

30.07.2023 STAGE 2 – LESZNO – KARPACZ / 202,9 KM

2 202.9 km LESZNO - KARPACZ

Tour de Pologne uci



THE STAGE

The second stage is the only one with a distance of over 200 kilometers. It kicks off in Leszno in Wielkopolskie Voivodship, which the riders will leave after a few kilometers into the race to fight for the only LOTTO Intermediate Sprint of this stage, set in Góra in the Lower Silesian Voivodeship. After a relatively flat first half of the stage, a demanding climb will begin, with two 2nd cat PZU KOMs at Przełęcz pod Średnicą and Sosnówka. The grand finale of the stage will take place in Karpacz and the winner will be the first to reach the top of the final 11-kilometre Orlinek climb, also known as the 'Wailing Wall'. There are also two other special sprints along the route: the Special Sprint SODAL - 95 Years of the Tour de Pologne in Świerzawa and the Lake Hill Special Sprint.

STAGE FEATURES

LOTTO Intermediate Sprint: #1

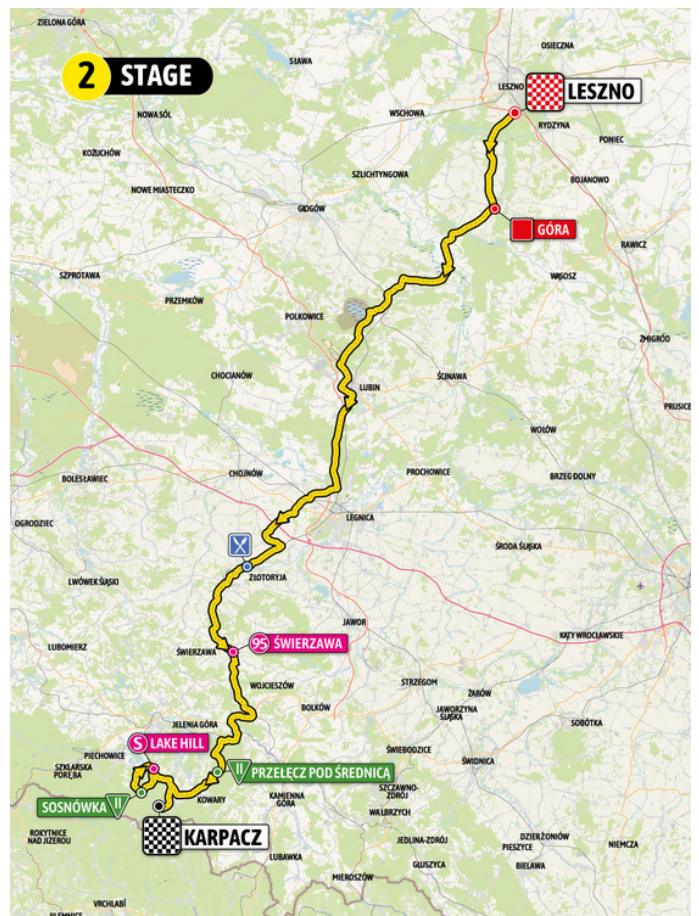
- Góra (km 17,4)

PZU: #12

- Przełęcz pod Średnicą (GP II cat - km 164,1)
- Sosnówka (km 183,5)

Special Price #2

- 95th Tour de Pologne, Soudal, Świerzawa (km 183,5)
- Special price, Lake Hill (km 191,2)



POINTS OF INTEREST



Pałac Łuszczewskich w Lesznie

The castle in Leszno was built in the first half of the 18th century by the Łuszczewski family – bearers of the Pierzchała coat of arms. It is a late baroque L-shaped building. The three-axis on the courtyard side is accentuated by a four-column portico with a terrace. The facade is embellished with elements of neo-rococo that date back to the second half of the 19th century when the chateau was rebuilt in the historicizing style.

Today, the palace houses the training center of a Polish bank.

Śnieżka

Śnieżka is the highest peak of the Giant Mountains. The area is very popular in summer with tourists from the Czech Republic, Poland, and Germany, who enjoy hiking in the alpine environment that are unique to this area.

The mountain hostel at the summit is one of a kind, with its disc-shaped observatory which is quite similar to an UFO space craft. Here the hikers can also find a restaurant, a weather station and a wooden chapel dedicated to St. Lawrence.



STAGE 1 RESULTS

- GC - TIM MERLIER (SOUDAL QUICK-STEP)
- KOM - NORBERT BANASEK (POLAND)
- POINTS - TIM MERLIER (SOUDAL QUICK-STEP)
- MOST ACTIVE RIDER - PATRYK STOSZ (POLAND)
- BEST POLISH RIDER - MACIEJ PATERSKI (POLAND)
- BEST TEAM - SOUDAL QUICK-STEP

1. TIM MERLIER (SOUDAL QUICK-STEP)
2. OLAV KOOIJ (JUMBO-VISMA)
3. FERNANDO GAVIRIA (MOVISTAR)