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Podlaskie Voivodeship

Range of Attractions



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The region can be described as a kingdom of the bison. Almost the entire route leads through the wilderness of the Białowieża and Knyszyń Primeval Forests. At the start, the trail takes in the capital of the Podlaskie Voivodeship – Białystok. You should take a look at the imposing Branicki Palace and gardens – known as the “Versailles of Podlasie” – and the recently renovated market square, fascinating churches and Orthodox churches, museums, and the modern Podlasie Opera and Philharmonic.



There are also several thematic trails through the city, focusing on the churches of Białystok, local wooden architecture and the Branicki family.

Next, the Green Velo route runs east to the charming village of Supraśl near the border with Belarus. It is dominated by the magnificent Orthodox Lavra Monastery, rebuilt after the Second World War and home to a unique Icon Museum.

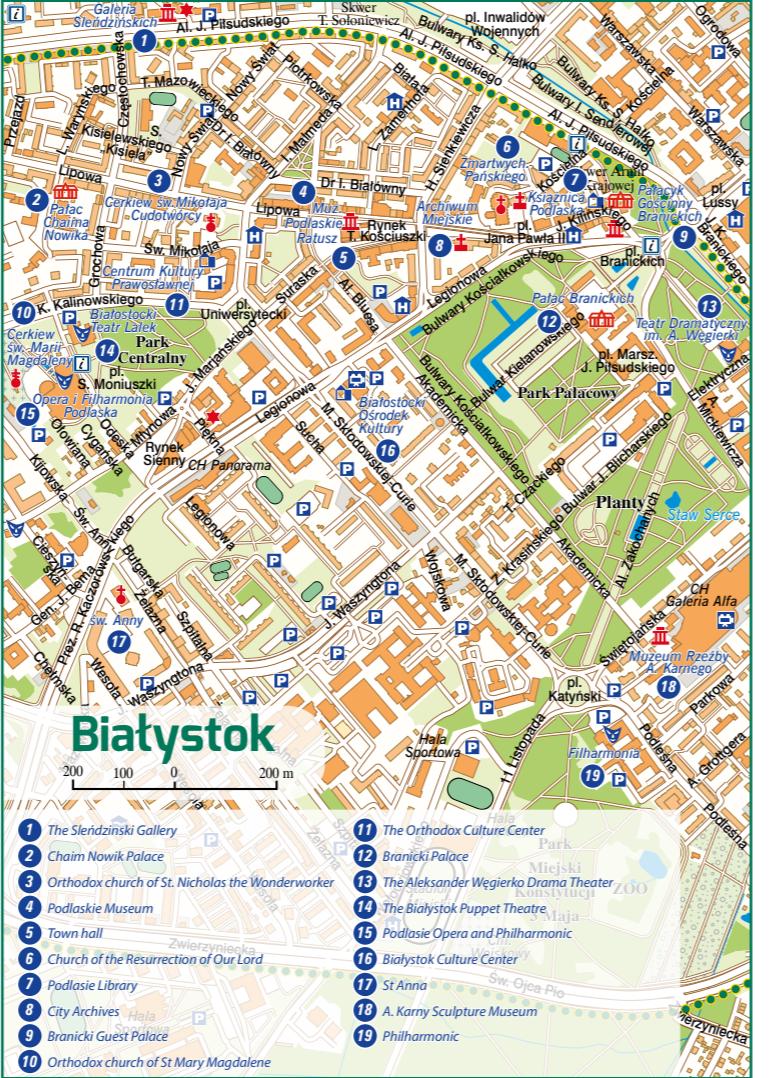
Between the Knyszyń and Białowieża Primeval Forests, the trail runs through farmland, and there is a section opening out onto wide panoramic views. You cycle past the villages of Michałowo and Siemianówka, the Siemianówka reservoir and the village of Narewka before reaching Białowieża.

The route leads right into the heart of the Białowieża Primeval Forest along the boundary of the national park to

the Old Białowieża range. Set among ancient oak trees, the main route turns westwards towards Hajnówka, but it's worth continuing east to Białowieża. While you're there, the absolute must-see spots are the Nature and Forest Museum, the Bison Show Reserve and the Orthodox church with a splendid iconostasis, while the best walks are through the palace gardens by the former Tsarist residence and a guided hike to the most treasured section of the park – the Protected Reserve.

There are many agrotourism quarters throughout both forests, and a dense network of marked cycle routes.

From Białowieża, the trail follows forest vistas towards Hajnówka, then runs along the edge of the forest via Kleszczele to Czeremcha, leaving the wilderness behind to take cyclists to the next magical kingdom along the Green Velo route: the Bug River Valley.



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### 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.



# EAST OF POLAND CYCLING TRAIL GREEN VELO

# BIKE KINGDOM AND KNYSZYN FOREST



Scale 1 : 350 000

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Legend

Boundaries of Bike Kingdoms  
East of Poland cycling trail Green Velo;  
distance (km)

Other cycle trails

Hotels; youth hostels; campsites;  
camping grounds

Churches; Orthodox churches; mosques;  
Jewish culture relics

Palaces and mansions; museums;  
open air museums; other tourist attractions

Technical monuments; windmills;  
fortified settlements

Holiday resorts; ski resorts;  
horse-breeding farms

National parks; landscape parks;  
nature reserves

Tourist destinations;

Forests; elevation points

National roads

Provincial roads; other roads

Primary railways; secondary railways; airports

Airports; river ferries

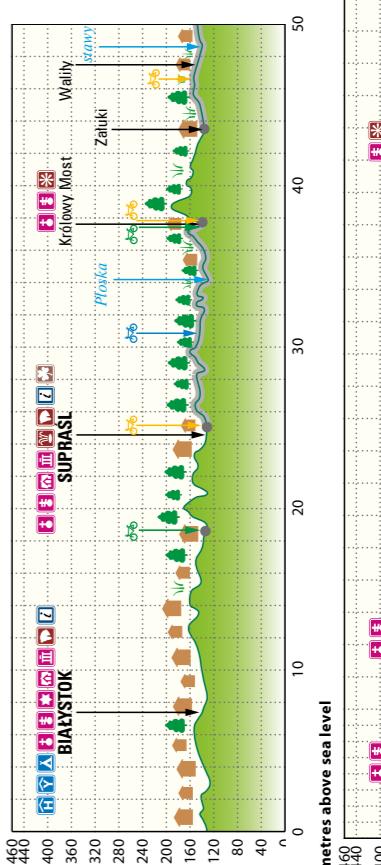
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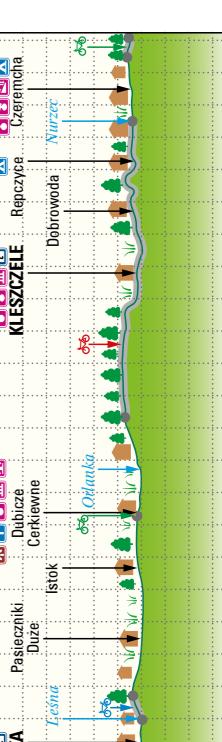
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