



# **Summer School in Gomel – 2019**

## **«NATURAL AND CULTURAL LANDSCAPES OF THE BELARUSIAN POLESIE (GeoSchool)»**

*We invite students, undergraduates, as well, as all  
people interested in geography, ecology and history of  
landscapes.*

**Working languages - English, Russian**

**Francisk Skorina Gomel State University (Belarus)**

***19-24 August 2019***

# The GeoSchool Program includes:

- - lectures and seminars;
- - excursions;
- - field training;
- - obtaining a certificate of participation.

## Our school offers you the following:

- – excursions to the unique natural landscapes of Polesie - oak, pine, black alder forests, swamps;
- – see the flora and fauna of natural and anthropogenic landscapes;
- – study urban and agricultural landscapes of Polesie;
- – visit the historical and cultural landscapes of Polesie, the center of the Old Believers' culture, the museums of Gomel, Vetka and Loyev;
- – study and apply afield the methods of landscape research and assessment of anthropogenic impact, methods for studying radioactive contamination.

## Excursions:

- 1 The history of the formation of the urban landscape on the example of the city of Gomel: 2000 years - from the hillfort to the city
- 2 Natural landscapes of Polesie: deciduous and pine forests, swamps and meadows, flora and fauna of forest landscapes
- 3 Historical, cultural and ethnographic landscape of the Old Believers, Vetka Museum of Old Believers and Belarusian traditions
- 4 Contemporary agricultural, historical and cultural landscapes (on the example of the village of Khalch);

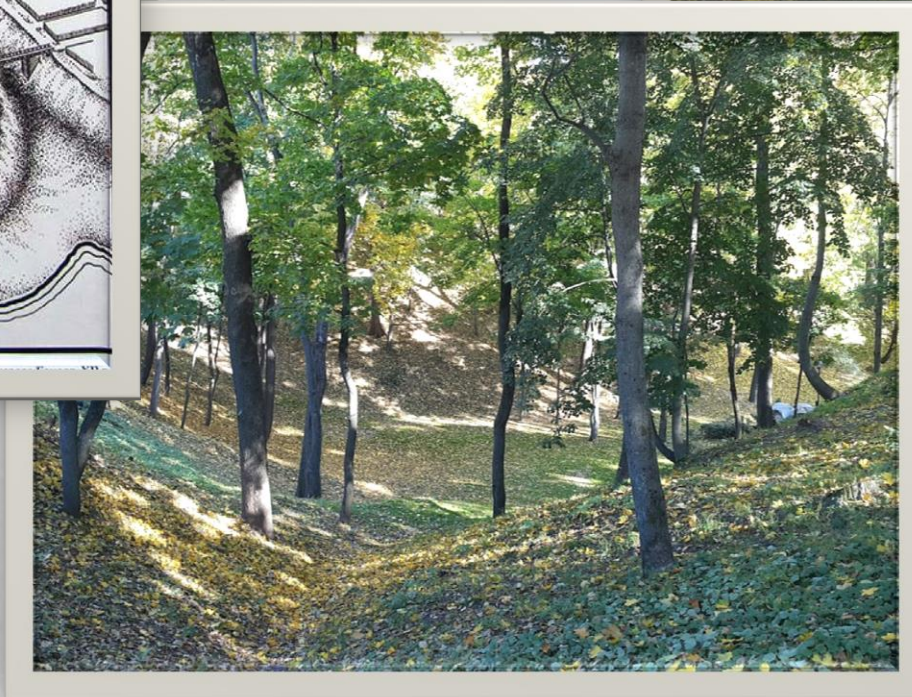
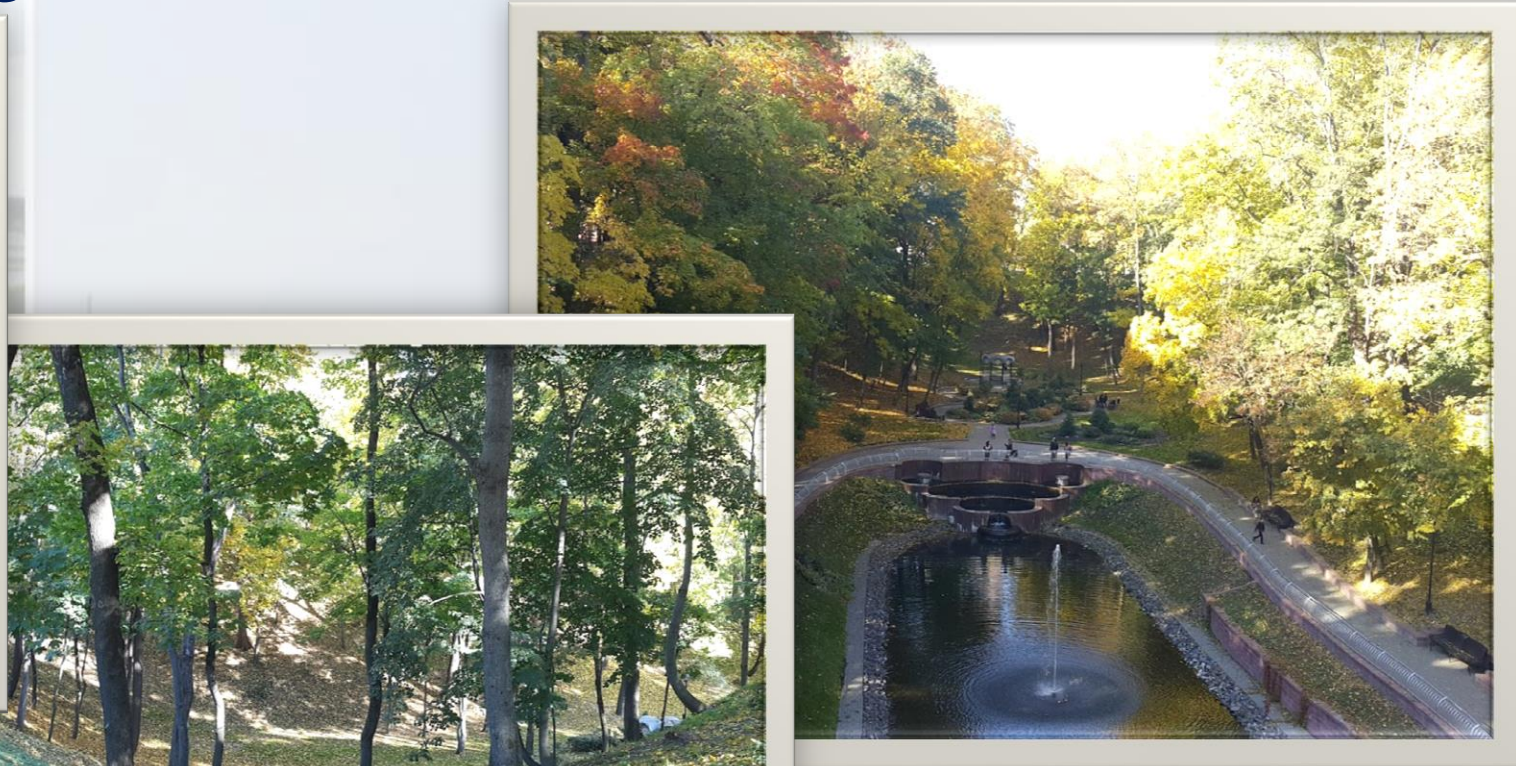
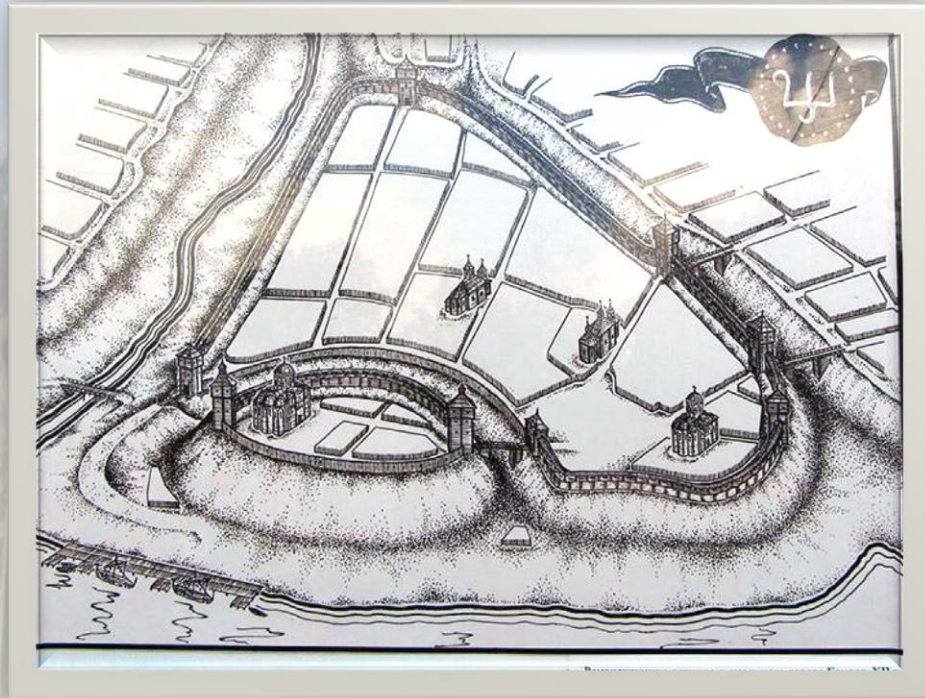
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1. *The history of the formation of the urban landscape on the example of Gomel: 2000 years - from the hillfort to the city*



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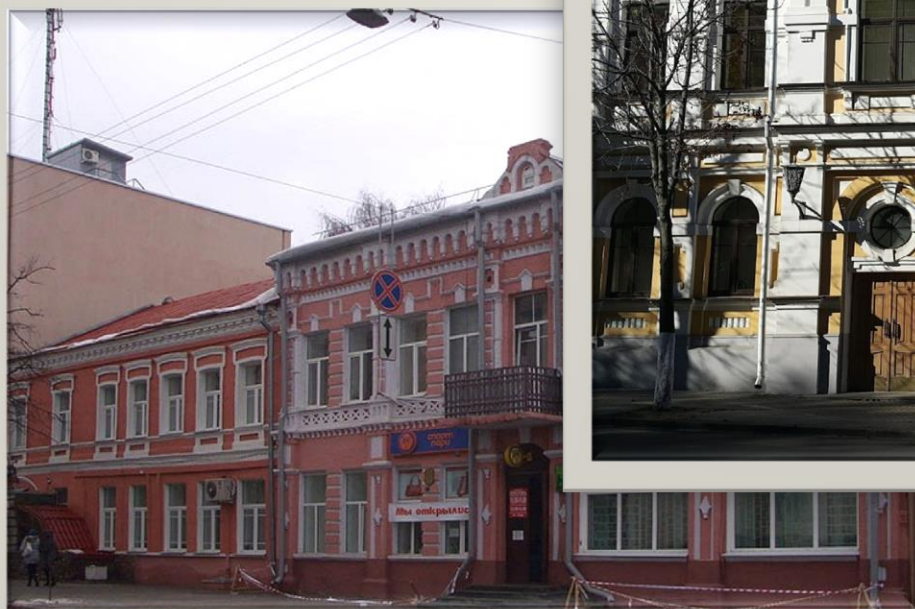
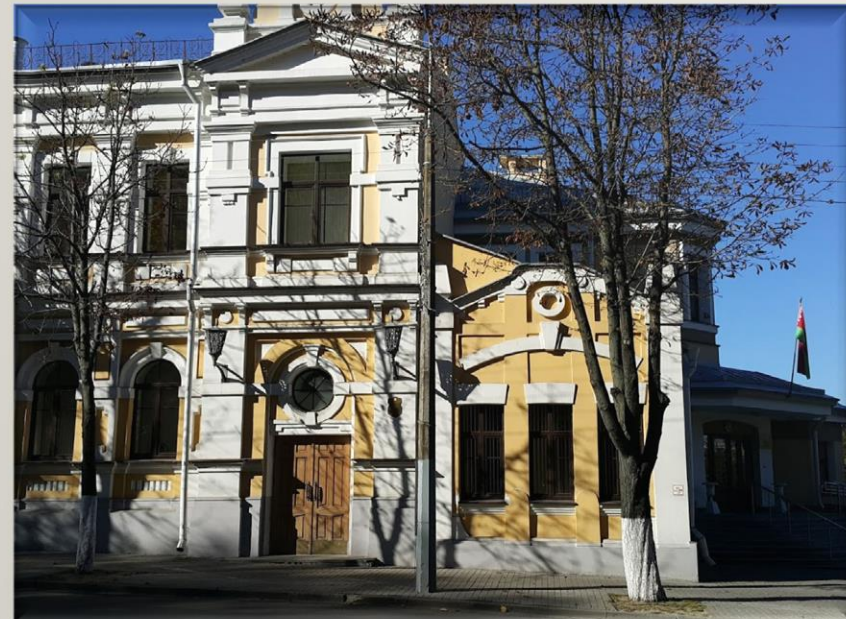
*Ravine Gomeyuk:  
a series of cultural layers from the Neolithic and the Bronze  
Age to Kievan Rus*



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## *Russian Empire: building of the late 19th - early 20th century*



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## *Palace of count Rumyantsev and duke Paskevich*





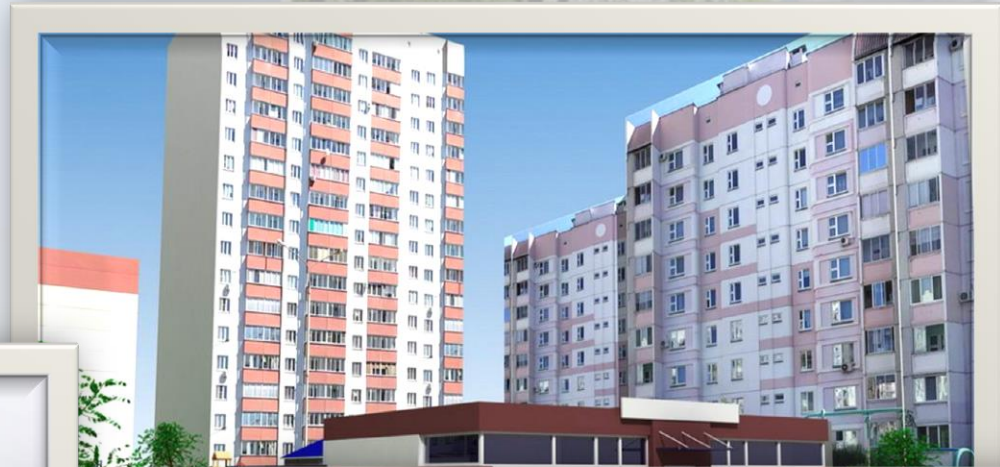
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*USSR: building of the 2nd half of the 20th century*



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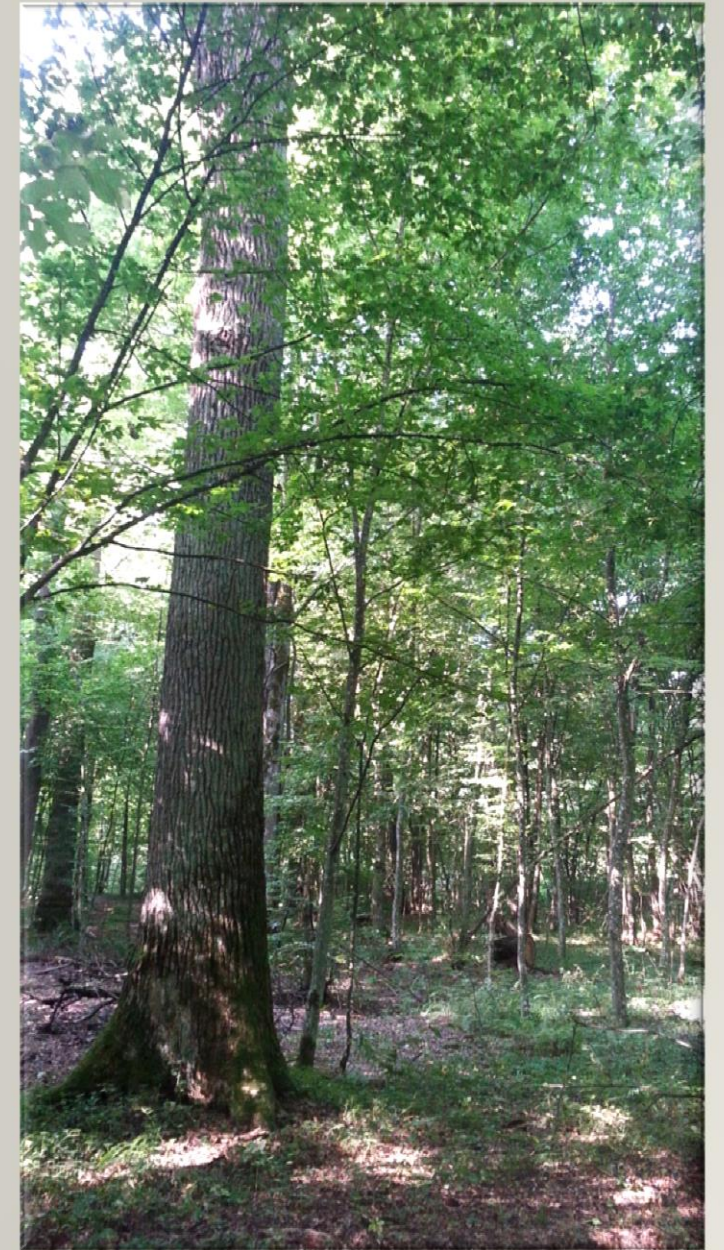
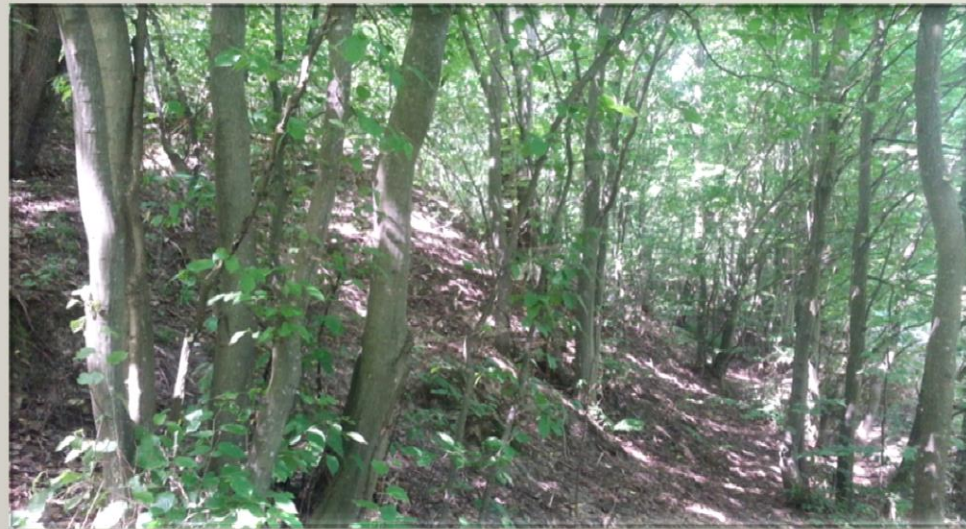
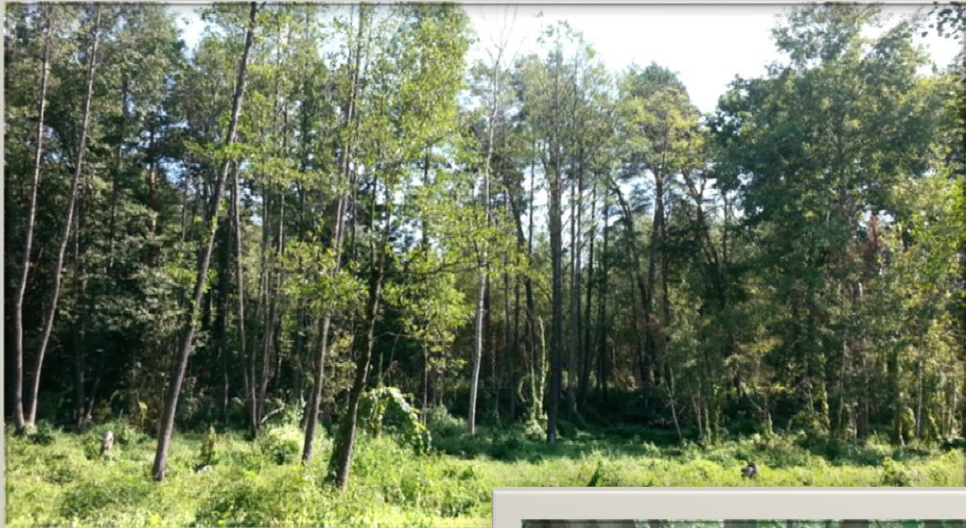
**21<sup>st</sup> century: building on artificial grounds (former floodplain of the river Sozh)**



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## 2. *Natural landscapes of Polesie*



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## *The Chanki*

Here are unique arrays of deciduous forests, pine forests typical of Polesie above floodplain terraces and dunes, and black alder forests in the marshes. Hornbeam oak forests are found, having an age of 150-200 years. During the tour it will be possible to get acquainted with the flora and wild fauna of forests and marshes of Polesie.



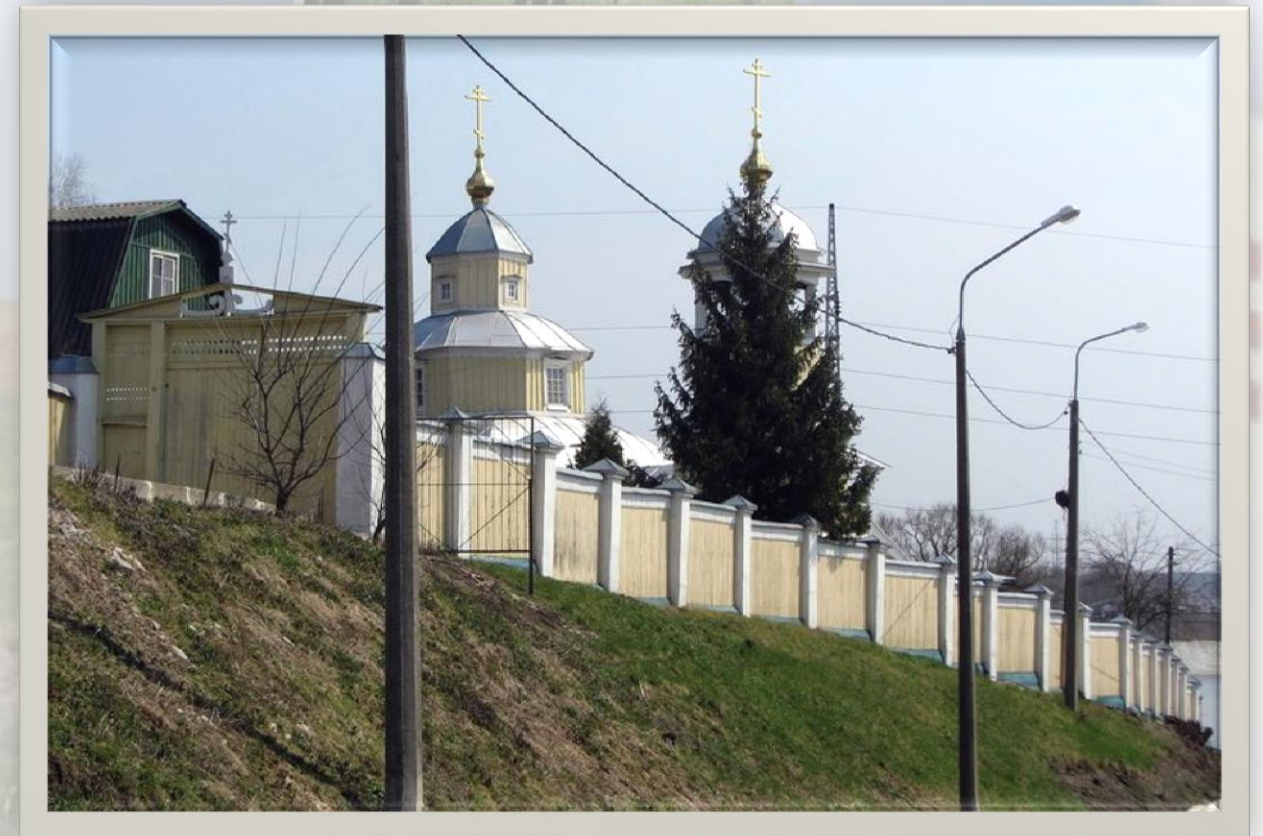
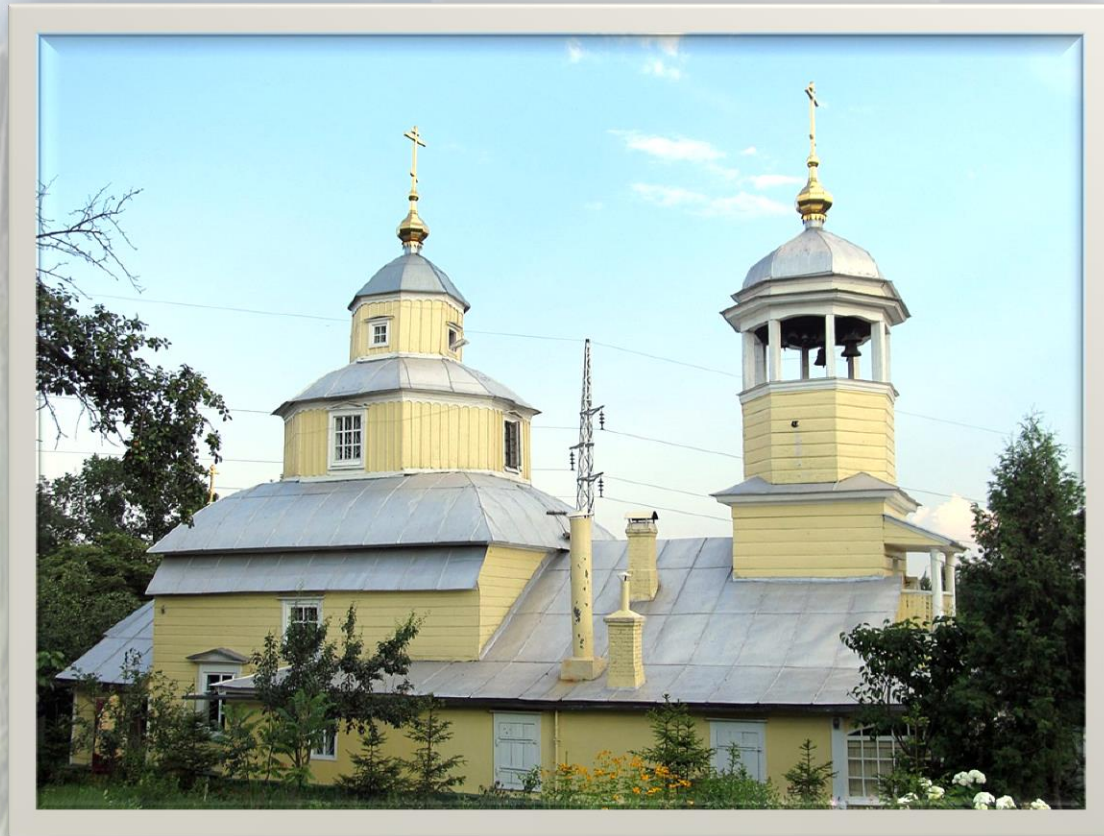




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## 3. Agricultural and cultural-historical landscapes of Polesie

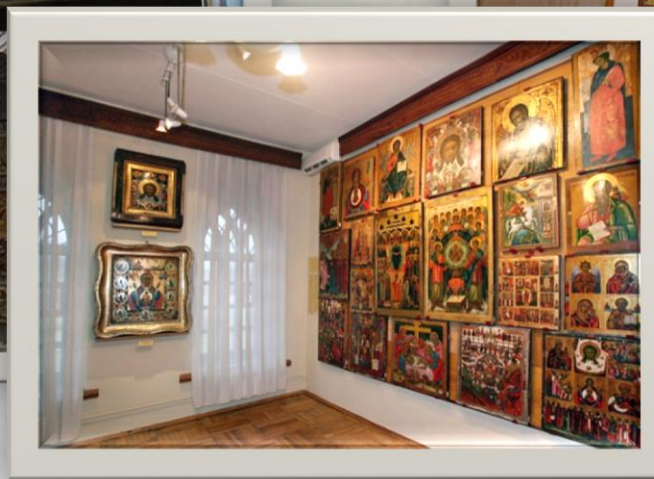
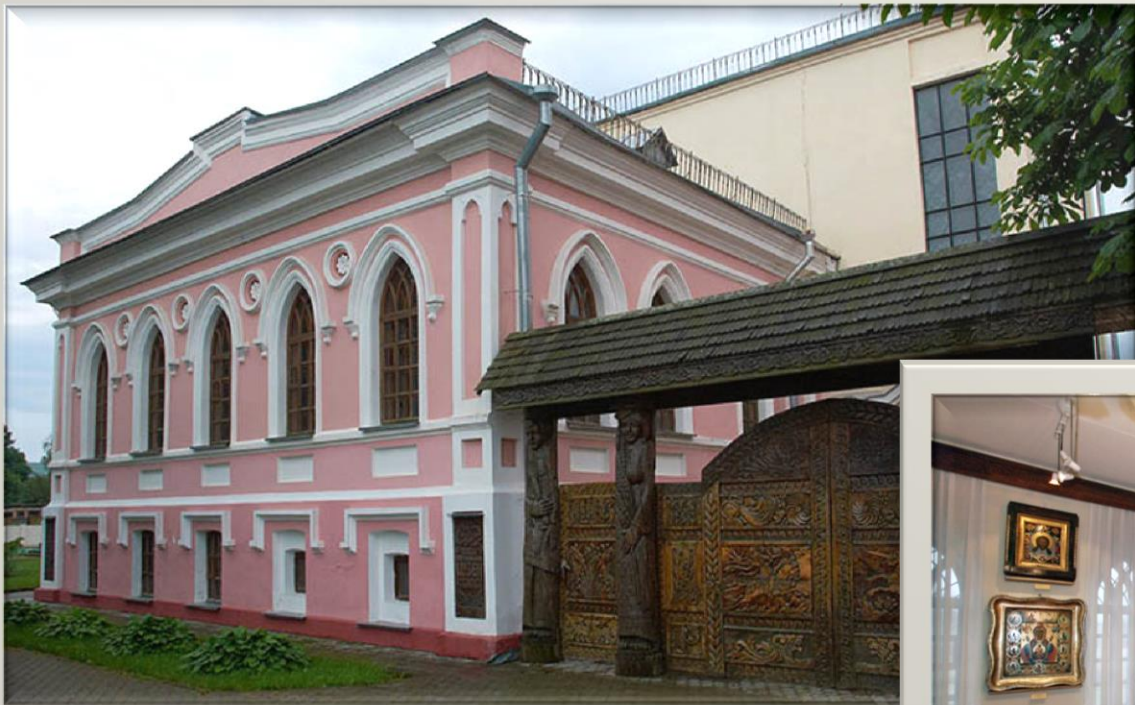
*Elias Church - a monument of wooden architecture of the 18th century*



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## **F.G. Shklyarov Vetka Museum of Old Believers and Belarusian traditions**

The exposition of the museum includes the famous Vetka Old Believers' icons of the 18th and 20th centuries, blacksmithing objects, as well as a unique collection of handwritten and printed books, woven bench hammers, and folk costumes.



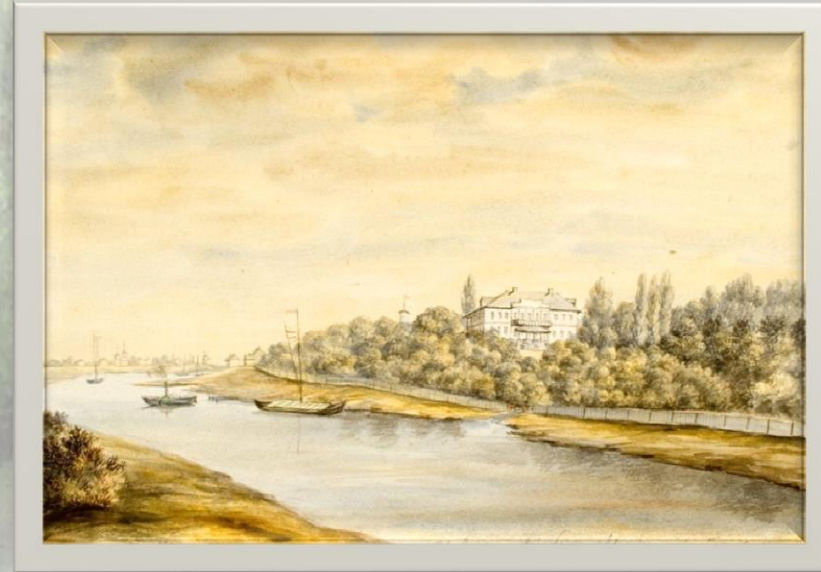


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## 4. Agricultural, historical and cultural landscapes

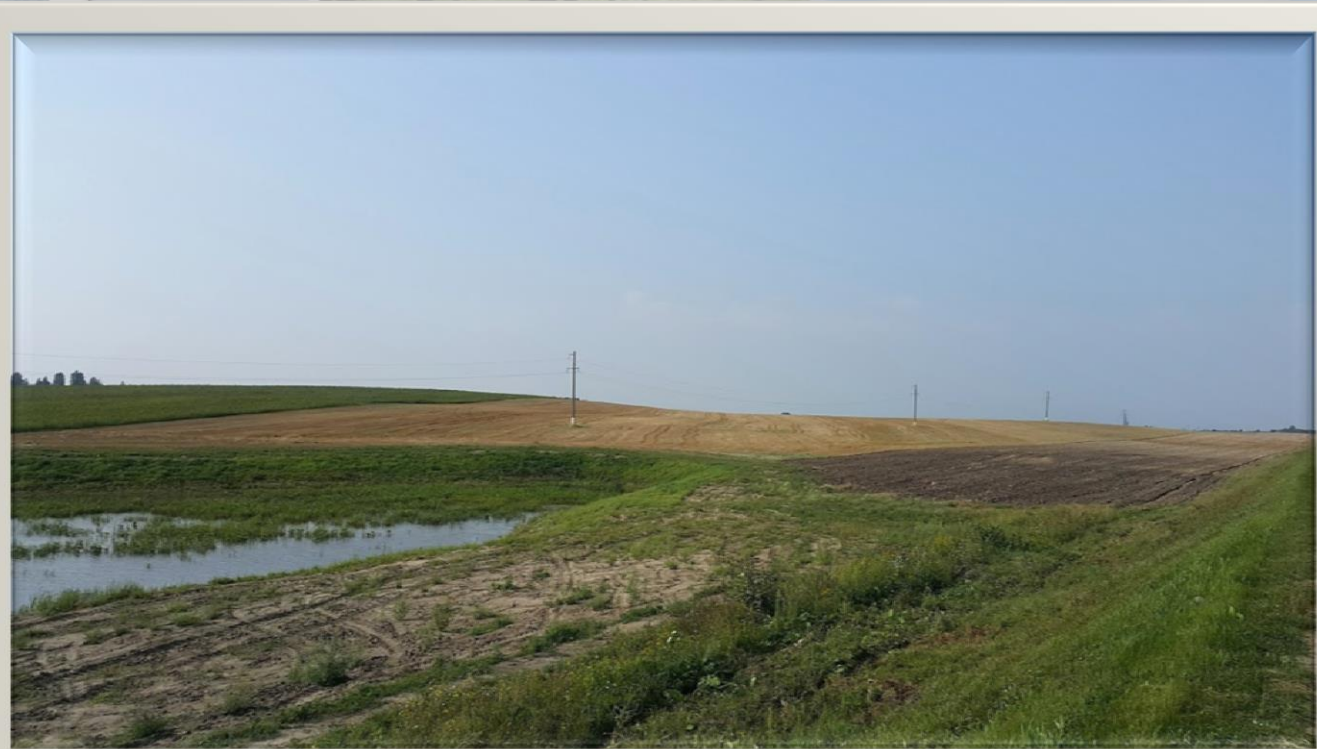
### *Village Halch*

Palace in the style of late classicism and landscape park (19th century). In the vicinity of the village are the towns of the early Iron Age and the era of Kievan Rus, a burial ground, an early medieval sanctuary.



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**Agricultural and cultural-historical landscapes of Polesie**



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## *Trainings: field landscape research*

- study of the animals;
- study of the plants;
- study of soils;
- study of technogenic landscape;
- assessment of human impact on natural ecosystems;
- methods for studying radioactive contamination.



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## *Field research of landscapes*



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**We will be glad to see YOU !!!**

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