

Lutowiska Poland

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Arc of the Carpathians

first-ever crossing

16 June – 13 Sept 1980

- ☞ 90 mountain days,
- ☞ over 1900 km,
- ☞ about 80 000 m climbs

ŁUK KARPAT '80



Participants:

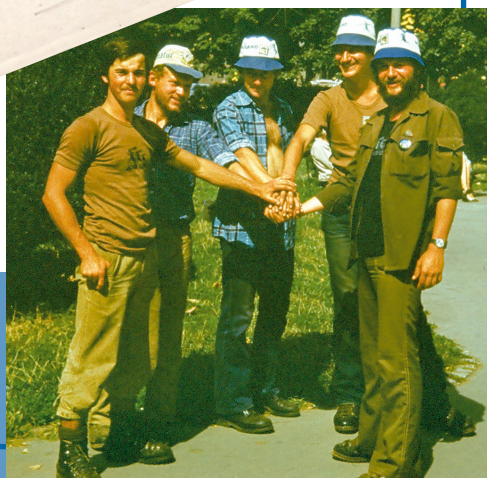
Andrzej Wielocha (Leader)

Piotr Kurowski

Jerzy Montusiewicz

Zdzisław Pecul

Wiesław Tomaszewski



FORTY YEARS
LATER

Participants of the first crossing of the Carpathians Arc after forty years



Piotr Kurowski, born in 1956, an electrical technician by education. As he says, he always walked in the mountains: the Alps, the Carpathians, the mountains of Norway. After 1990, a faithful lover of the Ukrainian Carpathians, which he visited over 25 times. Specialist in winter extreme hiking in the Bieszczady, Świdowiec and Czarnohora ranges using snowshoes – accommodation in tents. He was involved in many professions, including a specialist in large-scale advertising. He got married in 2010, left Warsaw and has been living in the Bieszczady since 2012, running his own tourist business in Lutowska.



Jerzy Montusiewicz, born in 1958, works as a professor at the Department of Computer Science at the Lublin University of Technology. Currently, he is involved in three-dimensional digitisation of cultural heritage objects. He organises scientific expeditions to the countries of Central Asia by scanning artefacts from the area of the Silk Road. In 2013, he completed the conquest of the Crown of the Romanian Mountains (97 peaks). During the summer holidays, he guides his friends on the via ferratas in the Italian Dolomites. Co-organizer of many meetings and conferences devoted to the Carpathians.



Zdzisław Sidney Pecul, born in 1951. He left Poland in 1982. After a one-year stay in Spain, he came to Canada, initially visiting Montreal and Toronto. After three years of wandering, he settled permanently in Vancouver (British Columbia), where he has lived for 35 years. He worked as a programmer specialising in database integration with web applications. Currently retired. During all these years he has been engaged in summer and winter mountain hiking. The local mountains in summer require walking on glaciers, and during ski escapades, sleeping in snow pits. A lover of ballroom dancing and participant of many championship tournaments.



Wiesław Tomaszewski, born in 1953, a graduate of electronics at the Warsaw University of Technology. Since 1983 he has been living outside of Poland, first in Norway. He co-operated with the Norwegian Tourist Association in maintaining mountain shelters. He has been living in Brazil since 2005 (despite Norwegian citizenship), but he works for the „Seadrill ASA” company, which is primarily an operator of oil rigs and their design and construction – currently in Indonesia. Citizen of the world, father of three children. After retiring, he is planning to live in Poland and to obtain Polish citizenship again.



Andrzej Wielocha (Leader), born in 1952, retired. Formerly: a Beskid guide, president of the Students' Circle of Beskid Guides, for 28 years director and editor-in-chief of the „Kraj” Publishing House, for 18 years president of the Carpathian Society. Currently: editor of the Carpathian Almanac „Płaj” and the karpaccy.pl portal. Author, editor and publisher of many tourist and sightseeing publications, in particular on the Carpathians. Organiser of popular science sessions, exhibitions and projects related to Carpathian topics. Father of two children.

The support team of the Carpathian Arc passage included:

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