

ACTIVE RECREATION

• Kuldīga • Skrunda • Alsunga



on foot



by bike



by canoes



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Forests, swamps, steep ravines, rivers, lakes, wild meadows and cultivated fields, small villages and towns included in 30 routes to go around Kuldīga, Alsunga and Skrunda on foot, by bicycle or by canoe.



8 **Walking trails** 30 km



8 **Cycling routes** 318 km



4 **Forest trails** 112 km



10 **Canoeing routes** - 2 rivers - 184 km



Available for strollers
or people with disabilities.

IN TOTAL MORE THAN 644 KM FILLED WITH JOY OF
MOVEMENT WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES!

USED SYMBOLS

	Recommended starting point of the route		Level of difficulty		Important		Catering and food purchase place
	Length of the route		Route type		Recreation area		Accommodation
	Road description		Marking		Information		Bathing places

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MARK COMPLETED
ROUTES WITH A STICKER
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1. WALKING TRAIL ALONG THE RIVER VENTA IN KULDĪGA




 **Pils iela 8,**
GPS: 56.96741, 21.97676


 **2,4 km** (in one direction)

 Gravel path, boardwalks

 Easy

 Nature, landscape,
the Venta

 Not marked, but you
should follow the trail.
At the beginning and
end of the trail there are
information boards.

 **!** In spring after melting
of the snow some parts
might be problematic.

The trail meanders along the left bank of the river Venta as far as the new Kuldīga bridge. On the way the visitors may enjoy amazing views of the surrounding nature and the Venta rapids, watch birds and the smooth flow of the river. The Venta rapids is the most significant geological object in the area and the widest waterfall in Europe – 249 m. You are welcome to enjoy a leisurely walk even after the sunset as the trail is lit up from Pils street to Vienības street.

WE RECOMMEND!

► If you are willing to cover a longer distance, you may continue your walk across the new bridge over the river Venta then walk along Mazdārzu, Saldus, Valciņu and Stendes streets as far as the old brick bridge. Then the whole distance will be 5.4 km.

► Next to the old brick bridge on the right you will find THE VENTA RIGHT BANK NATURE TRAIL (370m). While walking along the trail you may enjoy the picturesque view of the old town, the Alekšupīte waterfall, old castle mill and the old brick bridge across the Venta. Not far from the trail there is a Cultural Potato Field and environmental object „A much bigger table above my table” (GPS: 56.973692, 21.976853).



2

Mark as visited



Shop "Citro"
Stendes iela 23a
GPS: 56.971202, 21.987306

Residence Kafe Venta
Pils iela 2
GPS: 56.969524, 21.976243

Restaurant "Bangert's"
Pils iela 1
GPS: 56.968863, 21.976522

Cafe "Rumbas paviljon"
Pils iela 4a
GPS: 56.968730, 21.976820

Cafe "Riverside"
Stendes iela 2a
GPS: 56.970691, 21.980653

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View of the waterfall
GPS: 56.967250, 21.977843

**Recreational area behind
the former factory „Vulkāns”
territory**
GPS: 56.966153, 21.982720

River bank in "Putnudārzs"
GPS: 56.96705, 21.99109

"Mārtiņsala"
GPS: 56.96833, 21.98158



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2. A HIKE TO OLD KULDĪGA CASTLE MOUND



Old bridge – The Venta bluff (Melnā Kolka) –
Old Kuldīga castle mound – old bridge

This quite extreme but really exciting route is meant for nature lovers and those looking for unusual sights. On the way to the castle mound the trail proceeds very close to the Venta following the overgrown anglers' paths and passing several springs which keep the ground wet and muddy all the year round. On the way back the route continues along the Venta bluff where it is easier to walk, your feet won't get wet and the sights won't be less spectacular. The hike to the castle mound for a person of medium fitness will take about 2.5 hours, the way back – 40 minutes.

Fauna of the Venta

Depending on the season you might come across the following fauna in the river Venta – salmon, vimba, lamprey, pike, chub, ide, eel and crayfish.

Old brick bridge

7,5 km

5 km anglers' paths,
2.5 km forest and country
roads at various levels of
quality

Complicated

Nature, the river Venta, wild
nature bordering with the
town

None

! Wellingtons recommended!
! Giant hogweed in some
areas, risks of burns when
touching it.



1 Old brick bridge built in 1874 is the longest bridge of its kind in Europe – 164 m. It was built according to the 19th century road standards – 500 feet long and 26 feet wide allowing two carriages to pass each other on it.

2 The Alekšupīte waterfall is the highest waterfall in Latvia – 4.15 m. In the 17th century it was cemented and adjusted so that the stream could be used for the first paper mill in Courland.

3 The mill had already been mentioned in the most ancient documents about Kuldīga. It is believed that it was built alongside with the castle. During the time of the dukedom gunpowder was manufactured in the mill. The mill was reconstructed in 1807 and from 1820 to 1838 it operated as a paper mill.

4 Melnā Kolka is a curve on the left bank of the river Venta forming a 15 m high bluff with a beautiful view of the river, the Venta curve and the opposite bank.
GPS: 56.98486, 21.95470

5 The old Kuldīga castle mound in ancient times was located in the centre of the Couronian lands next to the Venta waterway. It used to be the centre of Bandava – the largest of the Couronian lands.
GPS: 56.99437, 21.96085

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Recreation area next to the old
Kuldīga castle mound

GPS: 56.993395, 21.963299



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3. PADURE FOREST CIRCLE



Kuldīga – Old Kuldīga castle mound – Tigava – Kuldīga

This route is an excellent option for a longer walk ensuring the opportunity to enjoy peace and quiet. It could be a perfect choice for those who love picking berries and mushrooms, for energetic kids and tireless pets. The route proceeds across the old Kuldīga castle mound, over an ancient rampart, across the stream Krāčupīte and after rambling along the Padure forest paths and roads you will return back to the town.

Old Kuldīga castle mound

The castle mound is located on the left bank of the river Venta where the stream Krāčupīte flows into the Venta. Historically at the foot of the castle mound the ancient Kuldīga town was formed. It existed until 1355 when its inhabitants were allotted new lands in Kuldīga town. The castle mound was included in the list of state protected cultural monuments in 1924. However, long before that it had been used for different social events. A stage was built there and the castle mound was used regularly for song festivals gathering up to 10,000 participants. The last massive social gatherings were held there from 2000 to 2004.

Kuldīga town hall square

11 km

2 km asphalt,
7 km forest roads and paths,
2 km gravel roads

Relatively easy

Nature, forest,
cultural history, the Venta

None

Making a campfire outside
specially designated areas
is strictly forbidden!



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3 Dzelzavots is a small spring in the forest with a sign and a mug for drinking the water.
GPS: 57.010551, 21.970047

4 Tigava is a scenic camp-site for scouts and guides located by the Tigava pond. It is a private property and visitors may stay there only if they clean up after themselves.
GPS: 57.010060, 21.966959

5 Horse riding club "Montepals" offers horse cart rides, horseback rides and the opportunity to acquire some basic riding skills.
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GPS: 56.987050, 21.950399

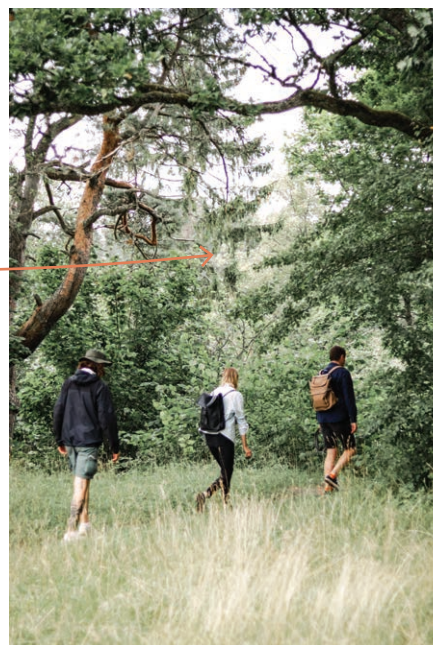
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Recreation area by the Venta
GPS: 56.993580, 21.963392

Recreation area in the castle mound
GPS: 56.994468, 21.961117

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4. PADURE CIRCLE



Kuldīga – The old school – Padure – Keramika – Kuldīga

A scenic route that will take you along the quiet forest roads of the Venta valley to Padure. Padure is a nice, clean village with places of interest for tourists offering the opportunity to see objects of heritage value as well as craftsmen's works.

The road surfacing is mostly even and pleasant for riding, the only obstacles being the roots of the trees. Depending on the weather you might come across some sandy road holes or mud in about 20 m road section where you might be forced to push your bike.

Kuldīga town hall square

18 km

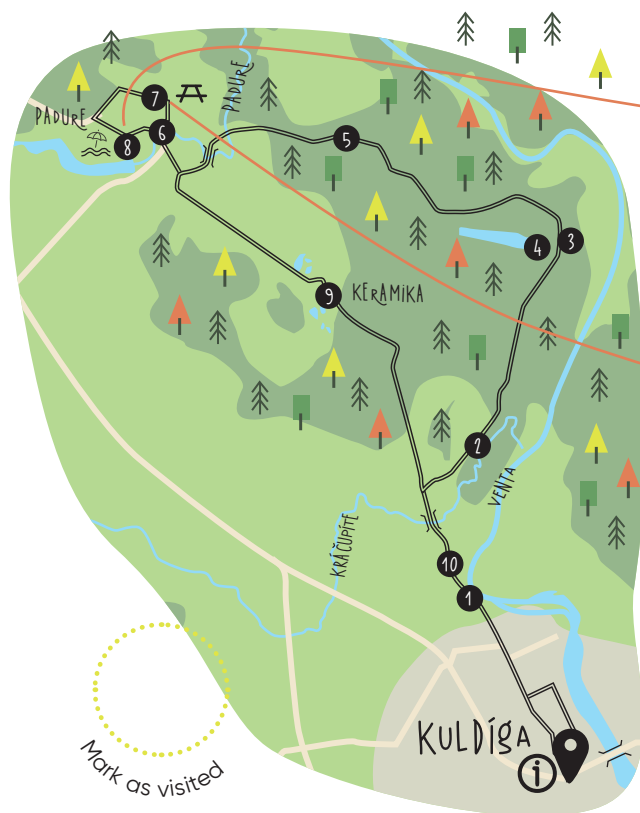
4 km asphalt,
4 km forest roads,
10 km gravel roads

Relatively easy

Nature, small
populated areas,
cultural history, the
Venta

None

! Making a
campfire
outside specially
designated
areas is strictly
forbidden!



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GPS: 57.010060, 21.966959

5 Old Padure school was built in 1840 and was used by school children until 1929. Today the building is adjusted for flats and can be viewed only from outside.
GPS: 57.017354, 21.936722

6 Ceramics workshop "Saules ceplis" where the designer- ceramist Madara Atiķe makes crockery following ancient traditions. Excursions and masterclasses are available. Booking necessary. +371 26072594
GPS: 57.018640, 21.912183

7 Padure manor barn with a mansard roof was built in the 18th century and is the only one of its kind in Latvia preserved until today. The barn hosts an exposition „Padure in the course of history” where visitors may see ancient tools. Booking necessary. +371 28829988
GPS: 57.019813, 21.913366

8 Padure manor landlord's house is one of the most beautiful classicism buildings in Latvia. The manor has not faced serious reconstruction and visitors may admire wall paintings in almost all manor rooms, the original doors and windows, eight tile stoves, stairs and wooden floors. The manor hosts different social events annually. Booking necessary. +371 29640028 paduremanor.com
GPS: 57.018295, 21.908720

9 Padure ceramics started work in 1958 as a brick and ceramics factory. The chimney of the old brick-kiln (end of the 19th century) is the monument of cultural history and can be viewed only from outside.
GPS: 57.005058, 21.935176

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Shop in Padure



Bathing beach
GPS: 57.015693, 21.906341



Recreation area next to the Padure barn
GPS: 57.019813, 21.913366



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5. THE RIEŽUPE AND SURROUNDINGS



Kuldīga – The Riežupe caves – Mežvalde – Kuldīga

This route will let the visitors explore the Riežupe nature park, the longest underground cave labyrinth in Latvia and sparsely populated outskirts of the town. It proceeds along bigger and smaller forest roads with ferns and bilberries lavishly growing on roadsides. In dry summers the sections of the road with more traffic might be dusty.

The Riežupe nature park

This route leads the hikers through the nature reserve „The Venta valley” and nature park „Riežupe”. This area is famous for its slope and glen forests, sandstone outcrops as well as a variety of rare plants and animals.

Kuldīga Town hall square

Small circle: 18 km
Big circle: 22,5km



Small circle: 7,5 km asphalt, 10,5 km forest and country roads at various levels of quality.
Big circle: 7,5 km asphalt, 15 km forest and country roads at various levels of quality.



Easy



Nature

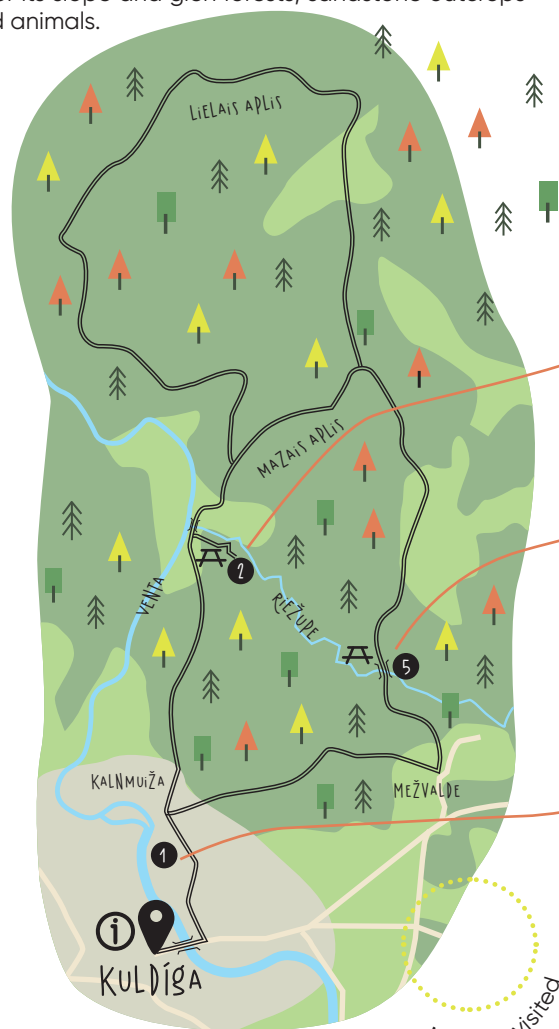


None



! Making a campfire and pitching a tent outside the designated areas is strictly forbidden!

! Beware of more traffic in summers in the 4,5 km section of the road from Kuldīga to Sand caves.



1 Cultural potato field is a symbolic reference to Imants Ziedonis' literary work "Kurzemite". Next to the potato field stands environmental installation "A much bigger table above my table".
GPS: 56.97361, 21.97702

2 The Riežupe sand caves are the longest underground cave labyrinth in Latvia – 2 km. Only 460m can be toured. The caves had been dug in three generations. More than 100 years ago the sand from the caves was taken to Ozolnieki and Ilguciems to be used in glass factories.
+371 29555042
GPS: 57.00657, 21.98636

3 "Osti" is the home of the legendary Latvian actor Ēvalds Valters. The family bought the house in 1975. At the moment his son Raits takes care of the family home "Osti" and it is not open for public.
GPS: 57.009348, 21.983752

4 In Riežupe and Maņģene forests there are four memorial sites dedicated to Nazis victims where Nazis army killed Jews in 1941. Two of the memorial sites are very close to the route.
GPS:
Nr.1 – 56.999623, 22.011531,
Nr.2 – 56.999956, 22.006301

5 Bridge across the Riežupe was built in 2018 to join both banks of the river Riežupe nature park. The bridge is meant for pedestrians and cyclists only.
GPS: 56.995219, 22.009356

By the Riežupe estuary in Venta
GPS: 57.009463, 21.979354

By the bridge over the Riežupe
GPS: 56.995441, 22.008435



Lielais aplis



Mazais aplis



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6. ROUND THE LAKE DZILONIS



The route could be a perfect choice for hikers who would enjoy rambling around the lake and exploring its scenic surroundings. This route is suitable for any weather conditions since the paths are dry but walkers have to beware of pine tree roots not to stumble. For hikers' convenience several bigger and smaller recreation sites have been arranged. The route may be extended by 3.7 km if you choose to walk round the Lake Mežmuiža and visit the village Ezeri.

Lake Dzilonis

Renda vicinity is rich in scenic lakes embossed in the woods. One of them is the lake Dzilonis locally called also Zilonis. Its average depth is 3m. The water is clear and pleasant for swimming in summer. The origin of its name is still unclear.



Recreation site

GPS 57.120894, 22.280834



2,5 km



Forest paths



Easy



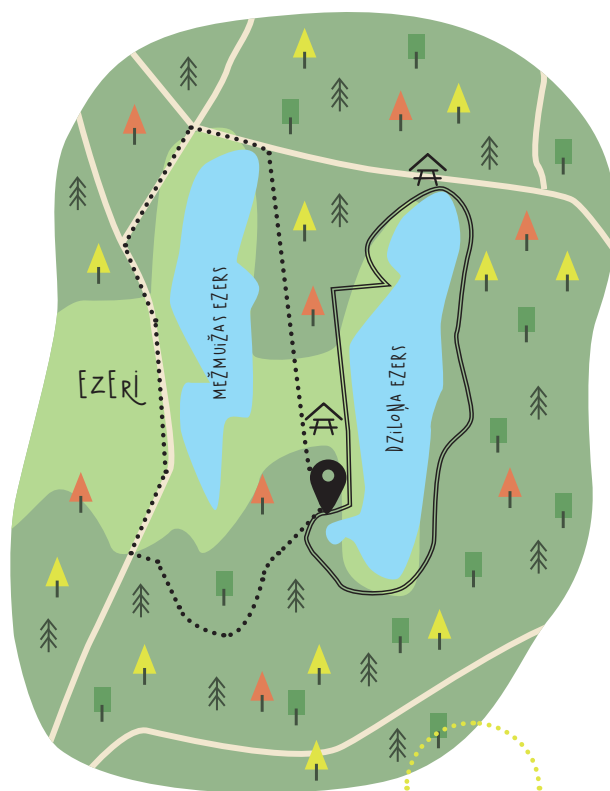
Nature



None



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Mark as visited



1 Lake Mežmuiža is one of the Mordanga group lakes. Its average depth is 2.7m. It has a peninsula named Jāņšala where used to be a recreation site.

GPS: 57.123617, 22.274878

2 Village Ezeri in old days also known as Mežkungmuiža formed around the former Renda Forest manor which later was used as a forestry office. Until 1770 it hosted a paper manufactory where a high quality writing-paper, silk wrapping paper and wallpaper were produced. Today visitors are welcome to look at some interesting log houses in the village (from outside only). Mežmuiža barn will definitely attract your attention but it is a private property.

GPS: 57.121241, 22.273560



Picnic site with a table, benches and a campfire site

GPS: 57.120860, 22.280748

Picnic site with a table, benches and a campfire site

GPS: 57.125960, 22.281970

Several recreation sites and bathing beaches have been arranged for holiday-makers on the coasts of **Lake Dzilonis**.



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7. ROUND THE LAKE USMA

(Route No. 559)

Usmas meķi - Āpciemš - Usma - Amjūdze - Usmas meķi

We recommend hiking anticlockwise.

The route will let you admire the landscape of Lake Usma surroundings. It proceeds along narrow country and forest roads. In dry summers some sections of the road might be sandy and rutted. The best picnic and swimming sites are on the eastern coast of the lake in campings and holiday homes there. Usma village offers a swimming beach. Since the tourism sites are situated evenly around the lake, it is possible to stop on the way and explore the surroundings.

Lake Usma

Lake Usma is the sixth largest lake in Latvia - 34 692 km². The inlets on its coast have unique names like Godeļdanga, Bukdanga, Ķuņkrags, Dižgabalrags etc. 10 rivers flow into Lake Usma but only one - Engure flows out of the lake. There are 7 islands on the lake. Moricsala is one of them. It hosts the Moricsala reserve which was established in 1912 and is the second oldest nature reserve in Europe.

If you travel from Renda, it is recommended to start the route from leisure complex "Usmas meķi", but if from motorway A10 - from Usma village.

50 km

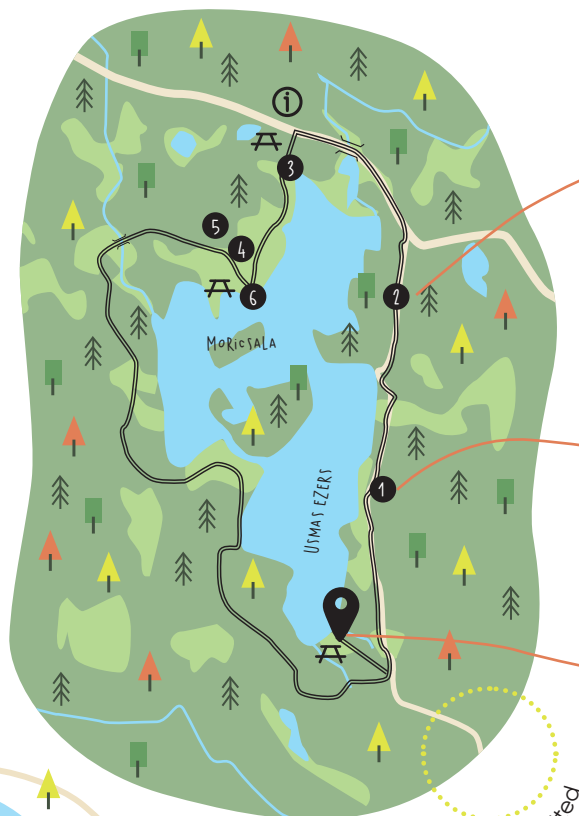
15 km asphalt,
35 km forest and country
roads at various levels of
quality

Medium hard

Nature, populated areas,
cultural history

The route is marked with
blue cycle route signs num-
bered 559

! Ride safely along the 5 km
section of the motorway
A10.



1 Usma church was built in 1936 on the old foundation of the previous church built in 1704. The previous church was built from hewed horizontal beams and currently visitors may see it in Latvia Open-air Ethnographic Museum. Visits to Usma church should be booked in advance. +371 29195412, usmasbaznica.lv
GPS: 57.15677, 22.20537

2 Ūdru hill observation tower is 26.5 m high and from there visitors may enjoy a spectacular view of Lake Usma and surrounding forests. In good weather it is possible to see Stende, Mundigciems and even Talsi.
GPS: 57.21141, 22.21630



3 Usma yacht club is the only inland water yacht harbour in Latvia (1973). The yacht club organizes local competitions and yachting school for youngsters. +371 29216328
GPS: 57.23682, 22.17434

4 Usma Christ's Cornerstone church was built quite recently - only in 1997 and it has an interesting design - it is a log building with a shingle roof. The interior of the church is worth seeing as well, especially the flower shaped chandeliers. The church is open to everyone daily but before visiting it is worth checking the opening times. +371 22330578
GPS: 57.20957, 22.15227

5 Elku linden in Usma (Saint linden) is believed to have had 9 offshoots. Nowadays only two of them are alive and one of them is of heritage value. Its circumference is 4.2 m.
GPS: 57.206186, 22.151402

6 Elkraga path is 700 m long boardwalk with a platform in the middle. From the boardwalk you may enjoy the view of Moricsala.
GPS: 57.207117, 22.152531



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14. Campsite „Strazdiņi”
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15. Guest house “Vesels veselumā”, +371 26463444

16. Campsite “Usma”
+371 29266236

17. Campsite “SAB Usma”
+371 29364154

18. Usma manor
+371 20133366
usmasmuiza.com



8. KALNANSU BOG TRAIL



Kalnansu bog trail is located 28 km from Kuldīga, not far from Kabile. It has an unusual, small, picturesque lake – Bezdibenis lake (Bottomless lake). The boardwalk is wide and safe enough for parents with children and disabled people on wheelchairs. By the lake there is a picnic site with a table and benches. In August and September the bog landscape is especially magnificent. There is a variety of berries – cloudberries, bilberries, bog bilberries, crowberries, cranberries, cowberries and others. Before the World War II Kalnansu bog was used for peat extraction but today economic activity in the bog is forbidden.

Lake Bezdibenis (Bottomless lake)

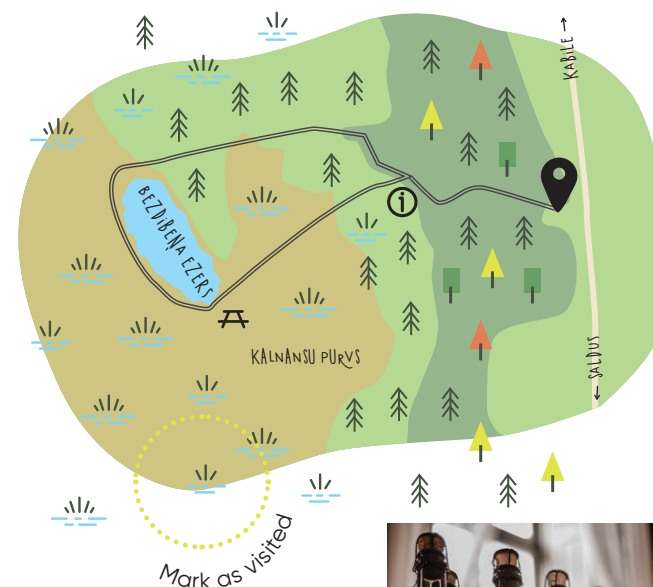
Some ancient documents mention Lake Bezdibenis (Bottomless lake) as the deepest lake in Latvia reaching 93–117m depth. However, according to data obtained by depth sounder the lake is only about 10 m deep with almost 5 m thick mud layer. The locals say that the water from this lake is really soft and healing.




SIGHTSEEING IN KABILE AND ITS SURROUNDINGS


1 Kabile manor landlord's house was built in the 3rd quarter of the 18th century and there you may still admire a well preserved decorative stucco moulding in ceiling design in the white hall which is considered to be the rarity regarding rococo interiors. Reconstruction of the manor was started in 2017 by opening a winery in the vaulted cellars of the manor. Excursions and wine degustations are available but booking is necessary. +371 28380477
GPS: 56.95048, 22.40017

2 Oak biotope and Livu street is a recreational and educational park with lots of oak trees and games for visitors. You may try playing minigolf, draughts, wooden bowling and others, altogether more than 15 different games. You may also learn about different processes in the forest as well as about forest management. Only this forest has street names and only there you will find the street dedicated to a rock group "Livi" where you may see song lyrics and song titles transformed into wooden sculptures. Visits should be booked in advance. +371 26364473
GPS: 56.90790, 22.43715



 **Car park**
GPS: 56.906606, 22.399788


 **1 km**

 **Forest path and boardwalk**

 **Easy**

 **Spectacular bog landscape**

 **None**

 **! Making a campfire outside the designated area is strictly forbidden!**
! Watch out for snakes!



Picnic site
GPS: 56.905767, 22.394116



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9. PASSING THE LAVENDER FIELDS

(Route No. 572)

Vārme - Šķēde - Lutriņi - Saldus - Druva - Vārme

It is recommended to choose this route in July when you will be able to immerse yourself in a blooming lavender field – not a typical Latvian landscape. Saldus will attract your attention with children's favourite sweets "Saldus toffee" and the produce of „Saldus bakery". In Druva you should try all different flavours of ice cream produced there. On the way you may have a look at old tractors and agricultural machines situated along the road. In the centre of Vārme you may visit the baron's manor but nature lovers may enjoy the landscape of Omiķu gully. The most part of the route proceeds along asphalted roads, only some parts –Vārme-Šķēde, Lutriņi- Druva proceed along narrow country roads.



In the centre of Vārme

GPS: 56.87332, 22.23897



74 km



60 km asphalt,
14 km gravel roads



Relatively easy



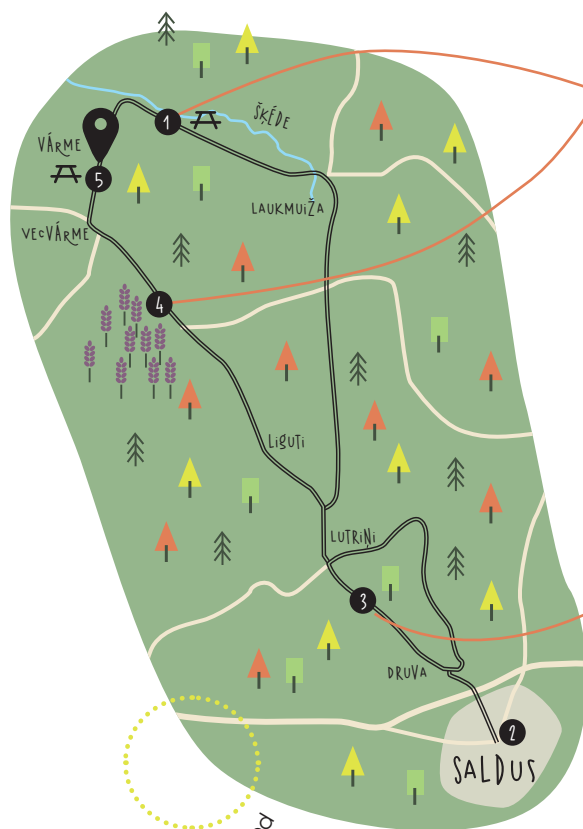
Nature, populated areas,
cultural history



The route is marked with
blue cycle route signs
numbered 572



! Drive safely along the
asphalted road Saldus-
Kuldīga (P108)



5 Vārme manor landlord's house has hosted Vārme primary school since 1926. The manor was built in 1830 by baron Brinken. The manor park is rich in rare species of trees such as Weymouth pine, European larch, dotted hawthorn, beech, American ash, grey walnut, American aspen, balsam poplar.

GPS: 56.87394, 22.23616

Information about sightseeing in Saldus
turisms.saldus.lv



Shop "Vārpiņa 2", "Upes", in Vārme
GPS: 56.87190, 22.23659

Shop "TOP", in Vārme
GPS: 56.87352, 22.23911

Shop "Pie bērza", Vārmē
GPS: 56.87340, 22.23919

Grocer's shops in Lutriņi, Druva and Saldus



Picnic site with a table, benches and a campfire site
GPS: 56.88561, 22.26910

"Aizupītes" in Vārme
GPS: 56.871323, 22.238717



Guest house "Pavasari"
+371 22015005

More information about accommodation and catering in Saldus district
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GPS: 56.96771, 21.97098



SaldusTIKSC
Saldus tourism information, culture and sports centre.
+371 63807443



1 Omīķu gully is the river Šķēde outcrop where the scientists have found fossilized animal remains formed about 380 million years ago. There is also a waterfall (3.5m) on the stream flowing into the river Šķēde.
GPS: 56.88561, 22.26910

2 Bronze sculptures near the staircase of St John's Lutheran church featuring 7 characters from Janis Rozentāls painting „After the service”.
GPS: 56.666827, 22.493145

3 Agricultural machinery is placed on the road sides of the motorway Saldus – Kuldīga in different locations – traction engine, soviet time tractor used for digging trenches, caterpillar tractor, peat collecting machine, caterpillar excavator and a threshing machine. All the machinery is open for public.



4 "Lillas Lavender" is the place to visit if you are curious to see the beautiful lavender field – from blossom to complete products. It's an opportunity to relax, to breathe in the wonderful lavender scent, learn about the history of lavender, its cultivation, gathering, lavender oil distillation process and practical use.
+371 26447888
lillaslavender.com
GPS: 56.81484, 22.27222



10. ĪVANDE MILLPOND TRAIL



Parking by the bathing place

GPS: 56.990248, 21.766159



2 km



Forest paths



Easy



Nature



None

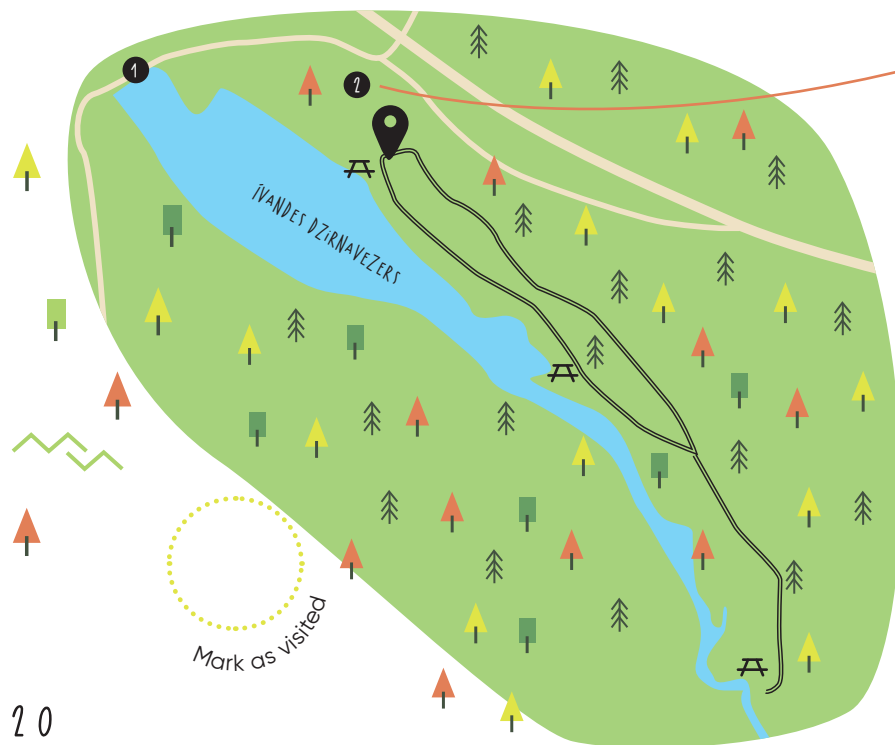


! Making a campfire outside the designated areas is strictly forbidden!

This route can be toured only on foot. It proceeds along the beautiful coast of Īvande millpond as far as a small peninsula. The route may be toured in any season as the path is mostly dry, only steep slopes (in 2 places) might be problematic in wet weather. The route towards the peninsula can't be covered with strollers because the path is too narrow and steep in places, however, parents with children may choose the section recommended as the way back, then it is possible to use the same route to the peninsula and back.

Īvande millpond

This scenic millpond, partly surrounded by the forest was created on the Vanka stream. The pond was stocked with fish some years ago but now the resources regenerate naturally and it is a popular place for fishermen. Fishing is allowed but only after obtaining a fisherman's card.



SIGHTSEEING IN ĪVANDE AND THE SURROUNDINGS

1 Īvande watermill was built in 1842 (a millstone in the wall proves it) and is still operating. The machinery and equipment are dating back to 1930. The two-storied house can be admired from outside but if agreed in advance, it's possible to see inside as well. +371 29937459

GPS: 56.99142, 21.76237

2 Īvande church is a small and cosy church built in 1815. In recent years the services take place at least twice a month and because of good acoustics, the church is a popular place for different concerts. GPS: 56.99118, 21.76637



3 Īvande manor complex was built in neo-classicism style and is relatively authentic. Four out of seven complex buildings have been preserved until today – a barn, a stable, the old landlord's house and the new landlord's house. The manor park is excellent for leisurely walks and there grow some secular trees. For example, the tallest white fir in the Baltics – 32 m tall with the circumference – 4 m. +371 29287566

ivandesmuiza.lv
GPS: 57.000809, 21.758256



Recreation site with the beach
GPS: 56.990248, 21.766159

Viewing point
GPS: 56.988908, 21.769195

Picnic site with a table, benches and a campfire site
GPS: 56.983963, 21.775369



11. SuiTi cycling ROUTE

(Route No. 562)



Kuldīga town hall square
or car park near Alsunga
recreation centre



56 km



34 km asphalt,
22 km gravel roads



Relatively easy



Nature, populated areas,
cultural history



None



! Drive safely along the
asphalted road from
Kuldīga to Alsunga. In
summer season the road
might be busy with traffic.

Kuldīga – Īvande – Ēdole –
Alsunga – Upītes – Kuldīga

The route proceeds through suiTi ethnographic district and connects Kuldīga with Alsunga. Experienced cyclists might create their own personalized route choosing some sections of P110 road and old suiTi scenic roads.

SuiTi

- SuiTi is a small catholic community in lutheran Courland residing in Alsunga district, Jūrkalne and Gudenieki municipalities.
- SuiTi community is famous for their SuiTi singers, bright national costumes, SuiTi dialect, rich wedding traditions, traditional carrot pies called sklandraušī, religious traditions, annual customs, SuiTi national songs and dances.
- A well-known SuiTi tradition in Latvia is „burdons” – singing of SuiTi female singers.
- The famous basketball player Kristaps Porziņģis' family roots are from SuiTi community.
- In 2009 SuiTi culture area was included in UNESCO non-material cultural heritage list.



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GPS: 56.99142, 21.76237

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+371 29287566, ivandesmuiža.lv
GPS: 57.00080, 21.75825

3 **Ēdole castle** is the only stone castle with towers and inner yard built by the Courland bishopric (1265). It is still inhabited. The castle rich in legends and tales suffered greatly in wars and fires but it has always been renovated. Currently it hosts a hotel and a cafe.
+371 63321251, edolespils.lv
GPS: 57.01778, 21.69684

4 **Ēdole lutheran church** was built in the 17th century by the owner of Ēdole manor Johann Dietrich Behr to commemorate his murdered father. The church may be viewed only from outside.
GPS: 57.01710, 21.68970

5 **Marmot farm "Jaunstuči"** hosts more than 26 forest-steppe marmots and you are welcome to visit them from May to October. Booking necessary.
+371 26020002, murkskis.lv
GPS: 56.99777, 21.62056

6 **Alsunga Livonian Order Castle** is really ancient, its oldest part was built in 1372. Only part of it is open to public.
+371 26425015, alsunga.lv
GPS: 56.98162, 21.56753

7 **Rija** is a place where visitors are welcome to try some traditional crafts, learn interesting things as well as buy the works of local craftsmen.
+371 29446594
GPS: 56.982157, 21.565538

8 **St. Michael's Alsunga Roman catholic church** was built in 1623.
+371 26326253, alsunga.lv
GPS: 56.97979, 21.57052

9 **Alsunga TIC** offers an exhibition about life of SuiTi community in ancient times and about the history of Alsunga municipality in the 20th century.
+371 26425015, alsunga.lv
GPS: 56.9780, 21.56436



Shop "TOP", Dārza iela, Ēdole mill
GPS: 57.02007, 21.68978

Shop "Amoli", Dārza iela 5 Ēdole, GPS: 57.101706, 21.68960

Shop "TOP" Skolas iela 5, Alsunga
GPS: 56.97935, 21.56918

Shop "Ausma" Skolas iela 3, Alsunga
GPS: 56.97950, 21.57002



Picnic site with a table, benches and a campfire site
GPS: 56.983963, 21.775369

Dižgabalkalns

GPS: 56.97119, 21.56852



Country house "Zāģeri"
+371 29904580

Hostel "Īvandes muiža"
371 29287566

Hotel "Ēdoles pils" and
cafe "Pilskrogs"
+371 29184721

Holiday home "Pūļalgi"
+371 29240934

Holiday home "Kažoki"
+371 29255309

Guest house "Pilskalni"
+371 29146515

Campsite/Viesu nams "Kīši"
+371 29244221

Campsite/Guest house
"Ezermalji", +371 29122870

Cafe "Spēlmaņkrogs"
+371 28462259

Teahouse "Sapņotava"
+371 25505075

PitStop
+371 26179298



Recreation site with a
bathing place
GPS: 56.990248, 21.766159



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12. ŽIBGRAVA HEALTH TRAIL



Car park behind the brown road sign at the road P119 (Kuldīga – Alsunga)

GPS: 56.98428, 21.57882

1,5 km



Well-worn path and gravel road



Easy



Nature, landscape



Marked with special signs – a pedestrian on the yellow background with the direction sign and remaining distance.



! Making a campfire outside the designated area is strictly forbidden!

The name Žibgrava itself points to the main value of this trail – the ravine whose height at some parts reaches 15m. The route proceeds through a hilly forest terrain along the picturesque, winding banks of the river Kaulinupīte. In the health trail you may spot a number of peculiar old trees, a spring, a pond as well as such protected species as Jet ant, lichen *Arthonia spadicea* and liver-brown polypore. On the way you may enjoy not only captivating information about flora and fauna of the trail but also tales and riddles about Sūiti dialect displayed on information stands along the trail. Some parts of the trail might be wet and flooded during the rainy season, so appropriate footwear is advisable.

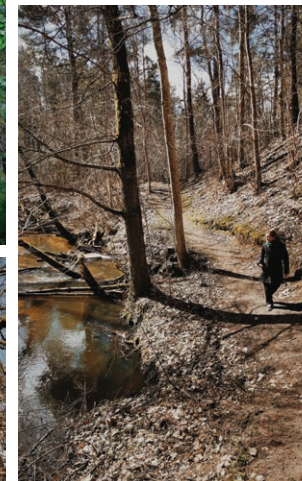


WE RECOMMEND!

ZIEDLEJAS WALKING TRAIL is a new trail with recreation and picnic sites in a picturesque gully which is still being developed. The trail starts at Alsunga recreation centre and finishes in the place where used to be the coast of the Baltic ice lake or ancient sea bluff.

In summer of 2021 visitors will be offered hiking routes of different length „SUITI TRAILS“ covering Alsunga district nature areas and places of heritage value.

Ziedlejas open-air stage
GPS: 56.984878, 21.561536



In Alsunga:

“Spēlmaņkrogs” is a good place to dine, to take part in workshops about Sūiti food, meet Sūiti singers and Sūiti bagpipers. +37128462259
GPS: 56.98043, 21.56944

“Sapņotava” is a teahouse in Alsunga where to meet your friends for a chat and enjoy Sūiti flavours and tastes. +371 25505075
GPS: 56.978000, 21.565044

Shop “TOP”
Skolas iela 5, Alsunga
GPS: 56.97935, 21.56918

Shop “Ausma”
Skolas iela 3, Alsunga
GPS: 56.97950, 21.57002

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GPS: 56.9780, 21.56436



Picnic site and a campfire site
GPS: 56.98409, 21.58565



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13. VISITING OSTRICHES



Kuldīga – Pelči – Snēpele – ostrich farm “Nornieki” – Lake Āpe – Kuldīga

A very scenic route that will take you along narrow country roads, past fish ponds, small lakes where it's possible to have a swim in hot weather, past well-kept country properties, grain fields, as well as past Pelči manor and Snēpele manor. To have a rest you may stop at ostrich and goat farm „Nornieki” where you will have a delicious meal in a family restaurant „...ar putniem”. The time will pass unnoticed while walking around the farm. On the route there are a few sections where the route proceeds along narrow paths through forest clearings and past abandoned properties. In dry weather some parts of the road might be very dusty. Don't be surprised to encounter a badger on a path to Lake Āpe.

About ostriches

African ostrich (*Struthio camelus*) is the largest living bird at 2.80 m in height and 90–130 kg in weight. Males are bigger than females and may reach up to 160 kg in weight. Regardless of its height, the bird's brain weighs only 30–40 grams! The ostrich has the biggest eyes if compared to other land animals. The diameter of an eye is 5 cm but both eyes together weigh more than its brain. The ostrich is also the fastest two-legged animal reaching up to 72 km/h when running. The length of a step while running is about 3.5–4 m.

Kuldīga Town hall square.
The route might be started also from the centre of Pelči or Snēpele.

47 km

14 km asphalt,
33 km forest and country roads at various levels of quality

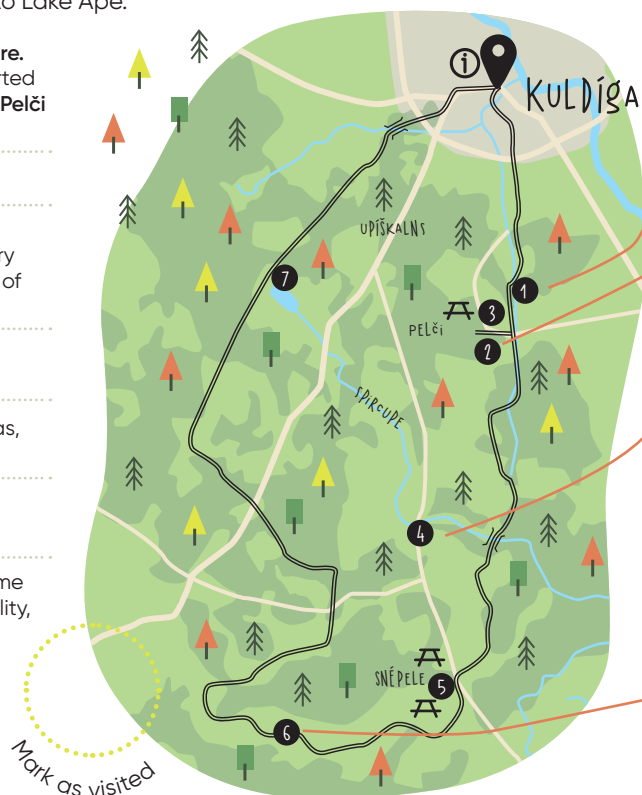
Medium hard

Nature, populated areas,
cultural history, farms

None

! Giant hogweed in some areas of Pelči municipality, risks of burns when touching it.

! Be careful when crossing the motorway Kuldīga – Aizpute!



1 Dambi fishing ponds specialize in fish breeding. They run about 10 reservoirs where visitors at a moderate charge are welcome to try their luck and catch a pike, a carp, a crucian carp, a tench or a perch. There are recreation areas and a walking path near the ponds. +371 27579487
GPS: 56.92614, 21.97466

2 Pelči manor was built in 1904 and is considered to be one of the earliest manors having elements of art nouveau, French Renaissance, baroque and Neo-Renaissance. Visitors are welcome to view the manor from outside but excursions around the manor should be booked in advance. +371 29712248
GPS: 56.91880, 21.96817

3 Peony garden “Ziedoņi” has one of the biggest peony collections in Latvia. Every year in June the owners organize a Peony festival there. +371 28615836
GPS: 56.92258, 21.96427

4 In Deer garden “Mazsālijas” visitors may see more than 50 deer. The owners will treat you with a locally distilled brandy „Gunjaks” and offer degustations of their produce but booking is necessary. +371 22003744
GPS: 56.88201, 21.93786

5 Snēpele manor was built in the 19th century and was the property of baron Haan family. The manor currently hosts a weavers' studio „Vēveri”, a famous Latvian painter Indriķis Zeberinš' memorial room (he was a painter, graphic artist, book illustrator, cartoonist) as well as an exhibition about the history of the manor and the local area. +371 28311151
GPS: 56.84025, 21.94515

6 Ostrich farm “Nornieki” is the largest of its kind in Latvia. There you may see both adults and chicks, observe the egg incubation process as well as cuddle young goats. The owners also offer degustations of ostrich meat products and creative workshops. +371 29282032
strausuferma.com
GPS: 56.843908, 21.889540

7 Lake Āpe is located in Kurmāle municipality. It covers 12 ha and its average depth is 2.7 m. It has beautiful coasts but it's not available for swimming. GPS: 56.926846, 21.890442



Shop “Saldo” Snēpelē
GPS: 56.8414, 21.94567

Shop “Pelči”
GPS: 56.92037, 21.96846



Guest house “Mazsālijas”
+371 22003744, mazsaliijas.lv

Guest house “Putraimi”
+371 29181329

Tent site “Dambi”
+371 27579487



Restaurant “...ar putniem”
+371 29282032
strausuferma.com



Recreation site “Dambi”
GPS: 56.92614, 21.97466

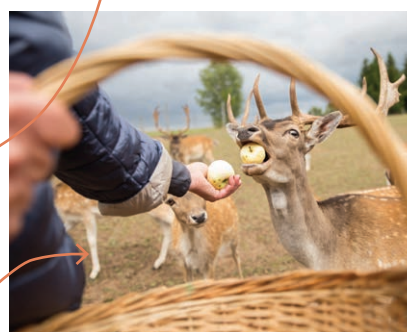
Recreation site “Ķepšu ezers”
GPS: 56.85225, 21.95174

Recreation site “Pagastmāja”
GPS: 56.84766, 21.9532



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14. WALKING TRAIL IN SKRUNDA ALONG THE RIVER VENTA



On the bank of the Venta there stands the Skrunda castle mound which is a popular place among locals as well as tourists. The open air stage is surrounded by park with the sculptor Ģ.Burvis created wooden chairs for Curonian Kings. The castle mound is rich in tales about underground passages and the woman in white „Ventas Vārava” (the Venta water – nymph) who appears only once in hundred years. After seeing the castle mound take a stroll along the walking trail and enjoy the picturesque landscape of the nature and the river, watch birds and relax at recreation sites with benches and a campfire site on the way. The walking trail is used also by canoeists as the beginning and end of their boat trips.

„Gypsy sauna”

It was created in 2020 and is available for locals and tourists free of charge but visitors should take their own firewood and sauna whisks. Before entering the sauna visitors should read the instructions. About 50 m from the sauna there are changing rooms and toilets.

Saldus iela 23, Skrunda
(car park near Skrunda open-air stage)
GPS: 56.67338, 22.02398

1,6 km



Gravel path



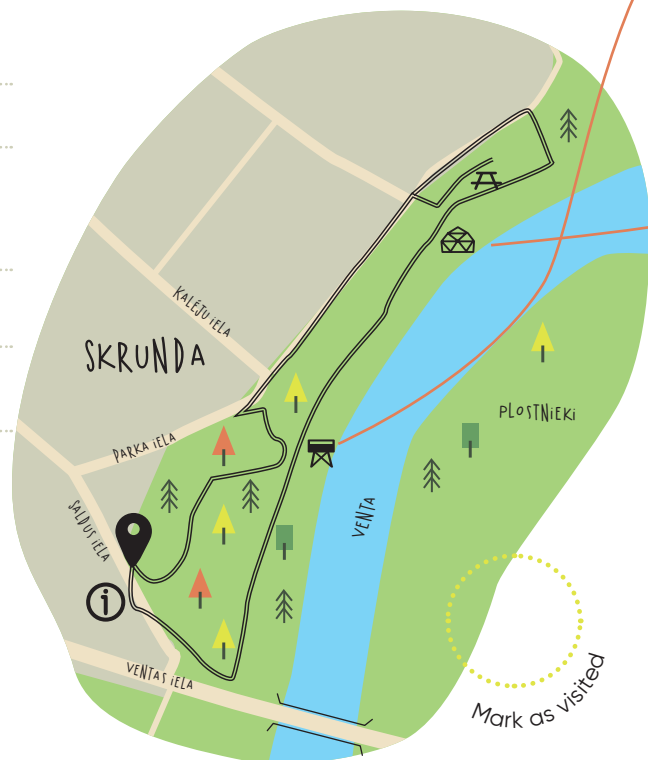
Easy



Nature, landscape,
the river Venta



None, but it is easy to
orientate yourself by the
path



SIGHTSEEING IN SKRUNDA AND THE SURROUNDINGS

1 Skrunda manor landlord's house was built on the bank of the river Venta in the 19th century in classicism style. In the course of time the manor faced several reconstructions. Nowadays the manor hosts a hotel and a restaurant and a history room with an exhibition about history of Skrunda and Skrunda manor. +371 22113355 skrundasmuiza.lv
GPS: 56.67085, 22.02315

2 In Andžēnu station you may visit a scrap metal design workshop – museum offering an opportunity to take a photo with various design objects such as locomotive, an English phone box, an American tank and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea. +371 20076776 andenustacija.lv
GPS: 56.67703, 22.02367

3 Memorial goods wagon – museum is the first wagon-museum in Latvia with the exposition commemorating deportations. There you may see photos of people who were deported from Skrunda station, their letters, memories, documents and different things made by deportees. These tragic events date back to June 1941 and March 1949 when 2916 people were deported from Skrunda station. If you would like to see this exposition, the key to the museum is with the station – master on duty.
GPS: 56.68052, 22.01293



WE RECOMMEND!

12 km from Skrunda in the direction of Kuldīga you are welcome to stop at Raņķi and try the walking and active recreation trail in **Sudmalnieki birch grove**. You may enjoy the stone maze, recreation sites, bridges, activities for kids and the bank of the river Venta. The beginning and end of the trail is at Raņķi mill.
GPS: 56.78071, 21.99804



Picnic site

GPS: 56.676230, 22.028422



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Restaurant „Skrundas muiža”

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GPS: 56.67085, 22.02315

Cafe „Jumis”

+371 26794288

GPS: 56.673379, 22.017312

There are several grocer's
stores in Skrunda.

15. SKRUNDA CYCLING ROUTE

(Route No. 570)



Milk manor Berghof
GPS: 56.69054, 21.89001
Atmodas iela 16, Aizpute
GPS: 56.71922, 21.60320
Kazdanga manor
GPS: 56.73406, 21.73279

↔ **51 km**



37 km asphalt,
14 km gravel roads



Easy



Nature, populated areas,
cultural history



The route is marked with
blue cycling route signs
numbered **570**

Aizpute - Kazdanga - Sieksāte - Kalvene - Aizpute

The route will let you discover men made as well as nature created miracles in Aizpute. On the way from Aizpute to Sieksāte you may stop at Sieksāte manor, shiitake nursery and Sieksāte milk museum. From Sieksāte to Kalvene the route proceeds along remote country roads but when travelling from Kalvene to Aizpute you will enjoy the spectacular Lejaskurzeme landscape. The section of the route from Kalvene to Aizpute might be covered by alternative option replacing asphalt road by the Forest Trail route moving along small country roads.



1 Kazdanga manor complex (the beginning of the 19th century) in several generations belonged to very wealthy and influential Kurzeme Barons Manteuffels. Currently the building hosts Kazdanga museum and an exhibition of Forest museum. +371 28616717, visitaizpute.lv
GPS: 56.73406, 21.73279

2 Kazdanga manor park was started in the beginning of the 19th century. Today it is one of the largest (196 ha) and dendrologically richest manor parks in Latvia. The park has walking paths, an observation platform and a wooden plankway across the Millpond for birdwatching, a bike path, wooden sculptures, benches, paths and bridges.
GPS: 56.72285, 21.73990

3 Valtaiķi church was built in 1792. Its interior is in classicism style with rococo elements. It is worth seeing 15 stained-glass windows which were ordered and made in Italy.
GPS: 56.697409, 21.800122

4 Garikas is a shiitake nursery. Shiitake mushrooms are considered as delicatessen worldwide, so don't miss the opportunity to try them since the farm „Garikas” offers degustations and excursions. +371 29147778, garikas.lv
GPS: 56.702085, 21.871092

5 Milk manor Berghof offers its guests not only relaxation in milk SPA but also an opportunity to visit the Milk museum where they will learn about the history of dairy industry in Latvia, listen to interesting stories, try to milk a cow and make butter. +371 26518660 pienamuzejs.lv
GPS: 56.69054, 21.89001

6 Tāšu manor was built in the 19th century as Korphu family manor which in 1852 became the property of Keyserlingk family. Hunting manor belonging to Count Keyserlingk is an excellent example of late classicism style which he later used as his summer residence. Nowadays it hosts Kalvene primary school. +371 29147778
GPS: 56.604155, 21.730429

7 Boju manor was built in 1860. The manor complex including park and several ponds belonged to influential Kurzeme Baron von Behr family. Nowadays it hosts State Stock Company „Latvijas valsts meži” Dienvidkurzeme forestry.
GPS: 56.680947, 21.655357



Shops in Kazdanga, Aizpute un Kalvene



Kazdanga manor park
GPS: 56.724039, 21.736190

Kazdanga manor park
GPS: 56.72285, 21.73990

Bojas
GPS: 56.680947, 21.655357



Hotel and restaurant “Piena muiža”, +371 26518660
Guest house “Garikas”
+371 29147778

Recreation complex “Lauku kūrorts”, +371 29399379

Hotel – cafe “Spāres”
+371 25125162

Accommodation in Aizpute –
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16. SECTIONS OF THE FOREST TRAIL IN KULDĪGA VICINITY



Forest Trail is the long distance hiking route, part of E11, in the Baltic States that leads through the most beautiful forests and national parks of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia.



BEGINNING: Aizpute, tourism information centre

END: Snēpele manor



34 km



Gravel roads, in Snēpele – asphalt. In Kazdanga – small roads and park paths.



Difficult if covered in one day, easy if covered in two days.



BEGINNING: Snēpele manor

END: Old brick bridge across the Venta



21 km



Mostly gravel roads, in Snēpele and Kuldīga – asphalt or cobblestone streets, walking trail along the river bank mostly with gravel surfacing.



Easy

SECTION 91. AIZPUTE – SNĒPELE

Aizpute – Kazdanga – Snēpele

Forest Trail leads through Aizpute along Atmodas and Jelgavas streets, then after passing Laža pond it turns right and comes close to Kazdanga manor park from the south. The route continues along narrow paths and past Millpond, through the manor park, around the manor and past Zēnu pond. Then 0.7 km it continues along Kazdanga – Cildi road (V1200) and turns right on to Snēpele – Kadanga (V1296) road. On the way to the country house „Zemturi” the Forest Trail gradually moves upwards reaching Rietumkursu upland offering spectacular sights in both directions. From „Zemturi” the Forest Trail proceeds through thinly populated forest tracts for about 12 km and only the last 3 km it moves past agricultural lands and farmsteads until finally it reaches Snēpele.

SECTION 92. SNĒPELE – KULDĪGA

Snēpele – Slipiņciems – Pelči – Kuldīga

Proceeding the main street in Snēpele the Forest Trail leads to the road V1294 and after 0.3 km opposite Kepšu lake it turns right on to a small country road. Along this road the Forest Trail continues as far as Slipiņciems crossing the stream Sprincupe and passing the pond made on the stream. Further the trail continues in Pelči direction. In Pelči the Forest Trail proceeds past Dambi ponds and joins the road Kuldīga – Pelči (V1293) and passing through allotment areas Kurzemite and Rumba the trail reaches the bank of the river Venta and Kuldīga ring road. From there the Forest Trail continues 2.4 km along the bank of the river Venta until it reaches the old brick bridge.



BEGINNING: Old brick bridge across the Venta
END: Renda, opposite the Lutheran church



32 km



Mostly gravel roads, a short section – dirt roads, Kuldīga and Renda – asphalt.



Difficult



BEGINNING: Renda, opposite Lutheran church
END: Sabile, bridge across the Abava



25 km



Gravel roads, a short section – paths, Renda and Sabile – asphalt and cobblestone



Medium hard

SECTION 93. KULDĪGA – RENDA

Kuldīga – Pārventa – Kalnmuiža – Mazrenda – Renda

After passing the old brick bridge, the Forest Trail proceeds for a while along the right bank of the river Venta, then moves along Krasta street and Vetcinica – Paleja road, leads through Kalnmuiža forest, crosses the river Riežupe and the route continues along Renda forest roads as far as Mazrenda. The terrain is flat since this section crosses Kursu lowland. In Mazrenda the Forest Trail passes sand-gravel pit and along Kuldīga street comes to the centre of Renda. This section crosses nature protected area „The Venta valley” and nature park „Riežupe” territory.

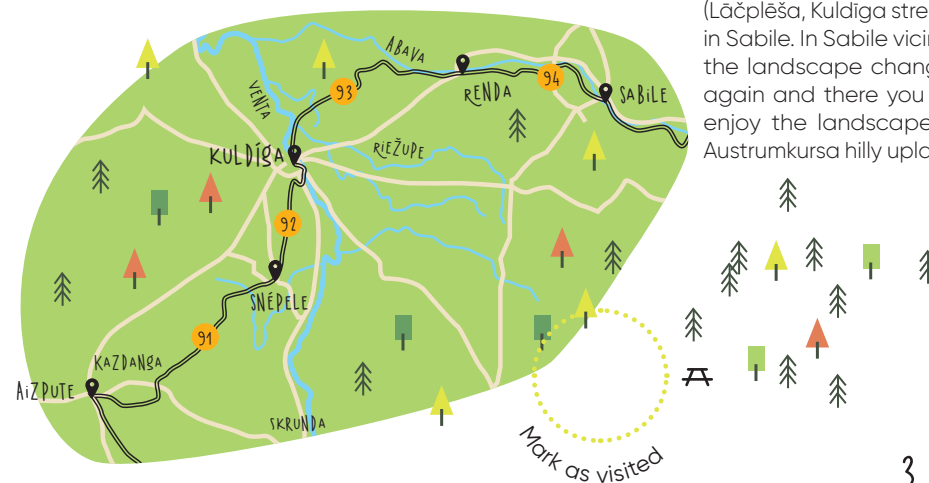
Good to know! The section between Kuldīga and Renda features no catering providers, shops and accommodation. Bus services are available in the section between Kuldīga and Renda, however, in the middle part of the route the bus stops are about 10 km away from the Forest Trail.

SECTION 94. RENDA – SABILE

Renda – Valgale – Rumbciems – Sabile

The Forest Trail in this section for a short distance meanders along the banks of the Ivande stream and then joins the Kroju road. At the beginning hikers may enjoy the open landscape but soon the trail continues through the forest. In some parts you may admire the picturesque sights of the Abava valley. Gradually the landscape changes because the Forest Trail leaves Kursu lowland and moves upward the Austrumkursu upland. At Valgale village the trail moves around the deep gully of the Valgale river and along the Abava valley proceeds downward reaching the Abava bridge

(Lāčplēša, Kuldīga streets) in Sabile. In Sabile vicinity the landscape changes again and there you will enjoy the landscape of Austrumkursu hilly upland.



Vairāk informācija par Mežtaka www.baltictrails.eu/lv

17. WATER TOURISM IN KULDĪGA VICINĪTĪ



More information about water tourism routes and canoe rentals www.upesoga.lv

THE ABAVA

The Abava is considered to be one of the best options in Latvia for canoeing fans. In summers most of the route the river is slow without obstacles and rapids. It is appropriate for families with children as well as for those who will try canoeing for the first time. The Abava may be divided into two parts – „the civilized section” and „the wild one”.

The civilized section (50 km) is from Kandava to Renda. The Abava there flows past several populated areas with some guest houses and campsites on its banks. On the route there are also some sightseeing objects which may be viewed from the canoe.

The Abava is suitable for various kinds of boats – canoes, kayaks, SUPs and inflatable boats.

RECOMMENDED ROUTES:

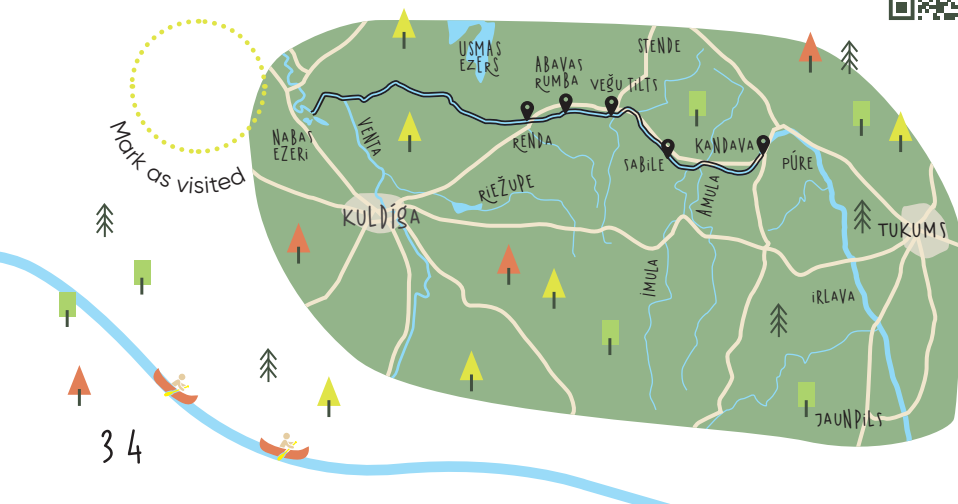
Kandava – Renda	50 km	2 days
Sabile – Renda	26 km	1–2 days
Abavas Rumba – Renda	21 km	1 day
Veģu tilts – Renda	15 km	1 day

The wild section (43 km) is from Renda to the Venta and further until Nabas lake which is the end of the route. This section may be covered in two days with camping in tents and relaxing in nature. On the route there aren't any populated areas but there are tent sites mostly created by water tourists themselves.

Near the Venta estuary you may see several outcrops – Zilumu rock, Galmicu rock, Lējēju and Muižarāju rocks.

RECOMMENDED ROUTE:

Renda – Nabas ezers	43 km	2 days
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THE VENTA

Although the Venta is the fourth longest river in Latvia, it is not as popular among water tourists as the Abava. Its curves, long stretches and slow flow makes it accessible to strong winds with the exception of the part from Nīgrande to Skrunda which is the most popular canoeing route on the Venta. If the wind blows from the south, then the section from Skrunda to Kuldīga is quite good for canoeing as well, although the river in this part is wide, shallow and quite slow. You will enjoy canoeing also in some sections between Kuldīga and Nabas lake. The Venta is suitable for all kinds of boats and on its banks you will find tent sites and camp-sites to stop for a rest.

RECOMMENDED ROUTES:

Nīgrande – Skrunda	32 km	2 days
Skrunda – Kuldīga	33 km	2 days
Kuldīga – Riežupe	6 km	1 day
Kuldīga – viesu māja "Kamenītes"	15 km	1 day
Kuldīga – Nabas ezers	26 km	2 days



EQUIPMENT RENTAL for active recreation in your chosen route

BICYCLES

Kuldīga active recreation centre	Baznīcas iela 5, Kuldīga	+371 29334403	Visitkuldiga.com 📍 kuldiga.tourism
Hotel "Jēkaba sēta"	Liepājas iela 36, Kuldīga	+371 28631122	Jekabaseta.lv 📍 Jekabaseta
Holiday home "Raxti"	Ēdoles iela 11, Kuldīga	+371 29505958	Raxti.lv 📍 raxtikuldiga
Retro-bike rental "Ciskdrill"	Kaļķu iela 16, Kuldīga Aizputes iela 5-2, Kuldīga	+371 28826604 +371 27143844	
Fat bike Kuldīga	Baznīcas iela 32, Kuldīga	+371 24884888	📍 bestinkuldiga

SUP

SUP Kuldīga	Kuldīga	+371 20010677	📍 sup.kuldiga
Supsup.lv	Kuldīga	+371 29810990	
VentaSUPE	Skrunda	+371 29694239	📍 onetetuleiko
Skrunda Apartments "Elandrum"	Ventas iela 6, Skrunda	+371 25757043	skrundaapartments.com 📍 skrundaapartments
Guest house "Ventas"	Ventas, Raņķi municipality, Skrunda district	+371 29133570 +371 29106069	Ventas.lv 📍 VentaSkrunda

BOATS

"Mučas"	Kurmāles municipality, Kuldīga district	+371 26132961	laivunoma.com
Abavas laivas	"Abavas", Renda municipality, Kuldīga district	+371 29178593	abavaslaivas.lv 📍 abavaslaivas
Abavas brīvdienas	"Ciņi", Renda municipality, Kuldīga district	+371 26825352	Laivo.lv
Jūras laivas	"Avoti", Renda municipality, Kuldīga district	+371 29464901	juraslaivas.lv
Skrunda Apartments "Elandrum"	Ventas iela 6, Skrunda	+371 25757043	skrundaapartments.com 📍 skrundaapartments
Guest house "Ventas"	Ventas, Raņķi municipality, Skrunda district	+371 29133570 +371 29106069	Ventas.lv 📍 VentaSkrunda
Campsite "Ventmalas"	"Ventmaļi", Nīkrace municipality, Skrunda district	+371 29633991	Ventmalas.lv 📍 ventmalas

VESPA scooters

Rent Vespa Kuldīga	Baznīcas iela 23, Kuldīga	+371 25877483	📍 RentVespaKuldiga
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ELEKTRO scooters

"Zelta Apelsīns"	Liepājas iela 6, Kuldīga	+371 26566738	📍 zeltaapelsins
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ACTIVE RECREATION on the spot

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ĒDOLES DZIRNAVEZERS	SUPO ĒDOLĒ	SUP rental	+371 26497964	📍 SUPO ĒDOLĒ
NABAS EZERS	Campsite "Nabīte"	SUPs, canoes, catamarans *Booking necessary.	+371 26327997 +371 29458904	📍 kempingsnabite
USMAS EZERS	Campsite "Usmas meķi"	Bicycles, SUPs, canoes, catamarans, water jet bikes, water skis, zorb balls, wakeboards, motorboat, horse riding	+371 29166276	Usmasmeki.lv 📍 UsmasMeki
	Campsite "Zāgkalni"	SUPs, canoes, water skis, zorb balls, horse riding	+371 29195412	
	Campsite "Muižnieki"	SUPs, canoes, catamarans	+371 22001442 +371 29476530	Muižnieki.lv
	Campsite "Dižāpas"	SUPs, canoes, catamarans	+371 26396247	
	Campsite "Grāveri"	SUPs, canoes, windsurfing, water bicycles, horse riding	+371 29288407	📍 graveri.kempings
ZVIRGZDU EZERS	Campsite "Ezermalī"	SUPs, canoes, water bicycles	+371 29122870	Ezermalī.lv
	Guest house "Kīši"	SUPs, canoes	+371 29244221	📍 Viesu nams "Kīši"
"Rumbenieki", Rumba municipality, Kuldīga district	Kuldīgas kvadracikli	Quad bike rental	+371 27543522 +371 29891948	📍 AktivaAtputa
Mazīvande, Īvande municipality, Kuldīga district	Baraka Tag	Laser tag	+371 29759991	📍 BarakaTagLazer-tagParks
"Lunīni", Snēpele municipality, Kuldīga district	Zirgu sēta "Eguss"	Horse riding	+371 29139698	📍 BiedribaEGUSS
"Lunīni", Snēpele municipality, Kuldīga district	"Zāģeri"	Horse riding	+371 29904580 +371 29904686 +371 29161321	zageri.lv 📍 viesunamszageri
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KULDĪGA DISTRICT MAP





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