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Sergey Produkin-Gorsky (a pioneer of color photography) shoots a self-portrait in front of Suna River near the Kivach waterfall (1915).

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> The Kivach waterfall is the second-highest cascade waterfall after the Rhine Falls, and is situated on the river Suna in Karelia. The first Russian health resort, Marcial Waters—founded by Tsar Peter I in 1719—is located a few kilometers away. The Kivach waterfall is 10.7 meters high, including three additional small cascades. When the famous Russian poet Gavrila Derzhavin (1743–1816) visited Kivach in the late eighteenth century, the Suna’s “unruly stream” inspired him to write his important poem *The Waterfall* (1794). However, since Derzhavin’s time, both stream and waterfall have changed considerably.
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> —Grigory Suzi

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