

This park was established in 1973. Initially occupied an area of 59.5 km<sup>2</sup> and protect only a part of the valuable natural areas of the Bieszczady mountains, especially pastures and a small portion of the adjacent forest complexes. Since that time, the park was enlarged twice. In the years 1989 - 1991 for protected areas included in the natural forest communities and semi-natural non-forest vegetation units. In 1996, PN re-expanded, including the borders of areas of pasture on the territories of the former rural settlements - Bukowiec, Caryńskie and Beniowa. Currently, the area of the park is 29 202 ha.



## **BIESZCZADY MOUNTAINS**

Bieszczady is located in the Podkarpackie province, the Polish border with Ukraine and Slovakia. It is the third largest, national park in the country.

In 1992 Bieszczady included in the International Biosphere Reserve "Eastern Carpathians".