



The National Reserves of Russia

Pleshcheyevo Lake National Park

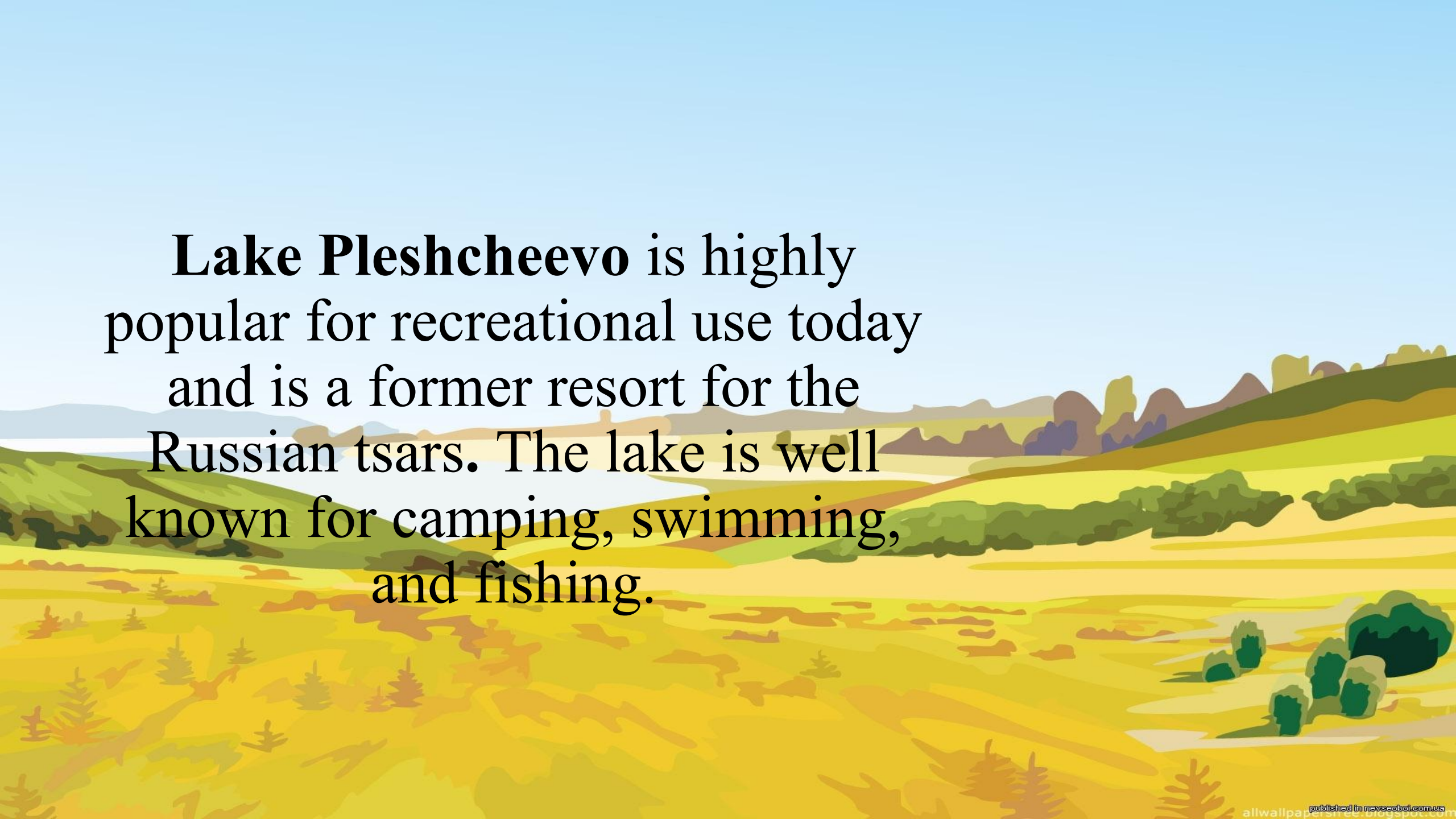


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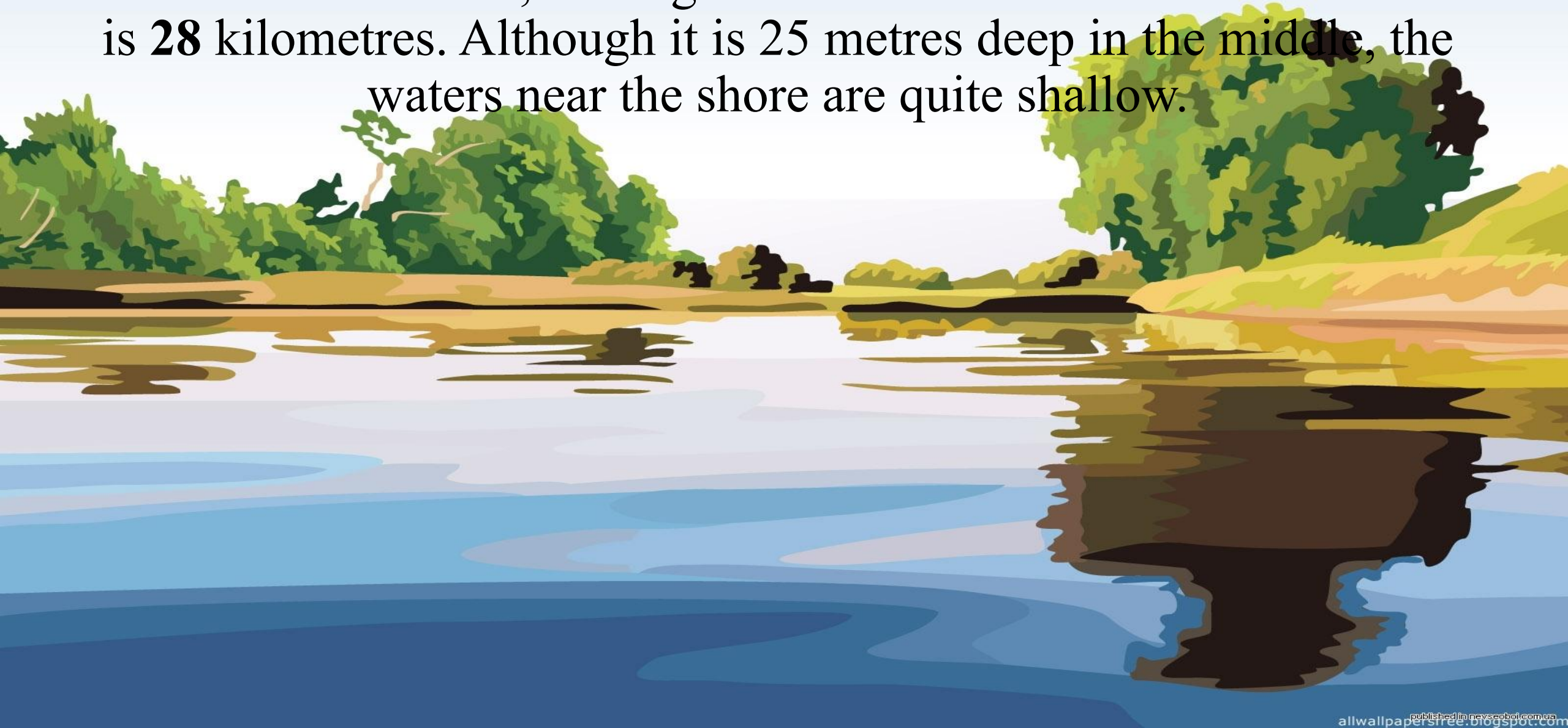


Lake Pleshcheevo is highly popular for recreational use today and is a former resort for the Russian tsars. The lake is well known for camping, swimming, and fishing.

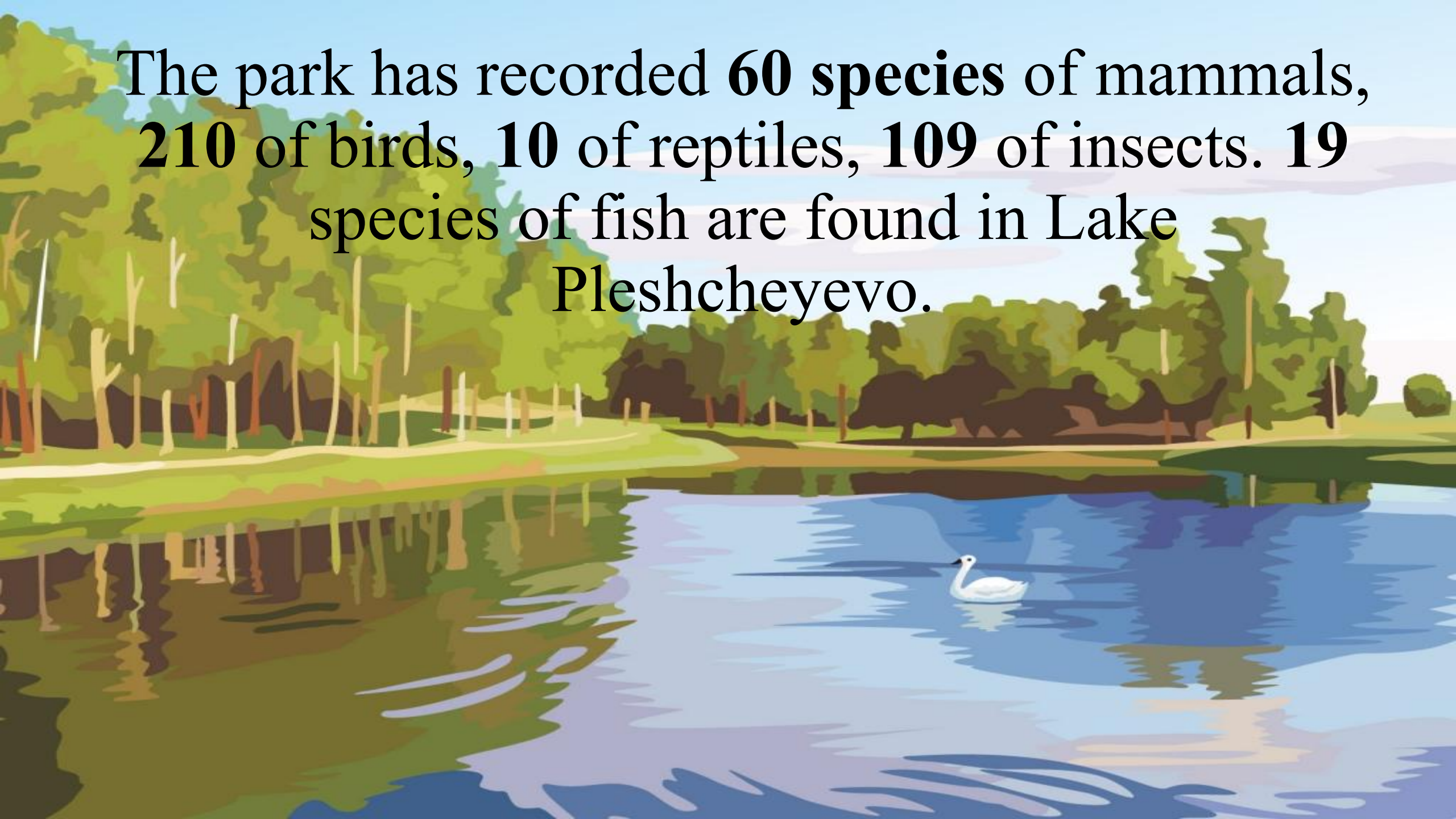
The lake is located in the central part of the East European Plain, about 130 km northeast of Moscow, in the basin of the Upper Volga. On the southeast shore is the resort town of
Pereslav-Zalesky, Yaroslavl Region.



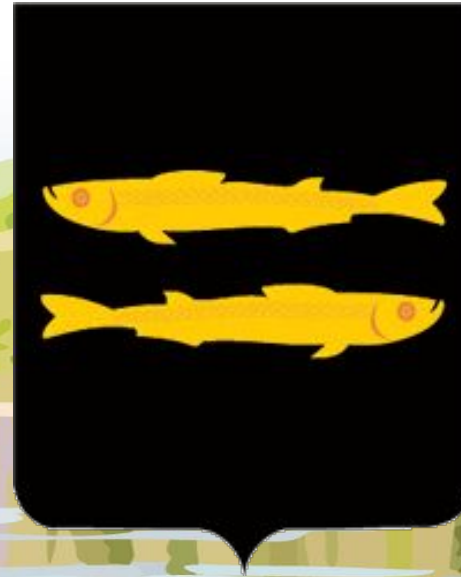
The lake, which is part of Pleshcheyevo National Park, covers an area of over **51 km²**, its length is **9.5** kilometres and its shoreline is **28** kilometres. Although it is 25 metres deep in the middle, the waters near the shore are quite shallow.

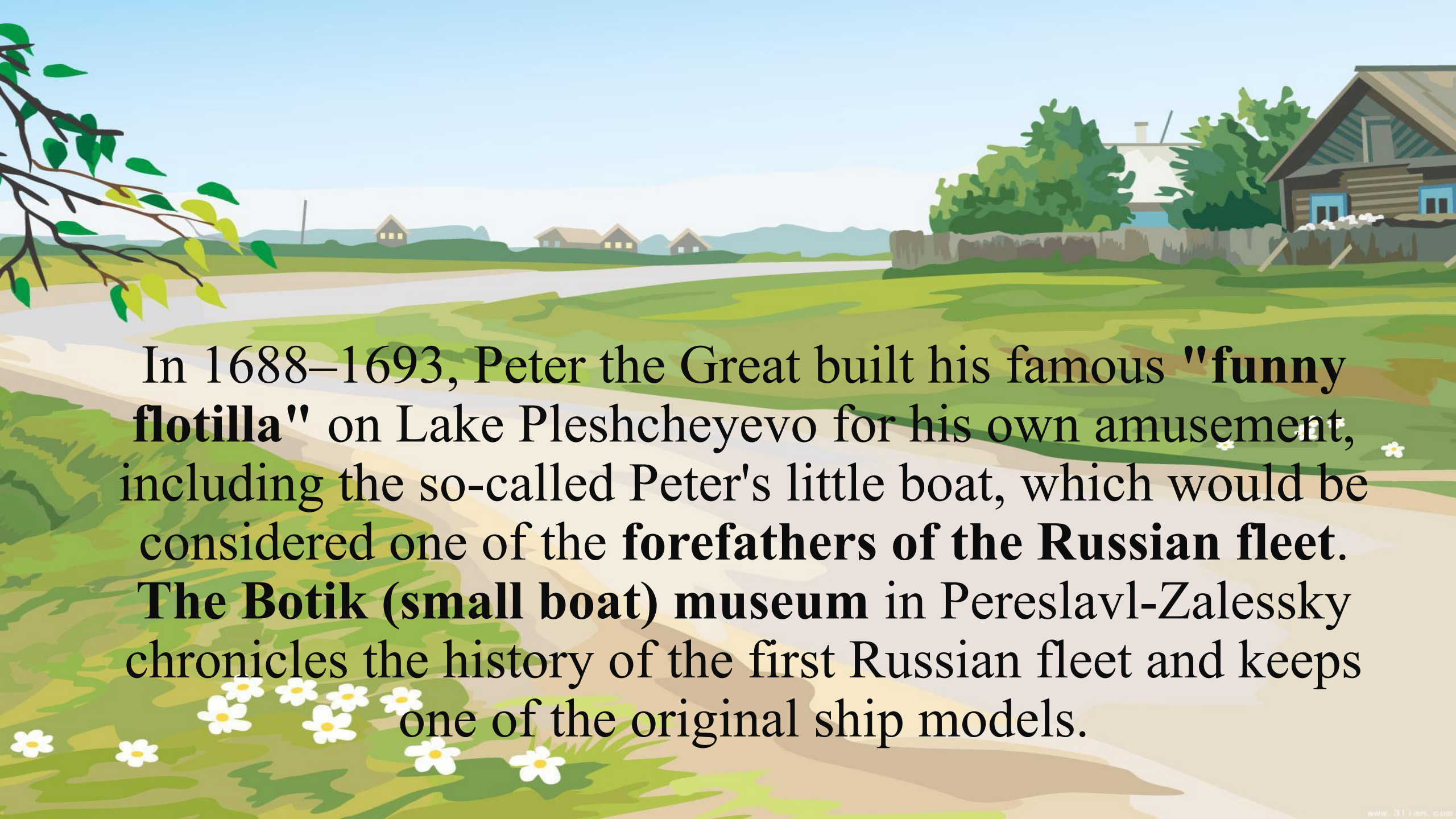


The park has recorded **60 species** of mammals, **210** of birds, **10** of reptiles, **109** of insects. **19** species of fish are found in Lake Pleshcheyevo.



One of Lake Pleshcheyevo's inhabitants is the "**freshwater herring**" (*ryapushka* in Russian). The city of Pereslavl's coat of arms has **two golden fish** on a black ground. This town was known in the Middle Ages for exporting **smoked ryapushka**, which was the favorite fish at the Tsars' table.





In 1688–1693, Peter the Great built his famous **"funny flotilla"** on Lake Pleshcheyevo for his own amusement, including the so-called Peter's little boat, which would be considered one of the **forefathers of the Russian fleet**. **The Botik (small boat) museum** in Pereslavl-Zalessky chronicles the history of the first Russian fleet and keeps one of the original ship models.



In 1925 author Mikhail Prishvin spent a year at a research station near the lake and wrote up his observations of the landscape in the widely admired **Springs of Berendey**.

Lake Pleshcheyevo is now a protected area under the **Pereslavl Governmental Nature-Historical Natural Park** authority.

Some useful resources and references:

<http://www.pleshevo-lake.ru/english/>

<http://worldwalk.info/en/catalog/1386/>

http://www.thefullwiki.org/Lake_Pleshcheyevo

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake_Pleshcheyevo

<http://www.botik.ru/PZ/sites/botik.html>

https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/Плещеево_озеро

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/508322453/lake-pleshcheyevo/>

**Thank you for your
attention!!!**

A scenic illustration of a lake with a wooden boat on the water, green hills, and yellow flowers in the foreground. The background shows a blue sky with light clouds and a distant shoreline with trees.