

Three Moscow Cemeteries to Offer Free Wi-Fi in 2016

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Moscow residents will have the opportunity to use free wireless Internet at the city's three major cemeteries starting from next year, City Hall said in a statement on Thursday.

Wireless Internet will be available in designated areas at Moscow's historic Vagankovskoye, Troyekurovskoye and Novodevichy cemeteries.

Free Internet access will make a visit to a cemetery more convenient and educational, according to Artyom Yekimov, head of Ritual — a government agency that provides burial services.

Every visitor will be able to find information online about the people buried in the cemetery and the historic monuments located there. They will also be able to download a map of the cemetery, according to Yekimov.

Free Wi- Fi is not the only technical innovation being introduced in Moscow's cemeteries.

Novodevichy and Troyekurovskoye cemeteries have been equipped with terminals that provide visitors with information on the location of each grave and allow visitors to see old photos of the deceased.

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Some 120,000 funerals are held in Moscow annually. There are currently 8 million graves registered in the city.

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