

# **Aspects of availability of forests in Poland for recreational purposes**

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# Fundamental functions of forests

- protective, social and productive



Using forests is one of the oldest activities of human beings, and recently the importance of the use of forests for recreational purposes has been growing significantly.



# Various aspects of making forests available for recreational purposes in Poland

1. Legal conditions

2. Natural resilience of woodland areas to stressors such as recreational traffic impact

3. Issues related to the recreational development of forests

## Legal conditions

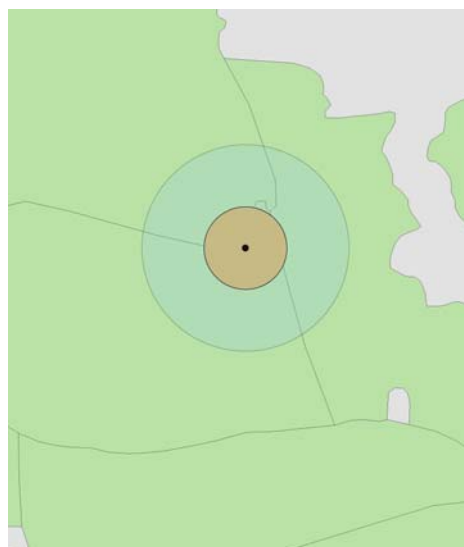


Article 26 of Act on Forests states that „The forests which belong to the State Treasury (...) **are accessible** to the public”.



**permanent ban** on entering forests owned by the State Treasury

e.g.



*Ciconia nigra*



**temporary ban** on entering forests owned by the State Treasury



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## The Act on Forests of September 28, 1991

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The rules for using protected areas, such as:

**national parks,**

**nature reserves,**

**landscape parks**

(and others)

## Natural resilience of forests to the recreational traffic impact





degradation zones

The influence of leisure seekers on the forest vegetation is clearly visible at a distance of up to ...

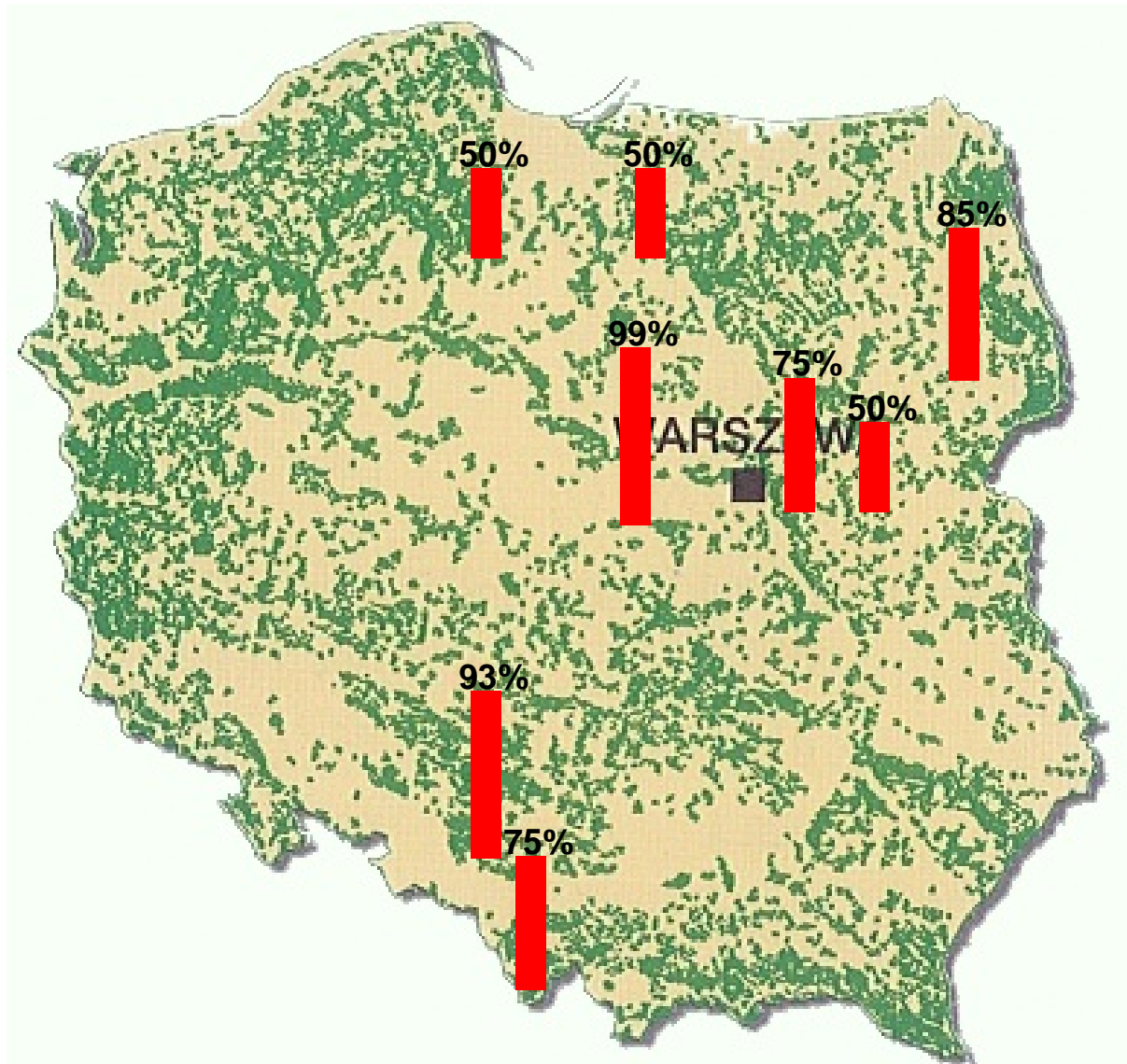


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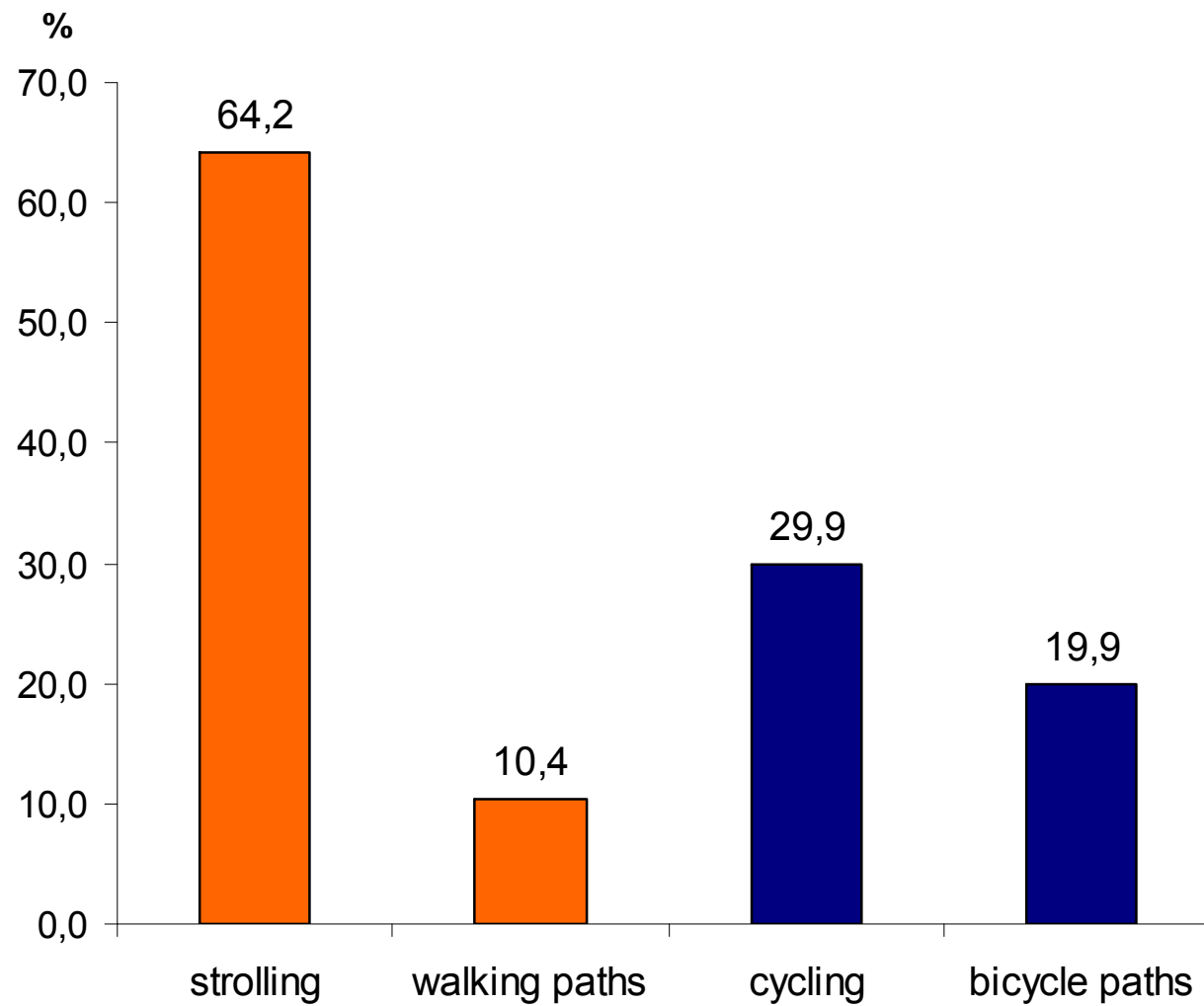
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## Issues related to the recreational development of forests





Social demand for placing recreational facilities in forests



## Social preferences and needs

# Summary

Various issues related to availability of forests in Poland for recreational purposes.

Recreational development of forests should depend on the limited resilience of woodland areas to recreational traffic and the preferences of leisure seekers.

Issues of placing recreational facilities in forests require individual approach in every area and research should be pursued further.