



Świnoujście and around

bicycle guide

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Świnoujście is the only Polish town located on several dozen islands (thus the name “The Land of 44 Islands”) and one of the most attractive seaside resorts on the Baltic coast in the north-western part of Poland. The unique, cross-border location, the diverse landscapes and the vicinity of attractive sites as well as well-developed cycling network make Świnoujście a perfect destination for cycling enthusiasts. With them in mind, we prepared this exceptional cycle route guide. The cycling paths connect the major places of the holiday resort – the downtown, the port, the seaside quarters and the border crossings to German towns, while the well-developed network of cycling routes makes it possible to visit even the remote corners of the town and the surroundings of Świnoujście.

In the town there are several bike rental shops. You can also order a bike on the phone and it will be delivered where you want, or use the self-service bike hire network UsedomRad.

This guide will lead you along the most spectacular routes of the Land of 44 Islands.

See you on the route, then!

A LITTLE RIDE AROUND ŚWINOUJŚCIE

The route length: 11.30 km

Difficulty level: easy

The route runs around the town of Świnoujście within the island of Uznam (Usedom), starting and ending in its north-western part (the station of Usedomer Bäderbahn / UBB – the local railway). It includes the town centre, Wybrzeże Władysława IV wharf with the ferry crossing point, the marina, the fortifications and the seaside quarters with the promenade.

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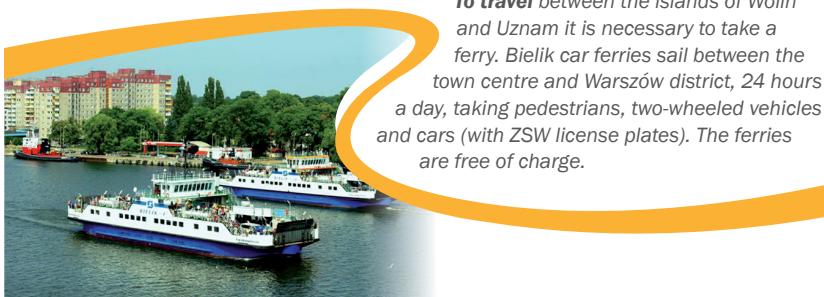
- 00.00** START. UBB railway station, Świnoujście, 11 Listopada Street (at the intersection with Wojska Polskiego Street). Take the bike path along 11 Listopada St. up to the intersection with Grunwaldzka St.
- 01.50** Intersection (traffic lights) with Grunwaldzka St. – turn left to the next traffic lights at the shopping centre “Centrum Handlowe UZNAM”



The Usedomer Bäderbahn (UBB) railway provides convenient transportation within the island of Uznam, connecting Świnoujście with German towns and villages.

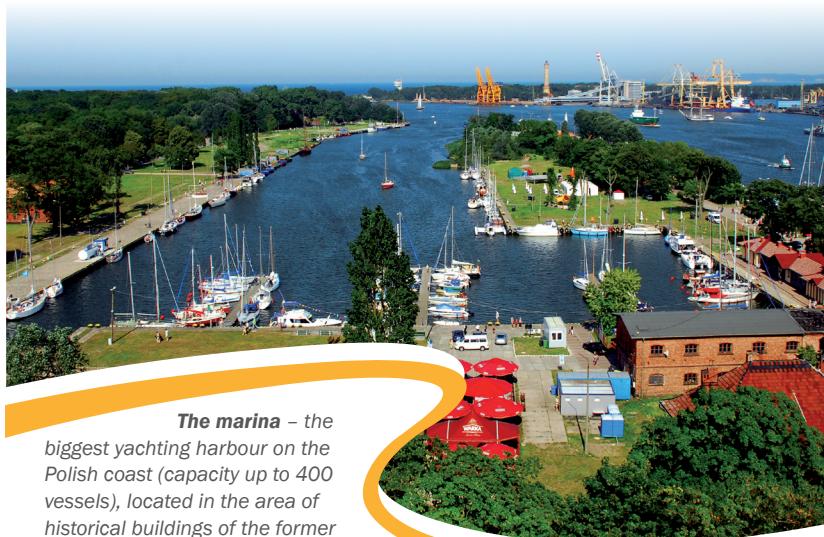
- 02.10** At the shopping centre “Centrum Handlowe UZNAM” – go across the intersection with Wilków Morskich St., then turn right into Daszyńskiego St.
- 02.40** Wybrzeże Władysława IV (the wharf). Go along the wharf to the ferry crossing point

- 03.15** Warszów ferry crossing point (Bielik ferries) – go straight down the cycle path to the yacht harbour (marina)



To travel between the islands of Wolin and Uznam it is necessary to take a ferry. Bielik car ferries sail between the town centre and Warszów district, 24 hours a day, taking pedestrians, two-wheeled vehicles and cars (with ZSW license plates). The ferries are free of charge.

- 04.00 ŚWINOUJŚCIE MARINA** – time to relax



The marina – the biggest yachting harbour on the Polish coast (capacity up to 400 vessels), located in the area of historical buildings of the former shipyard that operated there nearly until the end of the war, located in the vicinity of the Spa Park, the fortifications dating back to the 19th century; the marina has three times been awarded the "Blue Flag" quality mark.

A BIG RIDE AROUND ŚWINOUJŚCIE

The route length: 21 km

Difficulty level: easy

The route runs around Świnoujście within the island of Uznam (Usedom), starting and ending in its northwestern part (the Usedomer Bäderbahn / UBB station). It includes the western town district of Wydrzany with the border bridge over the peat canal (Garz and Kamminke), the town centre, Wybrzeże Władysława IV wharf with the ferry crossing point, the marina, the fortifications and the seaside quarters with the cross-border promenade.

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00.00 START. UBB railway station „Świnoujście Centrum” in 11 Listopada St. (at the intersection with Wojska Polskiego Street), from which take the cycle path to the right in the direction of Legionów Street



UBB – Usedomer Bäderbahn
– UBB railway station.

00.15 Turn right into Legionów Street

00.49 Turn left and continue along Zamkowa St.

01.20 At the junction with Rycerska St. – turn left and go up to the end of Gdańską St.

- 01.92** Junction with Gdańska St., now turn left and immediately right into 11 Listopada St.
- 02.00** Intersection (traffic lights) with 11 Listopada St. – go right up to the intersection with Grunwaldzka St.
- 02.60** Intersection (traffic lights). Turn right following the cycle path, straight on up to the border bridge

NOTE: YOU (CHILDREN INCLUDING) MUST HAVE YOUR ID CARDS OR PASSPORTS WITH YOU

- 04.70** The border bridge (Garz) over the Peat Canal (Kanal Torfowy). Go straight on
- 05.00** Turn left into a dirt road
- 05.25** Turn left sharply. Go along a forest road at the foot of the highest hill Golm (69.1 m. a.s.l.) and along the peat canal
- 06.29** An asphalt road begins. Here there is a small car park in front of the entrance to the Golm cemetery. Go straight on
- 06.65** Intersection in Kammink. Turn left into the cycle path leading to the border bridge Kammink on the peat canal
- 07.00** The bridge over the Peat Canal in Kammink. Go straight on and enter the territory of Poland riding into Jesionowa St.



Kammink Bridge

- the reconstructed crossing (functioning until the IIWW) at the place where a makeshift wood bridge made by the inhabitants used to be. The new bridge was opened in 2010 as a joint Polish and German project which also comprised a cycle path, among other things.

OGNICA–PRZYTÓR– LIGHTHOUSE, BREAKWATER AND FORTIFICATIONS

The route length: 25.50 km

Difficulty level: medium

The route runs through the island of Wolin, it starts and ends at Warszów ferry crossing point (“Bielik” ferries). The route goes through the following areas: Ognica and Przytór, some elements of the Fortification Trail with “the Bell” and Gerhard’s Fort, the longest breakwater made of stone in Europe (currently inaccessible due to the construction works underway) and the highest lighthouse on the Polish coast.

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00.00 START. Warszów ferry crossing point (Bielik ferries). Having crossed the river, get off the ferry and turn right in the direction of the sea ferry terminal (Dworcowa St.)



00.70 Go past the ferry terminal and go on along Duńska St.

01.60 Intersection (you have the right of way) – go straight along Wolińska St. (take the service lane)

02.10 Intersection with Ludzi Morza St. – turn right

- 04.00** The fork of the road. Go right slantwise into Mostowa St.
- 04.90** Ognica. Following the red hiking trail, turn left – into a hard paved road
- 05.40** The fork of the road. Go left slantwise into a forest paved road
- 07.30** Go across the access road to Karsibór ferry crossing and continue straight on following the red trail

[km] *Reset the meter to zero*

- 00.00** Go across the access road to Karsibór ferry crossing and continue straight on following the red hiking trail
- 00.80** The houses in Przytór – Zalewowa St.
- 01.70** When you get to the intersection with the asphalt road close to the church in Przytór, turn left and go past the church and cemetery
- 02.40** Cross the main road and continue straight on along Sąsiedzka St.
- 03.30** Intersection with the busy E-65 road leading to Szczecin (Wolińska St.). Turn left. Please be careful when you ride along the busy road
- 03.40** Behind the bus stop turn right to the railway crossing with a barrier
- 03.50** Behind the last railway track turn left and enter the forest
- 03.80** Intersection of forest fire access roads no. 32 and 28. Go straight following the international cycle trail R-10
- 05.02** Turn left into the access road to the bell-shaped concrete bunker
- 05.20** „The Bell” – the rangefinder position of the Göben battery during WWII



“*The Bell*” –
the ca. 20 m. high bunker made of
concrete; it was used by the artillery
headquarters; currently an obser-
vation deck used by the Między-
droje Forest District (the bunker may
be visited upon making an appoint-
ment on the phone: 91 328 00 57).

OGNICA–KARSIBÓR ISLAND–WYDRZANY

The route length: 36.00 km

Difficulty level: medium

The route takes you around the areas of the islands of Uznam, Wolin, Karsibór. The route starts at Warszów ferry crossing point (Bielik ferries) and ends at the UBB railway station. It leads through Ognica on the island of Wolin, the island of Karsibór, Centrum ferry crossing point (Karsibór ferries) and the town centre to the UBB railway station.

[km] *Reset the meter to zero*

- 00.00** START. Warszów ferry crossing point (Bielik ferries). Having crossed the river, turn right in the direction of the sea ferry terminal.
- 00.83** Sea ferry terminal. Just follow the road
- 02.10** Intersection with Ludzi Morza St. – turn right
- 04.10** The fork of the road. Turn right slantwise into Mostowa St.
- 04.95** Ognica. To the left off the main road there is a red hiking trail – you go straight on
- 07.10** Intersection with the asphalt road leading to the Centrum ferry crossing point (Karsibór ferries)

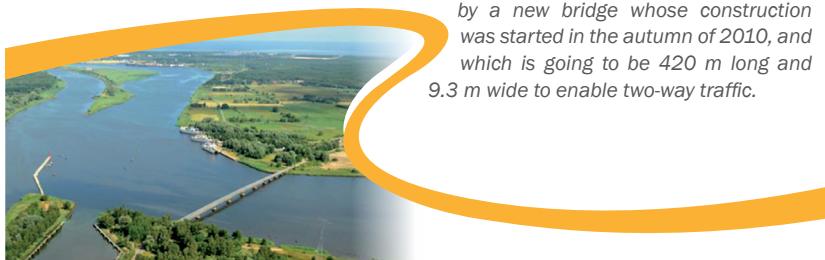


Karsibór ferries – to travel between the islands of Wolin and Uznam it is necessary to take a ferry. Karsibór car ferries sail between Uznam island and Ognica district, 24 hours a day, taking pedestrians and all vehicles. The ferries are free of charge.

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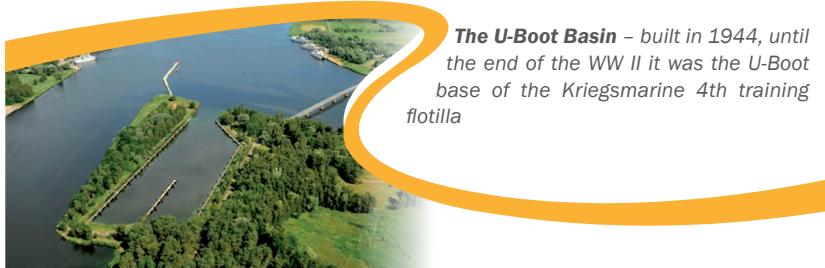
- 00.00** Having crossed the main road we follow it in the direction of the bridge to the island of Karsibór (the island is a result of constructing the Piastowski Canal, whereby a small part of the island of Uznam was separated). There is also the beginning of the yellow cycle trail, however, it does not always overlap with the route described here
- 00.65** The Piastowski bridge. In the middle of the bridge you can stop to admire the wonderful view on the Land of 44 Islands

The Piastowski Bridge – built in 1966, over 370 m long, with the 4.2 m wide roadway and one-way traffic; in 2012 it will be replaced by a new bridge whose construction was started in the autumn of 2010, and which is going to be 420 m long and 9.3 m wide to enable two-way traffic.



- 01.10** On the right-hand side there is a port basin which before and during the WWII was used as the U-boat base

The U-Boot Basin – built in 1944, until the end of the WW II it was the U-Boot base of the Kriegsmarine 4th training flotilla



- 01.40** The asphalt road turns left. You go straight on along the fence and into Kanałowa St.
- 01.45** As soon as you are in Kanałowa St. turn right into Barkowa St. (the forest road running along Piastowski Canal)
- 02.40** A forest clearing – a place for a bonfire or a rest. Go along the bank of the Piastowski Canal (a good forest road along the water's edge)
- 04.67** Go past the former wood rafting harbour
- 05.60** The yellow trail turns left – you go straight on

ŚWINOUJŚCIE- -KAMMINKE

Length: 15.10 km

Difficulty level: easy

The routes takes you to the beauty spot in Kamminke in the German part of the island of Uznam (Usedom). It starts and ends at the UBB railway station. It includes Świnoujście–Kaminke and Świnoujście–Garz border bridges, the beauty spot in Kamminke and the Golm cemetery.

[km] Reset the meter to zero

- 00.00** START. UBB railway station. Following the cycle path, go into Woj ska Polskiego St. and then along Konstytucji 3 Maja St. up to the church
- 01.16** Intersection with Grunwaldzka St. at the church – turn right and follow the cycle path down to Krzywa Street
- 03.19** Turn left into Krzywa St. and follow the cycle path to the bus terminus
- 05.20** At the terminus turn right into Jesionowa St.

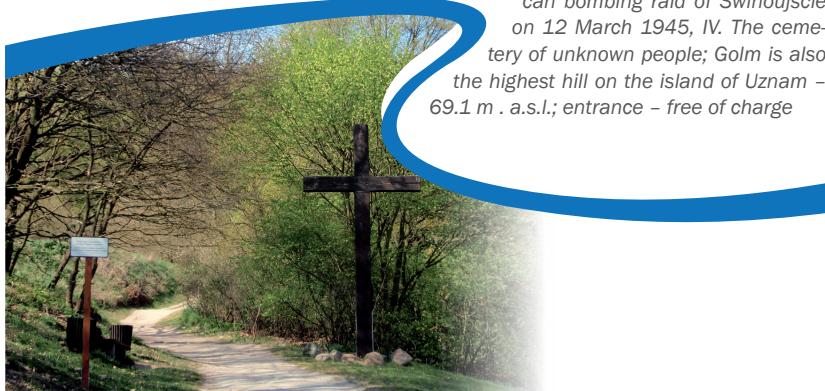
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- 05.43** Kamminke bridge over Kanał Torfowy being the state border line – go straight on along the asphalt road
- 05.84** Go up to the car park and asphalt road, then turn left
- 07.10** Go past Bergstrasse steep uphill road on the right
- 07.50** Kamminke port at the Szczecin Lagoon. Go back to the asphalt road, then turn left into Bergstrasse – a steep uphill road



- [km] Reset the meter to zero – at the uphill stretch of the road
- 00.00** A very steep uphill stretch of the road in Bergstrasse street. We suggest that you get off your bikes, reset the meter to zero and walk up the hill with your bikes (it's a 12% slope)
- 00.22** Turn right to the beauty spot
- 00.33** The beauty spot from which you can view the Szczecin Lagoon and Świnoujście. Get back on the road and continue riding, first along a paved road and then straight on along an unpaved road (do not go off the road) until you reach an asphalt road
- 01.50** Asphalt road and Kamminke village name board. Turn right
- 02.00** Intersection – turn left into the asphalt road leading to Golm cemetery

Golm – the German Cemetery of War Victims with more than 20 000 graves, the biggest war cemetery in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and one of the biggest in Germany, is divided into four parts: I. The cemetery of the Navy soldiers, II. The soldiers' cemetery established at the turn of 1944 and 1945, III. The cemetery for civil victims of war who lost their lives during the American bombing raid of Świnoujście on 12 March 1945, IV. The cemetery of unknown people; Golm is also the highest hill on the island of Uznam – 69.1 m . a.s.l.; entrance – free of charge



- 02.30** The end of the road and entrance to the cemetery. Go on along the forest road, keep to the road until you get to the road B110 leading to the border crossing
- 03.60** Intersection with the asphalt road – go right to the road bridge over the Peat Canal (Kanał Torfowy)
- 03.90** The border bridge (Garz) over the Peat Canal (Kanał Torfowy)

AROUND GOTHENSEE LAKE-BENZ

Length: 31.70 km

Difficulty level: medium

The route starts and ends at the UBB railway station. It covers the German part of the island of Uznam (Usedom) and leads along Wolgastsee and Gothensee lakes, through Ulrichshorst, Reetzow, Benz and the former imperial spa resorts Bansin, Heringsdorf and Ahlbeck.

[km] Reset the meter to zero

- 00.00** START. UBB railway station. Go 150m along the cycle path in 11 Listopada St. in the direction of Legionów St.
- 00.15** Turn right into Legionów St. Turn left and continue along Zamkowa St.
- 01.22** Intersection with Rycerska St. Turn right slantwise along a concrete road, going past the garrison shooting range on the right
- 02.02** Cross the border zone. Turn left into the concrete road that cuts the forest
- 03.87** Go past the historical building of waterworks pumping station. This is where the concrete road ends and you continue along the forest road
- 04.05** The Polish-German border



Viewing tower on the Kückelsberg hill
(59 m. a.s.l.)

NOTE: YOU (CHILDREN INCLUDED) MUST HAVE YOUR ID CARDS OR PASSPORTS WITH YOU

- 04.10** Enter the road which runs around Wolgastsee lake – turn left
- 04.56** Crossroads in the forest, at which turn right and go along the lake shore
- 06.20** Wolgastsee lake – beach, jetty, resting place. After a rest we leave the lake area and go left to the main road with the STOP sign



A view from the observation tower in Reetzow

- [km] *Reset the meter to zero*
- 00.00** The STOP sign, behind which turn left following the main road to USEDOM
- 01.41** In the village of ULRICHSHORTS there is a bus stop on the left, where you turn right into the asphalt road leading through the so called linear village with original, thatched buildings
- 02.56** End of ULRICHSHORTS – 4km to REETZOW
- 06.11** Village name board REETZOW
- 06.23** T-junction. BANSIN to the right, you turn left to LÄBOMITZ
- 06.58** Turn right (follow the road sign Aussichtsturm) into a field road uphill to the observation tower. It is recommended to get off the bike and walk with it up the hill
- 07.15** Observation tower („Kuckelsberg”), from which it is possible to see GOTHENSEE lake. It is a bird sanctuary and it is hardly accessible, as the area is overgrown with reeds. Take the narrow path behind the tower, please restrain yourself from speeding when you go down the path. When you go past the high voltage electricity pole you reach the asphalt road in Benz
- 07.81** Get into the road right in front of the traffic island

KAMMINKE- -HERINGSDORF

Length: 30.40 km

Difficulty level: medium (undulating areas – moraine hills)

The route starts and ends at the UBB railway station. It covers the German part of the island of Uznam (Usedom), starting from the border bridge over the peat canal to Kamminke, the beauty spot, the Golm hill, the forest tracks along Wolgastsee lake to Korswandt, and then further north to the former imperial spas of Heringsdorf and Ahlbeck.

[km] Reset the meter to zero

- 00.00** START. Intersection of Wojska Polskiego and 11 Listopada Streets – UBB railway station. Go along 11 Listopada St. up to the T-junction with Grunwaldzka St.
- 01.50** At the T-junction with Grunwaldzka Street (traffic lights) – turn right
- 02.70** Turn left into Krzywa St. and follow the cycle path down to the bus terminus
- 04.70** At the terminus turn right into Jesionowa St.

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On the route

- 05.00** The bridge (Kamminke) over the Peat Canal (Kanał Torfowy) being the state border – go straight on
- 05.30** Go up to the car park and asphalt road, then turn left
- 06.60** Go past a steep uphill road (Bergstrasse) on the right
- 07.00** Kamminke port at the Szczecin Lagoon

[km] *Reset the meter to zero – at the uphill stretch of the road*

- 00.00** A very steep uphill stretch of the road in Bergstrasse street. We suggest that you get off your bikes, reset the meter to zero and walk up the hill with your bikes (it's a 12% slope)
- 00.25** Turn right to the beauty spot
- 00.33** The beauty spot from which you can view the Szczecin Lagoon and Świnoujście. Get back on the road and continue riding, first along a paved road and then straight on along an unpaved road until you reach an asphalt road



Beauty spot

- 01.50** The asphalt road and the village name board Kamminke. Turn right
- 02.00** Intersection – turn left into the asphalt road leading to Golm cemetery
- 02.30** The end of the asphalt road and entrance to the cemetery. Go on along the forest road, until you get to the asphalt road
- 03.60** Junction with the asphalt road B110 – turn left
- 05.50** Junction with the road to Garz, the masonry flyover visible from here. Just behind the road junction on the right there is a forest road

KAMMINKE-KREBSSEE LAKE-KORSWANDT

Length: 28.50 km

Difficulty level: easy

The route starts and ends at the UBB railway station. It covers the German part of the island of Uznam (Usedom), starting from the border bridge over the peat canal to the south of Kamminke on the Szczecin Lagoon (Oder Lagoon), through Heringsdorf airport and the villages of Zirchow and Korswandt, along Wolgastsee lake.

[km] Reset the meter to zero

- 00.00** START. UBB railway station. Following the cycle path, cross the road at the traffic lights and go along Wojska Polskiego St. and then along Konstytucji 3 Maja St. up to the church
- 01.16** Intersection with Grunwaldzka St. at the church – turn right and follow the cycle path down to Krzywa Street
- 03.19** Turn left into Krzywa St. and follow the cycle path to the bus terminus
- 05.20** At the terminus turn right into Jesionowa St.

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- 05.43** The border bridge (Kamminke) over the Peat Canal (Kanał Torfowy) – go straight on along the asphalt road



Bridge over the Peat Canal

- 05.84** Go up to the car park and asphalt road, then turn left
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- 07.50** Kamminke port at the Szczecin Lagoon

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 - 00.23** Turn right to the beauty spot
 - 00.31** The beauty spot from which you can view the Szczecin Lagoon and Świnoujście. Get back, turn right and continue riding along the paved road up to the crossroads
 - 00.48** Turn left. Road signs for cyclists: Zirchow 5.4 km, Garz 2.6 km, Korswandt 7.2 km
 - 02.50** Turn left into a field road and ride up the hill, there is a grove on your right hand side
 - 02.70** Go on following the (very good) unpaved road which runs along the airport fence
 - 03.30** Concrete road
 - 05.30** HERINGSDORF airport terminal



Heringsdorf airport – located ca. 8 km from Heringsdorf and ca. 13 km from Świnoujście, one of the oldest airports in Germany, has been functioning since 1925, it was expanded during the WWII

- 06.20** Crossroads. Go straight on. There is a road to Neverow (1.5 km) leading further to Dargen
- 06.60** Zirchow. At the crossroads turn right, then 40 m further turn right slantwise

KAMMINKE–DARGEN–KACHLIN–KORSWANDT

Length: 35.00 km

Difficulty level: medium

The route starts at the UBB railway station. It covers the German part of the island of Uznam (Usedom), including Heringsdorf airport, Dargen (featuring the Technical and Bicycle Museum), Kachlin, Ulrichshorst, Korswandt and Wolgastsee lake.

[km] *Reset the meter to zero*

- 00.00** START. UBB railway station. Following the cycle path, cross the road at the traffic lights and go along Wojska Polskiego St. and then along Konstytucji 3 Maja St. up to the Chrystusa Króla church
- 01.16** Intersection with Grunwaldzka St. at the church – turn right and follow the cycle path down to Krzywa Street
- 03.19** Turn left into Krzywa St. and follow the cycle path to the bus terminus
- 05.20** At the terminus turn right into Jesionowa St.



On the route

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 - 00.47** Turn left. Road signs for cyclists: Zirchow 5.4 km, Garz 2.6 km, Korswandt 7.2 km
 - 02.50** Turn left into a field road and ride (walk) up the hill, there is a grove on your right hand side
 - 02.70** The end of the climb. Go on following the (very good) unpaved road which runs along the airport fence
 - 03.30** Concrete road
 - 05.30** HERINGSDORF airport terminal
 - 06.20** Crossroads. Turn left to NEVEROW (1.5km) and further to Dargen



WISENT DEMONSTRATION FARM – PRÄTENOW – DARGEN

Length: 36.60 km

Difficulty level: medium

The route starts at the UBB railway station. It leads to the wisent (European bison) farm on the German side of the island of Uznam (Usedom). The route also includes the Technical and Bicycle Museum in Dargen, Wolgastsee lake, Heringisdorf airport and Świnoujście–Garz border bridge.

[km] Reset the meter to zero

- 00.00 START. UBB railway station. Go 150m along the cycle path in 11 Listopada St. in the direction of Legionów St.
- 00.15 Turn right into Legionów St. Turn left and continue along Zamkowa St.
- 01.22 Intersection with Rycerska St. Turn right slantwise along a concrete road, going past the shooting range on the right
- 02.02 Cross the border zone. Turn left into the concrete road that cuts the forest
- 03.87 Go past the historical building of the Water Treatment Plant „Granica”. This is where the concrete road ends and you continue along the forest road
- 04.05 The Polish-German border



Bicycles parking in front of the wisent demonstration farm

NOTE: YOU (CHILDREN INCLUDED) MUST HAVE YOUR ID CARDS OR PASSPORTS WITH YOU

- 04.10** Enter the road which runs around Wolgastsee lake – turn left
04.56 Intersection in the forest, at which turn right and go along the lake shore
06.20 Wolgastsee lake – beach, pier, resting place. After a rest we leave the lake area and go left to the main road with the STOP sign

[km] *Reset the meter to zero – at the STOP sign*

- 00.00** The STOP sign, behind which turn left following the main road to USEDOM
01.41 In the village of ULRICHSHORTS there is a bus stop on the left, you turn right into the asphalt road leading through the so called linear village with original, thatched buildings
02.56 End of ULRICHSHORTS – 4km to REETZOW
03.50 Turn left into the concrete road leading to Kachlin
05.20 There is a concrete road on the right leading to Labomitz – you go straight on
05.92 At the pumping mill there is a resting place
06.20 Crossroads with the road to Görke – you go straight on
07.60 Intersection in Kachlin where you turn right and immediately left into an unpaved road



The resting shed at the wisent farm

ŚWINOUJŚCIE BIKING TRAILS

„ŚWIDNY LAS” BIKING TRAIL



Length: ca. 28 km

START

Grunwaldzka Street at the intersection with Nowokarsiborska Street (the first section runs along the bicycle lane in Nowokarsiborska and Karsiborska streets).

ON THE TRAIL

- ➔ Grunwaldzka Street [**0 km**] – used to be the highway to Berlin, opened for traffic in 1860, also the Świnoujście – Berlin railroad used to run along the road (the building of the former railway station can still be seen at 54 Grunwaldzka St., the embankment with several flyovers can be seen on the German side);
- ➔ The Piastowski Canal [**6.3 km**] – built in the years 1876–1888 in connection with the development and expansion of the sea port and in order to shorten the fairway to Szczecin; as a result of digging the canal, the south-east part of Uznam (Usedom) was separated and became the island of Karsibór; the canal is 7.2 km long and its fairway's average depth is 10.5 m;
- ➔ “The Ferns of Karsibór” [**9.2 km**] – a nature reserve of the area of nearly 38 ha featuring lush, more than 2 meters high fern thickets made up mainly of the royal fern (*Osmunda regalis*) which is under protection; this reserve is one of the biggest concentrations of this species in Poland;
- ➔ The western breakwater of the Piastowski Canal fairway gate [**13.7 km**] – expanded in the course of dredging of the canal's fairway and elongated to 644 metres; the navigation signs placed on the western and eastern breakwaters heads guide the ships going into and out of the Piastowski Canal.

„ROUND KARSIBÓR ISLAND” BIKING TRAIL

 Length: ca. 21 km

START

Along the Karsibór ferries east wharf, and then over the Piastowski Bridge to the island of Karsibór.

ON THE TRAIL

- The Piastowski Bridge [**0.5 km**] – built in 1966, over 370 m long, with the 4.2m wide, one-way traffic roadway; in 2012 it will be replaced by a new bridge whose construction was started in the autumn of 2010, and which is going to be 420 m long and 9.3m wide to enable two-way traffic;
- U-Boot Basin [**0.9 km**] – built in 1944, until the end of the WW II it was the U-Boot base of the Kriegsmarine 4th training flotilla;
- The eastern breakwater of the Piastowski Canal fairway gate [**6.8 km**] – expanded in the course of dredging of the canal's fairway and elongated to 666 metres; the navigation signs placed on the western and eastern breakwaters heads guide the ships going into and out of the Piastowski Canal;
- The church of the Holy Virgin Mary [**16 km**] built at the place of the historical crossing of the Świna River to Przytór (on the island of Wolin) which was part of the ancient trade route around the Baltic Sea; the original building dates back to the 15th or 16th century; inside under the ceiling there is the “Kolumbia” caravel model; a late-gothic altar, a baroque pulpit and benches dating back to the 18th century; in 1826 the church was renovated in accordance with the plans of Karl F. Schinkel – one of the most outstanding Prussian architects;
- “Karsiborska Kępa” [**17 km**] the bird sanctuary of the area of 197.52 ha, located on the island of Karsibór, being part of the Świna Delta; it is an internationally renowned natural reserve which is taken care of by the Polish Society for the Protection of Birds; the most significant breeding species of this reserve and at the same time the reserve's symbol is the aquatic warbler (*Acrocephalus paludicola*); there is a viewing tower in the reserve;
- Evangelical Cemetery [**18 km**] – a well-preserved old German cemetery, entered in the register of historical monuments;
- RAF aircraft members monument [**19.6 km**] – it commemorates the seven Lancaster M.I. aircrew members serving in the RAF's famous 617 squadron called „Dambusters”, shot down on 16 April 1945 in the course of raiding the “Lützow” heavy cruiser.



R-10 INTERNATIONAL COASTAL BIKING TRAIL



Length: ca. 23 km

START

The cross-border, Polish–German promenade (the Polish-German border).

ON THE TRAIL

- ➔ The Seaside Quarters [**1.3 km**] – houses of historical value built in an eclectic style, with decorated facades, columns, turrets and loggias, characteristic for spa architecture;
- ➔ The windmill-shaped beacon [**4.4 km**] – the navigation sign placed at the stone-made western breakwater in the years 1873–1874; the symbol of Świnoujście;
- ➔ Western Fort [**5.7 km**] – built in 1843–1863, originally named „Werk IV”, later „Batterie A”, „Westbatterie” and „Batterie Henningsen”; originally it was a small, one-storey redoubt built on a square plan, after a few dozen years of expansion and modernization it became a fortress surrounded by a moat and embankments; after the war the Soviet military units were stationed here until 1962; currently it houses a military museum with both indoor and outdoor exhibitions;
- ➔ Angel's Fort [**6.3 km**] – erected in the years 1854–1858; originally called “Werk III”, it took its current name after St. Angel's Castle (Hadrian's Mausoleum) in Rome, whose architecture had inspired the designer of the Fort; the Angel's Fort features a three-storey rotunda topped with a roof deck and an observation tower; currently the Angel's Fort presents many exhibits connected with its history, there is also a cafe, an art gallery and an exhibition of artistic jewellery;
- ➔ The Spa Park [**6.4 km**] – dating back to the 19th century, designed by Peter J. Lenne – the landscape architect famous for the royal gardens in Berlin and Sanssouci gardens in Potsdam; it is one of the most outstanding spa parks in Europe, featuring a wide variety of flora, including the valuable and original ancient forest as well as many unique and protected plant species;
- ➔ The Maritime Fishing Museum [**7.8 km**] seated in the former Town Hall building, which, designed in 1792 and built in 1804–1806, is the oldest in town; the exhibits show us the history of fishing, the town and the region, the museum presents historic navigation devices and marine fauna specimens, there are also numerous exhibitions held on different occasions;

- ➔ Gerhard's (Eastern) Fort [**13.4 km**] – the most interesting and at the same time the oldest fortification on the island of Wolin, built in 1856–1863; the only Prussian fort that is left from the former eastern fortifications, it was formed as a result of joining the “Eastern Battery” and “Werk II” fort; its task was to defend the entrance to the port and to fight warships at sea; currently the fort houses the Museum of Coastal Defence;
- ➔ The Lighthouse [**13.6 km**] – put into operation in 1857, the highest lighthouse at the Baltic coast, the focal height is 68m., the tower height from its base is 64.8 m., it is one of the highest in the world; there are 308 steps leading to the top and the observation deck, there is also an exhibition regarding lighthouses and sea rescue operations;
- ➔ The eastern breakwater [**14.2 km**] – built in 1818–1823, more than 1400 m long (the longest stone-made breakwater in Europe);
- ➔ “The Bell” [**22.6 km**] – the ca. 20 m. high bunker made of concrete; it was used by the artillery headquarters; currently an observation deck used by the Międzyzdroje Forest District (the bunker may be visited upon making an appointment on the phone: 91 328 00 57).

PART OF THE BIKING TRAIL AROUND THE SZCZECIN LAGOON



Length: ca. 20 km

START

Ahlbeck/ Świnoujście border crossing, Wojska Polskiego Street.

ON THE TRAIL

- ➔ This trail will take you from Świnoujście to Wolin and then further on around the Lagoon; it runs along Wojska Polskiego Street, 11 Listopada Street and Nowokarsiborska Street up to the ferry crossing point; cross the river on a Karsibór` ferry and you will find yourself on the island of Wolin, now take the national road no. 93, then the road to Przytór where you get on the forest track through the forests of Miedzyzdroje in the direction of Lubin, Turkusowe Lake and to the town of Wolin;
- ➔ Przytór – together with Karsibór played the role of “pre-Świnoujście” until the 17th century; it was the most important river crossing point of the Baltic trade route; during the WW II a large Nazi anti-aircraft battery was located here; currently it is a residential area.

FEININGER'S BIKING TRAIL (Świnoujście)

START

➔ Benz (German part of the island of Uznam/Usedom).

ON THE TRAIL

- ➔ The Polish-German biking trail on the island of Uznam/Usedom, which follows the tracks of Lyonel Feininger – the American artist of German origin, fascinated by the island's natural environment and unique landscapes; the trail features the places that were immortalised in his works; the particular places are marked with special plaques in the flagstones; the trail is ca. 50 km long
- ➔ The trail runs through the following towns and villages (in the German part of the island of Uznam/ Usedom): Benz - Neppermin - Balm - Mellenthin - Neppermin - Benz - Sallenthin - Bansin - Heringsdorf - Ahlbeck - Świnoujście (the plaques at the former Town Hall and on the western breakwater) - Kamminke - Garz - Zirchow - Korswandt - Goethen - Sallenthin - Benz.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION



TOURIST INFORMATION

72-600 Świnoujście, 6/1 Słowiański Square, ☎(+48) 91 322 49 99,
(+48) 91 327 16 28, fax (+48) 91 327 16 29, cit@um.swinoujscie.pl

Bike rentals:

- ➔ Gino, 48 Żeromskiego St. (at the municipal swimming pool), ☎(+48) 609 144 367
- ➔ 20 Słowackiego Street, www.rowerownia.freehost.pl, ☎(+48) 602 230 688
- ➔ BalticBike.pl – bikes-on-call, ☎(+48) 500 412 500, www.balticbike.pl, info@balticbike.pl
- ➔ Konik, 2 Chrobrego Street, ☎(+48) 91 327 43 27, www.koniksport.pl
- ➔ „Rondo” – three- and four-wheeled bicycles, car park at Rusalka, ☎(+48) 603 223 263



www.usedom.de/usedomrad, ☎(+49) 30 555 76 911

Bicycle shops with bicycle service:

- ➔ Bikes H. i M. Kowalewscy s.c., 34c Władysława IV Street, ☎(+48) 91 322 22 00, www.rowery.swinoujscie.net
- ➔ 2 Chrobrego Street, „Konik” S.C. sport shops, ☎(+48) 91 327 43 27
- ➔ 2 Monte Cassino Street, ☎(+48) 91 322 42 55
- ➔ 5 Karsiborska Street, ☎(+48) 91 321 02 75, (+48) 600 927 159, (+48) 602 810 753
- ➔ 65 Grunwaldzka Street, „Rowerek” J&J, ☎(+48) 91 321 79 81
- ➔ 2 Nowokarsiborska Street, ☎(+48) 91 322 22 00

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS FOR CYCLISTS

**Road Traffic Code – Road Traffic Law –
Dz.U.1997.98.602, as amended**

- Art. 33. 1. The cyclist riding a single-track vehicle shall use the bike lane or the bike/pedestrian lane. The rider, when using the bike/pedestrian lane shall exercise special caution and give the right of way to pedestrians.
- 1a. If there is no bike lane or bike/pedestrian lane, the cyclist riding a single-track vehicle shall use the road shoulder, with the reservation of Article 16 item 5, and in case it is impossible – the roadway.
2. Children up to the age of 7 may be transported on the bicycle, provided that they are placed in an additional seat ensuring safety.
3. The cyclist riding a bicycle or a motorcycle may not:
1. ride on the road alongside another road user;
 2. ride without keeping at least one hand on the handles and the feet on the pedals or the footrests;
 3. hang on to other vehicles.
4. At the crossing intended for cyclists, the cyclist may not:
1. get immediately in front of a coming vehicle
 2. slow down or stop without any justified reason.
5. The cyclist riding a single-track vehicle may use the sidewalk or the pedestrian lane only if:
1. the cyclist is taking care of a child under 10 years old riding a bicycle, or
 2. the sidewalk along the road on which the road traffic is allowed with the speed limit of over 50 km/h is at least 2 metres wide and there is no designated bike lane.
6. The cyclist riding a bicycle, when using the sidewalk or the pedestrian lane, shall ride slowly, exercise special caution, and give the right of way to pedestrians.
7. The cyclist riding a bicycle may ride on the left side of the road in accordance with the rules provided for pedestrians in Article 11 item 1-3, if the cyclist is taking care of a child under 10 years old riding a bicycle.

In accordance with provisions of the Road Traffic Code and the resolution of the Minister of Infrastructure of 31 December 2002, a bicycle must have a white (or yellow) light in the front and a red reflective light and a red position light a in the rear. The rear position light may be flickering, while the light in the front must be steady. Bicycle position lights and rear reflective lights when lit by road lights of another vehicle must be visible at night under conditions of good air transparency from the distance of at least 150 metres.

NOTE: resetting the meters to zero is aimed at clearing any discrepancies between the actual number of kilometres (e.g. as a result of going off the route or imprecise meter settings) and the GPS-based measurements.