

**WOLBÓRKA** is a fascinating, yet arduous river – a real survival challenge. It is one of the most difficult tributaries of the Pilica. The regulated riverbed is interrupted by numerous weirs, sluices, sills and bridges, which keep the water level high, so you can feel the satisfaction of navigating the many sills along the way. Here is a good place to practise your kayaking skills before tackling more difficult, whitewater mountain rapids. Less experienced kayakers will need two days, but some experience is required including the rules of paddling, and how to get in and out of a kayak. Not recommended for family trips with children.

Set off from **BĘDKÓW**, on the S8 section, in a shallow, narrow channel between high overgrown banks, through meadows and a row of trees. Paddle down to the village of **Grobła**, in front of which there is a navigable sluice gate, followed by a navigable sill. After **Cieniawy**, there is a sluice gate that requires **portaging**. Head straight to the bridge in **Drzazgowa Wola**, where the river and banks are heavily overgrown, making kayaking difficult. You will come to a weir and an unnavigable sluice gate that requires portaging. Pass the bridge and the navigable sills begin (difficult). Pass the villages of **Brudaki** and **Świątniki** and more sills. **Wolbórz** is visible in the distance. Enter a row of trees before **Bogustawice** (horse farm), pass a sill before a small bridge and **Wolbórz**, and another one that requires **portage** (navigable with a good kayak). Before the bridge lies the mouth of the **Moszczanka River**, followed by the village of **Krzykowice** and a sluice gate (portage necessary), another bridge, followed by a sluice gate and a navigable sill, then another bridge and a navigable sluice gate. After the next bridge, you can see the church in **Chorzęcin**. The river widens. You will come to the mill in Chorzęcin (a working mill that can be visited with the miller's permission), where you will have to carry the kayaks over the weir and take a rest. The river flows better from the mill, and the banks are surrounded by trees until **Zawada**. Pass under a bridge, the mouth of the Moszczanka, another bridge, a sluice gate requiring **portage** (passable with a good kayak). In the village of **Zawada**, there is another sluice gate with portage and a bridge with a sandbank that is difficult to reach. Under the next bridge there is a navigable sill. Then the current accelerates, and the river winds along the S8 route. After the S8 viaduct, the river meanders, flows into **Tomaszów Mazowiecki** and flows through the centre. You could end the trip in the city centre after the footbridge or continue and complete the final section to Pilica. The centre of Tomaszów is very green, but this is a difficult and dangerous section. There are bridges and sills (some navigable, some requiring portage), and the riverbed contains stones and riffles. Beyond the old park, you can see a band stand, a stadium and a sports hall. After the railway bridge, some pipes straddle the river (portage along the overgrown bank or over the obstacle) and the mouth of the **Czarna River** is not very visible. Under the last bridge, there is a sill (portage or navigate with difficulty). You will reach the mouth of the **Pilica River**, where the trip ends.