

12. WEST OF CRACOW



VELOMAŁOPOLSKA

You can get to Cracow by train from many Polish and European cities, and its airport in Balice operates flights of numerous airlines (you can get to the city centre by train). Cracow is also the starting point from which trains depart to other towns and cities in the region, including those which lie on VeloMałopolska (e.g. Zakopane, Nowy Targ, Nowy Sącz, Tarnów, Niepołomice). At Cracow Main Station (Kraków Główny), at the end of the platforms (in the tunnel) there is a bicycle path which leads directly to the WTR (head for Rondo Mogiłskie (Mogiłskie Roundabout), then Rondo Grzegórzeckie (Grzegórzeckie Roundabout) and near Galeria Kazimierz Shopping Center turn onto the WTR).

Sights worth seeing:

- » The Benedictine Abbey in Tyniec - the oldest existing monastery in Poland (opactwotynieckie.pl)
- » Kolna Whitewater Canoe Slalom Course - the only venue of this kind in Poland (kolna.pl/tor-kajakowy)
- » The city of Cracow (www.krakow.travel)

Bicycle trails:

- » Greenways Amber Trail - the trail starts in southern Małopolska, in Lipnica Murowana, crosses the routes of VeloMałopolska several times and terminates near Borusowa (www.greenways.org.pl)
- » Treasures of the Cracow Area (Szlak Skarby blisko Krakowa) - a 44-kilometre-long bicycle trail with the start and finish points in Skawina (www.skarby.bliskokrakowa.pl)

Interesting fact:

The city of Cracow is the first European city entered in the UNESCO World Cultural and Natural Heritage List (krakow.travel). Among the many symbols of the city, one should mention the obwarzanek - a traditional bread roll. Every day Cracow vendors sell 150 thousand of these bread rolls.

Tips:

Due to the renovation of the embankments between Kolna Sports Centre (OSiR Kolna) and the footbridge on the Skawinka, it is recommended to make a detour via public roads: ul. Kolna and ul. Promowa until Tyniec, and then ul. Bendykyńa, ul. Bogucianka, and ul. Tyniecka (Note! These roads are characterised by a sharp incline and heavy traffic).

Tourist information:

InfoKraków, ul. Powiśle 11, 31-101 Kraków, powisle@infokrakow.pl, www.infokrakow.pl

Maps:

- » maps in electronic versions and for printing;
- » gpx tracking including suggested detours around sections currently under construction/renovation.

Download from the website:

narowery.visitmalopolska.pl/mapy

If you have any comments regarding damaged bicycle infrastructure on VeloMałopolska routes, please report them to the following email address: narowery@umwm.malopolska.pl

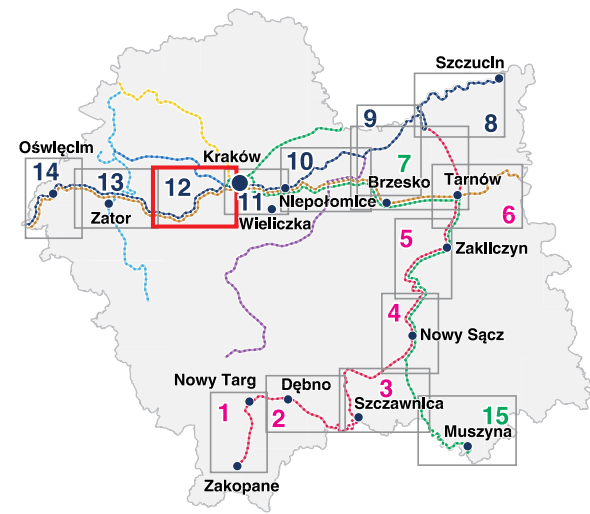


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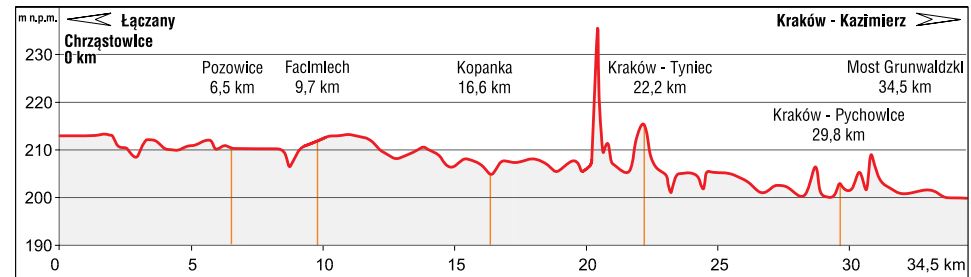


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- EXISTING and planned VeloMałopolska routes**
- Vistula Bicycle Route
 - VeloDunajec
 - VeloMetropolis
 - VeloNatura
 - VeloRaba
 - VeloPrądnik
 - VeloRudawa
 - VeloSkawa



VeloMałopolska is a network of bicycle routes of European standards, which run through whole the Małopolska region. One of them is the **Vistula Cycle Route** (WTR), which is a national route, and at the same time, it is connected to the international EuroVelo4 routes (VeloMetropolis is located within the terrain of the region), as well as the EuroVelo11 (VeloNatura). A characteristic feature of the WTR Vistula Route is its slight gradient and a distance from urban areas. Alongside all the VeloMałopolska routes there are **Cyclist Service Points** (Cyclist Service Points) with such amenities

as for instance maps of the surroundings, sheds where it is possible to take shelter in case of rain, service tools, grilling equipment, or toilets. **Bicycle Friendly Places** (MPR) complement the offer of the region within the range of bicycle tourism. These are accommodation facilities, gastronomic places, tourist attractions, as well as other facilities adjusted to cyclists' needs. These are places where it is possible to store a bicycle and luggage safely, to avail oneself of tools for basic repairs, as well as to obtain information useful for planning the further journey.

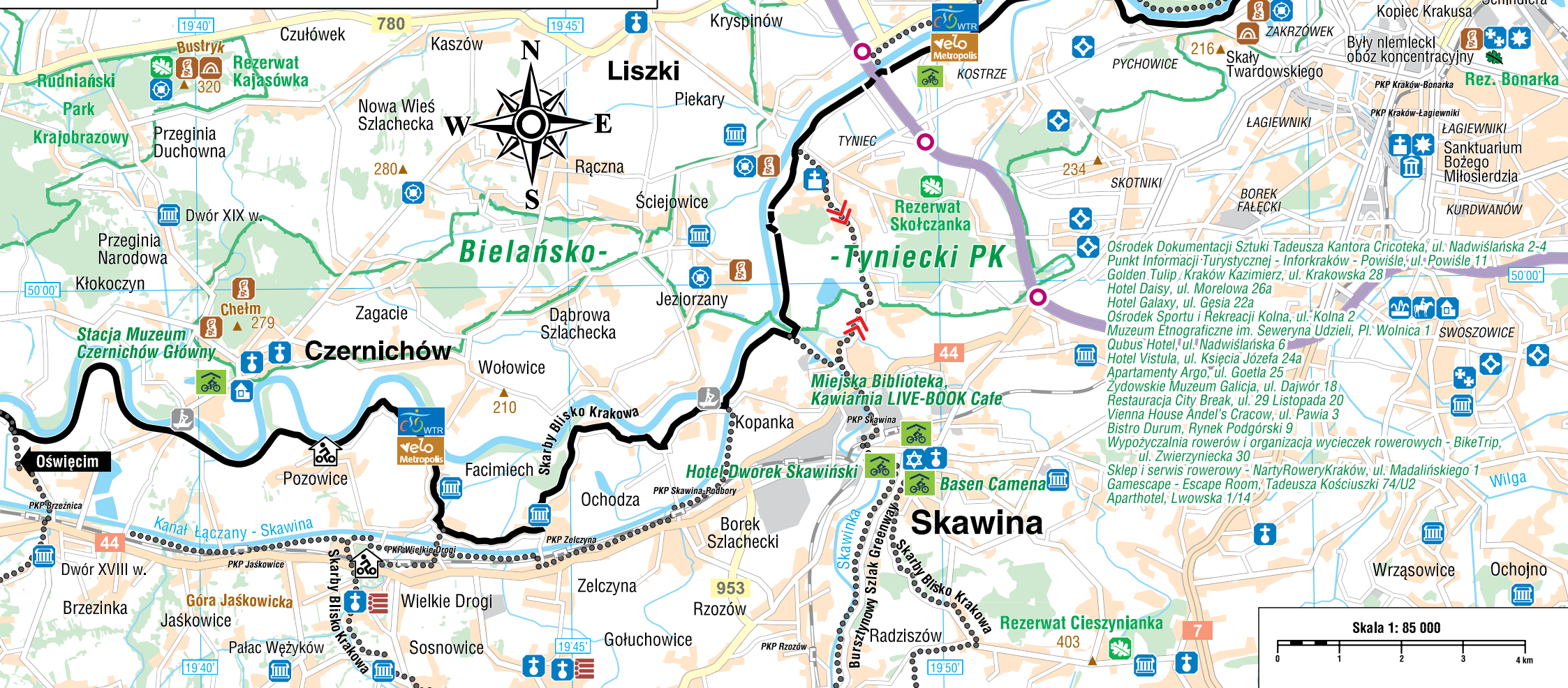
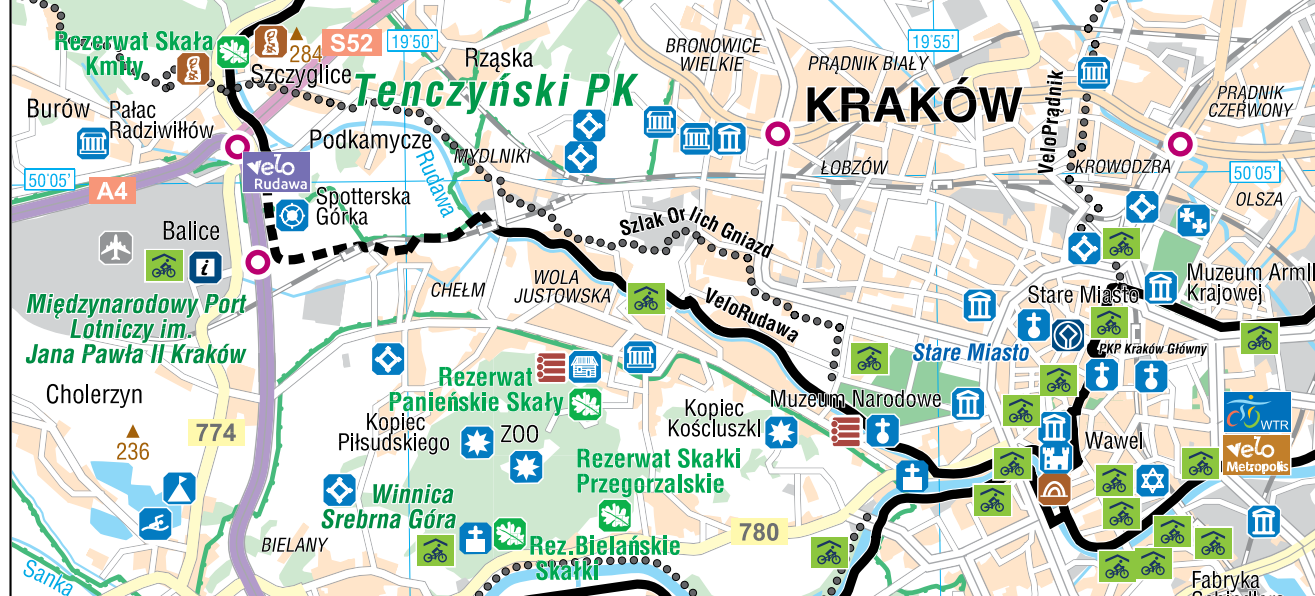
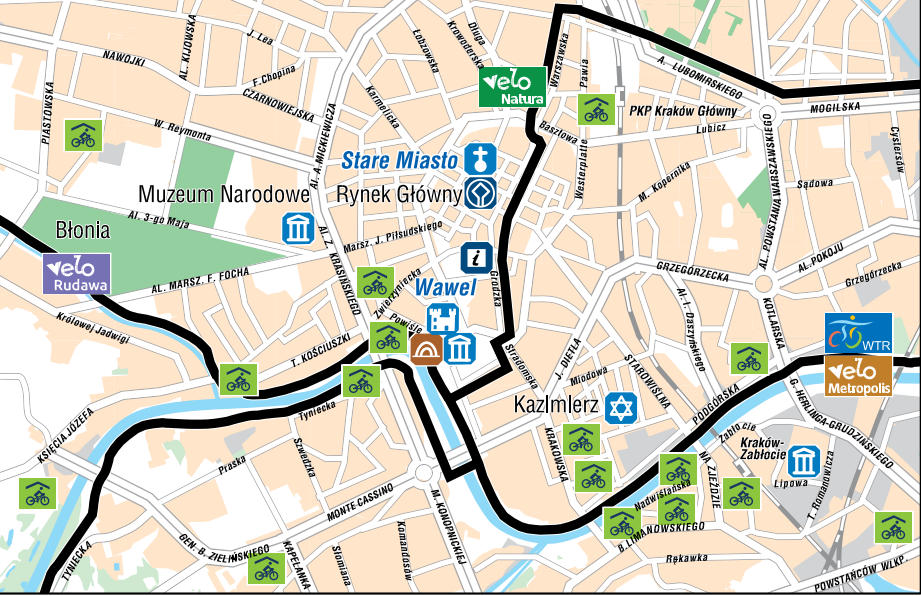


- VeloMałopolska
- VeloMałopolska - planned route
- Other bicycle trails, steep inclines
- Cyclist Service Points (MOR), Shelters for rest breaks
- Cyclist-Friendly Places

- Castles, castle ruins, palaces
- Other historical buildings, heritage parks, historic fortified settlement
- Churches, Orthodox churches, monasteries, synagogues
- Military cemeteries, museums, vantage points
- Sites on the Wooden Architecture Trail

- Monuments of technology, bunker, other tourist attractions
- ferry, swimming pools or beach, river ferries
- Thermal pools, Horse-riding centres, ski resort
- Mountain shelters, camp sites
- Tourist Information, UNESCO sites

- Rocks, Caves, passes; elevation points
- Natural attractions, nature reserves
- Boundary of national park, landscape park, Małopolska Volvodeship
- Motorways, roads: national, Inter-regional other
- Railways with stations and stops



- Osrodek Dokumentacji Sztuki Tadeusza Kantora Cricoteka, ul. Nadwiślańska 2-4
- Punkt Informacji Turystycznej - Inforkraków - Powiśle, ul. Powiśle 11
- Golden Tulip / Kraków Kazimierz, ul. Krakowska 28
- Hotel Daisy, ul. Morelowa 26a
- Hotel Galaxy, ul. Gesia 22a
- Osrodek Sportu i Rekreacji Kolna, ul. Kolna 2
- Muzeum Etnograficzne im. Seweryna Udzieli, Pl. Wolnica 1
- SWOSZOWICE
- Qubus Hotel, ul. Nadwiślańska 6
- Hotel Vistula, ul. Księcia Józefa 24a
- Apartamenty Argo, ul. Goetla 25
- Zydowskie Muzeum Galicja, ul. Dajwór 18
- Restauracja City Break, ul. 29 Listopada 20
- Vienna House Andel's Cracow, ul. Pawia 3
- Bistro Durum, Rynek Podgórski 9
- Wypożyczalnia rowerów i organizacja wycieczek rowerowych - BikeTrip, ul. Zwierzyniecka 30
- Sklep i serwis rowerowy - NartyRoweryKraków, ul. Madalińskiego 1
- Gamescape - Escape Room, Tadeusza Kościuszki 74/U2
- Aparthotel, Lwowska 1/14

