

The ecological trail on church parish



The ecological trail “Kamennaya Gorka” was opened in April 2016 on the territory of the Russian Orthodox parish in the name of Saint Nicholas, Archbishop of Japan, in Minsk. In the ceremony of opening took part the minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus Andrey Kovhuto, representatives of mass media, guests and parishioners. The trail was created by the Center of Environmental

Solutions in cooperation with above mentioned orthodox parish. The arrangement of the trail was made within the cooperation of collaboration Programme between Belarussian Orthodox Church and Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Protection of the Republic of Belarus.

The ecological trail is an organized route followed by special information stands or display boards. Different biological biotopes are marked on the territory of ecological trail: grasslands and fields, forest, water. The display boards convey information about inhabitants of each biotope – birds, insects and plants which were found and inhabit the ecological trail territory at the moment. Besides there are an observation point and three stands dedicated to biotechnology technics, eco-friendly lifestyle and relationship between God and creation. The main value of the ecological trail is a corncrake (*Crex crex*) – a bird which is listed in the Red Book of Belarus.

The ecological trail “Kamennaya Gorka” has a circular route: the starting point coincides with the end of the route. The length of the route is about 700 m. The trail is good for educational and entertaining excursions. One can book an excursion in advance or have it by oneself. There are special leaflets about the trail anyone can take for free in the church to use them during the excursion.

The Orthodox parish in the name of Saint Nicholas, Archbishop of Japan, and the Center of Environmental Solutions invite everyone to visit the ecological trail “Kamennaya Gorka”. The visiting of the trail is for free. The address of the ecological trail is: Belarus, Minsk, Lidskaya str., 3.

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