

CZARNA MALENIECKA is the largest tributary of the Pilica. Up-river, it is multi-tiered and used to power the Staropolski Industrial District. Mills, fish ponds and dam reservoirs survive to this day. It is a difficult and challenging river due to the need to portage around weirs and power plants. The trail is demanding and recommended for people with kayaking experience. The Czarna forms numerous meanders, branches, shallows and islands, spreading through meadows and marshes, or cutting into high, wooded banks, with many fallen trees in the riverbed. The valley is filled with rushes, peat bogs, meadows, thickets and woodland – home to various animals, especially birds. Downstream, it runs a natural course, protected by the **Sulejowski Landscape Park**. The river waters are clean, and the bottom is sandy and gravelly. There are numerous camping areas. For experienced kayakers, it is accessible from **Stąporków**. Due to the low water level, the river is navigable in winter, spring and autumn, while in summer the section from **Rożenek** to the outlet is recommended.

Set off from **RUDY MALENIECKIE**, where the first of three small hydroelectric power plants (portage needed) is located within a distance of 5 km. The river is regulated and wide until **Kołoniec**. Further on, lies the second power plant (**portage**), followed by the third (portage). In **Kołoniec**, the difference in water levels at the sill (**portage**) is impressive – the river is shallow with boulders, like a mountain stream. It is better to carry the kayaks around the bridge. The unregulated river flows through forest, with many fallen trees. From **Kołoniec**, it is extremely beautiful, forming numerous oxbow lakes and wetlands between **Siedlów** and **Skórkowice**, accompanied by pine forests. In **Siedlów**, you will pass some weirs (**portage**) and a navigable sluice gate. In **Młynek**, the river forks, so take the left branch, where the current runs fast and there are many fallen trees. Pass through **Skórkowice**, where the river widens and there are sandbanks and pebbly sections to navigate. Another weir (**portage**) awaits in **Siucice**. Go past **Rożenek** and **Borowiec** and enter the most beautiful forest section after **Dębowa Góra**. In **Dąbrowa nad Czarną**, there is another navigable sill. End the trip where the Czarna flows into the **PILICA River**.