



The small Ziestsee near Kolberg (not to be confounded with the much bigger Ziestsee near Bindow that figures in his novel *Despair*) where Nabokov bought a small lot of land in July 1929, intending to later build a dacha. Probably it was very close to the spot where this picture was taken. As he did not continue the payments, the land reverted to the seller, and the seller soon went bankrupt. Nabokov cherished the quiet and solitude that summer. But next summer settlers began to arrive by the dozens, and he would have hated it.

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