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Summer is over. We had a great number of opportunities for excellent rest, got new impressions, saw new places and made new friends. And that's fine! Now it's time to share your impressions with your friends. This issue is dedicated to summer holidays, travelling around Russia and abroad. I congratulate everybody on New School Year! I hope everyone gained strength during the summer and will be able to cope with all difficulties. Good luck to you!



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Summer is a small life

My school in summer



There is a problem how to entertain children in summer. Especially it concerns little children. Parents haven't had a holiday yet and they don't let their babies stay at home without adults. Also caring mothers and fathers want their sons and daughters have merry summer days.

To solve the problem summer camp was organized in our school. 150 pupils of our school and other children attended the school camp in June. Every day at the camp was a special event!

We started a new day at 8 a.m., met pupils, then did morning exercises, discussed the plans on a day and had breakfast. After tasty breakfast we had different activities.

Children drew pictures, played football and volleyball, listened to music, sang songs, walked. We went on excursions, walked in the park. Children had a lot of fun in the camp; they relaxed and learned many new and interesting things, did sport activities, etc. Many children made new friends. They got lots of new knowledge and impressions. Every day was different! At the end of the camp turn pupils said with a great gratitude: "We like our rest and we'll come back to the camp the next year!"

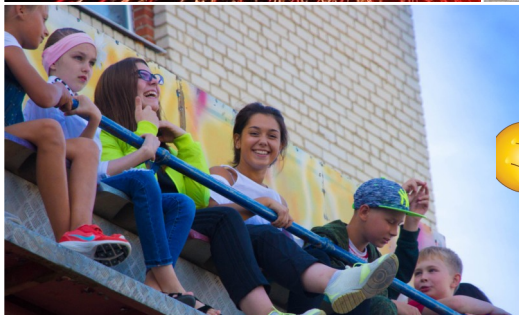


Our wonderful teachers - the camp leaders



Summer is a small life

Sysert is 285 !



Sysert is our native town. We live in a wonderful picturesque place. There are beautiful forests, rivers, lakes and mountains near Sysert.

From the every part of Sysert everyone can see the endless Ural mountains covered with pine forests. Among the forests there is a great number of hidden bodies of water - lakes, rivers and dams. Majestic eagles soar high in the sky. Not far from the town there is the natural Park "Bazhovskie mesta". Among the pines we can see a small but very deep lake Talkov Kamen, with

amazingly clear water. Over the lake there is a rock with a breathtaking view from it.

We like going on hikes around our native land. We have exciting adventures there! They broaden our minds and give us so many positive emotions! We like walking in the forest and visiting museums and other interesting places of Sysert. We learn the history of our motherland. We love our native town and admire it.

Welcome to Sysert!

Summer is a small life

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I think summer is the best season. The weather is warm, the nature is beautiful! We have great opportunities for rest. Summer is the time for holidays. We can do many interesting things. We can walk in the forest, spend free time near the river or lake, rest on the fresh green grass, swim in the river or swimming pool, climb the mountains, play different games, ride bikes.

This year I spent my summer holi-

days in the country. There were many things to do. Most of the time I swam in the lake and sunbathed. My friends and I liked to make a fire near the lake and cook baked potatoes. It was wonderful! We told jokes to each other, and played different games. I also liked walking in the forest. We often picked berries and gathered mushrooms in the forest. This summer was great!

Kirill Khvoshch, 4D

I spent my summer holidays in my native town. I often walked with my brother and friends. We did picnics in the garden. I ate fruit, vegetables, and berries, drank compote.

I like reading. In summer I read a book "Gone with the Wind" by Margaret Mitchell. In August I went to the cinema to see "Minions-3". I really liked it and I'd like to see it again! In July I saw a white fluffy

rabbit and caught it!

The most frightening day was when we went to the quarries. I bathed there. The beach was full of clean sand as it was in the ocean. We fried shish kebabs, ate a watermelon, cherries, pears, salads and drank juice.

Svetlana Svetlakova, 6A



Summer is a small life

MY SUMMER holidays



A lot of interesting things happened in the summer. When we went to the stables, we saw camels there. I fed a camel Vasya. At first he was shabby and not fluffy. But some time later he became handsome, cute and very fluffy.

I saw many ducks in the river. We often went to the forest to pick berries and gather mushrooms. We also rode the bicycles and went in for sports.

What a pity that summer lasts three months only!

Alyona Alabusheva, 4A



In June I visited my grandparents. They live in Irbit. I had been living there for seven days. I helped my grandparents with chores and taught them how to use the computer. Now they can watch films and videos on computer.

In July I went to the camp. The weather in July was bad, but we had a good time. We played different games and ate sweets. We laughed and walked much!

In August I stayed at home. I watched TV, played computer games, and prepared for school. I didn't forget to read books. I read books every day. I like reading very much!

Sasha Mavletdinova, 6A



This summer I traveled to different lakes. I fished, swam and sunbathed there. We often walked at night. We liked to sit around the campfire and watch the stars. We slept in the open air. My summer was splendid but very short!

Ivan Fedotenko, 4G



In summer I went to Sochi with my mother and father. We visited the Olympic Park. We saw the ice show there. In the evening we walked near the Singing Fountains. We also attended Rosy farm. We rode a cable car there. I really enjoyed my trip to Sochi!

Polina Permyakova, 4G

In summer I and my sister Sasha went to the horse club "Volni Veter". We had our birthday party devoted to our first jubilee. We are 10 years old now! We had a picnic there. My mother prepared many fun games, quizzes and competitions. Our dear friends were merry and happy. We had a very good time there!

Then we had a photo shoot with a horse Boyard by name. Two weeks later the horse Melissa by name gave birth to a foal Premiere. My sister and I like to engage in equestrian club. We love horses very much! My dream is to have my own horse and to become a coach in the future.

Vika Golotova, 4G

On sunny days, I sunbathed on the meadow. When the weather was hot, we swam in the swimming pool. At the end of July I went to the carnival to another city. It was unforgettable. All my family went to the lake - it was great!

By the way, this summer there was an eclipse of the Moon. I watched it. It was fascinating!

This summer was beautiful! I liked it very much, but sometimes I missed my school and my schoolmates.

Marina Glaviznina, 6A

My holidays



Summer Camp



In summer schoolchildren don't go to school. They have summer holidays which are three months long. Children don't have to get up early, there is no homework to do and lessons to learn. That's why all students like summer.

I enjoy summer holidays because I have a lot of free time. I never stay in bed long on a bright summer morning. Sometimes I spend the whole day at home doing many different things, such as walking and playing with my dogs, reading our school literature, watching interesting films and soap operas and others.

My June consisted of my preparing for exams and exams themselves. That month was really nervous but it was worth it - on my graduation I was given a red certificate. I was very happy!

Every summer I go to the camp in our town. I like camps for their atmosphere, dating and communication with new people and getting great knowledge

and experience. In July and August I went to two Sysert's camps: Burevestnik and Red Clove. I wanted to stay there forever because, I think, camp is the most wonderful place for children.

Summer holidays are never too long for me. I enjoy every moment of this time.

Uliana Mukhlinina, 10A

My summer holidays were very interesting! In June I went to the school summer camp. It was fun there! We drew pictures, played sports games on the school playground, listened to music, sang songs, and walked. In July I went to "Sputnik". About half of my classmates were in "Sputnik". This camp is situated in Aramil. In August I and my friend went to the camp "Salute". It was very interesting in the camps! I had a very busy and exciting summer holidays. I made new friends and got unforgettable impressions.

Olga Vaganova, 6A



Travelling around the world

A beautiful country



Republic of Tajikistan is a mountainous, landlocked country in Central Asia with an estimated population of 8.7 million people, and an area of 143,100 km². It is bordered by Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, and China.



Summer is a wonderful time. I love summer because we have big holidays. In summer we can travel abroad or spend free time with our relatives.

This summer I traveled to Tajikistan. I was at the wedding party of my elder brother Shodroz. I spent 25 days there.

I met my friends and relatives there. We went around my native land. I saw a lot of high mountains and crystal rivers. I'd like to visit this beautiful country next year.

Saida Abdulhakova, 6C

Travelling to Europe



My summer was wonderful! In June and in August I was in Yekaterinburg. I had a very good time with my friends there. In July I traveled to Europe. I went to Prague with my parents. Prague is a beautiful city. It has many brilliant squares and parks, castles and ancient buildings, bridges and museums. Then we went to Germany, Munich by car. By the way, the roads in Europe are very flat. Munich differs from Prague, but it is very nice, too. Germany is a very tidy country. People we met abroad were kind and hospitable. My summer gave me a lot of positive emotions! I love travelling!

Igor Voronin, 9A

My visit to Turkey



My summer was wonderful! I traveled to Turkey with my family. We went to the lakes three times, swam and had fun. My friend Dasha visited me, and then I visited her. We walked almost every day. We played different games. I enjoyed my summer holidays!

Liza Zakharova, 4D

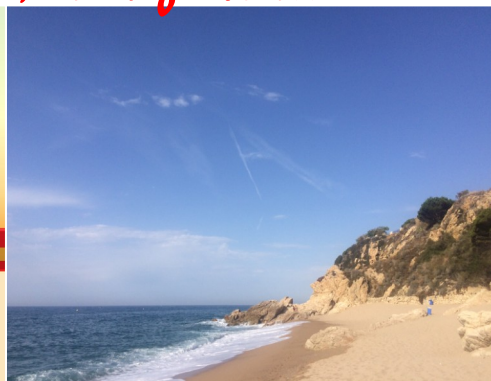


In summer I went to Turkey with my grandmother and grandfather. The weather was hot and sunny. We swam in the warm sea and in the swimming pool. We went rafting in the mountain river. I liked it there very much!

Eva Shmilkova, 4A

Travelling around the world

The country of Dali, flamenco, and football



Almost all of us are united by love of travelling. Some people like visiting museums with pictures of great artists and admire the ancient monuments of architecture. Someone prefers to spend time at the hotels with swimming pools and restaurants of exotic cuisine, others simply enjoy a serene holiday at the seaside. In any case, the journey is exactly what we always look forward to anticipating the summer. This summer I discovered Spain for myself...

Branches of low trees widely spread over the alleys hide people from the sun during the siesta. The smell of pine needles, the splashing of the waves of the Mediterranean, the warm, light breeze make you feel light-hearted and free. The mountains towering majestically on the opposite side of the sea complement the Spanish coastal landscape. From their peaks one can see small towns, sandy beaches where children play and their parents are sunbathing, endless water spaces, the waves of which are cut by small yachts and large ocean liners. Walking along the coast is a real

pleasure!

If you are tired a little or just decide to have a snack, you can go to a small cafe. Friendly waiters and chefs meet you and help to choose dishes for any taste. Spanish cuisine is very diverse: mussels, oysters, octopuses, shrimps, lamb, vegetables, seasoned with exotic spices. And the traditional Spanish paella of course!

In the evening the narrow Spanish streets are illuminated by the lights of the lanterns. Many tourists and locals who spent the day on the coast now rest in restaurants under the sound of Spanish guitar or enjoying traditional flamenco dance. "Dance of passion and fire," - the Spaniards call it. Other people go shopping to buy souvenirs for themselves and their friends, have fun in nightclubs or simply spend evenings on the summer verandas having dinner with a glass of wine.

As for me, I like to spend the evenings at the seaside. When the sun lurks in the west behind the dark green peaks of the Pyrenees mountains, the horizon line dissolves, and the sky is filled with the light of thousands and thousands of stars. Spreading out on the warm, wet sand, feeling only light wind and gentle touches of the slightly cooled after the heat of the day sea, you may see the immense celestial dome and feel all the greatness of the universe surrounding you.

We went on some excursions around Katalonia, Barcelona and Fi-

gueres. The most interesting places I visited were La Sagrada Familia, stadium Camp Nou, and the Dali Theatre and Museum.

La Sagrada Familia is the most popular attractions in Barcelona. It is a large and intricate basilica designed by Antoni Gaudi. Construction began in 1882 and continues to this day. Visitors will be captivated by the design elements and the religious symbolism built into all the spaces of the church. A glorious exterior and interior make La Sagrada Familia truly unmissable.

One for the sports fans, yet still one of Barcelona's most popular attractions. This stadium is home to formidable European football champions F.C. Barcelona. With a capacity of 99,000 people, this breathtaking sporting arena is Europe's largest.

The Dali Theatre and Museum displays the single largest and most diverse collection of works by Salvador Dali, the core of which was from the artist's personal collection. In addition to Dali paintings from all decades of his career, there are Dali sculptures, 3-dimensional collages, mechanical devices, and other curiosities from Dali's imagination.

Spain is the country which has been specially created for love, esthetic pleasure and relaxation, where nature displays harmony, endless diversity and rare beauty. One day I will definitely return to this wonderful country!

Elena V. Vatoropina



Travelling around the world

The world is a book, and those who do not travel, read only a page.
Augustin, St.

English Opens the World



*Famous people in gorgeous
Madame Tussaud's*



Near the Tower of London



*View of London
from the top of London Eye*

It goes without saying that educational trip to the English-speaking country may be considered not only as a lucky chance to see the world but also a great motivation for the further language improvement.

This summer has become for our Sysert teenagers Alexander Krotov (School №1) and Artyom Sergeev (School №6) a brilliant opportunity to see the sights of the capital of the UK and polish up their communicational skills speaking with native teachers as well. Besides, talking with children from different countries at everyday lessons of English was also a great experience.

During our two-week staying in London we managed to see all must-to-see places there. We've been to Buckingham Palace and the Houses of Parliament. We enjoyed The Original tours around London on Hop-on & Hop-off double-decker bus and River Cruise on Thames river. We were amazed by the beautiful architecture of Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral. The ride on London Eye, visits to the fantastic museums of Science and Natural History Museums and, of course, gorgeous Madame Tussaud's

were also included in our program. On Sundays we went by bus to Brighton, a sea resort, and to well-known Oxford.

The campus of East London University in Docklands, located very close to London tube station (DLR line) with all-facilities rooms and tasty meals in the student canteen made our stay on London comfortable, exciting and absolutely fantastic. It was AWESOME!

Larisa V. Cherkasova



In Oxford

AMERICANS IN RUSSIA

My Visits to the Urals



What is life in another country like? What do the people eat? What kind of clothes do they wear? There are many ways to answer these questions. You can watch TV shows and movies. You can read books and

magazines. You can even do research on the Internet, perhaps using Wikipedia and Google Maps. But the best way is to visit the country yourself. You can then experience the culture with all five of your senses (including smell!), and interact with the people whose lives embody it. Note that a single country might contain several cultures within its borders. This is certainly true of Russia where the culture of Kazan or Ulan-Ude is different from that of Moscow.

It is even better if you are able to visit a country more than once. You will see and learn something new each time, and the sum of the visits will capture a more detailed picture of the culture. This is what I have done in Russia. I've visited Yekaterinburg four times: in 2009, 2012, 2016, and 2017. I've also visited several nearby places, including Koltashi, Deer Streams Nature Park, Verkhny Tagil,

Nevyansk, Chusovaya Tourist Base, Sloboda, Verkhnyaya Pyshma, and Sysert. Focusing on the Yekaterinburg area has

resulted in a sharper picture of Russian culture, but it's a relatively narrow one. Someday I hope to widen the picture by visiting other parts of Russia.

Each of my trips centered on Yekaterinburg. It is Russia's fourth largest city and has much for a foreign visitor to experience. I've been to the Yekaterinburg State Academic Opera and Ballet Theatre twice. The first time I watched a ballet and the second time an opera. I've listened to a classical music concert at the Sverdlovsk Philharmonic.

I've seen a play at the Sverdlovsk State Academic Musical Comedy Theater. I've visited both the History of Yekaterinburg Museum and the Ural Geological Museum. I spent a couple of hours on Vysotsky's Observation Deck looking down at the city spread out below me. I spent time in Shartash Lake Park and saw the Stone Tents. I spent several days in the Elmash neighborhood and saw what one of the city's residential areas is like. In 2009 I was at 1905 Square on May 9th and watched the Victory Day Parade. The majority of my time, however, was spent walking around by myself taking pictures - a great way to experience any city.



Yekaterinburg. Yakov Sverdlov statue and the Opera House



Yekaterinburg. Trolleys on Lenin Ave



Yekaterinburg. One of the Stone Tents in Shartash Lake Park





*Sysert. P. P. Bazhov
Memorial House-Museum*



*Sysert. Hand-operated mechanism
near the Sysert pond*

One of the places near Yekaterinburg I traveled to is Sysert. I spent a sunny day in early summer visiting three locations in the city. The first was Besenkov Hill and the dam area. I've climbed many mountains in New York

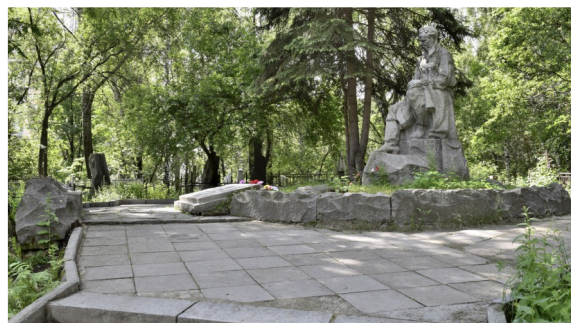


*Yekaterinburg. Shrek ride
in Elmashevsky Park*

and New England, so I could appreciate the unique views of the city and Sysert Pond that Besenkov Hill provides. I find dams interesting, and the Sysert River's was no exception. I was especially interested in the hand-operated

mechanism that controls how much of the pond's water flows downstream. The second location I visited was the P. P. Bazhov Memorial House-Museum. I've read an English language translation of Bazhov's book *Malachite Casket: Tales from the Urals*, so it was informative to see how the author lived while he was in Sysert. The last place I visited was Nature Park Places from Bazhov's Stories (my translation of the park's name). As I mentioned, I've spent a lot of time in the woods, so I felt at home walking on the park's trails. Talc Stone Lake is a great place to take pictures!

The overall impression left by my four trips to Yekaterinburg is one of similarity and not difference. All the places I visited, from Yekaterinburg's Opera House to Sysert's Nature Park, were more similar to than different from like places in the United States. I did not feel as culturally disoriented as I might were I to visit Central Africa or East Asia. There are cultural differences,



*Bazhov's grave in Yekaterinburg's
Ivanovskoye Cemetery*

such as food and clothing preferences, but they are not overwhelming. Even the language difference wasn't too much of a problem. I don't speak Russian, but I do know some words. I taught myself the Russian alphabet and can make a reasonable attempt at pronouncing a written word. I'll never forget walking on Sverdlova St. in Yekaterinburg during my first visit and sounding out a word printed on a sign: SUPERMARKET! I'm still amazed by the number of Russian words I understood because they were borrowed from English. The sense of familiarity this provided, along with the fact that many people spoke English, helped make me feel that I wasn't thousands of miles from home.

**Bruce Bertrand,
Lake Placid, USA**

Photos by the author

Our guests

RUSSIANS IN AMERICA

Why and How to Study English? (Or the “Work and Travel” Programme)



To know English today is absolutely necessary for every educated person. But everyone understands that it is not easy. There are lots of reasons to study English. Some people need it at work or to communicate with foreigners. Others speak English travelling around the world. It is the language of business, sport and computers.

Students study the English language at schools, colleges and universities. Some of them have the extra studies to improve their English. They visit different courses and private tutors. So did I. Besides school there were five years of studying English at the University. It's quite difficult to be a student of the faculty of foreign languages, but interesting. I'd like to tell you about my experience of speaking English.

When I was a fourth-year student I got to know about the “Work and Travel” programme,

which offered students a chance to go to the USA in summer to work for American companies in a sphere of service and after that to travel around the country. I had a good opportunity to visit the USA, to earn some money, to meet new friends and I tried my chance...

At the beginning of May 2007, I got a visa, a job offer and air tickets from Yekaterinburg to New York. And on the 21st of May my dream came true. It was a long way by plane. I changed a plane in Check Republic and in nine hours I was in J. F. K. International Airport. Then my friend and I took a bus to Lake Placid, NY. It is a little town and we stayed there for 3 months. We lived in a two-storeyed house. There were nine of Russian students in our house. It was pretty funny. I worked as a housekeeper at my first job. I cleaned rooms in a hotel and for a good job I got tips from the guests. And my part time job was in a café like a McDonalds. I like both of the jobs because of my nice employers and communication with people. In general, Americans like Russian students who come to the USA for the summer. They are good hosts and friends and ready to help. And of course I had weekends and travelled different cities. I liked New York City most of all. I had a lot of pictures when I returned to Russia.

The most fascinating thing in America is communication with native speakers. Everyone who comes to the States has the aim to improve their English, to see how Americans live. During my staying here I was collecting and studying the information about American slang which helped me to write my diploma.



America gave me a significant life experience. I realized who I am and improved my English, but I don't want to live here. I like my country and I wouldn't like to change my life. And I advise everybody to be a participant of the “Work and Travel” programme. It is worth it...

*Maria I. Shikhovtseva,
School 67, Yekaterinburg*

Travelling around the world

My trip to China



This summer I was lucky enough to go to China. China is a very interesting country, there are a lot of features in the field of nature, food, culture, traditions. I lived in the city of Guangzhou,

this is a very interesting and modern city. There I visited a huge museum, many different places, temples, parks, even I could ride along the river on a tourist ship. There are a lot of

skyscrapers in Guangzhou, some of them are 100-120 stories high, and a lot of shopping streets where you can buy anything (foreigners like to buy there a variety of tea).

I traveled to the city of Guilin,

which is known as a tourist city. We were accommodated in a good hotel in the heart of the city. In the province where this city is located, there are a lot of beautiful mountains and rivers. In Guilin I visited a shopping district and a local circus.

In addition to entertainment, I studied Chinese language, as well as Chinese culture.

Mikhail Zhilin, 10A

My visit to America



***Photos by Igor S. Sokolov,
Sysert, Russia***

School life



Mass Walk "BAZHOV MILE"

The walk is open to everyone regardless of age. Families, groups or single walkers can take part in it. Participants are given a map of the route and local history information, which means that the journey will not only be useful but also informative. For the winners there are small prizes. There are souvenirs for the youngest and the oldest participant, the most active family and organization, the most vivid pupil and student group.



Meet Our President: Elizaveta Pasyutina

“The future of our school is in our hands”



Elizaveta Pasyutina was elected President of school № 1 of Sysert. More than 90% of students and teachers took part in the first direct presidential election in the history of our school. It was held on October 2, 2017. There were 3 Presidential Candidates. All of them presented their plans of school work.

Liza is a student of the 10th form. She has been studying in school №1 for 3 years (school is 3 years old, too) She

studies very well and goes in for sport. She is a member of the school basketball team. Liza takes an active part in different olympiads and contests, and often wins them. She sings very well and takes part in the school, district, all-the-Russia's, and international contests and concerts.

We wish Liza all her dreams come true! We want our school life to be very interesting and creative!



Cross of the Nation - 2017

The weather on that day was really splendid! A great number of people (among them students from different schools of Sysert urban region) took part in annually important sport event.



Our schoolmates Yana Ilna (9A) and Alexandra Virfil (10B) took the 2nd and 3d places in the race. We are for healthy way of life!

XVII Meeting of active senior pupils



For senior pupils' effective socialization collective socially significant labor activity is needed, which ensures the formation of the qualities of the socialized person, such as self-reliance, self-discipline, responsibility, ability to transform, creative activity, the work needs, to love work and human labor, creativity, initiative, economic and environmental education, etc.

Students from 17 schools of the district took part in the meeting on September 19-20. All the participants were divided into groups and worked in different directions: local history (under the leadership of Alexander Savichev), information and media (the leader - Maria Sorokina), volunteer

movement (the leader - Guliya Hamitovna). Interesting meetings, master-classes, discos were held there. Senior pupils from Sysert schools had a good time, made new ideas and got lots of positive emotions!



My Native Land

We like going on hikes around the Urals. We traveled to Nature Park "Deer's Streams", The Lake Talkov Kamien and other wild-known places of the Urals. We have exciting adventures there! They broaden our minds and give us so many positive emotions! We have different sport competitions there, which are very interesting, funny and sometimes rather difficult. After that we walk in the forest, sing songs, take pictures. Our teaches take part in our games. Everybody is happy! We always have a good time there!



Nature Park "Deer Streams"

was opened on October 29th, 1999. Located in the park is the settlement "Bazhukovo". The park covers an area of 12,700 hectares along the valley of the river Serga. The picturesque valley of the river Serga works its way through calcareous rocks and it abounds in various manifestations of karst. The park contains the largest cave of the Sverdlovsk district - cave

"Druzhba" and also other famous caves - Arakaevskaya, Katnikovskaya and karst formations "the Big Failure" and the Glacier. The nature park represents a border between landscapes of middle Ural mountain taiga of the Sredneuralsk area and forest-steppe of the Krasnoufimsk region. This landscape variety, low level of industrial pollution and

economic development of the territory of Nizhnie Sergi area give the possibility to keep numerous species of flora and fauna. Coniferous and broad-leaved forests prevail in the park. Paintings on the rock "Pisanitsa" have become popular attractions – among the 22 natural monuments found in the park.



All typical species of taiga fauna can be seen here. The climate all year round is quite comfortable for both active tourism and sightseeing.

Routes with guides - so-called "educational paths" have been developed. These paths have a very important role in the protection and preservation of nature. They give all the necessary information about the area to the visitors, allow the adjustment of attendance and establish control throughout the park.

The Lake Talkov Kamien ("Talc Stone")

is one of the sights in the environs of the town of Sysert. It is located a westerly direction 4–5 km from the centre of the town near Mt. Chernovskoi Uval.

The lake has an artificial origin. It is an old abandoned talc mine, which was flooded by subterranean waters. Talc schist which was mined here by hand in the last decades of the 19th century was used as a fire retardant material in the metallurgical factories of the former Sysert mountain district. By 1905 a deep quarry was formed and then from the bottom of it subsoil waters began to filter stopping the extraction of talc. In the first years after the Great October Revolution however, working of the talc quarry was sometimes renewed.

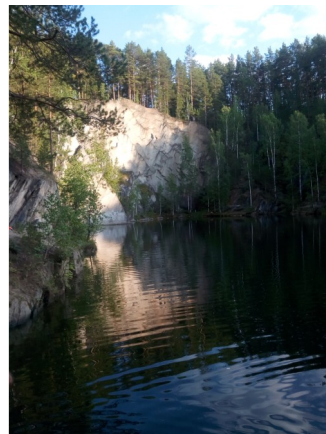
The lake Talkov Kamien has the outlines of an irregular shaped polygon, whose greatest length diagonally reaches 60-70 m. The lake's steep banks are of a greenish-white colour reaching 20-30 m above the level of the water.

A rare pine forest covers the upper parts of the banks and

hollows on the slopes. On a clear sunny day, the walls formed by the greenish talc schist sparkle, reflecting in the greenish-grey water of the lake. In the evening when the sun disappears behind the horizon, or on cloudy day, all grows gloomy. Light green talc schist becomes dark green in colour, almost black and the reflections in the water become indistinct.

Typical types of flora around the lake include pondweed and sometimes on hot windless days "flowering" water is observed. From the banks of the lake, especially on the northeast side, it is possible to pick up different types of rocks and minerals - "noble" talc of a whitish green colour, greenish talc schist with small crystals of dark dolomite and green chlorite schist with crystals of quartz.

These days, the banks and their forests are a favourite place of relaxation for the inhabitants of Sysert and Ykaterinburg. The lake Talkov Kamien, which is classified as a natural monument, and its environs are often visited by tourists.



Our Achievements



We are proud of our champions!



Open Rowing Championship of the Urals was held in Sysert on September 21-24, 2017. Sportsmen from Sysert, Yekaterinburg, Omsk, Perm, Magnitogorsk, Chelyabinsk, Chaikovsky, and Dobryanka took part in competitions. Our schoolmate Ekaterina Kadnikova (grade 5A) took the 1st, 2nd, and 3d places in different distances. Katya tops the List of the best sportsmen of Sverdlovsk region among the girls of her age.

Rowing is a sport with origins back to Ancient Egyptian times. It is based on propelling a boat on water using oars. By pushing against the water with an oar, a force is generated to move the boat. There are a number of different boat classes in which athletes compete, ranging from an individual shell to an eight-person shell with coxswain.

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VERBS

make

often creating sth.
from nothing



an appointment
breakfast, lunch, dinner
a change
a choice, a decision
a complaint
a difference
an effort
an exception
an excuse
a fortune, money
friends
fun of sb
love
a mess, a mistake
a noise, a sound
a phone call
plans
progress
the bed
a wish



do



often a task or
part of a routine

badly, well
your best
business
a course, an exam
damage, harm
the dishes, the washing up
a drawing
an exercise, exercise
a favour
good
your hair, your make-up
homework, housework
a job
the laundry, the washing
research
something right/wrong
the shopping
something, nothing, anything
sport
work

