

THE CHEST GAZETTE

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KNYSZYN FOREST

Knyszyńska Primeval Forest - is one of the largest, extensive forest complexes in Poland. Its area is approximately 1050 km². Monuments of nature and monuments of material culture stand next to each other in the Knyszyn Forest. Influences of many cultures, religions and nationalities are concentrated in a lens. The forest is interwoven with historic cities, towns, villages and settlements. The Knyszyn Primeval Forest is not only nature, it is an area with an interesting history and rich culture. The first traces of settlement from the end of the Paleolithic were discovered 2800-2200 BC. This is documented by primitive flint tools called cord ceramics. The peculiarity is the picturesque, varied topography of approx. 180-160 thousand. years ago by a melting glacier. The waters flowing from the glacier deposited a lot of sand in the form of outwash fields.

Today, the Knyszyn Primeval Forest is the only area in Central Europe similar in many respects (structural, geobotanical or zoogeographic) to the southwestern taiga. The occurrence of mammals has been found in the Knyszyn Primeval Forest: an important lynx population, the largest predator is the wolf, the largest European mammals are bison, beavers are at home, and the red deer is the ornament. Permanent inhabitants of forests are also: elk and wild boar, as well as representatives of mustelids: pine marten, weasel, ermine, less often - badger. Otters can be found along mid-forest rivers.

There are about 150 species of birds and reptiles in the park. Among them are rare white-tailed eagles, corncrakes and kingfishers. The Knyszyn Forest is an extremely interesting natural object and in terms of the diversity of environments, the number of species of animals and plants, it is not inferior to many well-known and valued natural objects.

link to the movie "Cultural and natural heritage of the Knyszyn Forest"
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<https://youtu.be/hGLh4ifYGYw>



The fauna of the Knyszyn Forest



Flora of the Knyszynska Forest



Mast pines (Suprasl pines)
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