

NATIONAL PARK · POLAND · ZAKOPANE

Tatra

at a glance

Poland's only high mountains: Morskie Oko at the end of a road without cars, a cable car to almost 2,000 metres and a ticket for every day in the park.

BEFORE YOU GO



21,197 hectares

Tatrzański Park Narodowy (TPN) covers 21,197 ha. Together with the Slovak side about 100,000 ha are protected, according to the park.



Rysy, 2,499 metres

The highest summits in the park rise above 2,400 m (7,874 ft). Rysy, at 2,499 m (8,199 ft), is Poland's highest mountain.



More than 20 km to Palenica

From Zakopane to the Palenica Białczańska car park is more than 20 km (12 mi) according to the TPN.



No trails at night

From 1 March to 30 November it is forbidden to be on the park trails between dusk and dawn.



No dogs

Dogs and other pets are not allowed on the park trails, not even in a backpack. Guide dogs are the exception.



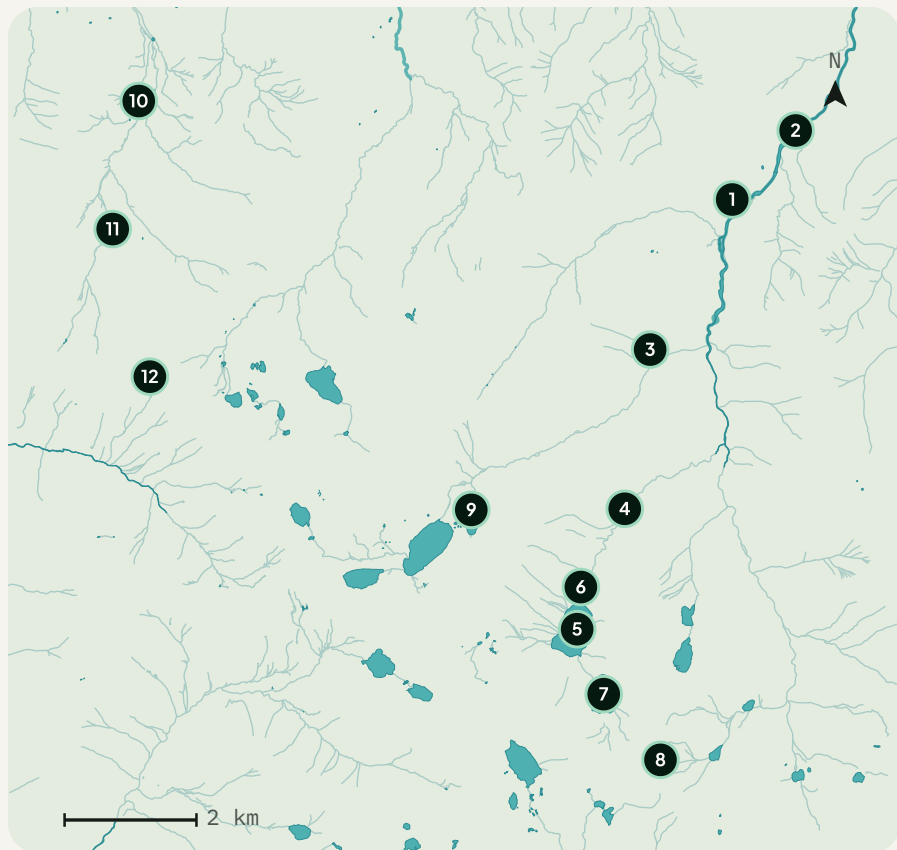
No drones

Drones disturb wildlife and endanger the mountain rescue helicopter; flying them in the park is forbidden.



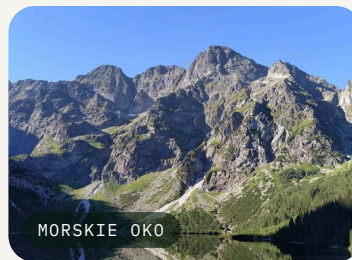
Fees and opening hours, up to date

Fees and times change. The park page lists them with source and date: nationalparksatlas.com/en/poland/tatra

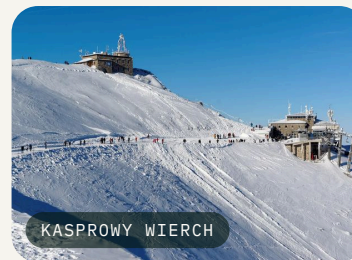


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MORSKIE OKO



KASPROWY WIERCH



HALA GĄSIENICOWA

THINGS TO DO

Walk to Morskie Oko

About 8 km (5 mi) on the paved Oswald Balzer Road, with no bins and no bicycles; at the top a 2.5 km (1.6 mi) ...

Kościeliska Valley

A wide valley in the Western Tatras from the Kiry car park, with Jaskinia Mroźna as a side trip.

Climbing in four areas only

Climbing is allowed at Morskie Oko, on Hala Gąsienicowa, in Dolina Lejowa and at Jaroniec.

About 1,000 plant species

About 1,000 species of vascular plants grow in the Polish Tatras, almost 200 of them nowhere else in the ...

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Cable car to Kasprowy Wierch

From Kuźnice 4,292 m (2.7 mi) of line and 936 m (3,071 ft) of height difference with a change at Myślenickie ...

Caves

More than 800 caves are recorded in the park; six are open to visitors, 25 to cavers.

Horse-drawn carts as transport

Carts run from Palenica Białczańska to Wodogrzmoty Mickiewicza, since 1 September 2026 for 2.9 km instead of ...

Chamois, marmots, snow voles

In Poland these three species live only in the Tatras; the country's stone pine forests grow here too, and ...

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