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Świętokrzyskie Mountains and the Area bike kingdom, which the East of Poland Cycling Trail Green Velo crosses, covers the most interesting parts of the Świętokrzyskie Mountains. Numerous ranges, which usually stretch from east to west, are mostly forested and divided by deep valleys. The striped fields below, characteristic of this area, are well visible from the highest viewpoints and mountain slopes.

This kingdom differs from others due to its unique natural qualities. In the very heart of the region there is the Świętokrzyski National Park with its distinctive stone runs. The national park is surrounded by landscape parks with precious nature reserves. This land is undeniably a geologist's paradise, where rocks from all geological periods lie together in a relatively confined space.

This remains a natural region, famous for its untouched landscapes, its well-managed reservoirs in Sielpia, Borków and Chańcza, and its wonderful clean air, which is excellent as an aid to rest and recreation.

As far as culture and history are concerned, the kingdom of "Świętokrzyski Mountains and the Area" is rich in both, due to its preserved heritage and traditions. In many places, relics and traces of the ancient Jewish, Arian and Polish communities who lived there are still visible. The area boasts historical sites representing architectural styles from throughout history — from the early Romanesque style to contemporary architecture. There are a number of churches with surviving Romanesque parts, as well as Gothic, Baroque and Classical buildings - both religious and secular (mansions, palaces and castles). Objects connected with the industrial heritage of the region form a separate group of monuments. These are mostly connected with the Staropolski Industrial Region and with limestone, copper ore, lead, and sandstone extraction from the area's numerous quarries.

The entire "Świętokrzyskie Mountains and the Area" bike kingdom is well covered by a vast network of cycle routes to suit all tastes. The East of Poland Cycling Trail Green Velo is well marked, which makes for the safe and easy passage of cyclists. This part of the trail is suitable for families with children, individual cyclists and seniors. There are frequent opportunities to leave the main Green Velo trail to see other parts of the area, notably around Końskie, Kielce, Bieliny, Daleszyce, and Raków. Off-road lovers will easily find the numerous excellent mountain trails to test their MTB skills. Simply riding off the main Green Velo trail, for example in Kielce, will lead to the exposed slopes of Telegraf or Pierścienica, where riders will soon find themselves speeding downhill, high on adrenaline. Most bike trails here run through forested areas on dirt forest roads, and along local or county roads usually with only light traffic. Off the main trail, roads are predominantly marked with standard PTTK signs.



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Cyclist's Guide

As the weather improves and the cycling season begins, it is worth remembering a few basic rules to ensure the safety of cyclists out on the trail.

- Cyclists must observe many of the same road regulations that are mandatory for car drivers.
- It is not compulsory to have a bicycle driving permit if you are 18 years old or older, whereas younger bikers must pass an exam.
- Children under 10 can ride on roads only if accompanied by an adult, and children under 7 can only be transported on bicycle carrier seats.
- Riding along marked bike routes (i.e. bike paths or lanes) is a must. If there are no marked routes, cyclists must ride on the hard shoulder, and if there is no hard shoulder, along the street.
- Riding on the pavement is forbidden.
- Exceptions: the pavement is more than 2m wide; there is no bike path; riding along a road with a speed limit of more than 50km/h; accompanying a rider under the age of 10; poor weather conditions.
- On the pavement you must give way to pedestrians.
- Where a bike lane crosses a street into which a car is turning, the car must give way to cyclists.
- Cyclists are permitted to overtake slow moving vehicles.
- A helmet is not mandatory but is recommended.
- Front and rear bike lights are mandatory.

Come and ride the Green Velo trail – 200 kilometers of real tourist attractions!



www.greenvelo.pl web portal

Visit www.greenvelo.pl and find out for yourself about all the advantages of the East of Poland Cycling Trail. The Green Velo portal is the biggest cycling guide to Eastern Poland. It will explain how to get to know not only the Green Velo trail, but also other routes in the area. It will reveal places of interest and the best places to eat, and will help to find accommodation.

Before setting off, create your schedule using our intuitive trip planner in just a few easy steps. News, an events calendar and our newsletter will keep you up to date with events and news from the trail.

Mobile Application

All essential trail information can be found in the Green Velo mobile app (available on Android, iOS and Windows Phones).

The app will help you to find places of interest, accommodation, restaurant facilities and BSPs along the way. Trails in your area are listed so that you can find those that interest you most. And don't worry about poor phone reception – all of the most important information is accessible offline. The app lets you record the course of your trip as you ride and helps you to plan future trips. Just choose points on the map and the system will automatically generate the best route for you.



Practical Information

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