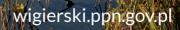




Wigry National Park Not only for beavers



Cormorants of Lake Wigry photo by Jarosław Borejszo



Wigry National Park

The Wigry National Park is one of the largest in Poland. It is located in the north-eastern part of the country, in the very heart of the Suwałki Region. We can find here everything that is the most characteristic of this region – numerous lakes, rivers, primeval forests, hilly landscape typical of the Suwałki Lake District and the flat areas of the Augustów Plain.

A characteristic feature of the Park is the richness of aquatic ecosystems. There are as many as 42 lakes within the Park. Some of them, including the largest lake, Wigry, are available for tourism and fishing. Particularly interesting are small dystrophic lakes situated within the forests, surrounded by peatmoss communities, called "suchary". Their acidic water are not conducive to the presence of aquatic organisms, including fishes. The Park is abound with valuable species of plants, mushrooms and animals.

We can encounter here a white-tailed eagle, beaver or a wolf. Apart from wild nature and picturesque landscapes, one of the most valuable monuments of the Park is the former Camaldolese Monastery in Wigry.





Our logo - Why beaver?

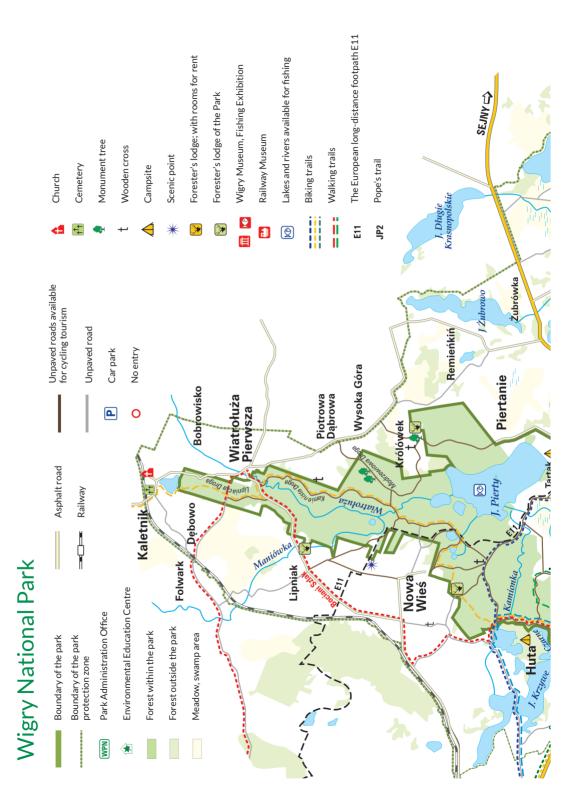
Today, hardly anyone remembers that in the middle of the 20th century the European beaver was almost completely exterminated in Poland. One of the few places where the species has survived was in the vicinity of Lake Wigry and the Czarna Hańcza River. Today, beavers live almost all over Poland, but the Wigry National Park along with the rest of the Suwałki Lake District and the Augustów Primeval Forest deserve to be called their lair. Currently, 40 beaver families live in the Park. One site is usually occupied by 4 individuals, which means that about 160 beavers live here.

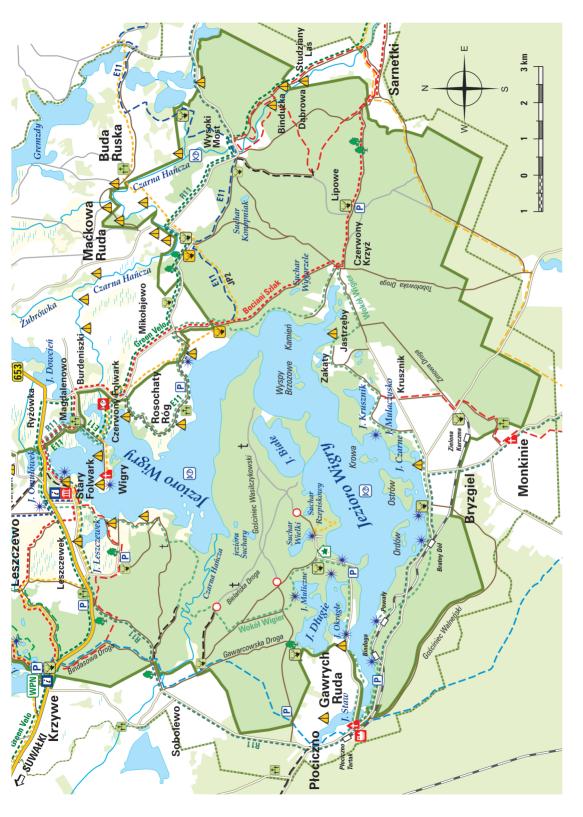
Wandering along the tourist trails, you can come across numerous traces of activity of this largest rodent in Poland. With a bit of luck and patience, you might be able to see a swimming or feeding beaver. Beavers feel so safe here that they are not afraid of being active even during the day. They built their beaver lodge right next to the seat of the Wigry Park in Krzywe – we can observe them from the footbridge on the "Forest" educational path.

The environment created by beavers is used by other species of animals. Otters are among the tenants of beaver lodges. Birds, such as the black stork or crane, are also guests of beaver ponds. Maybe you will visit them too?



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What is worth visiting?



Wigry Museum

- Stary Folwark 50, 16-402 Stary Folwark
- () Monday-Sunday: 10 a.m. 3 p.m. In summer season: Monday-Sunday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Ethnographic exhibition "Save from Oblivion"

- Ø Krzywe, on the route of the "Forest" educational path
- () Monday-Friday: 7 a.m. 3 p.m. In summer season: Monday-Friday: 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday and holidays: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m



Exhibition "History and traditions of fishery on Wigry"

O Czerwony Folwark, fishing base of the WNP () In summer season open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Nature exhibition "On Wigry"

- Ø Krzywe, head office of the Park
- () Monday-Friday: 7 a.m. 4 p.m. In summer season: Monday-Friday: 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. weekends and holidays: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Park Administration Office in Krzywe n. Suwałki

You can buy entrance cards to the Park, maps, guides, brochures and order the services of a licensed guide, and rent bikes.

Opening hours: Monday-Friday: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

In summer season: Monday-Friday: 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. weekends and holidays: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. phone +48 87 563 25 62, +48 510 992 672

Website

The opening hours of individual places are subject to change. Please check the website for up-to-date information before visiting.

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Green tourist trail "Around Wigry"

🞯 _{46 km} 🔘 📌 🖿 Stary Folwark – Leszczewek – Cimochowizna – Footbridge – Słupie – Gawrych Ruda – Binduga – Powały – Bartny Dół - Bryzgiel - Krusznik - Zakaty - Czerwony Krzyż - Piaski - Mikołaiewo - Rosochaty Róg - Czerwony Folwark - Wigry - Magdalenowo - Tartak - Stary Folwark

Green trail of Antoni Patla "Around Wigry" is the main and the most visited trail of the Wigry National Park. It is a biking trail, perfect for a one-day trip, but it is equally attractive for walking (usually covered in sections). Wandering around the pearls of Suwałki lakes, we will see one of the most valuable monuments of the Suwałki region from every perspective - the post-Camaldolese monastery complex in Wigry located on the peninsula.

The "Around Wigry" trail runs through picturesque forest areas and open spaces, crosses the charming valley of the Czarna Hańcza River. Particularly beautiful views can be admired from the observation towers in Stary Folwark, Bryzgiel and Krusznik.

More information, bike rental and guide service available at the Tourist Information Centre of the WNP in Krzywe.

Educational paths:

"Forest" (at the Head Office of the Park in Krzywe, 1.5 km long): footbridges, beaver lodges, reconstruction of the Stone Age hut, ethnographic exhibition, traditional beehives on trees, observation platform on Lake Suchar I.

"Suchary" (400 m from the Head Office of the Park in Krzywe, 2.5 km long): mid-forest dystrophic lakes with traces of beavers' activity. Lake Czarne. footbridges and observation platform on Lake Suchar II.

"Lakes" (Słupie n. Gawrych-Ruda, 5.2 km long): a walk along the bank of Wigry, Suchar Wielki - the largest dystrophic lake in the Park, observation platforms.

Tourist trails:

★ Walking – 19 trails – 160 km (57.2 km for wheelchair users*)

- A Biking 5 trails 116 km (25.5 km for wheelchair users*)
- 📌 Skiing 2 trails 15 km
- 🛃 Water approx. 20 km (Czarna Hańcza, Wigry)

Educational trails:

6 trails - 21.5 km (for wheelchair users - fragments of the "Suchary" and "Lakes" paths)

* The location of the routes available for persons with reduced mobility can be found on the Park's website.





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