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year 1908 - start of railway construction



8th January 1909 - 1st train with wood transport

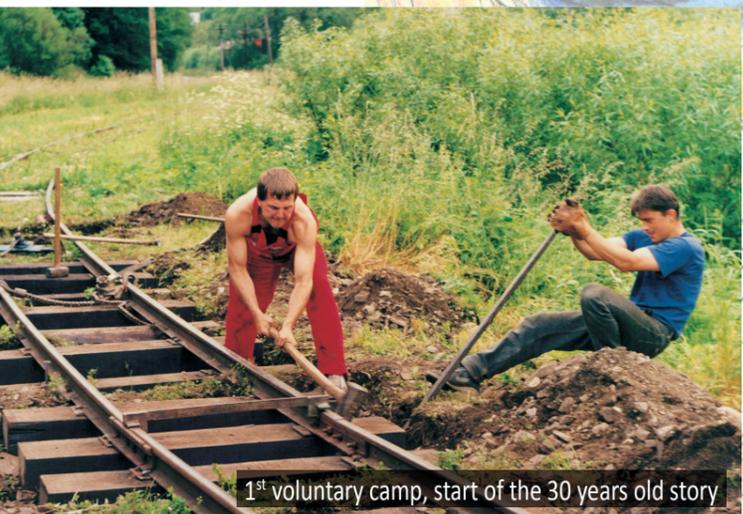


year 1927 - railway in the landscape - view into the past

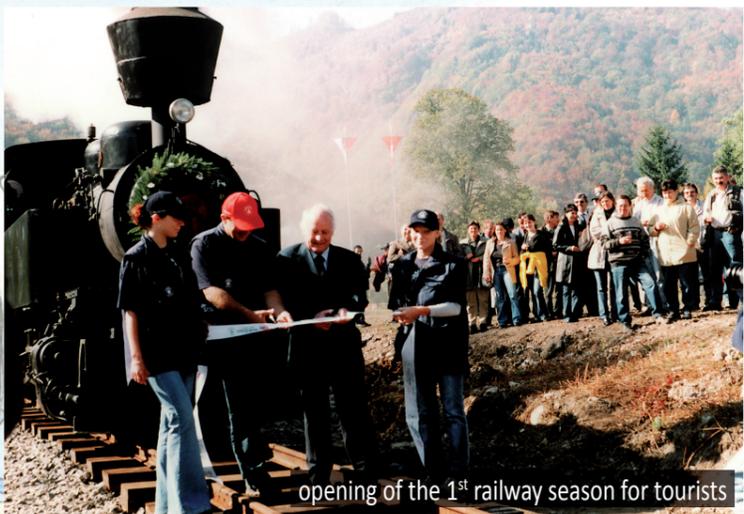
31st December 1982 -
end of the railway operation

Salvage, Revival, and Operation of the Forest Railway in Landscape of Cierny Balog

The project *Salvage, Revival, and Operation of the Forest Railway in Landscape of Cierny Balog* was awarded by the Landscape Award of the Slovak Republic 2012 for bringing people back to the landscape by the revival of the technical monument in landscape, for restoring the identity of Cierny Balog Region and for retaining its cultural heritage. The project is an exemplary model how people can really make a positive change to their landscape from the bottom up approach. Many enthusiasts, volunteers, local citizens and invited experts through combining their wisdom, memory, efforts, time, expertise, planning abilities, and management skills have renewed the original vision, purpose, and operation of the historic forest railway, which was facing the deliberate extinction by the official past decision. The people were able to persuade everybody, that the forest railway gives the additional value to their landscape as a main artery of their region. The forest railway as a symbol of the sustainable wood cutting practice of the previous generation in the region represents today the living historic form of the landscape, which has contributed significantly towards the characteristic appearance, new life opportunities, prosperity, and well known reputation of the Cierny Hron valley in Slovakia.



1st voluntary camp, start of the 30 years old story



opening of the 1st railway season for tourists



reconstruction of the railway line Cierny Balog - Dobroc



railway in the landscape of Cierny Balog

year 2013 - perspectives
of the railway development

