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The regulations of the campaign, the application form and information about participants who have joined the project so far can be found on the website of the Treblinka Museum:

<https://muzeumtreblinka.eu/las-korczakowski/>

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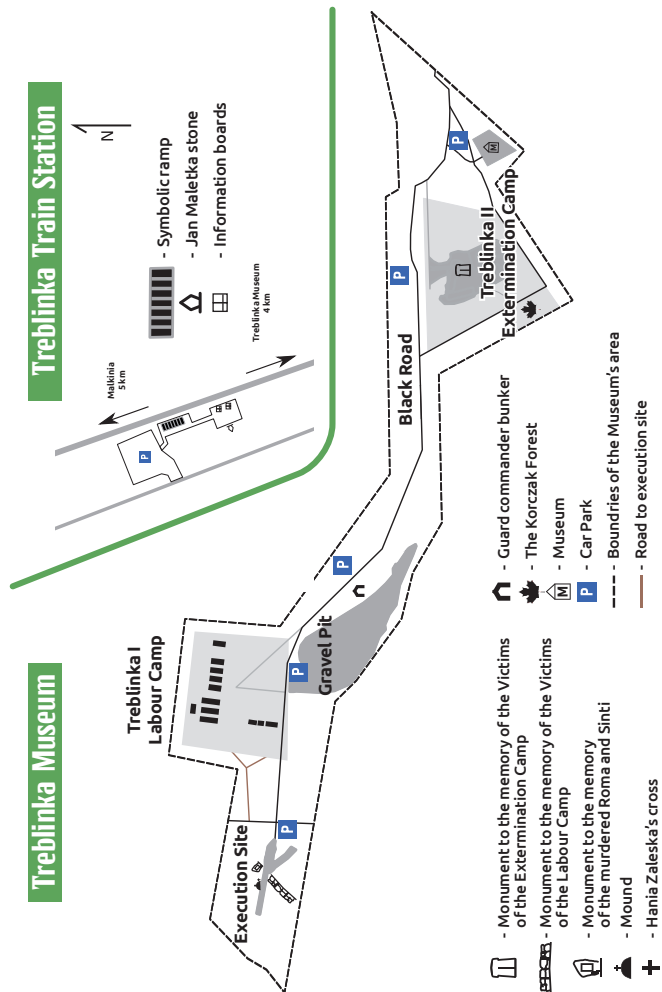
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# THE KORCZAK FOREST



## SS-Sonderkommando Treblinka, Treblinka II Extermination Camp

The Treblinka II Extermination Camp, operating in 1942-1943, was the last death camp established by the Germans as part of the so-called Operation Reinhard. On a relatively small area of approximately 17 hectares German Nazis killed around 900,000 Jews from Poland and other European countries. The majority of the Victims of the SS-Sonderkommando Treblinka remains anonymous. The only named memorial at the former grounds of the Treblinka II German Extermination Camp is a stone dedicated to Janusz Korczak (Henryk Goldszmit) and Children.

## Janusz Korczak (1878[9]-1942)

He was an outstanding teacher, doctor, publicist, writer and social activist. He created an educational system based on mutual respect and trust between an adult and a child, which was the basis for the functioning of the orphanages he co-founded. To this day Korczak's educational methods are an inspiration for many educators, guardians and defenders of children's rights.



## The Korczak Forest

The educational project "Korczak Forest" aims to commemorate Janusz Korczak, Stefania Wilczyńska and everyone who cooperated with them as well as their pupils, who died in the Extermination Camp. The idea of the Korczak Forest was created in 2020 on the initiative of the Treblinka Museum and the Polish Janusz Korczak Association. This project has been implemented since 2021. We chose maples as the main tree species due to their relatively low soil requirements, diversity within the species and symbolism.



Planting a tree is an introduction to the cyclical, annual meetings related to its symbolic watering. During these visits, representatives of the institutions have an opportunity to visit the Treblinka Memorial Site with a guide and participate in a museum lesson related to Korczak's thought. A standardized board with information about a given institution and a selected quote referring to Korczak's teachings is placed next to each planted tree. One of the goals of the project is to involve participants in actively creating their own memory paths.



It is also an encouragement to protect the natural environment and care for nature.

Presently the Korczak Forest, is co-created by communities from schools, kindergartens, universities, scouts, as well as foundations, associations, local governments and non-governmental organizations from Poland and abroad. All age groups, followers of various religions and representatives of multiple cultures are included. Everyone is united by respect, tolerance and openness to other people.

The Korczak Forest is located behind the southern border of the Extermination Camp commemoration. Soon, within its grounds the „Glade of Children murdered in the German Treblinka II Extermination Camp” will be established. At this place, we also plan to commemorate all guardians and educators who, together with their pupils, died in this German Nazi Extermination Camp.