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BioBlitz at the Moravian Gate Arboretum



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# “You Praise What Is Foreign, Yet Do Not Know Your Own!” BioBlitz at the Moravian Gate Arboretum



**When:** 6 June 2026, 10:00 – 17:00

**Where:** Arboretum of the Moravian Gate, Markowicka 17, 47-400 Racibórz

**Host:** Zuzanna Poprawka, eco-manager of the Racibórz Municipality

*The initiative is an official EU Green Week Partner Event.*

Do we really know the nature that surrounds us every day? The BioBlitz at the Moravian Gate Arboretum – “You Praise What Is Foreign, Yet Do Not Know Your Own!” invites residents to discover the richness of local biodiversity and to explore how many species of plants, animals and fungi can be found within a relatively small forest area.

A BioBlitz is a unique form of a nature observation marathon, during which participants, together with experts, attempt to identify and document as many species as possible within a designated area. At the Moravian Gate Arboretum, special research plots will be selected where participants will conduct observations, take photographs and identify organisms living within this ecosystem.

The event will be open to everyone – both those who are just beginning their journey with nature observation and those already interested in biodiversity. All observations will be documented using the iNaturalist application, creating a digital record of the findings and allowing for a summary of the number of species identified during the event.

An important part of the programme will be meetings with invited experts and nature enthusiasts. Among the special guests will be Tomasz Sczansny, an employee of the Rudy Raciborskie Forest District, nature photographer and promoter of environmental knowledge, who will also lead a unique guided walk focused on the nocturnal life of the forest. During this walk, participants will listen to the sounds of animals and birds and learn how to recognise them in their natural environment.

Throughout the event, an information stand run by an eco-manager will operate at the entrance to the Arboretum, where visitors will be able to obtain information about environmental protection, air quality and regional initiatives supporting nature conservation. Arboretum staff will also provide organisational and expert support to participants conducting field observations.

The collected data will help estimate the biodiversity of the Moravian Gate Arboretum and demonstrate how valuable and diverse the natural heritage of this area truly is. At the same time, the event has an important educational dimension, encouraging careful observation of nature and highlighting that understanding local ecosystems is one of the most important steps toward protecting them.

The BioBlitz “You Praise What Is Foreign, Yet Do Not Know Your Own!” reminds participants that investing in nature begins with discovering its richness and appreciating the value of the natural environment closest to us.

**The event is organised as part of the project “Silesia. Blue Sky Restored”.**



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