ВЛАЖНИ ЛИВАДИ ВЪЗСТАНОВЕНИ ОТ ЗЕЛЕНИ БАЛКАНИ

Тези земеделски площи, в голяма степен наподобяват естествените местообитания. Подобно на оризическите ливади биват наводнявани през определен перио̀д от годината. Това осигурява значителен хранителен ресурс, който е от изключително значение за биологичното разнообразие. В околностите на с. Белозем влажните ливади са често срещани, като поради високата влажност, почвите се засоляват и придобиват бял или по светъл цвят. Това определя и името на селото – Белозем.

WET MEADOWS RESTORED BY GREEN BALKANS NGO

These farmlands largely resemble natural habitats. Like rice fields, wet meadows are flooded over a period of the year. This provides a significant nutritional resource that is crucial for biodiversity. In the vicinity of Belozem village, wet meadows are common, and the high groundwater level causes salination and the soil becomes white or lighter in color. This characteristic also determines the name of the village – Belozem (meaning “white ground”).
Масштаб / Scale 1:10 000

Информационен център „Белозем – Европейско село на Беля църкел“

Information center "Belozem – European Stork Village"

Влажни ливади възстановени от Зелени Балкани

Wet meadows restored by Green Balkans NGO
LOWLAND HAY MEADOWS RESTORED BY GREEN BALKANS NGO

The lowland hay meadows are one among the most biodiversity-rich agricultural areas. They form habitat 6510 of Directive 92/43/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of the wild fauna and flora (NATURA 2000) of the European Union. This type of open areas is found in the area of Belozem village and Maritsa River and provides shelter for various insects, mammals and birds. Feeding White storks, Egrets and various species of birds of prey can be observed in the area.
Information center "Belozem – European Stork Village"

Lowland hay meadows restored by Green Balkans NGO
**SMALL WETLAND “KISIMOV DUPKI”**

The main objective of the “Kisimovi dupki” wetland is nature conservation and promotion of the harmonious coexistence of people with it. The activities in “Kisimovi dupki” are related to conservation of the ecosystem, creation of suitable conditions for rich biodiversity and providing opportunities for different types of eco-tourism. There are opportunities for visits for various purposes – birdwatching, angling, wildlife photography, recreation, art and photo plein air, visits for educational, scientific and research purposes, organized events and performing various nature conservation activities.

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Влажна зона
„Кисимови дупки“
Small Wetland
“Kisimovi Dupki“

In 2017, within a Green Balkans BGO project, a modern photo hide was built in ‘Kisimovi dupki’ wetland. The project was funded by the EuroNatur Foundation. Every year the site is visited by nature lovers, specialists and renowned photographers from different European and other countries for observing and photographing rare species of birds, animals and plants inhabiting the wetland.
Масштаб / Scale 1:25 000

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Information center “Belozem – European Stork Village”

Парк на Белия Църкел White Stork Park

Колонията на Белия църкел върху покрива на училище „Гео Милев”
The White Stork colony on the roof of Geo Milev School

Влажни ли👋azi Wet meadows

Възстановени от Зелени Балкани

Wet meadows restored by Green Balkans NGO

Ниски сенокосни ли👋azi възстановени от Зелени Балкани

Lowland hay meadows restored by Green Balkans NGO

Влажна зона „Кисимови дупки” Small Wetland “Kisimovi Dupki”

Укритие за фото и орнито туризъм

Photo and Birdwatching hide

Река Марица Maritsa River
Each year in May the White Stork Festival takes place. The location is well known – the White Stork Park next to the center of Belozem village. The organizers of the festival are Belozem Mayor’s office, Rakovski Municipality, “Prosveta 1909” Community Center, and Green Balkans NGO. The festival is dedicated to the international initiative “European Stork Villages”.

The purpose of the festival is to promote activities for biodiversity and nature protection, to increase public engagement and stimulate eco-tourism in areas with well-preserved natural heritage.

The traditional gathering “Family Meeting” in Belozem village is held annually in September. With its rich history and vivid colors, it has fulfilled some of the most meaningful pages in the village’s holiday calendar. It is part of a priceless tradition that brings together not only people living in the community, but also those scattered around the world whose origin is deeply rooted in the land of Belozem.

The Christian Youth Festival in Belozem village is held in August at the Catholic Church of St. Francis of Assisi – this is a festival that brings together young people from all over Bulgaria, Poland and other countries to sing and praise God. An interesting part of it are the evening concerts at the St. Francis Parish Amphitheater.

Hot air balloon club “Phoenix”, Belozem air field – during suitable meteorological conditions in weekends motivational flights with hot air balloons, ultralight aircrafts and moto gliders are organized – www.fenixclub-bg.eu.
Сред забележителностите на Белозем са:

Православната църква „Свети великомъченик Георги Победоносец“ в Белозем е построена през 1928 година, след чирпанското земетресение. Преди нея е имало друг храм, от който днес е останал само един камък. Църквата е изградена с дарения и доброволен труд на местните хора.

„Свети Франциск от Асизи“ е първата масивна католическа църква в село Белозем. Забранена и осветена е през 1891 г. През 1913 г. църквата е жертва на пожар, засегнал нейния интериор. Чирпанското земетресение разрушия двете камбанарии и входната част на църквата. Строежът на новата църква започва през 1930 година заедно с други храмове в съседните католически села.

„Рождество Богородично“ е православен параклис в землището на селото. Намира се до възела на Автомагистрала Тракия и пътя Белозем – Шишманци. Строителството на храма е започнато през 2009 г. На 29 септември 2013 г. параклисът е открит тържествено с литургия, водена от митрополит Николай Пловдивски.

Етнографска сбирка приютива културното сърце на Читалище „Пробета – 1909 г.“, както и постоянна експозиция на произначените белоземски художници.

Природна забележителност „Чирпан бунар“ е карстов извор в района, разположен в землището на съседното село Болярино, община Раковски. Изворната вода оформя във варовика едноименна пещера.

Над 30 тракийски могили могат да се посетят в района на село Белозем.

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Among the landmarks of Belozem are:

The Orthodox Church of the Holy Martyr George the Victorious in Belozem was built in 1928 after the Chirpan earthquake. Before that there was another temple, of which only one stone remains today. The church was built with the donations and voluntary work of the local people.

“St. Francis of Assisi” is the first massive Catholic church in Belozem village completed and consecrated in 1891. In 1913 the church was the victim of a fire that affected its interior. The Chirpan earthquake destroyed both the belfries and the entrance to the church. Construction of the new church began in 1930, along with other temples in neighboring Catholic villages.

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin is an orthodox chapel in the countryside. It is located at the junction of Trakia Highway and the Belozem – Shishmantsi road. The construction of the temple began in 2009. On September 29, 2013, the chapel was inaugurated with a liturgy led by Metropolitan Nikolai Plovdivski.

The cultural heart of Community Center “Prosvesha – 1909” hosts an Ethnographic Collection, as well as a permanent exhibition of famous Belozem artists.

“Chirpan-Bunar” natural landmark is a karst spring in the area, located on the territory of the neighboring village of Bolyarino, Rakovski Municipality. The spring water forms a cave of the same name in the limestone hill.

More than 30 Thracian mounds are situated in the area of Belozem village.
TRANSPORT AND ACCOMMODATION IN BELOZEM

Transport:
Belozem is located in the valley of the Maritsa River, 30 km east of Plovdiv. Regular buses from Plovdiv start from “Sever” bus station. The village has a railway station along the Sofia-Plovdiv-Burgas railway line, and only 3 km north passes Trakia highway with a convenient junction.

Accommodation:
Belozem village, Kisimovi Dupki wetland – camping with places for caravans and tents for visitors, or lodging in vans for overnight stay on site.
http://www.kisimovidupki.com/

Restaurants:
At Danny’s – restaurant garden:
https://www.facebook.com/%D0%9F%D1%80%D0%B8-%D0%94%D0%B0%D0%B D%D0%B8-141370076016744/
Boris Castle- restaurant garden:
https://boris-castle.business.site/?utm_source=gmb&utm_medium=referral

GREEN BALKANS NGO

Green Balkans is a leading organization in the field of conservation of rare species and habitats in Bulgaria.
The Organization was established in 1988 being Bulgaria’s oldest nature conservation NGO.

For its almost 30 years’ existence, Green Balkans has won recognition from international and national institutions, authorities, and donors as a welcome partner and a highly reputable and competent organization. This is proven by the public confidence in the Organization and from its numerous memberships from Bulgarian and foreign members.

Thanks to Green Balkans’ hundreds of volunteers and experts, as well as the international and national support, the Society achieved significant results in the preservation of Bulgaria’s unique natural heritage.
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