

### **Masurian Canal**

The construction started in 1911. The aim was to connect all the Great Masurian Lakes – along the Łyna and Pregoła rivers – with the Baltic. The canal was to be used for agriculture as well as touristic purposes. The works were stopped in 1942 and the canal has not been finished. Till 1942, 50,4 km had been completed (about 22 km on the Polish side). Altogether, in the Węgorzewo and Kętrzyn counties, there are 5 water locks (of various stages of completion) in Leśniewo Górne, Leśniewo Dolne, Guja Piaski, Bajory Małe and Długopole.

### **Lake Świącayty Overlook**

From the hill, where there is a cemetery of German and Russian soldiers killed near Węgorzewo during World War I, one can marvel a breathtaking view on Lake Świącayty and Kalski Peninsula. The overlook makes a perfect spot for admiring the Masurian sunsets.

## **HIKING TRAILS**

### **To the viewpoint – about 7 km**

*Zamkowa Street – Jasna Street – a town beach in Kal – a water tower – a viewpoint – Węgorzewo-Giżycko main road – a cemetery of killed Soviet soldiers – Bema Street – Zamkowa Street.*

We start the trip at the car park in front of the castle. We head towards Giżycko. On the crossroad opposite the „Biedronka” supermarket we turn right into Jasna Street and go along to the town beach in Kal. At the beach we turn left into a sandy road; on the left we can see a water tower and a recreation centre „Róża Wiatrów” on the hill. We go down the hill. We pass the last building on the right and turn right into the path leading through the small forest. On the top of the hill there is a viewpoint situated at the cemetery of German and Russian soldiers from WW1. There is a breathtaking view on the Lake Świącayty. Next, we go along the path through the small forest toward the Węgorzewo-Giżycko main road and turn left to the rising above the road cemetery of Soviet soldiers. Then, going straight ahead we go back to town.

## **ACTIVITY HOLIDAYS**

### **PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE TRAILS**

#### **Pedestrian and bicycle loop around Węgorzewo**

The trip is best to start from the parking lot in front of the castle (Castle Street). Head towards the Giżycko and for the City Council turn down the Jasna street, and then in the Copernicus street. In the Chapel of „Matki Boskiej Fatimskiej” turn right on gravel road that reaches the town beach. Then the route goes along the promenade on Węgorapą. On our way we pass the tavern Keja, castle, harbor navigation Masurian ports, sailing and bridge on the Mills Canal. We go across the street and go to Armii Krajowej Street. From the Targowa Street turn left on road no. 650. We pass the Roalna Street and immediately turn right onto the bike path. We get her into the Łuczańska Street. Here we have three options:

- turn right and return to the town,
- turn left towards Giżycko. Behind the cemetery of Soviet soldiers, turn right to the viewpoint over the Świącayty lake. Past the water tower we get to the beach town in Kal village. Turn right down the Jasna Street back to the town center,
- turn left on a bicycle path. We go to her tail, and thence through the forest to Pozezdrze.

Tours can start from any point on the route and modify it accordingly.

### **CANOE TRAILS**

#### **Canoe trail – Węgorapa**

Węgorapa (earlier called Angerapp) – the river of the length of about 140 km flowing across the Polish and Russian territory. It has its beginning at the Lake Mamry and its finish in the Pregoła river. Near Węgorzewo, the river forks into two riverbeds: The Mill Channel and Węgorapa river, which join each other again after a few kilometres. On the territory of Poland the canoeists have the route of 44 km long. The North Trail of Węgorapa is an average difficult trail. One can meet here such obstacles as: fallen trees, former water power stations and other hydrotechnical devices. So there appears the necessity of carrying the canoes. It is the best to spend two days on canoeing. The route leads through the regulated but narrow riverbed through the following communes: Węgorzewo, Budry and Banie Mazurskie. We canoe across the picturesque lowland which lacks of the lakes and it is crossed by numerous ditches and oxbow lakes. In Ołownik there is a water power station so one has to carry the canoe. Several kilometres further Węgorapa river joins the Gołdapa river. At this stage the river flows with a calm

current among the fields and farms of Dąbrówka and Zabrost villages. Near Mieduniszki Wielkie the river crosses the border of Poland and rolls its waters onward to the Russian side.