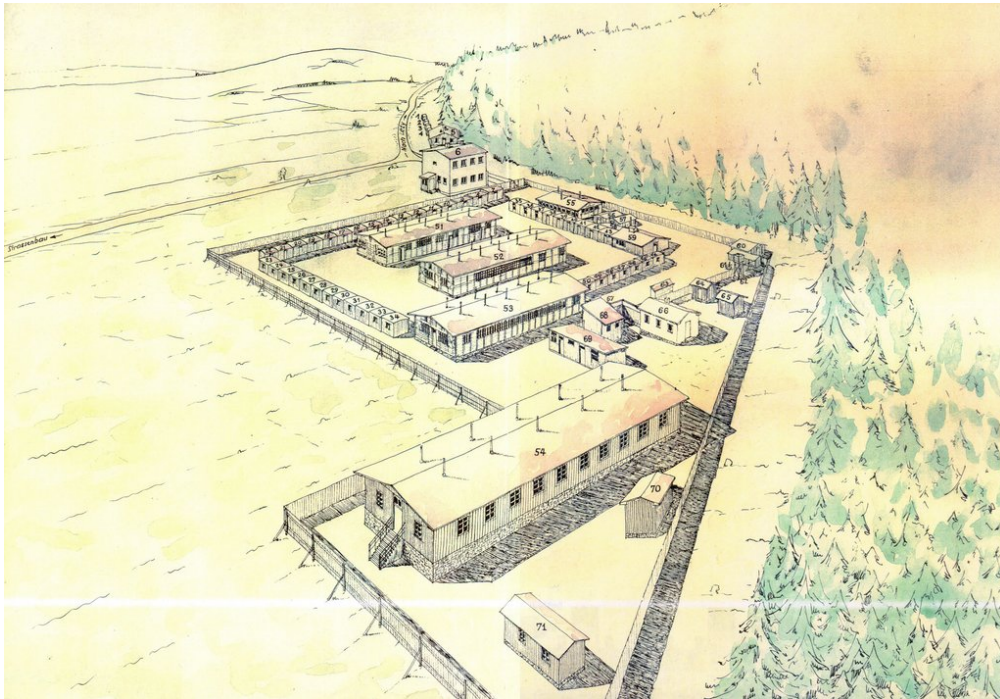


H10 LETY U PÍSKU (CZ)

The “Gypsy” camp at Lety u Písku in Bohemia, now in the Czech Republic, was built in 1940 as a prison and labour camp for “anti-social elements”. It was designed to hold 600 prisoners, but after it became a “Gypsy” camp in August 1942 it held 1,392 men, women and children; 326 of them died there. Most of the inmates were deported to Auschwitz in 1943 and 1944.



1910

1951

1943

💡 Did you know

... that the site of the former “Gypsy” camp at Lety u Písku is now a pig farm? Since 1994 Roma activists have been campaigning for its closure. So far without success.

... that in 2012 Petr Nečas became the first Czech prime minister to lay a wreath for the persecuted Sinti and Roma at Lety u Písku?

✎ For you to do

What is the current state of the debate on the former camp and today’s use of the site?

📷 The photo

A 1943 drawing showing the layout of the labour camp and later “Gypsy” camp at Lety u Písku. State Administration Archives, Prague, Czech Republic



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