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Development of thanatourism in Roztocze

The history of the Roztocze Region - signed by blood of many known and unknown heroes - seems to be to some extent a synthesis of the tragic past of Poland over the centuries. The Roztocze Region is characterized by a relatively great number of commemorative and sepulchral objects which belong to various cultures and religions of different historical epochs. A specific character of such a type of cultural resources allows us to look at them from the point of view of a possibility for a development of thanatourism here, i.e. such a kind of cultural tourism that - despite its controversial face - has been being developed all over the world more and more intensively.

A purpose of the article is to present an actual state of thanatourism as well as to show a possibility of its further development within a territory of the Roztocze Region. A particular stress, however, will be put on an analysis of cultural objects which are situated in western and central parts of the Roztocze Region.