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RECREATIONAL COMPLEX OF ZHYTOMYR AREA

Formation of state strategy for development of recreational facilities in Ukraine and recreational nature use is an urgent problem because of the need of mass recreation of the country's population. This strategy is the basis for constructive interaction between the governmental bodies of Ukraine and their subjects to ensure the integrated use of naturally-recreational resources and potential of economic activities (Table.).

Recreational objects of Ukraine and Polissia

Recreational objects	Ukraine		Polissia	
	Quantity	%	Quantity	%
Sanatoriums, resorts, boarding houses with treatment	4337	55,3	35	17,9
Children sanatoriums	202	2,5	15	7,7
Sanatorium-dispensaries	568	7,3	4	2
Holiday houses and boarding houses	342	4,3	4	2
Recreation centers	2236	28,5	134	68,9
Camping sites	165	2,1	3	1,5
Total	7850	100	195	100

Zhytomyr area – is a region with unique and unrepeatable beauty of nature and an abundance of recreational facilities. The ratio of reserved areas is 2 - 4%. This area is one among the regions of Ukraine with the largest number of park-memorials of landscape art. Nature reserve fund of Zhytomyr region includes: 1 natural reserve, 10 wildlife preserves of national importance, 76 public local wildlife preserves, 2 natural memorials, 18 state natural memorials, 1 botanical garden and 31 park-memorials of landscape art.

Polissia natural reserve is the largest reserve in Ukraine with the territory of 20104 hectares. It occupies the area within Olevskiy and Ovruch districts. All wildlife preserves of national importance are situated in Zhytomyr region in the territory affected after Chernobyl accident. First of all, state wildlife preserves are established in the territory with huge variety of plant and animal species which are listed in the Red Book of Ukraine. Among them are such state forest preserves as "Tuhanyvskiy" (186 hectares) in Novograd Volynskiy district, state forest preserve "Poiaskivskiy" (113 ha) in Olevsk district, botanical wildlife preserve "Gorodnytskyi" (305 ha) in Novograd -Volynskiy district, landscape wildlife preserve "Plotnytsia" (464 ha) in Olevsk district, general state zoological wildlife preserve "Kaziava" (1633 ha) in Novograd Volynskiy district, geological preserve "Stone Village" (15 ha) of Zamylovetske forestry in Bilokorovychy state forestry, landscape wildlife preserve "Poligon" (2293.3 hectares) in Korosten district.

In order to preserve, study and enrich the diversity of plants for their most effective cultural and scientific use, Zhytomyr Botanical Garden was established in Zhytomyr region in 1933.

Slovechansko-Ovruch ridge is one of the most beautiful landscape recreational resources in Zhytomyr Polissia. Its absolute height above sea level is about 300 - 320 m., with the territory of 750 km². You can see beautiful rocks with crystalline minerals there, as well as 80 m deep canyons with small rivers, and dense forest on the top of the rocks. Denyshi village, which is called "Polissia Switzerland", is widely known not only as a resort with treatment facilities, but among climbers and tourists.

We should focus on recreational opportunities of the forest area, as far as the area of forests in Zhytomyr region is more than 1 mln hectares.

In order to improve the development of recreational complex, we should:

- conduct full environmentally-economic assessment and certification of recreational resources;

- make transition from partial and separate researches of specific problems of recreational infrastructure development and recreational use of nature resources on a departmental basis to complex researches and working out relevant programs on a region scale;

- comply with the uniformed state standard techniques in the field of treatment and rehabilitation methodology;

- ensure a full funding of scientific researches.