







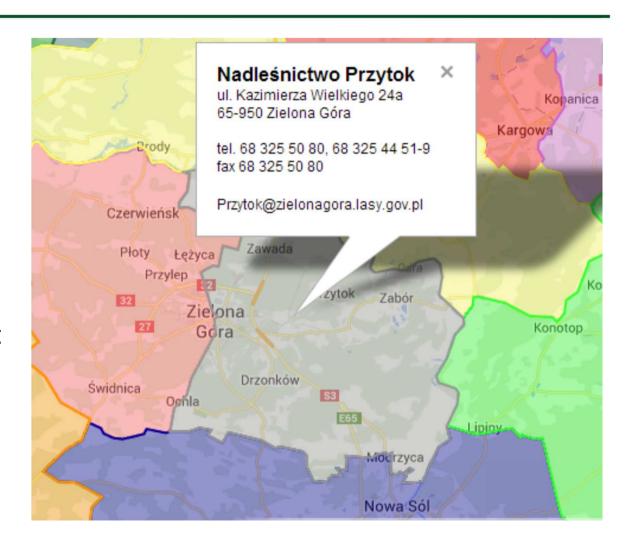
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The Forest District
Przytok is one of 20
forest districts of
Regional Directorate of
the State forests in
Zielona Góra.

This is one of the most wooded area in the country. The territorial forestation of the Forest District actions range equals 49,7%.





The northern east border of the Forest District Przytok constitute the River Odra, the southern border – the River Silesian Ochla. From the west, aside the line Krępa - Zielona Góra - Ochla, the Forest District Przytok borders with the forests of the Forest District Zielona Góra.

The forests of the Forest District Przytok are located within the area of one province, two country districts, one township district and five communes.





The forests of the Forest District Przytok until 1945 were mainly the private property. Most of the forests belonged to the country estates, and the rest to small property owners and to the city of Zielona Góra. In 1945, after taking forests over by Polish administration, the forests were nationalized.

The Minister for the Environment, Natural Resources and Forestry, on the basis of the Order No. 64, dated on December 31, 1992, created 20 new forest districts, among others The Forest District Przytok with its headquarter in Zielona Góra in 24a Kazimierz WielkiStreet. The Forest District was created as the result of Sub-Districts Przytok and Otyń.

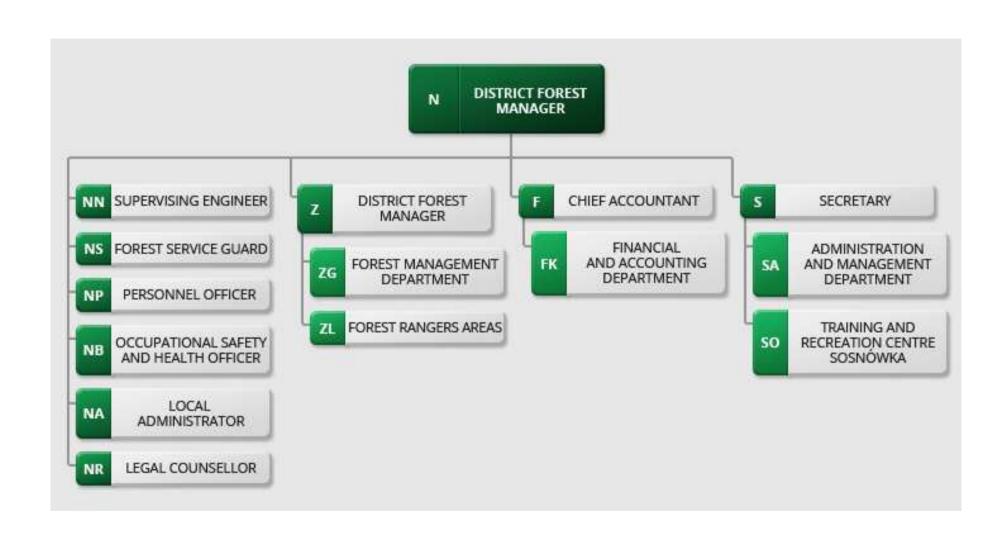
The forest District Przytok took up its duties on 1st January 1993.

Since January 1, 2011, there has been carried out a new division into the Forest Rangers Areas (under the regulation No. 13/2010 of the District Forest Manager of the Forest District Przytok, dated on August 9, 2010). The Sub-District Przytok includes the following Forest Rangers Areas: Dąbrowa, Kiełpin, Kisielin, Przytok and Wielobłota, however the Sub-District Otyń includes the following Forest Rangers Areas: Bobrowniki, Czarna, Racula, Zabór and Zatonie.

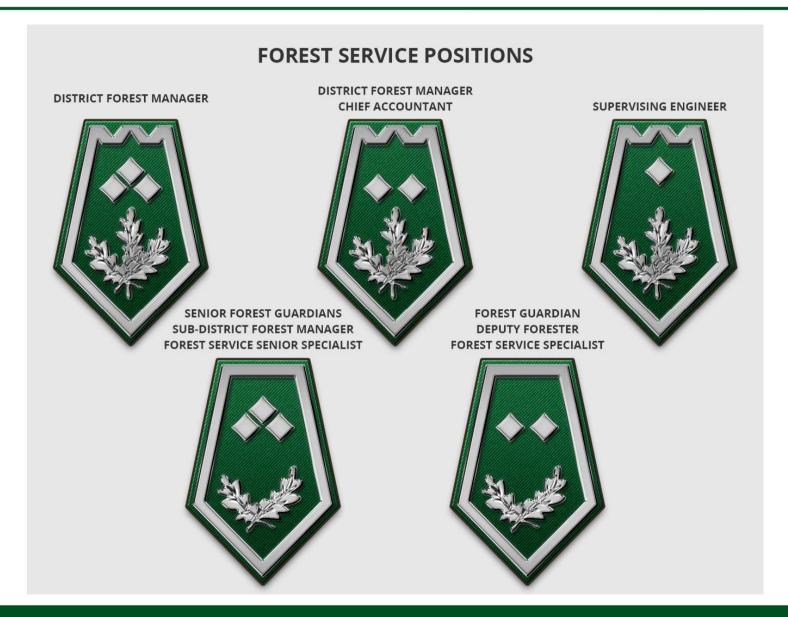




The Forest District Przytok is basic, independent organizational entity of the State Forests working pursuant to the Forest Act. It is subordinated to Regional Directorate of the State Forests in Zielona Góra, which supervises and coordinates all the actions within its territory.









The most important posts in the Forest District and scope of duties:

District Forest Manager – is the head of the forest district, manages the whole entity as the basic unit of the State Forests and is responsible for the forest district outside.

Deputy District Forest Manager—manages the affairs connected with the production zone in the forest district and, is responsible for appropriate Sub-District Forest Managers work.

Supervising Engineer – the worker of internal control, who carries out the control over the correctness of forestry operations performance, protection of resources and accesses to the forest, including giving instructions approved by the District Forest Manager of the forest district.

Sub-District Forest Manager directly manages the Forest Rangers Area and is responsible for the whole issues connected with running the forestry and for the protection of mandated Forest Rangers Area property.

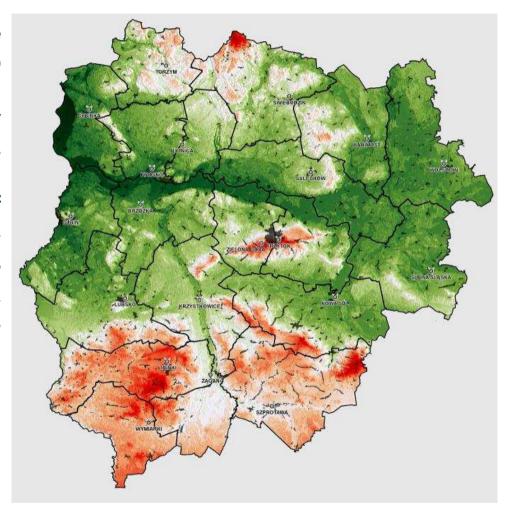
In order to help the Sub-District Forest Manager, the District Forest Manager assigns the Deputy Sub-District Forest Manager, trainee or other assistant workers, who are directly subjected to the Sub-District Forest Manager.

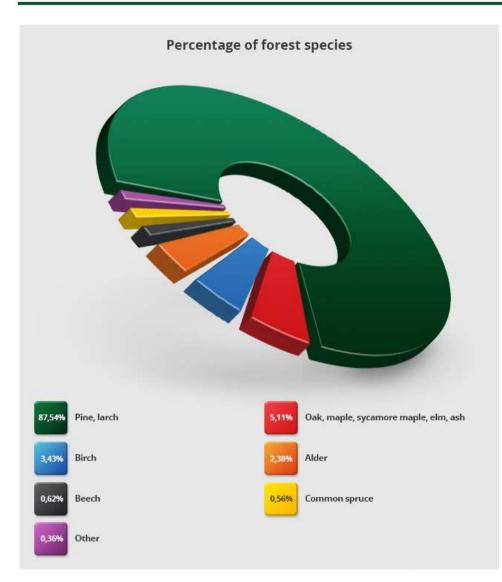
Forest District Secretary deals with all the things connected with the whole administrative services of the forest district and is responsible for administering infrastructure and repairs' matters.

Forest Service Guard Station is an organizational entity by the forest district, established to combat crimes and fight infringements as regards forest poaching. The Station is managed by the Chief Commander of the Forest Service Guard, who supervises guardians.



Directorate-General of the State Forests in Zielona Góra (DGSF)covers mostly woods located in the Lubuskie province and only 5% of those in adjacent provinces
- Greater Poland (4.91%) and Silesian (0.20%). The area of Directorate-General of the State Forests in Zielona Góra is 453 236 ha (as in 2012), 437 997 ha of which is forest land. As little as 15.000 ha is non-forest land e.g. farming areas, water, barrens, estate and communication areas.





Conifers dominate the structure of DGSF as they constitute 88.2% of all tree stand areas. Deciduous species cover 11.8% of the area and the main species are: pine (87.5%), spruce (0.6%), oak, ash, maple (5.1% combined), birch and hornbeam (3.5%), alder (2.4%), beech (0.7%), aspen, linden, willow (0.2 combined).

Occasionally, one can come across a string of other species of trees and shrubs that are valuable biocenosis additions.



In the forest stands of the Forest District Przytok in the areal species share existing in mentioned area, there dominates pine – 82,34% of the forest area, then oak – 8,84%, alder – 3,99%, acacia – 1,36% and birch – 1,26%, the others – 2,21%.





Forest protection is connected with the overall of activities being aimed at sustaining forest's sustainability, as for increasing its natural persistence against biotic factors, abiotic factors, as by performing preventive actions acting against unfavourable and harmful factors.





Factors threatening forest existence sustainability:

- abiotic environment these are processes that occur in inanimate nature, f.ex. frosts, draughts, heavy rain falls, strong winds.
- biotic environment there are a few factors of animate nature, that cause danger for forests, f.ex. insects, pathogenic fungi.
- anthropogenic factors –
 directly connected with
 human activity, f. ex.
 industrial emissions, water
 pollution, lowering the level
 of the underground waters.





Forest Preservation is connected with the most valuable, unique and rare representatives of fauna and flora. In Poland under strict protection, there are 584 plant species, 90 mushroom species and 732 animal species. 65% of wild fauna and flora Polish species are forest species.

The State Forests undertake their own protection initiatives as well. They help chosen species of animals and plants to settle down places, where these species are extinct (so called reintroductions) or were they are threatened with extinction (restitutions). It mainly concerns European yew, silver fir, black grouse or western capercaillie.





Nature preservation in the Forest District Przytok is realised in different forms. Within its area, there are the following protected objects



- 3 nature reserves,
- 11 natural monuments,
- 18 ecological sites,
- 3 areas of protected landscapes,
- 6 areas of Natura 2000 (one of them is located outside the lands being under the Forest District control),
- 2 protection zones (red kite and European pond turtle).



The forest of the Forest District Przytok has always been in the highest category of the fire hazard, because of its great share of coniferous forests sites and numerous share of pine tree stands, especially of younger and medium age classes, and finally because of the close location to the city of Zielona Góra.





There occurs 60 fires on average, annually. The largest fires took place:

- in 1948 and 1957 within the area of 88ha, the Sub-District Przytok,
- in 1988 in one fire there were burnt out 73,12 ha of forests within units186f, 187c, 188h, 189d of the Sub-District Przytok (mentioned units were passed on the city of Zielona Góra for development areas),
- in 1993 in one fire there were burnt out 10,72 ha of forests within 277, 278, 279 of the Sub-District Otyń,
- in 1996 in one fire there were burnt out 13,00 ha of forests within 48,49,
 of the Sub-District Przytok
- in 2003 in one fire there were burnt out 12,23 ha of forests within the Forest Rangers Area Zatonie of the Sub-District Otyń,
- in 2010 in one fire there was burnt out natural monument the oak "Napoleon".



Large forest cover and the existence of several rivers and lakes make that forests of the Przytok Forest District are attractive to both individual tourists as well as tourists groups. All forest areas are made available to individual tourists. They have an opportunity to reach scenic and picturesque places that are valuable in terms of nature, where they are unlikely to make damage.



Through the area of the Forest District, there run four hiking trails:

 blue – in the shape of loop, which takes its beginning and end in Zielona Góra.

Next to this trail, there are located three nature reserves: "Bukowa Góra",



"Bażantarnia", "Zimna Woda" and natural monument: English oak with its trunk size of 510 cm and height of 30 m,



red – running from Bytom Odrzański to Milsko.
 Aside the trail, there are 3 natural monuments – English oak with its trunk size of 620 cm, English oak with its trunk size of 315 cm and English oak "Kapral" with its trunk size of 500 cm,

• green – in the shape of loop, which starts and finishes in Zielona

Góra

 yellow – running from Nowej Soli along the River Odry



Within the Forest District, there are also marked out running routes, trails for Nordic Walking lovers, horse riding paths. Additionally, there develop more and more horse riding centres, so that more areas for equestrian tourism became available for tourists.

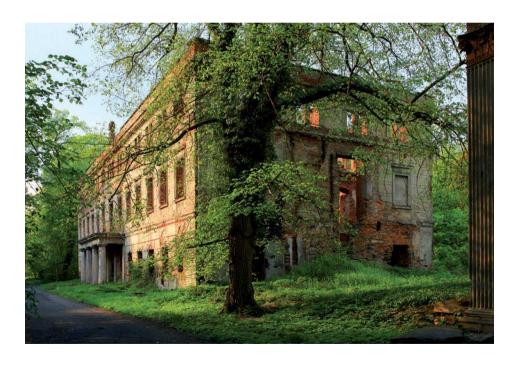
The forests of the Forest District Przytok constitute the tourism and recreation base for inhabitants of Zielona Góra and surrounding areas.





Particularly worth visiting are the following places:

- historical park in Zatonie with the ruins of the palace of Duchess Talleyrand,
- The Odra oak forests in the Forest District Dąbrowa so called "Oderwald",
- educational and nature trail in Stary Kisielin,
- educational and nature trail "Las Odrzański (The Odra Forest) – the pearl of the Forest District Przytok".





Fishing ponds nearby Krępa, Tarnawa, Zabór, Wielobłoty or Bobrowniki are well known to amateurs of fishing.

In the forests of the Forest District, there are large areas covered with shrubs of blackberries. During autumn period, there are also a lot of mushrooms.

The above mentioned factors decide about growing interest of active recreation within the areas of the Forest District.



The basic task of environmental education is shaping adequate social attitudes towards the issues of environmental protection and forestry. The role of educational facilities is to make people familiar with the issues related to forests benefits and to make them aware of the existing there dangers.





The Forest District Przytok has got 2 educational and nature trails:

The educational and nature trail in Stary Kisielin





- For the younger age groups, the length of the trail is about 1,0 km
- For the older age groups, the length of the trail is about 2,0 km
- For the older age groups (recommended for cyclists), the length of the trail is about 7,5 km

Educational offer:

- Making the educational and nature trail in Stary Kisielin and the educational and nature trail "Las Odrzański (The Odra Forest) – the pearl of the Forest District Przytok" accessible to the public.
- Green classes in the forest.
- Topic talks in schools.
- The contest "get to know your forest, its beauty and mysteries" directed towards primary school and junior high school students within the range of the Forest District.

According to the ecology rules and rational forestry and agricultural management, managing of game animals is a duty, that hunters belonging to the Polish Hunting Association, or foresters have to deal with.

6 hunting districts controlled by the Forest District Przytok belong to III Hunting Division.





The Forest District supervises game management, that is carried out by hunting associations, conducting it in such way to make the richness of hunting game species to sustain in harmony of bio-diversified forest stands.





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Polish-German forest meetings The Polish-German forest meetings project is cofinanced by the European Union as part of Transborder Cooperation Operational Programme POLAND – SAXONY 2007–2013.

The project includes:

- 2 Polish-German meetings on the premises of Przytok Forest Authority and State Forest Regional Authority in Zielona Góra and furnishing the German participants with information on Przytok Forest Authority by translating the authority's website on the Leśny Portal Korporacyjny
- provision of information about the German partner and the project conducted in Polish and German language versions on the authority's website
- publishing a Polish-German photo book on Przytok Forest Authority presenting history, and natural and cultural strengths of the area in its administration, together with information on the Polish-German forest meetings, and the City of Zittau Forest Authority (the German partner) including the preferences, comments,



and expectations of the German participants collected during the first meeting.

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