

7th year of Lidice Women March Ravensbrück-Nový Bor

March proposition: Anyone can join the core of hikers anywhere on the route. The only condition is that he or she can manage the selected one or multi-day route. All walk at their own risk and are responsible for their own food and overnight arrangements. They must always bear in mind that the march follows the track of the death transport.

In order to preserve the authentic path and conditions of the march undertaken by women who were interned for three years in the Ravensbrück concentration camp, it is necessary to adapt to the conditions under which the transport took place at the end of the war. On the way, the women had no accommodation – neither ate in any restaurants - slept mostly in the open air in hostile territory, where they had only each other to rely on.



Ravensbrück - Crivitz 2017

Date	Place	Km
27.4.	Ravensbrück – Arrival, laying flowers at the memorial to the victims of CC	
28.4.	Ravensbrück - Ahrensberg – Wesenberg – Mirow – Rechlin	37.0
29.4.	Rechlin – Röbel/Müritz - Sietow - Malchow	32.0
30.4.	Malchow – Alt Schwerin – Karow - Goldberg	26.0
1.5.	Goldberg – Mestlin – Zelkow - Crivitz	32.0
TOTAL	4 days	<u>127.0</u>
Place	in bold - towns that the women walked through in 1945 weekend-public holiday	

Other events in 2017 (later data are preliminary!):

- 28.1. **Nový Jičín-Běloutín-Hranice (26 km)** – Route of POWs death march
- 15.2. **Sobotka-Boseň-Březina-Mnichovo Hradiště (31 km)** – Route of POWs death march
- 22.4. **Krásná Lípa-Horní Chřibská-Varnsdorf (21 km)** – Route of prisoners from KZ Schwarzheide death march
- 13.5. **Žihle-Kralovice (15 km)** – Route of liberated prisoners from KZ Buchenwald, Ossendorf and Halle
- 21.5. **Nový Bor a Česká Lípa** – in memory of 5 Lidice women returning from KZ Ravensbrück in May 1945
- 3.6. **Cínovec** - event at the memorial plaque to the return of 46 Lidice women to their homeland in June 1945

Our activities:

With the help of friends from Lidice, surviving Lidice women and their descendants, we managed to reconstruct two return routes of Lidice women from KZ Ravensbrück to their homeland in 1945, and walk in their tracks. Then we started searching for routes of other death marches of KZ prisoners and POWs. These were plentiful. Some of the other death marches routes we try to walk, usually only symbolically, as a one-day march. We do so at the same time of year, or even on the same day that these death marches took place in the year 1945.

We also organize seminars, lectures on this subject, look for witnesses, memorials, visit cemeteries, install commemorative plaques, or initiate or assist in their installation. Often we are supported in that by local activists, representatives of municipalities, including friends from Germany in those areas where the death marches passed through. Great support was given mainly by Antonín Nešpor, OS Lidice and Josef Doškář from Nový Bor – they both are direct initiators of the Lidice Women March. Without them, the idea would not have been born.

Previous years' events:

2010-2015 – March of 5 Lidice women Ravensbrück-Nový Bor (475 km, 8.-22.5.)

2015-2016 – March of 46 Lidice women Ravensbrück-Crivitz (127 km, 28.4.-2.5.)

2015-2016 – Death march of prisoners from KZ Schwarzheide, section Sebnitz-Zadní Doubice (18 km, 18.4.2015), section Varnsdorf-Nový Bor-Skalice (30 km, 18.4.2016)

2015 – Death march of prisoners / women from KT Helmsbrecht to Volary, section Hostouň-Draženov (18 km, 22.4.)

2016 – Death march of POWs from Poland via North Moravia, East and Middle Bohemia to Weiden in Bayern, section Česká Třebová-Jehnědí-Choceň (24 km, 17.2.), section Česká Lípa-Žandov-Rabštejn (24 km, 23.4.)

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