

Reserve "Islands on Mamry and Kisajno Lakes"



The legal basis for reserve establishing was the Regulation of the Minister of Forestry and Wood Industry of the 23th of January 1954 (M.P. Nr 14 poz. 108) with later amendment in 1989 (M.P. Nr 17 poz. 119).



This nature reserve is situated in Giżycko forest area, forestry district Zielony Dwór; it occupies 160.01 ha of land. It is partial fauna reserve, established in order to protect the breeding sites of water and marsh bird species, to protect the birds during their mass spring and autumn migrations, to protect both natural and glacial landscape, to protect areas strewn with erratic rocks in moraine formations and to protect reed groves.



It includes 14 islands located in the southern part of Kisajno Lake. The islands differ in size, from a few ares to 71 hectares. The islands are overgrown with forest, mostly of artificial origin with various species composition. In the reserve area 12 plant communities have been recorded; among others, slightly elevated beyond water surface, the community of alder swamp forests, in some places alder riverine forests or ash-alder swamp forests. In the higher located places there are mixed forests consisting of oak, birch, lime woods, apart from it wildwood mixed with pine, birch and spruce wood as well as pine fresh wood.



There is a zone of rushes around the island which make a favorable nesting area for numerous bird species. Such species as mute swan, grey heron, black stork, western marsh harrier, sea eagle, black kite, crane, red-necked Grebe and many others breed here.



The vegetal cover of the nature reserve is floristically quite poor. However, there are preserved plant species, such as: Martagon lily, spotted orchid and paradise plant. We can also come across partly preserved plants, such as: glossy buckthorn, sweet-scented bedstraw or May lily..



It is strictly forbidden to enter all islands that are nature reserves and to camp on them.



Remember, that on the reserve territory it is forbidden to:

- cut reeds, bulrush and other water and swamp plants as well as grass,
- destroy nests, collect eggs and nestlings of all bird species,

- pick fruit and seeds of trees and bushes, except for seeds that are indispensable for the reserve's forest renewal,
- pick healing herbs and other plants or parts of them,
- remove forest bed, graze cattle,
- destroy or damage trees and other plants,
- hunt, capture, scare away and kill wild-living animals,
- pollute water and reserve area and disturb silence,
- put up sign-boards, headlines and other signs except for signs relating to reserve area protection,
- construct buildings, establish or build sports, communication and other technical facilities,
- stay and camp within the reserve area except for places especially defined for that purpose by nature warden.