

EXCURSION

TUESDAY - May 18, 2004

8.30 Excursion - *Kalatówki* and return to *Zakopane* or *Hala Kondratowa* and return to *Kuźnice*

The excursion will be divided into two parts. The first part will be ca. 40 min. walk to Kalatówki and in return way to Zakopane, where you can stay and visit the city. For the more advanced walkers the trip will continue to Hala Kondratowa and return to Kuźnice.

Trip 1: Kuźnice-Kalatówki-Zakopane

Kalatówki. The trip through Kalatówki to Hala Kondratowa. From Kuźnice we go in the direction of Kalatówki. After 15 min. we arrive to the Convent of *Siostry Albertynki* on the left and the hermitage of the founder of the order – Adam Chmielowski. On the right there is a road leading to rebuilt after the fire Monastery of *Bracia Albertyni*. After 40 min. we arrive from Kuźnice to the refuge on Kalatówki clearing. The refuge was built in 1938 in the alpine style. From a moraine, on which the refuge is built, we can see a picturesque view of the surroundings, like Bystra Valley with very well seen cable railway on Kasprowy Wierch and return to Zakopane.



Kalatówki clearing – 1170 m



Zakopane. Zakopane is the town located at the highest elevation in Poland: its municipal region extend from 750 to 1000 m above sea level. The town area includes part of the Polish part Tatra Mts., with the highest peak called Mt. Swinica (2301 m). The central point of the town - the cross-roads of Krupowki St. and Kosciuszki St. are located at the elevation of 838 m. Such an altitude causes that Zakopane is situated in mountain climate zone. Zakopane is the biggest Polish centre of mountain hiking and skiing. Its population is about 28.000 citizens. The town is visited by about 2.000.000 tourists a year. Zakopane is situated in Nowy Sacz voivodship, in southern part of Podhale region, at the feet of Tatra Mts. – the only alpine mountain range in this part of Europe. It lies in big glen between the Tatra Mts. and Gubałówka hill. Departure (13.00) from the bridge near Gubałówka.

Trip 2: Kuźnice-Kalatówki-Hala Kondratowa

Hala Kondratowa. By the ridge of the moraine the path leads in the direction of the blue touristic trail to Hala Kondratowa. Following the path we reach the refuge on Hala Kondratowa in ca. 30 min. This is the smallest Tatra mountains refuge with only 20 sleeping places. From Hala Kondratowa we go to Kuźnice (to the conference bus) with the same road. The whole trip takes ca. 2.5 hours and is not difficult. Departure (13.00) to WDW from Kuźnice.



Refuge on Hala Kondratowa 1335 m

WEATHER

The organizers order a nice weather for the time of the excursion. Nevertheless a little bit of rain or cold temperatures (ca. 10°C) are not excluded.

Please take with you proper walking shoes, a jacket and umbrella.