



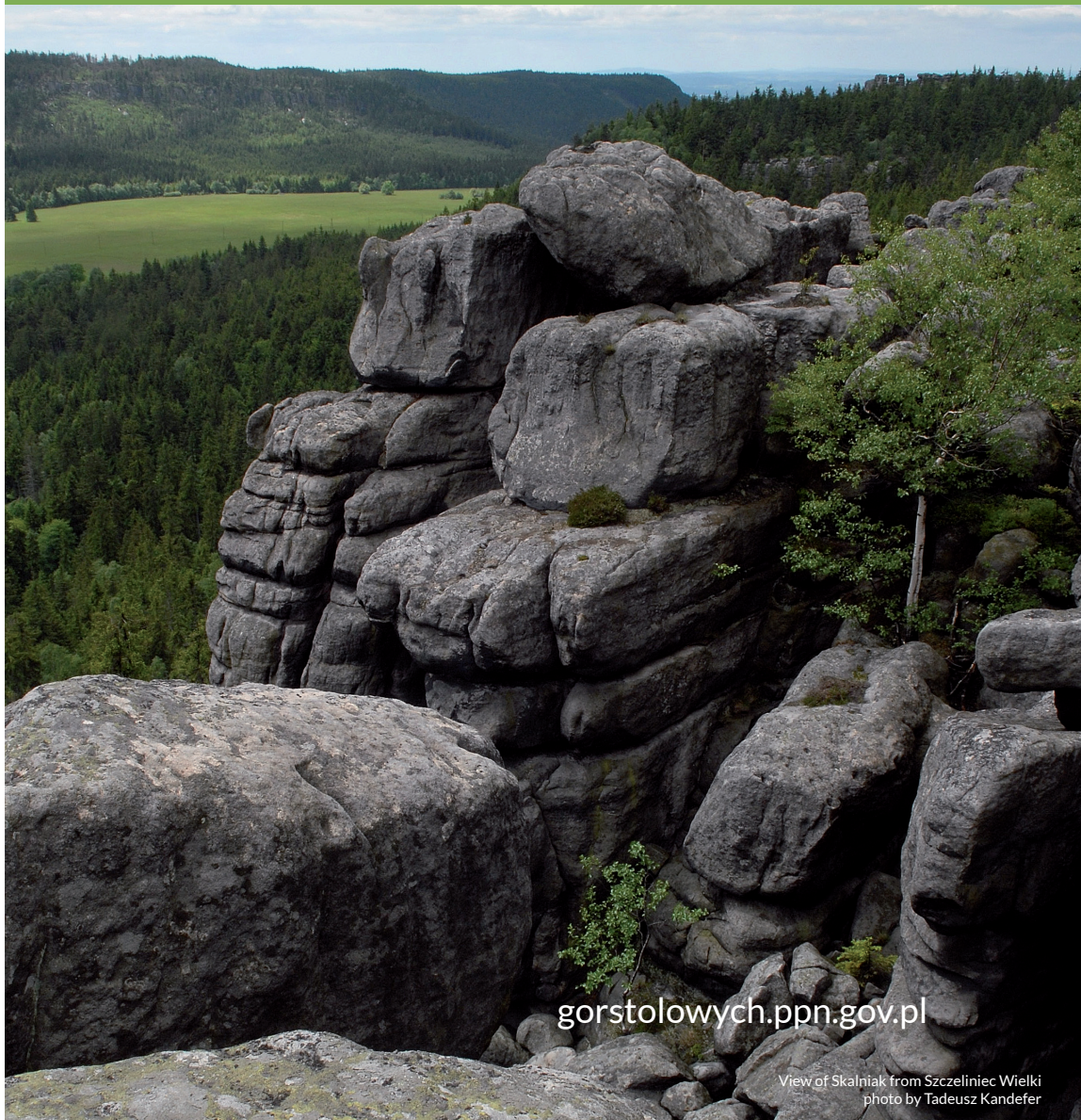
Park Narodowy  
Gór Stołowych



Ministry of Climate  
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# Góry Stołowe National Park

## Land born of the sea



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View of Skalniak from Szczeliniec Wielki  
photo by Tadeusz Kandefer



Szczeliniec Wielki and Mały  
photo by Tadeusz Kandefer

## Góry Stołowe National Park

Rocks, although inanimate, are also nature. The Góry Stołowe (Table Mountains) National Park was established mainly to protect it. Unique geological formations, sandstones of Szczeliniec Wielki fantastically shaped by nature - this is the magnet which attracted people here even when tourism was still in its infancy. The dark maze of Błędne Skały has no equivalent in Poland, and it is difficult to find anything similar in the world. The crevices in the rocks attract bats which can be found here in a dozen or so species. Rock niches are also a great nesting place for eagle-owls - the largest European owls. Forests of the Stołowe Mountains are quite heavily transformed by humans, but they provide shelter to numerous species of animals. Mountain peat bogs are covered, among others, by bog pine - a botanical sensation discovered in the Stołowe Mountains, whose origins still puzzle scientists.





Camel on Szczeliniec Wielki  
photo by Tomasz Mazur

## Our logo

Since March 2016, the Góry Stołowe National Park has been using a new logo. It shows a stylised rock form called the “Camel,” which is located in Szczeliniec Wielki. There is a line of the entire Szczeliniec Wielki – the highest peak of the Stołowe Mountains (919 m above sea level) in the background. It is one of the peaks of the Crown of Polish Mountains and one of the greatest tourist attractions of the Sudetes. Despite its low absolute altitude, the peak is visible from afar as a trapezoidal massif covered with coniferous forest. The silhouette of Szczeliniec is perfectly visible and recognisable from the surroundings of Kłodzko, Nowa Ruda and Radków. The sandstone surface of the summit has weathered and cracked, forming diverse rock forms which often resemble people, animals and various objects (Camel, Mammoth, Elephant, Mother hen, Ape, Dog, Turtle, Mushrooms, Great Grandfather’s

Armchair). There are also deep crevices and corridors (Hell, Devil’s Kitchen) creating a maze among the rocks. Inside, there is a specific microclimate, thanks to which in some places snow lies until July.

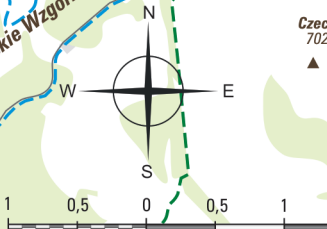


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# Góry Stołowe National Park

- Boundary of the park
- Provincial road
- Other roads
- Unpaved road
- Forest within the park
- Forest outside the park
- 730
- Top, height above sea level
- Waterfalls
- Biking trails
- Hiking trails
- Educational trail
- GeoSights of Stołowe Mountains

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rk Administration Office  
ucation Centre of the Park



- Church
- Cemetery
- PTTK Mountain Hostel
- Hotel; accommodation
- Car park
- Fort
- Museum, museum chamber
- Tourist information
- Look-on platform

2 km



"Hen's Foot" in Błędne Skały  
photo by Tadeusz Kandefer

## What is worth visiting?



### Training and Education Centre of the SMNP

📍 Karłów 10, 57-350 Kudowa Zdrój

🕒 Open 24 hours a day

☎ +48 74 871 21 69

♿ No

📄 Free of charge. Paid accommodation. Information on the current prices on the Park's website.



### Ecocentre of the Góry Stołowe National Park

📍 ul. Słoneczna 31 A, 57-350 Kudowa Zdrój

🕒 Every day, except Mondays and holidays:  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. - advance booking  
required at: [ekocentrum.pngs.com.pl](http://ekocentrum.pngs.com.pl)

☎ +48 74 866 14 36

♿ Yes

📄 Free of charge



### Szczeliniec Wielki

📍 50°29'5"N, 16°20'25"E  
50.484722, 16.340278

☎ +48 74 866 14 36

♿ No

📄 Information on the current ticket prices available on the Park's website.



### Błędne Skały

📍 50°28'49"N, 16°17'14"E  
50.480278, 16.287222

☎ +48 74 866 14 36

♿ No

📄 Information on the current ticket prices is available on the Park's website.



### Skalne Grzyby (Rocky Mushrooms)

📍 50°27'40"N, 16°25'3"E  
50.461111, 16.4175

♿ No



### Pośny Waterfalls

📍 50°29'25"N, 16°21'31"E  
50.490278, 16.358611

♿ No

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

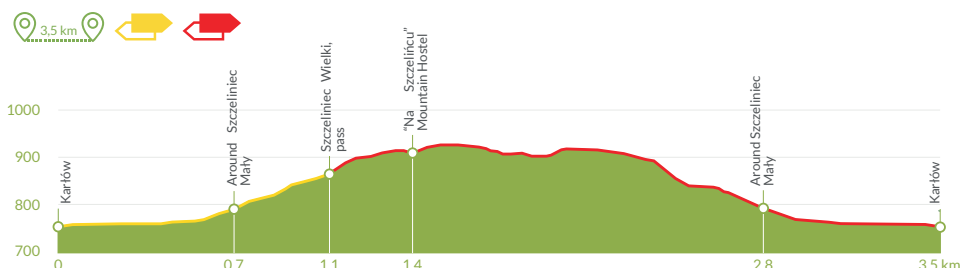


Website



Spruce forest at Skalniak  
photo by Tadeusz Kandefer




## Tourist trail – Szczeliniec Wielki



The most preferred and most frequently visited route in the Stołowe Mountains. Initially, it leads along a promenade from the village of Karlów (following the signs of the red and yellow trail), and then it reaches the entrance stairs. These lead to the pass between Szczeliniec Wielki and Szczeliniec Mały (yellow trail). Further, the route coincides with the "Rock Sculpture" educational trail. The PTTK Mountain Hostel "Na Szczelińcu" is located in the vicinity of the northern observation decks. When going up Szczeliniec Wielki, we climb about 680 stone steps. From the mountain hostel, the route leads to the highest point of the entire Stołowe Mountains – "Great Grandfather's Armchair" (the beauty spot is located at an altitude of 919 m a.s.l.). Further, the route leads

next to the "Camel" shown on the logo and runs north towards the terrace with the "Ape", where you can see the northern edge of the Polish part of the Stołowe Mountains. Then, we go through deep rock crevices – the "Devil's Kitchen" and "Hell". Through a narrow crevice called "Purgatory," we go to the "Heaven" observation deck and past the "Cradle" – a sandstone form weighing several tons which can be set in motion easily. Next we go past, among others, the "Mother Hen." From here, the route takes us to the southern observation decks with a panorama of the southern part of the Stołowe Mountains, part of the Kłodzko Valley and the surrounding mountain ranges of the Central Sudetes. Return by stairs to Karlów next to the rock form called the "Elephant."

### Tourist trails:

-  Hiking – 11 trails – approx. 110 km
-  Biking – 4 trails + connecting fragment – approx. 60 km
-  Skiing (cross-country) – length and route depending on snow conditions

### Educational paths

5 trails (another one under construction) – 14 km\*

### Rock climbing:

7 locations\*\*

\* Currently, there are no tourist trails fully adapted to the needs of disabled people. Detailed information on the website of the Park.

\*\* Detailed information on sites allowed for climbing, periods of climbing activity and its rules are available on the Park's website.



Rocky Mushroom Gains (Skalne Grzyby)  
photo by Jacek Kandefer



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