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## **„RIESE” – GEOTOURIST JEWEL OF THE SOWIE MOUNTAINS**

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This article shows the short story of the birth and development of underground military facilities in the Sowie Mountains area. Particular attention has been paid to the historical matter of “Riese” (“Giant”) facilities. In addition to the underground teaching paths they are an important source of information for the modern history and the past geological ages. This tourist attraction allows researchers to draw underground geological maps and aids the precise recognition of rock formations that surround the “Riese” facilities. This makes it possible to establish many geotouristical routes revealing the beauty of the surrounding nature and observe the geological structures impossible to see from the surface.