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REMNANTS OF URANIUM ORE MINING IN ŚNIEŻNIK MASSIFF

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The Śnieżnik Massif is a very diverse area in terms of geological structure and mining past. In the min 20th century in this area, uranium ore was explored and extracted. The authors of this article performed inventory work aimed at localising various remnants of the mining industry. This research was carried out in the villages of Kamienica, Kletno, Janowa Góra, Marcinków and Potoczek. As a result of the research, numerous traces of mining activity were found. These are adits, shafts, exploratory shafts, pits and slagheaps. These objects differ in degree of preservation. Many of them underwent sinking or were buried; hence some of them are difficult to spot in the terrain. A few objects, which are a testimony to the past mining activity, are a place of interest. These include adits frequented by tourists and cavers, and slagheaps visited in search of various minerals. The area of the Śnieżnik Massif is an ideal place to create a geotourist trail.