

WIDAWKA – a right-bank **tributary of the Warta River**, flowing from the hills near the village of **Feliksów** towards the village of **Jeziorko**. Its upper course is regulated and bland, flowing through an open-cast mine in **Bełchatów**. It is fed by pumps draining the lignite mine of Bełchatów Power Station. Therefore, the water is very clean and the river is stable throughout the year. From **Szczerców**, it turns into a lowland river with a strong meander, forming extensive marshes with wooded banks and various meadows suitable for setting up camp. The sandy bottom is inviting for a spot of swimming. The current is rapid and forms deep pools, the flow varied by fallen trees, the remains of mills and bridges, and thickets. From **Rogóżno**, it flows through the **Międzyrzeczka Warty** and **Widawki Landscape Park** – a beautiful, wooded area home to numerous fish. It is a safe, marked trail suitable for beginner kayakers, although recommended for the more experienced. Some thrills and spills are in store with its rapid current and numerous obstacles, requiring a certain level of oarsmanship.

You can launch the kayaks from the village of **ŻAR** upriver of the bridge, then drift down a forest section. In **Lubośnia**, there is a long rocky riffle with a steep drop, which you can paddle down, or carry the kayaks around. From **Szczerców**, the river flows through a narrow channel surrounded by forest, meandering strongly and featuring some surprise obstacles. Portage the kayaks around the hydroelectric power station. It is worth visiting the town square and the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. After the bridge, there is a place for camping. In the village of **Kościuszki**, before the bridge on the DK74 road, stand the remains of a wooden bridge with a riffle. Pass the mouth of the **Pilsia River**, and then you will need to **portage** around another dam in **Zagrodnik**. In **Korabiew** there is a water mill. Experienced kayakers may proceed down here, but it is better to go around it along the shore. Then, on the left side, the abundant **Krasowa River** flows in. Next, you come to the village of **Sarnów** with its old mill and a navigable damming. Before **CHOCIW**, the river splits. The left branch supplies the mill, but you need to take the right branch with a sill, requiring **portage** until reaching the bridge, where you can end the day at the camping area. On the second day, you set off from **CHOCIW**. This is a forested section of a winding river with a rapid current and fallen trees. Beyond the railway bridge, there is a place to stop before the village of **Rogóżno**. At the mouth of the **Grabia River**, there is a kayaking station and camping area, while the left bank offers spots to camp in the forest or in the meadows. After passing the mouth of the **Nieciez River**, you come to **Górki Grabińskie**, where the riverbed splits into two branches. A hydroelectric power station dam straddles the left branch, so take the right, moor up on the island and **portage** the kayaks to the designated area where you can make a fire and swim. Further on, in the village of **Rembieszów**, watch out for the riffles and the remains of a bridge. The riverbed is narrow and fast-flowing, with plenty of bushes and fallen branches. This section is for experienced kayakers. When you reach wider waters, the high left bank is covered with forest. Paddle over to the village of **JEZIORKO**, where you can finish the trip on the beach.