

14. OŚWIĘCIM AND THE SURROUNDING AREA



The Małopolska section of the Vistula Cycle Route starts in Jawiszowice. Heading westwards, you will get to Silesia; in the opposite direction you will get to Cracow and then you can reach the border of the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship. You can arrive in Oświęcim or Jawiszowice travelling by train from Cracow or Katowice (rozklad-pkp.pl). The WTR section presented on the map is characterised by slight elevations of the terrain and runs along roads partly separated from vehicle traffic or along public roads with low traffic intensity (a short section has gravel surface and leads across the pond area in Brzeszcze).

Sights worth seeing:

- » Ponds in Brzeszcze - Natura 2000 site with special protection guaranteed to rare bird species, e.g.: night herons, ferruginous ducks, red-crested pochards, and whiskered terns
- » The Old Town in Oświęcim (oswiecim.pl)
- » The Piast Castle in Oświęcim erected in the 13th/14th century (muzeum-zamek.pl)
- » Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial Site and Museum (www.auschwitz.org)

Places for rest breaks on the route (Cyclist Service Points):

- » Brzeszcze, Oświęcim, Gromiec

Bicycle trails:

- » Brzeszcze by Bike - an easy trail with gravel surface and about 15 kilometres in length; it criss-crosses wildlife protection areas. The tra-

il starts in Brzeszcze and terminates in Skidziń.

Interesting fact:

The town of Oświęcim has a unique collection of monumental murals in various areas of the town. Most of them are themed around the promotion of peace, breaking barriers and cultural stereotypes, and spreading the spirit of tolerance.

Tips:

Make sure you have your own provisions, because the majority of this section, is remote from built-up areas; only Oświęcim has substantial catering and accommodation facilities.

Tourist information:

Tourist Information Center (CIT) in Oświęcim, ul. Więźniów Oświęcimia 55, 32-600 Oświęcim
it.oswiecim@msit.malopolska.pl, www.it.oswiecim.pl

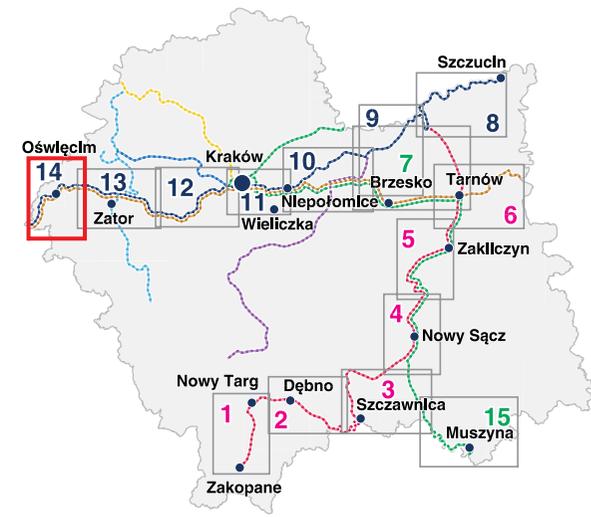
Maps:

- » maps in electronic versions and for printing;
- » gpx tracking including suggested detours around sections currently under construction/renovation.

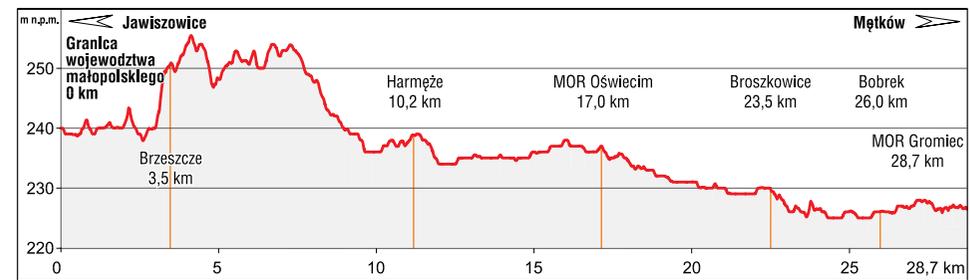
Download from the website:

narowery.visitmalopolska.pl/mapy

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- EXISTING and planned VeloMałopolska routes**
- Vistula Bicycle Route
 - VeloDunajec
 - VeloMetropolis
 - VeloNatura
 - VeloRaba
 - VeloPrądnik
 - VeloRudawa
 - VeloSkawa



VeloMałopolska is a network of bicycle routes of European standards, which run through whole the Małopolska region. One of them is the **Vistula Cycle Route** (WTR), which is a national route, and at the same time, it is connected to the international EuroVelo4 routes (VeloMetropolis is located within the terrain of the region), as well as the EuroVelo11 (VeloNatura). A characteristic feature of the WTR Vistula Route is its slight gradient and a distance from urban areas. Alongside all the VeloMałopolska routes there are **Cyclist Service Points** (Cyclist Service Points) with such amenities as for instance maps of the sur-

roundings, sheds where it is possible to take shelter in case of rain, service tools, grilling equipment, or toilets.

Bicycle Friendly Places (MPR) complement the offer of the region within the range of bicycle tourism. These are accommodation facilities, gastronomic places, tourist attractions, as well as other facilities adjusted to cyclists' needs. These are places where it is possible to store a bicycle and luggage safely, to avail oneself of tools for basic repairs, as well as to obtain information useful for planning the further journey.



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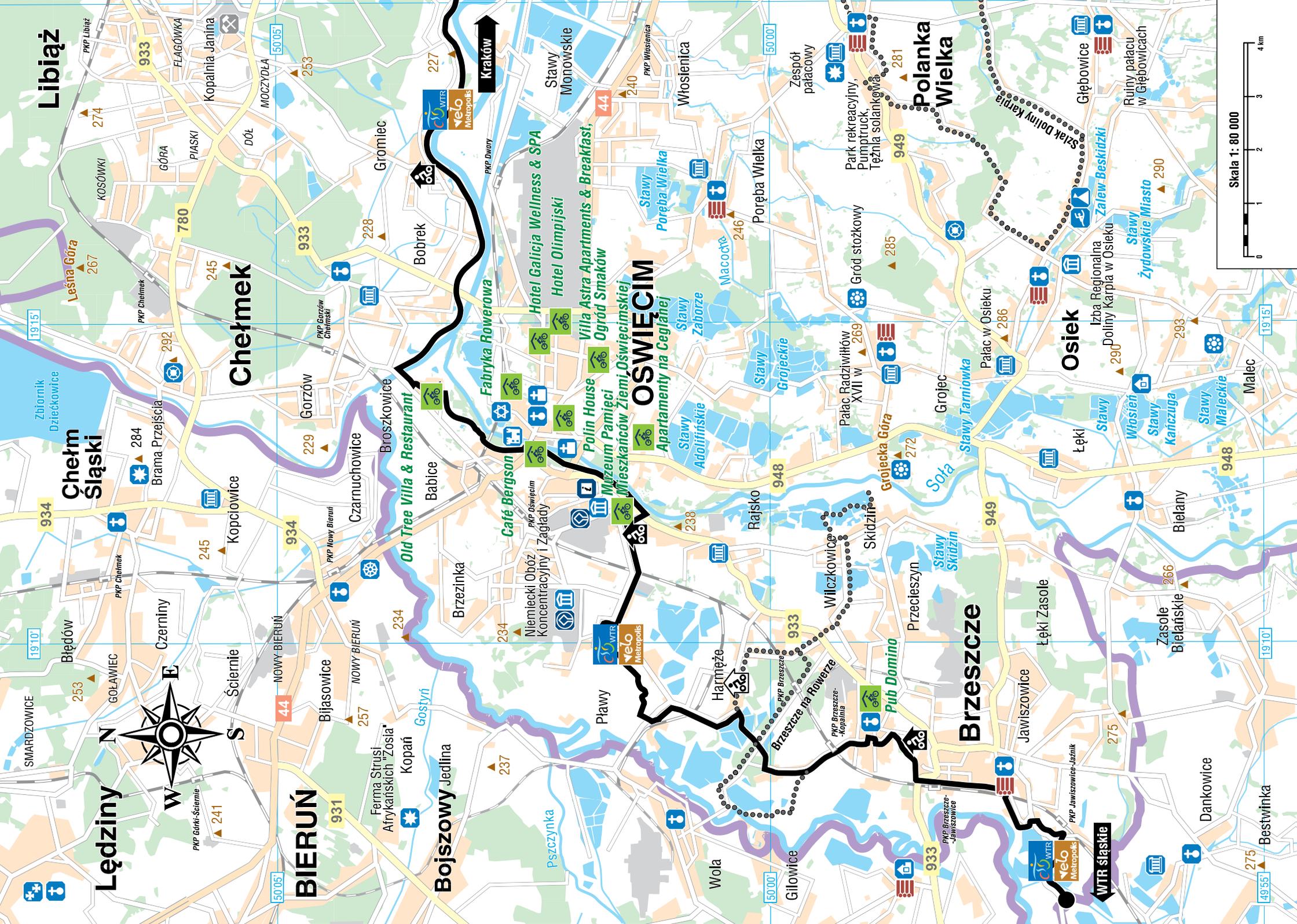
- VeloMałopolska
- VeloMałopolska - planned route
- Other bicycle trails, steep inclines
- Cyclist Service Points (MOR), Shelters for rest breaks
- Cyclist-Friendly Places

- Castles, castle ruins, palaces
- Other historical buildings, heritage parks, historic fortified settlement
- Churches, Orthodox churches, monasteries, synagogues
- Military cemeteries, museums, vantage points
- Sites on the Wooden Architecture Trail

- Monuments of technology, bunker, other tourist attractions
- ferry, swimming pools or beach, river ferries
- Thermal pools, Horse-riding centres, ski resort
- Mountain shelters, camp sites
- Tourist Information, UNESCO sites

- Rocks, Caves, passes; elevation points
- Natural attractions, nature reserves
- Boundary of national park, landscape park, Malopolska Voivodeship
- Motorways, roads: national, Inter-regional other
- Railways with stations and stops





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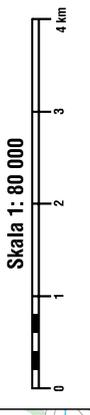
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WTR śląskie

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Old Tree Villa & Restaurant

Café Bergson

Polin House

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Hotel Galicia Wellness & SPA

Hotel Olimpijski

Villa Astra Apartments & Breakfast,

Muzeum Pamięci

Mieszkańców Ziemi, Oświęcimskiej

Apartamenty na Ceglanej

Fabryka Rowerowa

Stawy Monowskie

Stawy Poręba Wielka

Stawy Grojeckie

Stawy Adolifirskie

Stawy Zaborze

Stawy Macocze

Stawy Grojeckie

Stawy Włosien

Stawy Kańczuga

Stawy Maleckie

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