

The Pearls of Wooden Architecture



Parish Church of St Szczepan the deacon in Mnichów

There is lack of accurate data on when the church was built but it is assumed that it was in the late 18th century. The church was built taking into consideration all directions and it has a Latin cross ground plan. The walls are made of larch wood. In front there are two short towers with lamps on top. The roof over the nave, the chancel and the transept is two-sided and steeply pointed. The whole church is crowned with an octagonal dome topped with a lantern. The interior is made of larch and lime-tree wood. "Wooden Churches and Belfries of the Świętokrzyskie Region" by Roman Mirowski describes the church in Mnichów as "one of the most interesting examples in the country of Baroque architecture accomplished in wood".

Mnichów and its church is located at route E77 near Jędrzejów.



Parish Church of Mother of God from Częstochowa in Kossów



The church was built in place of the previous house of worship already mentioned in the 15th century. According to priest Wiśniewski the church was erected around 1765 but experts say that it might have been just a reconstruction of a former church ruined by fire. This is another church which was also built with the all directions consideration. The roof is covered with shingles over which there is Baroque signature. The church was renovated several times in the 20th century and during the last one the walls were waterproofed which changed their color into black. The interior, the altars and the pulpit among others, are Baroque in style.

Kossów is located off of route 78 Jędrzejów-Szczekociny where you have to turn at Chlewiec.

St Stanisław Biskup Church in Chotelek Zielony

Not far away from Busko-Zdrój on a small hill among trees there is a wooden church built in 1527. It is covered with a steep two-sided roof made of shingles with a dome sygnature on top. Inside there is a beam polychromatic ceiling from the 16th century. The equipment consists of Renaissance altar and pulpit, Gothic cross and stoup. The church and its surrounding has been recently renovated.

Chotelek is located near route 776 Busko-Zdrój - Wiślica.



Parish Church under the invocation of the Visitation of our Lady in Niekrasów



According to priest Wiśniewski the church was built in 1661. It was erected in place of a church destroyed in fire. It is made of larch and oak wood with stone foundation. In the very steep roof over the chancel there is a small window bringing more light to the attic. On top of the roof there is an octagonal signature with a cross. Inside, the ceiling is flat and two rows of columns separate the nave from the aisle.

Niekrasów is located near route 79 Ło-
niów - Polaniec.

St Wojciech Parish Church in Gliniany

Gliniany is a small village near Ćmielów which used to be a town. The first church was built here in 1595 by townspeople although the date is also doubtful. Priest Wiśniewski claims it was built in the late 17th or early 18th century. Soon after it was finished it was transformed into a chapel for 20 years. The church was built of pine wood taking into consideration all directions.

Gliniany is located near route 79 Ożarów
- Tarłów.



St Idzi Parish Church in Zborówek

The first wooden church in Zborówek was built in 1459 and this is the date which is carved on one of the beams of the church. It is one of the oldest wooden churches in Poland. During its existence it has undergone several renovations and complements but generally the church has not changed its appearance. "When the church in Zborówek became too small, on April 15, 1906, parishioners decided to build a new one" – wrote priest Wiśniewski. Because of economical reasons the old church was to be used as a chancel. As a result a new, bigger church was built made of brick and wood. On top of the wooden chancel there is a hexagonal signature tower with a dome on top. Some of the most interesting pieces of equipment are a Gothic cross and St Nicholas triptych. The last one was brought to Zborówek probably from one of the chapels in Wawel.

To get to Zborówek one needs to turn off of route 79 in Książnice. The road in Zborówek is picturesque and runs partly through a ravine.





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