náměstí (Wallenstein Square). From the courtyard of Valdštejnský palác (Wallenstein Palace) to the garden leads a short staircase (-8 and -3 steps). The square itself has a rough surface made of historic tiles with wide joints. The entrance that leads to the rear of a garden from Klárov (by an inaccessible metro station “Malostranská” and a partially accessible tram stop with the same name) is much better. However, even here a section of the access path is paved with rough historic tiles in a slope of 5 %. Within the massive single-wing gate (width 90 cm) is a stone threshold (height 4 cm). Further, in the garden the paths are surfaced with cobblestones and gravel. The third entrance to the garden consists of a wooden gate that leads to the street Letná. Within the gate is a single-leaf door (width 85 cm) without a threshold. The sidewalk on Letná street has a surface made of mosaic tiles with stretches of rough cobblestones at the driveways by the buildings. Letná street can be used to reach Malostranské náměstí (Lesser Town Square) where a tram stop is located.

Areal

The garden consists of several sections with flower beds, chestnut alleys, sculptures and other decorations. A Salla Terrena (garden hall) dominates the central part of the garden with an open-air auditorium. The space is designed for public music and cultural events. On the left side of the Salla Terrena (as seen from the garden) are public toilets with a separate partially accessible cabin. Located further to the left is an aviary with owls, and a stalactites (grotto) wall. An artificial grotto, which is among the original decoration of the garden, hides among the stalactites faces of people, animals, and other beings. A dominating feature of the eastern part of the garden (past the Wallenstein Riding School) is a pond with a square floor plan and an artificial island adorned with a statue of Hercules. Peacocks and wild ducks roam free in the garden. Wallenstein Garden is free to visit from April to October.

Sanitary facilities

A single partially accessible toilet (door width 102 cm; cabin: width 248 cm, depth 158 cm) is located on the left side of the Salla Terrena. The toilet is locked; a bell signaling (height 112 cm) to summon a staff member with a key is by the door on the left. A single-leaf door to the toilet is marked and opens manually outwards. The cabin is rotated by 90°. Access to the toilet, as seen from the entrance, is on the left. Space for a wheelchair next to the toilet bowl is sufficient (width 91 cm). The toilet is equipped with two folding grab handles.

Parking

The closest parking spot is located on Valdštejnská street.