

DNY GIS Liberec v USA

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GIS Day celebrants in Liberec, Czech Republic, got a whiff of how maps can impart very interesting information, including animal scents.

Students and adults crowded around the Map of Scents at the Exploring Maps with All Senses exhibit during the 12th Annual Days of GIS for Liberec, held at the Liberec Regional Science Library. Liberec lies north of Prague and is the fifth-largest city in the Czech Republic.

Created in cooperation with the Liberec Zoo, the Map of Scents consisted of a block of polystyrene with a painted topographic map on top of it. Visitors sniffed exotic aromas on the map such as zebra's fur and white tiger excrement right beside more mundane scents of vanilla and lavender. The scents were in test tubes placed in holes in the polystyrene.



The students from the F. X. Saldy Grammar School and Na Výběžku Elementary School explore the Map of Scents, which included the scents of animals and flowers.