

Route no. 3:

Old Canal – Smukala – Myślećinek – Fordon – Ostromecko
Time: 7 hours, distance: 37 km + return 14 km

This is continuation of the route no. 1 and 2. When we get to Gdańsk Street, we take the bicycle path along Sądecka Street all the way to Armii Krajowej Avenue. On the pedestrian crossing in the area of Zamczysko Street, we get to the other side of this busy street and continue our trip along a forest bicycle path (red bicycle trail), which will lead us to Akademicka Street in Fordon. We ride east, first along Akademicka Street, then Korfantego Street (turn left) and further along Twardzickiego Street.



23. Death Valley

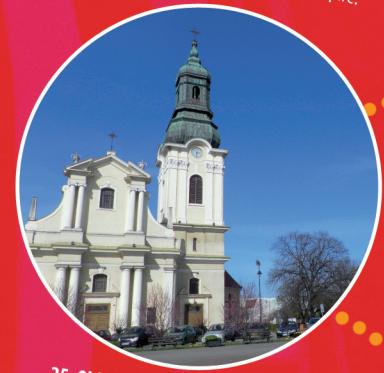
At the intersection with Boltucia Street we turn left, pass the Parish of Our Lady the Queen of Martyrs and enter the Bydgoszcz Death Valley. This is the place of mass executions of Bydgoszcz residents organised by the Nazis in 1939. Here we can see symbolic graves, a monument, and stations of the Bydgoszcz Way of the Cross – Golgotha of the 20th century, a part of the Sanctuary of the Queen of Martyrs. After a loop in the Death Valley we get back to Twardzickiego Street.

24. Crossing the Vistula River

Next, along Kleberga, Andersena (path parallel to the street), Sielska, Ametystowa and Flotylli Wiślanej Streets, we get to the Rudolf Modrzejewski Bridge in Fordon, once (1893) the longest bridge in the German Empire.

25. Old Fordon

At the roundabout located directly in front of the entrance to the bridge, it is worthwhile veer off the route to get along Bydgoska Street to the Market Square in Old Fordon. Now this is a district of Bydgoszcz, which until 1973 has been a separate town with an extremely long and multicultural history. The most important historical sites of Old Fordon include the classicism building of the old synagogue from the late 18th century, which miraculously survived the German occupation (the Nazis transformed into it a cinema, functioning until 1988), the neo-Gothic Church of St Apostle John the Evangelist from the years 1878-1879, and the neo-baroque Church of St Nicholas from the years 1927-1928 (designed by Stefan Cybichowski). In the Market Square of Old Fordon, noteworthy is also the complex of buildings of the Penitentiary for men, the origins of which date back to 1859. The oldest building of this complex, erected in the years 1780-1783 (2nd pavilion of the centre), is an old Prussian customs house.



26. Palace-Park Complex in Ostromecko

We get back to the bridge and cross the Vistula River, take our bicycle downstairs on the left side behind the last span of the bridge, and further along an asphalt road (turn right) we ride towards Strzyżawa, then along a forest bicycle path on the left side along the voivodeship road no. 551. We ride into the car park of the Palace-Park Complex in Ostromecko in 9 Bydgoska Street. Visitors are delighted with the Old Palace (of the Mostowski family), constructed in the Saxon rococo style in ca. 1730 (converted in the late 19th century), with a neighbouring Palace, erected in 1849 to a design by the studio of Karol Frydryk Schinkel, with a complex of terraces and a mausoleum of the Schönborn - Alvensleben family, and the Hunting Palace constructed in the 19th century. www.palacostromecko.pl



We return to Bydgoszcz along the same route all the way to "Myślećinek". There we continue the return trip by the road marked as version 2. We can also get back to Bydgoszcz by train from the railway station in Ostromecko.



Rent a Bike:

1. **Bydgoszcz Information Centre**,
ul. Batorego 2 (entrance from 1 Niedźwiedzia Street),
tel. +48 52 340 45 50
opening hours: Mon.- Fri. 9-18, Sat.- Sun. 10-16

2. **Rent a Bike and Go-Kart**,
LPKiW Bydgoszcz, tel. +48 607 087 760, sawmax@vp.pl

3. **City Rent a Bike, Hotel City**,
ul. 3 Maja, tel. +48 52 325 25 00

The last Friday of the month – Bydgoszcz Bicycle Critical Mass (start: Łuczniczka Sports and Entertainment Hall or Old Market Square) www.masa.bydgoszcz.pl

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Bydgoszcz Water Tram

Bydgoszcz of the river, or from the deck of one of Bydgoszcz's water trams. The Bydgoszcz water tram, consisting of three vessels (two modern solar powered ones and the historic MS Bydgoszcz), runs along the Brda River and the Bydgoszcz Canal from early June to September. A cruise on a water tram is a must on every tourist's route, since it is a unique opportunity to see Bydgoszcz from the perspective of the river flowing through the very city centre. An additional attraction is going through locks.



Transport of bicycles by public transport in Bydgoszcz is free of charge.

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By bicycle
through
Bydgoszcz





Route no. 1: On the Old Bydgoszcz Canal

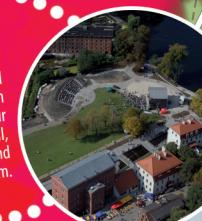
Time: 1 hour, distance: 3.5 km

1. Bydgoszcz Information Centre

We start the route in the Old Market Square by the Bydgoszcz Information Centre, where one can buy souvenirs, city guidebooks, and borrow a bicycle. Along Niedźwiedzia Street we go in the direction of Mill Island.

2. Mill Island

Ku Młynom Street will lead us to a 6-hectare island located in the city's very heart. The first building that should attract our attention is the Red Granary from 1861, the old steam mill, now one of the four exhibition buildings on the Island belonging to the Leon Wyczółkowski District Museum.



3. Church of the Holy Trinity

In a shadow of branching horse chestnuts we get to the footbridge across the Młyńska River, which will lead us straight to Świętej Trójcy Street. It is worthwhile stopping for a while by the modernism in form and neo-baroque in interior Church of the Holy Trinity, erected in the years 1910-1912, designed by Poznań architect Roger Sławski / 26 Św. Trójcy Street; www.trojca.info



4. Old Bydgoszcz Canal

We ride further to the roundabout. We get to the other side of Kruszwica Street, towards the shopping centre, from in front of which we go northwards to get to the Old Bydgoszcz Canal (1773-1774). On the other side of the roundabout we turn left and ride along the bed of a little stream – a meagre relic of the stretch of the Old Canal filled up in 1971.

5. Starofarny Cemetery

On our right-hand side, there is the Starofarny Cemetery, the oldest necropolis in Bydgoszcz, and the oldest preserved gravestone dates back to 1864. / 15 Grunwaldzka Street



6. Bydgoszcz Canal Museum

On the stretch between lock no. 4 and lock no. 5 we ride near the Bydgoszcz Canal Museum located in a 19th-century utility building in 3 Nowogrodzka Street. Riding straight we pass the historical lock no. 5, ride under railway tracks (Bydgoszcz – Inowrocław route). / 3 Nowogrodzka Street; tel. +48 693 765 075; www.muzeumkanalu.pl



7. Lock no. 6

We finish the ride on the canal in the place, where Józefa Bronikowskiego Street crosses the canal, i.e. lock no. 6. From here we can turn back and on the side of the canal get back to the city centre, or ride further along Route no. 2.

8. Smukala water dam

En route we pass the Smukala water dam with a hydroelectric power plant – the largest hydroelectric power plant within the city limits, and the cemetery from the period of World War Two, located in the area of number 160, devoted to the victims of a transitory and educational work camp.



9. Paddles monument

At the intersection of Orlawiec and Biwakowa Streets, on the bank of the Brda River, there is a non-standard paddles monument. The kayak with protruding paddles commemorates the kayaking trips along the Brda River taken by priest Karol Wojtyła, later Pope John Paul II, in 1953 and 1966.



Route no. 2: Old Bydgoszcz Canal – Smukała – Myślećinek – Old Town

Time: 4 hours, distance: 26 km

Right behind the inoperative lock no. 6, we stop in the neighbourhood of the oldest sports club in the city, where the marina "Gwiazda" (10) is also located. Further we turn right into Bronikowskiego Street, which will lead us to the Western Junction, i.e. to Grunwaldzka Street. We cross this busy road, exercising caution, and turn into Nad Torem Street, and at the first traffic lights we ride into the sidewalk with a bicycle path. We ride further along Nad Torem Street to the end of the bicycle path. We continue the trip along the pedestrian-bicycle line along Koronowska Street, to the intersection with Orlawiec Street. We turn into this street, which will lead us to Biwakowa Street.



10. Smukalski Bridge

We turn right into Biwakowa Street and ride into Smukalski Bridge. It is moment to see the beautiful landscape created by the Brda River waters. We pass the bus terminus and turn right longer stretch of the street surrounded by a forest.



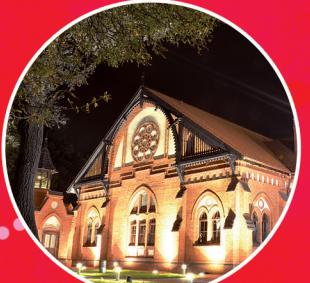
11. Sanctuary of Our Lady Thrice Admirable

In the area of number 113 it is worthwhile turning right to see the Sanctuary of Our Lady Thrice Admirable, one of six Sanctuaries of Schoenstatt Movement Trust in Poland (consecrated in 2001).



15. Waterworks Museum – Historical Water Supply Pumps Hall

On the left we pass the historical buildings of the waterworks station "Las Gdańsk", featuring the Waterworks Museum, the first centre of this type in Poland. / 242 Gdańsk Street; www.muzeum.mwik.bgdoszcz.pl



16. Zawisza Stadium

We cross the viaduct above railway tracks, on the right we pass the Zdzisław Krzyszkowiak Zawisza Stadium – a modern sports facility meeting UEFA and IAAF standards, and turn right into Powstańców Warszawy Street. / 163 Gdańsk Street; www.zawisza.bgdoszcz.eu



12-14. Myślećinek Forest Park for Culture and Leisure

We get back to Smukalska Street to turn left after several minutes into the fire road no. 16. It will lead us to the Myślećinek Forest Park for Culture and Leisure, the largest municipal park in Poland (830 hectares). Riding straight through the forest we will get to Rekreacyjna Street and after a while to the footbridge over railway tracks. In the immediate neighbourhood of the railway station PKP Bydgoszcz Rynkowo (12). We get off the bicycle and go across the footbridge (the footbridge is very steep). We set off along Jeżdziecka Street, and on the first bend we turn right, and along a ravine we ride down towards an observation tower, pass it and in a while turn right, right towards the Kujawsko-Pomorskie Ecological Education Centre in Myślećinek (13). We continue our trip along an asphalt stretch of the road to the first intersection of roads, then turn right into Hipiczna Street, which will lead us to Różopole clearing. We turn left, passing it on the right-hand side. We drive straight to Gdańsk Street, passing on the left the Myślećinek zoo (14) and allotments. From this place one can use another version – Route no. 3 and ride to Fordon or further to Ostromecko, or we get back to the city centre along a bicycle path running along Gdańsk Street. / www.myślećinek.pl



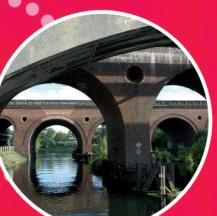
17. Railway Station PKP Bydgoszcz Główna

At the end of the street we turn left and continue the trip first along the bicycle path along the Nowofarny Cemetery, and then Świąt and Zygmunt Augusta Streets. We pass the buildings of the railway station Zygmunta Augusta Streets, get to Uni Lubelskiej Street, cross the street, turn right Bydgoszcz Główna, to get to 1 Zygmunt Augusta Street



18. Railway bridges

Before we turn left in the direction of the city centre, it is worthwhile looking in the other direction, where three railway bridges are located. The nearest – eastern bridge – is one of the oldest existing railway bridges in Poland (1851).



19. Building of the old Management of the Eastern Prussian Railways

Along the boulevard we ride under the Queen Hedwig road bridge dating back to 1913. We pass the monumental edifice of the old Eastern Railways Management, constructed in the Netherlandic manner style in the years 1886-1889. / 63 Dworcowa Street



20. Ladislaus Jagiello tram bridge

Next we ride into the Ladislaus Jagiello Bridge (the first suspended tram bridge in Poland, 2011-2012) and get to the other side of the Brda River. We drive along tram tracks.



22. Opera Nova

On the pedestrian crossing we go to the other side of the street, we ride around the edifice of the Opera Nova, one of the most modern and most versatile music theatres, and next along the footpath we get to www.operanova.bgdoszcz.pl



21. Municipal Canal Lock

We ride further straight to Marszaka Focha Street to turn left in the direction of Solidarity Bridges, from which the Municipal Lock from 1915 is perfectly visible; an earlier unique trapeziform lock from 1884 has recently been unveiled near the lock.

