

# Beskydy mountains



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The Beskydy mountains are protected landscape area in the east of the Czech Republic. The most important natural values are mainly native forest stands rare Carpathian species of animal and plants. The highest peak is Lysa hora (1324 m a.s.l.).



Beskydy are currently rich in forest and coal. In the past they were rich in iron ore, important for ironworks and steelworks in Ostrava or Třinec.

Most common trees are beech and fir. Almost the entire territory was covered by beech-fir forests which were replaced by non-original spruces. There can be found peat bogs, thanks to the wet soils. Also in northern part are remnants of grey alder. Even a rare Orchid can grow in meadows and pastures. Much rarer is Orchis or *Gymnadenia conopsea*. The biodiversity is really amazing and fascinating here.

