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## GET A TASTE OF FISHING ADVENTURES



Fot. arch. Angry Pikes

**Experienced anglers and fishermen and women need no convincing about the attractiveness and fish-abundant waters in Varmia, Masuria and Powiśle. For those who have never tried their hand at fishing, the region is the perfect place to start one's adventure with this form of outdoor leisure pursuit.**

Due to the richness and variety in its surface waters, many fish species and fantastic catches can be reeled in. Anglers and fishing enthusiasts will not only find species that are present in lakes and lowland rivers but also fish that are associated with mountain rivers, even some typically marine fish. Advocates of traditional fishing where the fish is caught to be eaten have excellent conditions to develop their passion. When at the fishery, one can get a campfire going (where permitted), and cook up the catch on a stick over a campfire, over the coals, or on a frying pan. The catch can also be fried, grilled, baked, or smoked back at one's accommodation as many agrotourism farms, holiday homes, guesthouses and resorts offer such facilities. The area is also dotted with eateries preparing dishes from the fish provided by the customer. Angling, recreational or sport fishing is becoming increasingly popular and is fishing for pleasure or competition where, after being photographed and weighed, the fish are released back into the wild.

### **Lakes, Rivers and... the Sea**

There are close to 3,000 lakes in the region and Masuria is particularly abundant in them. The presence of fish species in specific water bodies is dependent on its size and nature, as well as the type of fishing activities engaged therein. In larger and deeper lakes, we can count on the availability of the greatest variety of species (bream, tench, roach, crucian carp, pike, perch, zander, eel, wels catfish, sometimes also common carp, grass carp, and whitefish). Smaller forest lakes that are sometimes partially overgrown and more inaccessible also have their advantages... although there will be fewer species available, some beautiful catches can also

be found there. The largest rivers in the region, headed by River Łyna, are habitats of species found in lakes as well as typically lowland rivers (European chub, ide, dace, pigfish, barbel, asp, and burbot). But there are also particularly clean and rapid stretches of the rivers where salmonid fish occur that are associated with mountain streams (brown trout, grayling, and sea trout). Catching these fine fish species is rightly considered the tour de force and requires appropriate preparation and equipment (as well as the purchase of a rod fishing licence for the given fishery). The Zalew Wiślany (The Vistula Lagoon) is a unique reservoir. Due to its direct connection with the Baltic Sea, its waters are slightly salty. Therefore, diadromous species (eel and salmon) coexist with typically freshwater and marine fish (cod, herring, garfish, and flounders: European flounder, common dab, turbot, and European plaice). There are also many well-stocked special fisheries in the region that are available on a commercial basis. If someone wants to enhance their chances of a reeling in a big catch, they can take advantage of the offer.

### **Discover the Region from the Waterside**

There is much useful information for angling and fishing enthusiasts in the tab of the regional tourism website [mazury.travel](http://mazury.travel). You can find out about the formalities that must be met in order to legally fish in a given fishery, depending on who it is managed by. In the Varmian and Masurian Voivodship, the waters are managed either by districts of the Polish Angling Association (Olsztyn, Elbląg, Mazovia, and Torun), or various fish farms. To be able to fish in the Zalew Wiślany, a rod fishing licence must be purchased at the Regional Office of the General Sea Fisheries Inspectorate (in Frombork or other locations on the Baltic Coast).

The next set of information on the portal concerns protecting and preserving the natural environment while fishing/angling (including periods of protection and size limits, as well as daily fishing limits per species). Apart from that, information on where and what standard of accommodation is available, the best places to eat, along with food recommendations, as well as other attractions in the region apart from fishing/angling.

The continually expanded and updated Fishing and Angling Directory with detailed information on all the lakes, their location, surface area and type, with particular attention to their attractiveness to anglers and fishing enthusiasts and the fish species found there is particularly useful.

[www.mazury.travel/wedkuj](http://www.mazury.travel/wedkuj)

## PRZEWODNICYWĘDKARSCY.PL – FISCHING WITH AN INSTRUKTOR



Fot. arch. Przewodnicywędkarscy.pl

The company przewodnicywędkarscy.pl has been in business since 2008 and since then it has been dealing with angling. The entire team consists of great fishing enthusiasts who have been fishing since their childhood. Angling is their passion. They have already completed many fishing trips. They have organised many fishing trips in Poland, including to the Great Masurian Lakes. They invite you for one-day and multi-day fishing trips with a professional guide in search of pike, perch and zander. You can go angling on the following lakes: Niegocin, Kisajno, Dargin, Śniardwy, Ryńskie, Tałty, Mikołajskie, Beldany, Tałtowisko. Hectares of underwater meadows and depths, clusters of plants and what is most interesting - big pikes. A good guide will point out the right spot, tell you what bait to use and how to lead the bait. It is not easy, as the Great Masurian Lakes is a huge expanse of water where knowledge of the predators' whereabouts is crucial for angling success. Exclusive fishing trips with a professional guide are aimed at catching pikes, perches or zanders. It is possible to organize an exclusive trip for 1-2 people. Trips last from one to several days. Enjoy the season from 1 May to 31 December!

Join in our fishing trips.

[www.przewodnicywędkarscy.pl](http://www.przewodnicywędkarscy.pl)



## ANGRY PIKES - FISHING WITH AN INSTRUCTOR



Fot. arch. Angry Pikes

Angry Pikes is the name of professional, guided fishing trips on the Great Masurian Lakes trail! From morning till night, you only think about fish and bait. With their actions, Angry Pikes refute the outdated stereotype of an boring angler. They organize professional fishing trips, produce their own bait and create lifestyle clothing! The training ground for anglers is the Great Masurian Lakes Trail - big water, big fish. They show the heart of Masuria, infuse with passion and provide considerable emotions. They offer their clients access to professional equipment, safe boats and support from experienced guides who know the water and the habits of the local fish.

Adults and children are welcome to join in!

[www.angrypikes.com](http://www.angrypikes.com)

## HORSE RIDING IN GALINY



Fot. arch. Pałac i Folwark Galiny

The nearly 500-year-long history of the historic seat of the Eulenburg family in Galiny is difficult to reconstruct today. On a hill, in a bend of the river, a brick defensive manor house was erected. The hill was surrounded by water - the river and the moat (on the western side), with a drawbridge. The construction of the main palace was completed in 1589 under Botho zu Eulenburg. The origin of the park, which surrounds the palace from three sides, dates back to the 19th century.

Currently, in the Galiny estate there is a hotel with a restaurant, a stud farm and a horse-riding school. In the surrounding fields agricultural activity is carried out.

The Stud Farm in Galiny was founded in 1998 and has been constantly developing since then. From the beginning, the stud has been focused on breeding sport horses for jumping. What's more, the stallions have been selected from the best jumping lines in the world. The historic stables and round pens are home to more than 60 horses. The stud farm also uses 70 ha of pastures. In the Galiny stud there is a horse-riding school, conducting lessons for adults and children at many different levels. Lessons are conducted on three open-air arenas and in a comfortable indoor ring (60 m x 25 m).

For advanced riders there are beautiful vast areas where horse riders can enjoy miraculous views.

[www.palace-galiny.pl](http://www.palace-galiny.pl)



## HORSE RIDING IN MORTEGI



Fot. arch. Pałac Mortęgi

Warmia and Mazury is a picturesque region located in the north east of Poland. In the western part of this enchanting land, which is famous for its charming corners and beautiful nature, the Mortęgi Palace is located. Here, on a vast area, there is a complex of buildings, including a 19th century palace, farm buildings from the 14th century, a stocked fishing pond and a 4-hectare park, designed in the English style, with numerous walking paths and a reserve with fallow deer. The Mortęgi Palace Stable is a place where guests can begin their adventure with horse riding. The pride of Mortęgi is the stable offering all possible forms of horse recreation. You will find here 9 recreational horses, including two smaller ones for the youngest guests.

Horse riding in the Mortęgi Stable takes place under the supervision of recreational riding, jumping and dressage instructors. The horses have been selectively chosen to co-operate with horse riding beginners, as well as with experienced riders.

### **Off-road escapades**

The beautiful countryside, meadows and forests look particularly attractive from the horseback. The offer includes 1, 2 and 3-hour trips into the Masurian forests and off-roads. "Guided tours" on a pony can be offered to the youngest, while children over 7 can learn horse riding on a lunge.

### **Schooling ring**

In spring and summer you can use the open-air arena. Near the Mortęgi Palace, it is not difficult to find perfect places for various types of escapades. The surrounding areas are richly

wooded, there are also plenty of open spaces which make it possible to organise horse or carriage rides. Moreover, the facility has an excellent indoor riding arena with dimensions: 34x48 m, which allows horse riding regardless of weather conditions.

### **Pension**

The Mortęgi stable offers boarding service for horses. The stables are equipped with spacious boxes measuring 3x3 m and with additional facilities such as a horse wash rack and a solarium. The complex includes extensive pastures and meadows.

### **Magnificent horses**

Appropriately prepared horses together with nice, experienced instructors willingly help the riders to improve their already acquired skills.

[www.palacmortegi.pl](http://www.palacmortegi.pl)



## HORSE RIDING IN GALKOWO.



Fot. arch. Stadnina w Gąlkowie

The stud farm is the real centre of Masurian social life. 100 horses, the famous Galkowo masters competition, riding shows, three training yards, a riding arena, 50 hectares of meadows and pastures on the edge of a forest. The stud breeds horses of noble half-blood, full English blood and hucul ponies. The stable accommodates 20 breeding horses, 20 sports horses, 30 horses used for skilled recreation and 20 horses in the pension. The stallions used in breeding are selected by the World Federation of Sport Horse Breeders (WBFSH) and ranked as the best reproducers. The horse pension attracts many regular visitors who keep their saddle – horses there. Pensioners also live out their days there in peace and quiet. Guests visit Galkowo throughout the whole year, this is a perfect place for training for great riders and absolute beginners who want to learn from the best. Within an hour's horseback ride from Galkowo, you can admire the beauty of the Krutynia River, the moraine Mokre Lake or delight in the forest "deuce lakes". The team of trainers and instructors led by Krzysztof Ferenstein - one of the most famous riders in the post-war history of Polish horse riding - is able to satisfy the needs of even the most demanding amateurs and competitors. The season here virtually never ends. People are attracted here because it's easy to fall in love with such a charming place. They claim that the stars above Galkowo seem to be closer than anywhere else. The Ferenstein Stud offers horseback riding recreation for riders of all levels. Children, adolescents and adults at various levels who wish to develop their riding skills receive a horse suited to their abilities during training.

[www.palac-galiny.pl](http://www.palac-galiny.pl)