



Fine Summer Days



in Suwałki and the Suwalszczyzna region

Summer holidays spent in Suwałki and the Suwalszczyzna (Suwałki region) look really attractive. We have prepared a rich and comprehensive offer of tourist, cultural, leisure and sport activities.

An excellent justification for spending your active leisure holidays in Suwałki and the Suwalszczyzna is the 350th anniversary of the arrival of the Camaldolese monks to Wigry, a place situated near Suwałki. The hard-working monks built a monastery complex on the peninsula of Lake Wigry consisting of a church, hermitages, Royal and Chancellor Houses, and numerous farm buildings. It was almost three hundred years ago that the Camaldolese monks of Wigry decided to found the Suwałki town. They designed the outline of the town, traced its main market square and new streets, and finally granted Suwałki the town charter. The charter was confirmed by king Augustus II on March 2, 1720.



We encourage you to explore the rich heritage of "the white habit monks" during your trips along the Camaldolese Trail which starts at the post-Camaldolese monastery in Wigry. Worthy of attention are also the traces of Camaldolese activities in Suwałki. You can take advantage of the offer of holiday walks with a PTTK tourist guide.



The eleventh edition of the largest open-air blues event in Poland is to take place in Suwałki. From the 5 to 8 of July, the stages arranged in the middle of the town will see performances of such artists as: Billy Gibbons with the Supersonic Blues Machine, Eric Burdon, the lead singer of the famous band The Animals as well as the winners of this year's Blues Music Awards: Mavis Staples and the Southern Avenue Band. Great blues music will be heard throughout most of the day outdoors, in

festival clubs, and one of the blues concerts will be presented on a car platform during the motorcycle riders' parade.



Check out the details at:

www.suwalkiblues.com.

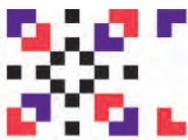
Located in the vicinity of Suwałki are valuable objects of the natural and cultural heritage, the protected areas of Wigry National Park and the Suwałski Landscape Park.



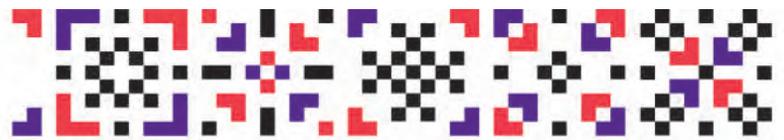
Suwałki makes an ideal starting point for exploration of the most beautiful sites of the Suwalszczyzna region, Eastern Masuria and the Polish-Lithuanian borderlands.

Please read closely our tourist brochure which describes interesting options to spend your summer holidays in the Suwalszczyzna.

See you on the hiking, cycling and kayaking trains and during cultural open-air events!



SUWAŁKI CULTURE CENTRE
An Institution of Culture of the City of Suwałki




2018
28-29.07
3rd May Constitution Park

XIX Suwałski JARMARK FOLKLORU

local handicraft, folk art and regional cuisine fair
concerts under the Podlaskie Octave of Cultures
review of Suwalszczyzna folk music



aukso wigry 2018

19th summer philharmonics

30.07-5.08

WOJCIECH WALECZEK ACOUSTIC QUARTET
ZYGMUNT KRAUZE JACEK KASPSZYK
REUT RIVKA KRZYSZTOF KOBYLŃSKI
KK PEARLS

AUKSO - The Chamber Orchestra of the City of Tychy
Directed by MAREK MOŚ



JARMARK KAMEDULSKI
10-12.08.2018

program schedule:
www.soksuwalki.eu
www.um.suwalki.pl
Open air events - entrance free

10.08
CEREMONY OF GRANTING THE AWARDS OF THE MAYOR OF SUWAŁKI - THE YOTVINGIAN SPEAR AWARDS
KASIA MOŚ accompanying concerts
CONCERTS AT MARIA'S MUV in concert

11.08
CEREMONY OF UNVEILING THE MURAL COMMEMORATING ALEKSANDRA PIĘSUDSKA
Open-air concerts
Natalia SZROEDER PECTUS.

12.08
STRENGTH MASTERS' SHOW DUELS OF GIANTS - SUWAŁKI 2018
A VISIT OF MARSHALL PIĘSUDSKI IN SUWAŁKI Pages from the History of Suwałki Part 4 - historical happening
SUMMER CONCERTS AT THE FOUNTAIN The Suwałki Chamber Orchestra



XI SUWAŁSKI MARATON SZANTOWY

19 August 2018
Arkadia Lake, 17-22.00

featuring:
TRZY MAJTKI
NORTH CAPE
ZMIANA WACHTY
SĄSIEDZI

organizatorzy



Miasto Suwałki



SUWAŁSKI OŚRODEK KULTURY

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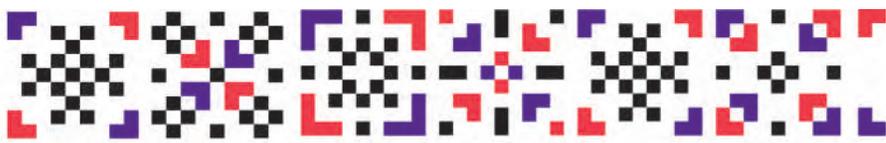
SUWAŁKI BLUES FESTIVAL

SUWAŁKI BLUES FESTIVAL 2018

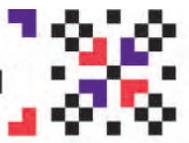
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ERIC BURDON & THE ANIMALS (UK)
MAVIS STAPLES (USA)
SUPERSONIC BLUES MACHINE
featuring very special guest **BILLY F. GIBBONS (USA)**
ØRGANEK i goście (PL)
i wielu innych

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SUWAŁKI EDITION
at **20.00**
ADMISSION FREE

Na Dywaniku u Marii

Concerts at Maria's Maria Konopnicka Square, Suwałki

- 29.06 - DRESZCZ
- 13.07 - DRAH
- 20.07 - MACIEJ SADOWSKI KWADRAT
- 27.07 - Hip-Hop Evening:
MST (MAESTRO)
+ DJ TONN + guests
- 10.08 - MUV



Marian Murawski

Exhibition of painting, illustration and sculpture in the heavenly spaces

Patio Gallery of the Suwałki Culture Centre, open from 15 June to 16 September 2018

FLEA MARKET

From 9:00 to 13:00
Car park behind SOK ul. Jana Pawła II 5

STALLS FREE!

COME TO OUR FAIR:
SELL
TRADE
BUY
CREATE AND ENJOY

2018

- May 13 ,27
- June 10 ,24
- July 15 ,29
- August 5, 19
- September 2, 16, 30
- October 7 ,21

Letnie KONCERTY

przy fontannie 2018

Evenings with classical and popular music

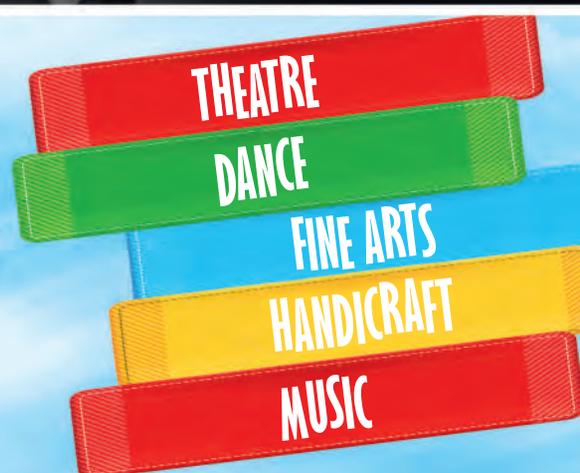
performed by
the Suwałki Chamber Orchestra

July 15
August 12
August 19

3rd May Constitution Park
Admission free

Discover your artistic passion *in* **SOK**

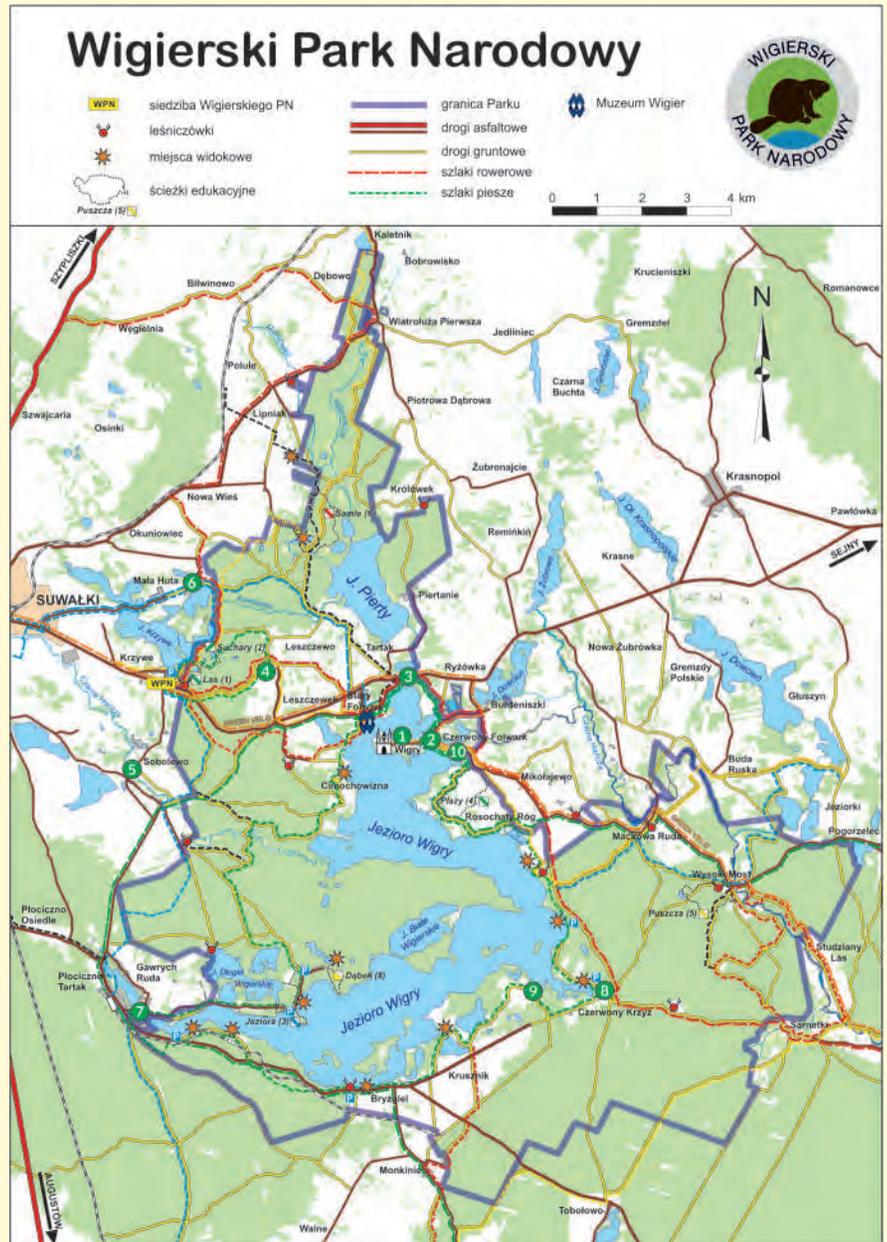
Summer art workshops
July - August 2018



In the footsteps of the Camaldolese monks

The celebrated this year, 350th anniversary of the arrival of the Camaldolese monks at Wigry is a great opportunity to learn about the Camaldolese heritage. The pearl of the Suwałki land - the 17th century monastery in Wigry - has always been an object of fascination for tourist and visitors from Poland and around the world. It is worth spending some of your free time to get to know other historical places besides Wigry connected with the life and activity of the religious order and get to know their rich economic achievements.

- 1 Wigry (Monastery) Peninsula: the headquarters of the Camaldolese monks, next to the monastery there used to be also a brewery and a distillery.
- 2 "Karczmiško" (Inn-site): used to be located between the Wigry narrowing and the channel once strictly separating the grounds of the Monastery. Here was the place offering lodging for visitors to the area during their sojourn.
- 3 Tartak (Sawmill); a pond and a channel, now referred to as a rivulet, was built by the Camaldolese monks to provide power to the mill wheel which once sawed wood. A current generator with a water turbine operated in the existing fish hatchery in the interwar period (this monument of technology is now located in the hatchery building).
- 4 Wapienniki (Lime kilns) in Leszczewek; ruins of two lime kilns.
- 5 Sobolewo/Hamernia; a place of a big fish pond on the Czarna Hańcza River. The dammed waters used to transfer their power to the mills, one of which processed the products of local iron smelters.
- 6 Hutta; location of a former Camaldolese grange, former glassworks.
- 7 Gawrych Ruda; formerly iron smelters using local ores.
- 8 Czerwony Krzyż; formerly a village founded by the Camaldolese monks, destroyed by the Nazis in the spring of 1944.
- 9 Zakąty; on the shore of Lake Wigry, a view on Kamień Island; in the Camaldolese times, the location of the house of the tailor who produced habits for the monks.
- 10 Czerwony Folwark; a grange founded by the Camaldolese monks, formerly the location of two villages - Nowy Folwark and Czerwony Dwór, in time both villages and names were combined. Since early 20th century, a fishing base, the old fishing store house features now an exhibition on the history of fishing.



written by A. Januszewicz



Wigry National Park welcomes visitors to take part in the competition titled "A Selfie with a Camaldolese Monk".

- See details at www.wigry.org.pl/kameduli,
- Visit all the places on the "In the footsteps of the Camaldolese monks" trail,
- take pictures,
- answer a question,
- win a prize!

See details at www.wigry.org.pl/kameduli



Active leisure with PTTK

PTTK welcomes residents of Suwałki and visitors to take guided themed walks along town tourist trails guaranteeing professional introduction to the town on the Czarna Hańcza. Participants of the walks will get to know the town's most interesting places and listen to stories about its history, residents, priceless monuments, traditions and cuisine. Information which you will hardly find in books or guidebooks. In July and August 2018, PTTK invites you to take part in six bicycle rallies, leading along the most attractive tourist routes of the Suwalszczyzna and Suwałki. While cycling you will get acquainted with the historical past of the region, get to know its nature, landscape and interesting places. The trails differ in length - from 30 to 70 kilometres. The trips will be guided by qualified tourist guides and tour leaders.

More information:

Jerzy Klimko Polish Tourist Country-Lovers' Society, Division of Suwałki,
office telephone: 87 566 59 61 or 509 524 855,
e-mail: poczta@suwalki.pttk.pl or ania.rom@gmail.com

The event is co-financed by the Suwałki Municipality Office



POLSKIE TOWARZYSTWO TURYSTYCZNO-KRAJOZNAWCZE
ODDZIAŁ W SUWAŁKACH IM. JERZEGO KLIMKO



A STROLL THROUGH SUWAŁKI guided tours

June 23, 24

July 7, 8, 28, 29

August 11, 12, 18

September 9, 22

The Tourist Information Centre in Suwałki
(ul. Ks. Hamerszmita)
1st group at 10.00am, 2nd group at 1.00pm

PTTK, Suwałki division, invites all lovers of the town of Suwałki, tourists and visitors to our town to take part in free guided strolls through our town.

More information:

ul. T. Kościuszki 37
tel. 87 566 59 61
509 524 855

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POLSKIE TOWARZYSTWO TURYSTYCZNO-KRAJOZNAWCZE ODDZIAŁ W SUWAŁKACH IM. JERZEGO KLIMKO

One-day biking tours 18TH SUMMER ON THE BIKE WITH PTTK

Biking trips:

ALONG THE TOURIST TRAILS OF SUWAŁKI AND THE SUWALSZCZYŻNA (FROM CA. 30 – 80KM)

Dates: July 1,14,22
August 4,19,25 2018

Meeting: at 10.00am in front of the PTTK office
in Suwałki, ul. Kościuszki 37

Registration: poczta@suwalki.pttk.pl,
ania.rom@gmail.com
Tel: 509524855

Number of bikers limited

Services: CARE OF TOURIST GUIDES, TOUR LEADER, INSURANCE
Requirements: PARTICIPATION IS FREE, ALL YOU NEED IS A WORKING BIKE, MINORS NEED TO BRING THEIR PARENTS' OR GUARDIAN'S PERMISSION
(FORM AVAILABLE AT OUR WEBSITE)



the event co-financed by the town of Suwałki



Tourist events in Suwalski Landscape Park

The citizens of Suwałki and tourists on holidays in our region are invited to take an active part in the tourist trips: "Suwałki tourist family meets the Suwałki Landscape Park" - and a field game organized by the Association of Lovers of the Suwałki Landscape Park "KRAINA HAŃCZY" and the Suwałki Landscape Park:

- **July 14, 2018 - a cycling trip across the Suwalski Landscape Park** - along the distance of 19.5km. A few-hour expedition will acquaint you with most of the tourist attractions of the Park. Its route starts at Kazimierówka village along a fragment of the bicycle route around Lake Szurpiły and lead to the Castle Hill - the site of a former Yotvingian hill fort. Then it will continue to Gulbieniszki and climb the "Fujiyama of Suwałki" - Yew Hill and proceed to Udziejek and its watermill on the Szeszupa River and further to Łopuchowo i Wodziłki, the Old-Believer settlement and its molenna. The final point of the itinerary is Turtul - the headquarters of the Park with ruins of a watermill and "Turtul Tales" educational path. **Limit of participants: 20 persons with their own bikes. Meeting place: Suwałki, the car park at ul. ks. K. Hamerszmita 16. The coach starts from Suwałki at 9:00am.**
- **July 28, 2018 - "Fascinating world of nature and culture of the Suwalski Landscape Park" field game** - distances: 10km and 7km -

Families and groups of friends are invited to discover the attractions of the Park. Groups of participants will have the task to cover the designated route in the shortest possible time and find solutions to several natural and practical puzzles. Correct solutions will be awarded with small souvenirs and three best teams with the best timing will get attractive sport prizes! **Limit of participants in a team: 5. Place of meeting and registration: Smolniki** - for the longer route: Smolniki - Łopuchowo - Udziejek Dolny - Smolniki - for the shorter route: educational path "Around Lake Jaczno" (Smolniki - Smolniki)

- **August 18, 2018 - a walking tour of the Suwałki Landscape Park** - distance of 9.5 km. During the tour, the participants will learn about the history of the Castle Hill and the Yotvingians who once inhabited the area, history of the Old Believers and their historic molenna, history of the Evangelicals and the cemetery in Szeszupka, or the history of the mill settlement in Turtul. The route will follow a yellow hiking trail from Sidorówka through Castle Hill, then along the black trail to Wodziłki and red trail to Turtul. **Limit of participants: 40. Meeting place: Suwałki, the car park at ul. ks. K. Hamerszmita 16. The coach starts from Suwałki at 9.00am.**

Registration: turtulspk@gmail.com, Tel: (87) 569 18 01 at least two weeks before the event. Participation is subject to the order of received applications! The events end with a bonfire, bring your own food.

You are welcome to bike with us!

A stroll through "Serene Suwałki"

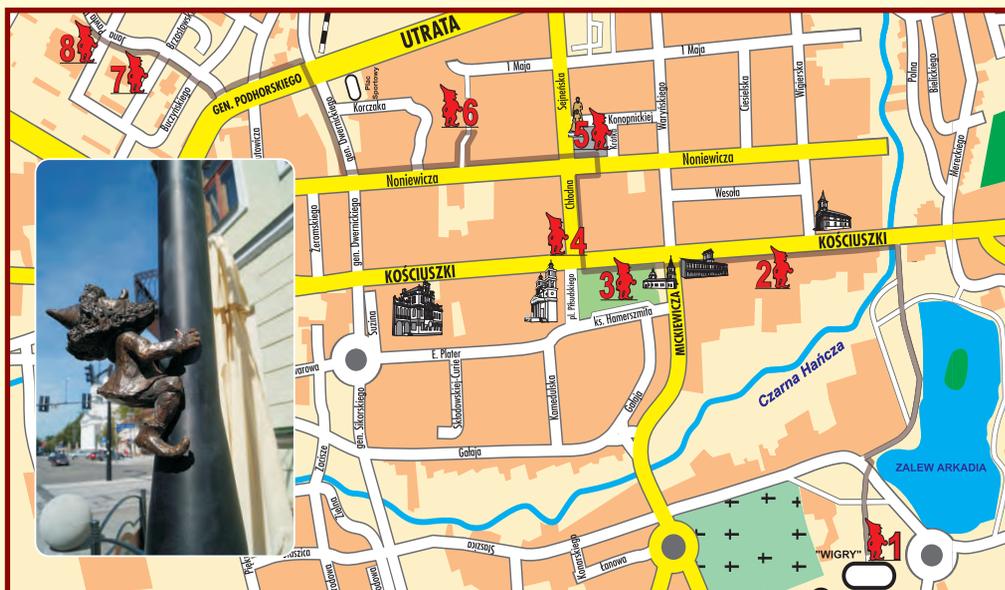
Gnomes' Trail in Suwałki

The ten small people from Maria Konopnicka's fairy tale Little Orphan Mary and the Gnomes can also be met in Suwałki. Their little sculptures were executed after Marcin Szancer's excellent book illustrations by Piotr Makąła's sculpture workshop in Wrocław.

A stroll along the "Gnomes Do Exist" trail provides also an opportunity to get to know the most interesting sites in Suwałki.

Here is a list of places where you should be looking for the gnomes:

1. Żagiewka, lover of herbs - at the entrance to the facility building of the Football Stadium;
2. Pakuła and Mikuła, guardians, at the entrance to Maria Konopnicka Museum;
3. Sikorek, bird-lover - at the fountain in the May 3rd Constitution Park;
4. Podziomek, gourmand, on an old lantern post in Chłodna Street.
5. King Błystek and Kocie Oczko, at the monument of Maria Konopnicka in the middle of the square bearing her name;
6. Koszałek Opalek, chronicler, the Grande-Synthe walkway, across from the "Arkadia" shopping centre;
7. Modraczek, lover of music and flowers - near the fountain at the Suwałki Culture Centre,
8. Pietrzyk, lover of sport, at the entrance to Aquapark, ul. Jana Pawła II 7



A stroll through "Serene Suwałki"

Sightseeing of Suwałki is worth to be planned in a few stages, depending on your interest and available time. Those interested in architecture and the history of the borderlands will certainly find here many interesting buildings and sites. There are also many attractions for lovers of entertainment and active leisure. The town also has a unique offer of family holidays including solution of puzzles (quests) and opportunities to experience the adventures of "treasure hunters".

The Neoclassical Walk is a 2km long trail that runs through the town centre, mainly along ul. Tadeusza Kościuszki - the most important artery of the "Old Town" of Suwałki. The walk includes **21 stops**, giving an opportunity to admire interesting examples of neoclassical architecture: churches, town hall, and charming nineteen- and early twenty-century houses. The buildings designed by eminent architects have their own unique history. While strolling along the "Neoclassical Walk" we get to know the places where famous citizens of Suwałki once lived: Maria Konopnicka, Alfred Wierusz-Kowalski, Edward Szczepanik, Lechosław Marszałek and Czesław Miłosz's family.

1. The Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus - ul. A. Mickiewicza
2. The former Boys' High School - ul. A. Mickiewicza 3
3. The Town Hall and the former Guardhouse - ul. A. Mickiewicza 1
4. Former Treasury Chamber - ul. T. Kościuszki 47
5. Former Post Office - ul. T. Kościuszki 45
6. Maria Konopnicka's House - ul. T. Kościuszki 31
7. Lechosław Marszałek's House - ul. T. Kościuszki 27a
8. The Holy Trinity Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession - ul. T. Kościuszki 12
9. Alfred Wierusz-Kowalski's House - ul. T. Kościuszki 16
10. Prof. Edward Szczepanik's House - ul. T. Kościuszki 46
11. House under the Columns - ul. T. Kościuszki 62
12. Former Bookshop - ul. T. Kościuszki 72

14. Pharmacy - ul. T. Kościuszki 78
15. Former Hospital - ul. T. Kościuszki 101
16. Bank Building - ul. T. Kościuszki 89
17. The former Resursa (Citizens' Club) - ul. T. Kościuszki 81
18. State Archives - ul. T. Kościuszki 69
19. The Church of St Alexander - J. Piłsudski Square
20. The Miłosz's House - ul. K. Hamerszmita 10
21. Karol Majerski's House - ul. ks. K. Hamerszmita 5

A Town Walk is 3km long and presents the richness of the cultural and religious heritage as well as the natural values of Suwałki. It includes **7 stops**: "The Cemetery of Seven Religions", Lake Arkadia, bridge on the Czarna Hańcza, ul. Chłodna and the 3rd May Constitution Park. Following the path, you will discover the multicultural character of the borderland city of Suwałki, situated in the precious natural environment on the picturesque Czarna Hańcza River.

1. The complex of the cemeteries of seven religions
2. Lake Arkadia
3. The Bridge on the Czarna Hańcza
4. The former Old Town Market Square
5. ul. Chłodna (Cold Street)
6. Park Konstytucji 3 Maja (3rd May Constitution Park)



The Tourist Information Centre in Suwałki

TIC in Suwałki provides information about tourist attractions, tourist routes, guide services and sightseeing tours in the Suwalszczyzna region, museums, galleries, sports and recreation facilities, accommodation, gastronomy as well as cultural and sport-recreational events taking place in Suwałki.

At TIC you may obtain maps, plans, guidebooks and tourist guides, advertising leaflets, brochures, other public tourism materials about Suwałki and the region, and rent a bike.

The TIC shop offers souvenirs from Suwałki (gadgets with the "Pogodne Suwałki" logotype, postcards, products of local handicraft), use a computer station with the Internet. WC on the premises.

The Tourist Information Centre organizes meetings in the Wanderers' Club, a place to meet wanderers and globetrotters. Meetings are illustrated with presentations, photographs and videos from expeditions around the world. A library with regional tourist publications is available on site.

The Tourist Information Centre is recommended by the Green Velo Trail, the route running through Suwałki, as a Biker Friendly Place (MPR).



Open in July and August:

- Monday through Friday 8.00am – 6.00pm
- Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays 9.00am – 3.00pm

Address: ul. ks. K. Hamerszmita 16, 16 – 400 Suwałki

Tel: +48 87 566 20 79,

email: cit@pogodnesuwalki.pl, www.pogodnesuwalki.pl

The Tourist Information Centre of the Suwalski Landscape Park

- provides comprehensive information about the region in Polish, English and Russian,
- sells souvenirs, postcards, maps, guides and brochures about the Park, Suwalszczyzna, Masuria and Vilnius,
- offers free promotional leaflets and souvenir stamps certifying your stay in the Park,
- runs a rental of tourist equipment: tourist bicycles, kayaks or rowing boats,
- offers access to Wi-Fi and Internet in a dedicated computer workstation.

The youngest visitors can enjoy here the "The Young Nature Lovers' Corner" including a bird's corner, forest sounds, or a magnetic journey through the Suwalski Landscape Park.

The centre is adapted to serve the needs of disabled tourists or persons travelling with small children.

Open in July and August:

- Monday through Friday 8.00am – 7.00pm
- Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays 10.00am – 5.00pm

Address: Malesowizna 24, 16 – 404 Jeleniewo

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The Tourist Information Centre of the Wigry National Park

The Tourist Information Centre of the Wigry National Park offers:

- information about the tourist offer of the Wigry National Park, including information on accommodation in rural areas, catering establishments with menus including regional cuisine, and info on interesting sports, tourist and cultural events,
- attractive tourist trails and places of interest in the Park;
- licensed guides to the Wigry National Park and the Suwalszczyzna with tours available in Polish, English German or Russian;
- organization of culinary workshops and feasts;
- rental of trekking bikes;
- point of sale of brochures, maps and other information materials;
- free access to the Internet in specially allocated spots;
- entrance tickets to the Wigry National Park;
- souvenir stamps confirming your visiting the nature and ethnographic exhibitions, educational paths and hiking along the trails of the Park..

Open in July and August:

- Monday through Friday 8.00am – 4.00pm
- Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays 09.00am – 4.00pm

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