

WHV – Preservation of traditional wooden architecture of the Russian North

Testament of Kenozero Lake, Russian Federation

Site on the Tentative List since 2014

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The National Reserve of Kenozero takes the territory of a hilly glacifluvial plain with many lakes and other diverse glacial forms of landscape. The site was settled by numerous peasant communities, establishing a highly developed communal farming system with its typical harmonious balance of forest industrial lands, pasturable lelands, and campestral agricultural lands. The settling system took shape between the 12th and the 16th centuries and the historical plans and buildings, typical country estate organizations and traditional country houses are preserved in the settlements to date.

Project objectives:

Being implemented for the first time this year, the project aims at providing support for conservation and restoration work that is taking place at the chapel of Saint Apostle John the Evangelist of the 18th and the water mill of the late 19th century, also located in Zekhnova village.

Project activities:

As part of the awareness raising campaign, the volunteers will participate in talks, presentations and exhibitions about wooden architecture of Kenozero national park. They will also take part in excursions around the national park, its traditional wooden monuments and the eco-trail. As part of the hands-on activities, the volunteers will engage in reparation works for the bell-tower of the Saint Apostle John the Evangelist chapel. Additionally, they will also engage in repair work for the damaged parts of the water mill and replace the log structures of the drainage channel. This will involve the deconstruction of the logs, cutting of logs (bars and logs) and reconstruction of the channel.

Partners:

European Heritage Volunteers

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