

Concern for the forest must be given priority, not only in words but also in deeds. And this must be achieved today, for tomorrow will be too late.

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ENVIRONMENT

New National Park at Terskii on the White Sea Littoral

The "Terskii Coast" National Park - display boards announcing this will soon be appearing in the coastal forests on the shores of the White Sea, which washes the Murmansk Oblast. The founding of the first national park on the Kola Peninsula is a great victory for the local inhabitants. They have long and persistently argued at all levels the natural uniqueness of this corner of the Far North.

The Terskii coast is a unique place where there are many natural and cultural monuments couched in picturesque surroundings. Fast-moving alpine streams and bright blue lakes are to be seen amidst centuries old pine forests and mountain crags, as well as various wild animals, including salmon fish. Here too there are deposits of amethyst and silver, ancient human halting places and antiquated villages. Terskii's skilled woodworkers are renowned for their craftsmanship,