Tukums





Rīga-Tukums 67 km by the

or the federal road E22 (A10)

Kuldīga-Tukums 96 km by the

Liepāja-Tukums 168 km by the

federal road of class 1 P120 and P130

federal road A9 and the federal road

Ventspils-Tukums 124 km by the

Jelgava-Tukums 54 km by the

federal road E22 (A10)

of class 1 P104 or P98

federal road E22 (A10)

federal road of class 1 P98

The large plank-way of Ķemeri Moor

How to get to Tukums?

By bus

Public transport from Riga to Tukums is provided every two hours by several public transport providers. For more information: www.autoosta.lv or www.1188.lv

By train

JSC "Pasažieru vilciens" ensures regular commuting from Riga to Tukums almost every hour. Information: www.vivi.lv or www.1188.lv

By plane

Participants of the small aviation can use the services of "Jūrmala Airport" (approximately 5 km away from Tukums)

Car rent in Tukums and Latvia

FS Noma, 13 Zemītes Street, Tukums, tel.: 29122000, www.fsnoma.lv

Visit Tukums to get some Smukums!

Nobody really knows when and how a phrase "Visit Tukums to get some Smukums!" or "Find beauty in Tukums" was coined, but it has been known in Latvia for more than 100 years. Where do you find the beauty of Tukums and its vicinity? In small towns which give a feeling of peace and safety. In the luxurious palaces and castles of the vicinity. We find beauty in nature - in river valleys and lakes, sandy beach, cultivated fields, woods and even marshes and moors. Beauty hides in creativity of the local people. One week will not be enough to see it all!











Brīvības Square in Tukums

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Tukums – a town of roses and art

Route No.

Small circles through Tukums

Tukums is a place where
the peace of small town and
vibrant modern life converge.
You can attend quiet and
restful museums or visit loud
and joyful events. Rigans say:
"Everything is so pretty small
here. You cannot get tired,
and it is always interesting!"

You can explore town centre in 3 routes - Old Town circle, Rose Route and Art Route.

TOP attraction sites in Tukums

1. The Freedom Square with fountain

More than 600 years ago it was called the Market Square, because people from countryside, near or far, fishermen from the seaside villages and local craftsmen gathered here. Until 1990 it was called the Red Square, but now it has regained its name – Brīvības or the Freedom Square, a famous place to meet, decorated with colourful flowerbeds and a fountain.

Brīvības Square, Tukums GPS 56.9650 23.1555

2. Tukums Castle Tower

Tukums Castle Tower is a fragment of the oldest structure in Tukums – Livonian Order Castle, built at the end of the 13th century. Once the tower served as a prison and storage facility but since 1995 it hosts a museum revealing the city history, telling stories about Tukums and its residents.

Brīvības Sq. 19a, Tukums

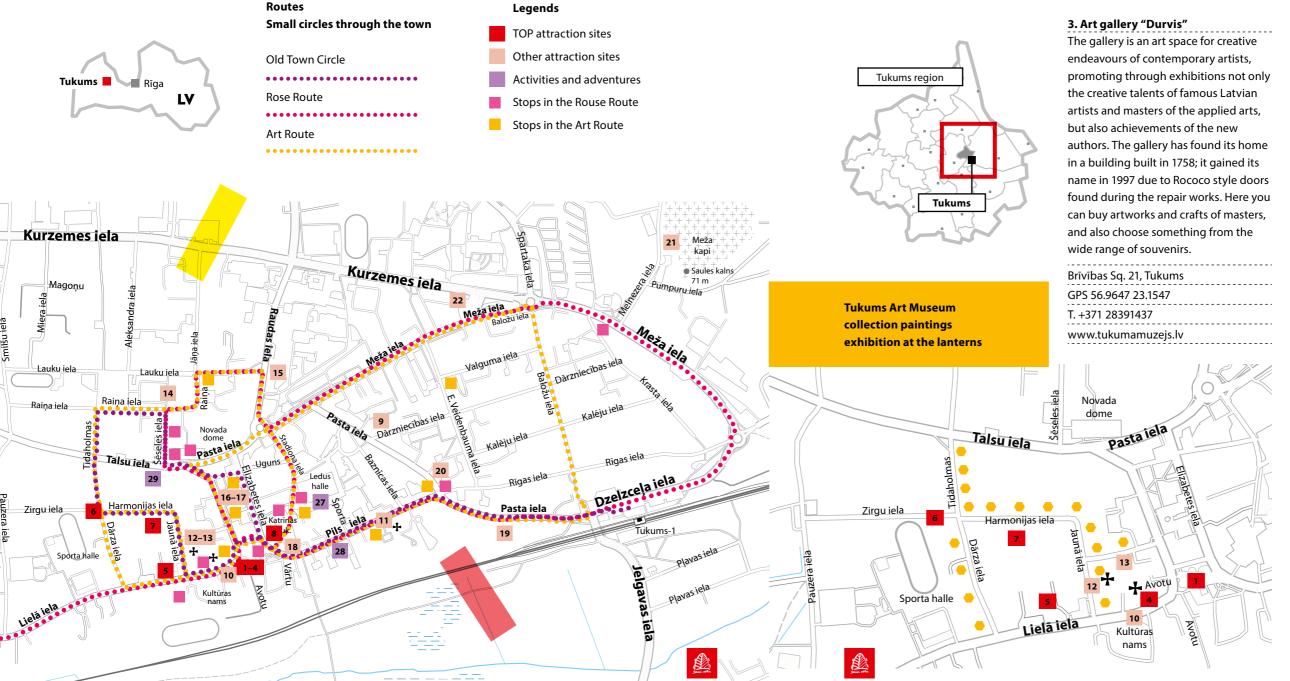
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T. +371 25622131

www.tukumamuzejs.lv

Brīvības Square





4. Tukums Lutheran Church

St. Trinity Tukums Lutheran Church is one of the oldest buildings in town, dated 1644. The church obtained its current altarpiece "Christ at the Cross" in 1859, while the wealthiest citizens donated four colourful stained glass panels in the 30s of the 20th century. The church has a sight-seeing tower for panoramic town views from a height of 23.5 metres.

Brīvības Sq. 1, Tukums GPS 56.9654 23.1539 T. +371 20221951 www.tukumabaznica.lv

5. Z. A. Meierovics Square

and a monument

Celebrating the centenary of the State of Latvia, a monument dedicated to the first Minister of Foreign Affairs, Zigfrīds Anna Meierovics, was opened in the Old Town in November 2018. It was created by sculptors Zane Elerte, Matīss Kalniņš and architect Liene Līce. The place for the monument is symbolic. It lies in the very heart of the town, the Old Town, in a square situated not far away from the school where the outstanding politician studied.

Cross of Lielā Street and Jaunā Street, Tukums GPS 56.9646 23.1525

6. Tukums Old Town – Vectukums

The historical centre of Tukums. also known as Vectukums, includes Harmonijas Street, Dārza Street, Zirgu Street, Jaunā Street, Talsu Street and Lielā Street. Its layout was created between the 14th and the 18th century, while the visual image which is characteristic to today's town was created in the 19th century and early 20th century. Here you will find many ancient, slightly reconstructed, log-style household and residential buildings. Meanwhile, buildings on Pils Street make the newest part of the historical centre, which back then consisted of multi-storey houses with residential and office premises.

Harmonijas, Dārza, Zirgu, Lielā, Jaunā and Talsu Streets, Brīvības Square and Pils Street

GPS 56.9653 23.1526



Poem "Tukums" by I. Ziedonis

7. Tukums Art Museum

www.tukumamuzejs.lv

Tukums Art Museum is known for its outstanding art collection, started in the 30s of previous century by a painter Leonīds Āriņš (1907–1991). The Museum's collection contains the works of artists like Janis Rozentāls, Johans Valters, Vilhelms Purvītis, Jēkabs Kazaks, Ģederts Eliass, Valdemārs Tone, Konrāds Ubāns, Jānis Tīdemanis, residents of Tukums – Leonīds Āriņš, Ansis Artums, Kārlis Neils, and many others. The Museum not only offers to learn more about art but also encourages to give in to creative expressions.

Harmonijas St. 7, Tukums GPS 56.9657 23.1517 T. +371 25494677

Tukums Castle Tower





Tukums Lutheran Church

8. Katrīna Square, "Katrīna of Tukums" and poem

"Tukums" by I. Ziedonis

The square was created in a place where the largest number of town's warehouses were located at the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century. A sculpture "Katrīna of Tukums" by Valtis Barkāns stands next to Tukums Ice Hall and was opened in 2009. On the opposite side of the square, a poem "Tukums" by Imants Ziedonis is written on the masonry wall of a building (since 2013).

Katrīnas Square, Tukums GPS 56.9676 23.1491

Pils Street





Pils Street

Other attraction sites in Tukums

- 9. Straw workshop museum +371 29495746 www.facebook.com/salmulietas GPS 56.967723.1610
- 10. Former Festive Association House +371 26511517GPS 56.9646 23.1545
- St. Nicholas Tukums Orthodox Church +371 29134920
 GPS 56.9656 23.1606
- 12. St. Stephan Tukums Roman Catholic Church +371 26635424 GPS 56.9656 23.1606
- 13. Art workshop "Antīks" +371 29540516, 25980177 www.antiks.viss.lv GPS 56.9653 23.1532
- 14. Market Square and Tukums Market GPS 56.9682 23.1518
- 15. A wall drawing photo "Raudas Street" GPS 56.9687 23.1558
- 16. Fontain "Money Spring" GPS 56.9663 23.1542
- 17. Former Tukums synagogue and rabbi house GPS 56.9663 23.1546

- 18. Creative workshop "Ligzda" +371 22000408 www.manaligzda.com GPS 56.9650 23.1565
- "Tukku Magi" court-yard www.facebook.com/ raditukkumagi GPS 56.9655 23.1628
- 20. Workshop of the florist
 Dace Baumane +371 26133366
 GPS 56.9667 23.1623



"Mēness bļoda"

Straw workshop – museum

- Ceramics workshop "Mēness bļoda" +371 29337953 www.facebook.com/meness.bloda GPS 56.9725 23.1785
- 22. Monument of K. Zemdega "Strēlnieks" (Rifleman) GPS 56.9714 23.1705
- 23. Painting "Pictorial moment with flowers" by L. Āriņš
 GPS 56.9702 23.1628
- 24. Tukums castle mound GPS 56.9681 23.1305
- 25. Decorative garden of Dace Lukševica +371 29177195 www.skaistiedarzi.lv GPS 56.9652 23.1083
- 26. Memorial ensemble for the victims of Soviet repressions GPS 56.9588 23.1208





Activities and adventures

- 27. Ice-skating and curling in Tukums Ice Hall +371 63107470, 26633273 www.tlh.lv GPS 56.9662 23.1571
- 28. Tukums Bowling Centre +371 26305032 www.hoteltukums.lv GPS 56.9652 23.1587
- 29. Playhouse for children "Game O'Clock" +371 28766016 www.facebook.com/ GameOclockTukums GPS 56.9665 23.1517
- 30. Pump Track BMX track and skate park GPS 56.9653 23.1411
- 31. "Camo Airsoft" +371 22326909 www.facebook.com/ CamoAirsoftTK GPS 56.9652 23.1755
- 32. Melnezers Lake moto track +371 26290103 GPS 56.9763 23.1678

Small circles through Tukums

Old Town Circle

The route will lead through different parts of the Old Town of Tukums: through Vectukums – town's oldest part, former Jauntukums, which was built 100 years ago around the new market square, and the most splendid part of the town – Pils Street block. As you take the route, you can ascend to the highest tower of the town and to learn more about the oldest building and its link to town construction. You don't need a guide to explore Tukums, because each wall in the Old Town has information written on it about its history and owners.

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Tourism attraction sites in the route

Pil	s Street
St.	Nicholas Orthodox Church
"T	ree of Friendship"
Fre	eedom Square
Tu	kums Castle Tower
Ar	t gallery "Durvis"
Fo	rmer Festive Association House
St.	Trinity Lutheran Church
St.	Stephan Roman Catholic Church
Ζ.	A. Meierovics Square
an	d a monument
Ar	t workshop "Antīks"
Tu	kums Art Museum
Hi	storical centre – Vectukums
W	eavers' workshop of Tukums
Tu	kums Market
	wall drawing – photo "Raudas Street
	Tukums around 1925"
	rmer building of a synagogue d rabbi house
Cr	eative workshop "Ligzda"
Ka	trīna Square and sculpture atrīna of Tukums"
	em "Tukums" by I. Ziedonis

Route map on page 6





More information www.visittukums.lv





se Festiva Rose Festival – "Dream Car

Have you noticed how resplendently roses bloom in Tukums?

Some say that those who love flowers cannot walk through

Tukums indifferently because the world of roses and flowers
enchant them on every corner. Tukums has became known as
the town of roses because of its Rose Festival during which the
largest rose wreath is made; and in order to find out which roses
are the most beautiful you have to take the Rose Route.

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The Rose Festival in Tukums began in 2008 at the initiative of Tukums resident and florist Anita Stikāne in cooperation with the head of Tukums Culture Centre, Dace Lebeda. The festival has become more and more impressive each year, but the tradition to create a large rose wreath has not changed ever since The largest wreath was created in the Rose Festival of 2023 – it consisted of 10143 red roses of different sizes and shades.



Follow the festival's page www.facebook.com/rozusvetki

Rose Route

Plant market on the Rose Festival





More information www.visittukums.lv





Tourism attraction sites in the route

Roses in the Freedom Square Bed of roses in Katrīna Sauare Bed of roses of Tukums residents at the Ice Hall Bed of roses of Talsu Street Bed of roses of Town Council Rose circles of Talsu Street "Baltais" bed of roses Pear bed of roses Bed of roses of Kurzeme residents Bed of roses of Tukums residents in Raudas Street Bed of roses of the church Bed of roses of the school Roses at "Money spring" Bed of roses of "Bee house" Bed of roses "Rose"

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"Baltais" bed of roses



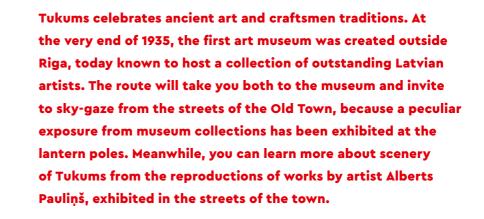
"Harmonijas Street"

Art Route



Jelgavas St. 4 – A. Artums "Blossoming apple trees" (1965)

Harmonijas St. 14 – J. Kazaks "Self-portrait in pilgrim's garb" (~ 1916)







More information www.visittukums.lv Topic in the guide



Tourism attraction sites in the route

Collections of Tukums Art Museum in a town setting

Tukums Art Museum	
Harmonijas Street	_
Dārza Street	
Freedom Square 8	
Jelgavas Street 4	•
Kurzemes Street 3	•

Tukums in the paintings of Alberts Pauliņš

Freedom Square 20
Freedom Square 11 A
Katrīna Square
Pils Street 13
Pils Street 22A
Meža Street 15
Lauku Street 5

Route map on pages 6 and 7

Tukums – a town of gardens and hills

Route No.

In the vinevard of the farm "Mazburkas"

The large circles in Tukums

Tukums is not only a town of roses and art, but also of gardens and hills. When looking at the town from the surrounding hills, you can see the red roofs of houses embraced by the white clouds of blossoming trees in the spring and millions of green leaves in the summer. In autumn the town looks like a vibrant, colourful painting and in winter - a cosy village, wrapped into a thick, white snow blanket. In between there are different boroughs, each one with their history of origin.



33. Durbe Manor and park

Durbe Manor house is the only one of former houses of Latvian estate managers with completely reconstructed historical interior of late 19th century and early 20th century, giving an insight into Baltic German culture. It is considered one of the pearls of Kurzeme classicism architecture, embraced by a scenery park and rotunda with the longest pedestrian bridge in Latvia. Reconstructed historical interior is found on the ground floor of the palace, cultural and historical research exhibitions on topical and little-researched cultural, historical and art topics are situated on the first floor.



M. Parka St. 7, Tukums GPS 56.9669 23.1938 T. +371 26305946

www.tukumamuzejs.lv

Exhibition in Durbe Manor

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34. Ziedonis Garden in Mālkalns

Mālkalns is the highest top of Tukums hillocks – from there you can see town panorama. The name was coined after its loamy soil. 100 years ago, root-crops used to grow where the emerging Ziedonis Garden has found its home nowadays. It began in 2010 when the eminent Latvian poet celebrated his 77th birthday and started to plant a cherry garden, starting with 77 decorative cherry-trees. Now, approximately 300 cherry-trees grow here. The Garden is never ready, because it is in a never-ending state of becoming so that we can repeat what the poet said: "let me go in the world with beauty, just like the cherries blossom in Tukums!"

Jelgavas St., Tukums GPS 56.9589 23.1711

35. Tukums Town Park with playgrounds

The Town Park first appeared on the town map in 1869. Initially, there were only pedestrian paths, but already at the end of the 19th century a music open-air stage, dance area appeared, and in the first half of the 20th century a small restaurant with carved wooden ornaments was built here. Carousels were operated here during the Soviet times. Meanwhile, spacious playgrounds for children of various age as well as walking paths and rest benches are situated here in the 21st century. One part of the park is dedicated to the sport-loving visitors.

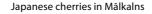
Lielā St. 36a, Tukums GPS 56.9632 23.1407



36. Tukums Beauty Paths – TukumSmukumTakas

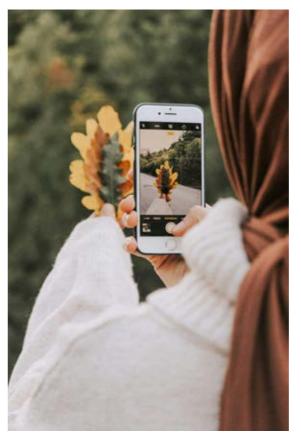
It is a network of routes for walks and hikes in the forest at Melnezers Lake. The most popular of them are Werewolf path known for its mysterious tales and Āža hill path favoured by the most enduring runners. Those who prefer a flatter relief will enjoy the Small Forest Circle and the Large Forest Circle in "Sveikuļi" forest at Jumprava Lake and Sekļa Lake. Those who like longer walks and more climbing will favour routes that lead to the largest boulder – Miķeļakmens – and to conquer the highest peak in the vicinity of Melnezers Lake, Milzkalns hill and Rauda.

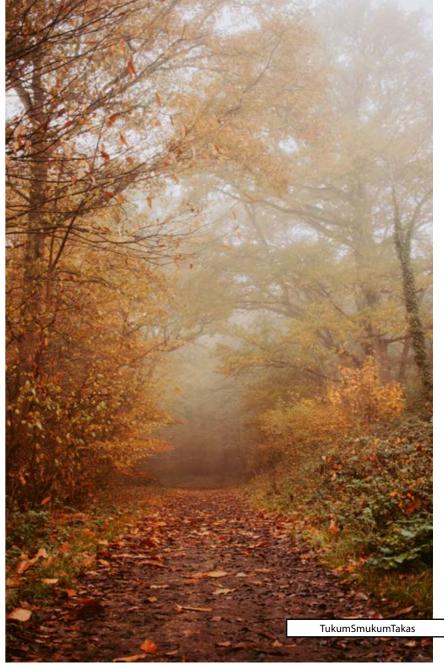
Surrounding of lake Melnezers,
Smārde parish, Tukums region
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www.visittukums.lv/en/Routes/
Hiking-routes





Town Park pavilion at the beginning of the 20th century (photo from Tukums Museum)







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Classic Car & Motorcycle Garage

37. Vineyard and wines of farm "Mazburkas"

The farm is situated at the very border of Tukums, which opens to a beautiful and hilly scenery. The wine-yard expands to the southern slopes, and approximately 60 different varieties grow there. Visitors can take excursions through the yard, which may also include homemade wine-tasting. In season it is possible to buy grapes. The hostess makes wonderful grape wines, which have received prestigious awards, including international ones. Romance-seekers can spend a night in cottages arranged on the side of the wine-yard. A place worth Instagram post!

"Mazburkas", Smārde parish, Tukums region GPS 56.9480 23.1766

T. +371 29149725 www.mazburkas.lv

38. ZAZ car collection "Retro Ferma"

Retro Ferma is a private collection, situated not far from Tukums, near to Vecmokas. One can explore cars and motor vehicles manufactured during the Soviet times – Zaparozhets manufactured in Ukraine, Zhiguli, motorcycles, side-cars engineered in Russia and many more. Here, visitors can get into every car, enjoy the vibe of the past and listen to the passionate story of the host, because each vehicle has its own unique story.

"Intari", Tume parish, Tukums region GPS 56.9926 23.0956

T. +371 29796697

www.fecebook.com/Retro-Ferma

39. Classic Car & Motorcycle Garage – car and motor vehicle collection

Garage is a place where one can delve into memories and dreams, looking at the old, American and classic cars, as well as motor vehicles manufactured during the Soviet times. Here, the visitors can feel the spirit of America, because everywhere you look you can see the splendid cars of Rock 'n' Roll era. In the museum you can also recall the Soviet times by looking at the popular mopeds "Riga" manufactured by "The Red Star" factory and other post-war motorcycles. You can also explore the versatile collection of Jawa motorcycles.

Šlokenbeka 29, Milzkalne, Smārde parish, Tukums region GPS 56.9745 23.2193 T. +371 29251333

www.facebook.com/ classicgaragetukums





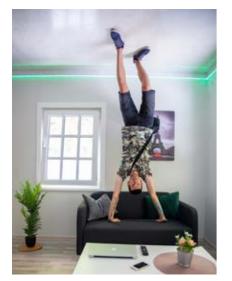


Exhibition in Durbe Manor





"Mazburkas"



"House Upside Down"

40. "House Upside Down"

"House Upside Down" stands very close to Tukums. Children are glad to visit it, because the house has real, daily household items, only that... they are upside down. Besides, here you can find labyrinths of distorted mirrors. Take funny pictures together with children!

"Guntiņas", Smārde parish,

Tukums region

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www.apgrieztamaja.lv





Other attraction sites

- 41. Gints Haņeckis forger's workshop +371 29167921 www.gintshaneckis.com GPS 56.964580, 23.106797
- 42. Aviation Museum "Sky Zoo" +371 20202165 www.facebook.com/ skyzoomuseum GPS 56.9359 23.2261
- 43. Pēteris Tutāns wicker workshop +371 29466377, 26489881 www.pinumudarbnica.lv GPS 57.0099 23.2094
- 44. Apple orchard of farm "Eglāji" +371 29250492 GPS 57.0097 23.1992

45. Apple orchard of farm "Rūķīši" +371 26335661 GPS 56.9044 23.0879

- 46. Homemade wines, farm "Kaspari" +371 29494536 www.majasvinikaspari.lv GPS 56.9373 23.0884
- 47. Garden "Hederas" of Jānis Auziņš +371 26434558 GPS 56.9876 23.0979
- 48. Nursery and hydrangea garden "Celmu pasaule" +371 29150122 www.facebook.com/
 Celmupasaule
 GPS 56.9604 23.2538
- 49. Nursery "Viduļi" +371 28776666 www.facebook.com/ stadaudzetavaViduli GPS 56.9571 23.2532

Werewolf trail in TukumSmukumtakas



Hydrangea garden "Celmu pasaule"



Nursery "Viduļi"



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Activities and adventures

50. "Dižpīlādži" sauna and phytosauna +371 26799829 www.facebook.com/dizpiladzi GPS 56.9384 23.0925

- 51. Tukums Disc Golf Park +371 26270937 www.facebook.com/TukumaDGK GPS 56.9670 23.1354
- 52. Tukums Golf Club "Odiņi" +371 29474990 www.tukumagolfaklubs.lv GPS 56.9673 23.0995
- 53. Cross-country skiing in resort
 "Sveikuļi" +371 29232026
 www.sveikuli.lv
 GPS 56.9944 23.1364
- 54. Mountain and cross-country skiing, wakeboard in a resort "Milzkalns" +371 26222333 www.milzkalns.lv GPS 57.0014 23.2080
- 55. Jet-ski rides in Sekļa Lake +371 28383078 www.rsnoma.mozello.lv GPS 57.0033 23.1232
- 56. Quadracycle ride +371 28383078 www.rsnoma.mozello.lv GPS 56.9715 23.1856
- 57. Tukums Riders Club +371 26170318 GPS 56.9732 23.1885



Resort "Milzukalns"



- 58. Horse rides in farm "Vītoliņi" +371 29147488 www.baibas-zirgi.mozello.lv GPS 56.9954 23.0742
- 59. Aerial joyride "Baticbees Jet Team" +371 26011695 www.balticbees.com GPS 56.9359 23.2261
- 60. Team-building games
 "Notikumu raktuves"
 +371 29493033
 www.raktuves.lv
 GPS 56.9896 23.0811
- 61. Military games and urban rock-climbing "X-Unit" +371 26165854, 29969613
- 62. Panoramic flight in a hot-air balloon "Gaisabalons" +371 29240461
- 63. Panoramic flight in a hot-air balloon "Gaisa baloni.lv" +371 29206580
- 64. Panoramic flight in a hot-air balloon "Balticbaloon" +371 22098098



"Baticbees Jet Team"



"Notikumu raktuves"



Trips with jet skis by "RS noma"



Circles of Tukums and the vicinity

The Large Circle around Tukums

Topic in the guide The Large Circle around Tukums introduce you to interesting places which cannot be found in the town centre. When taking this route, you can look at the town from the surrounding hills, because Tukums is not only a town of roses and gardens but also of hills. In order to explore the large circle routes, whether the "Large Circle of Tukums", or the route "Among Gardens and Cars" or "Catch Ziedonis!", we recommend taking them with a bicycle or a car.

Tourism attraction sites in the route

Straw workshop – museum "Tukku Magi" court-yard www.facebook.com/raditukkumagi Ziedonis Garden in Mālkalns Durbe Manor and park Ceramics workshop "Mēness bļoda" A monument "Strēlnieks" by K. Zemdega Painting "Pictorial moment with flowers" by L. Ārinš A wall drawing – photo "Raudas Street" Pavārkalns hill Tukums castle mound

Forger's workshop of Gints Haneckis Memorial ensemble to honour the victims of Soviet repressions Tukums Town Park



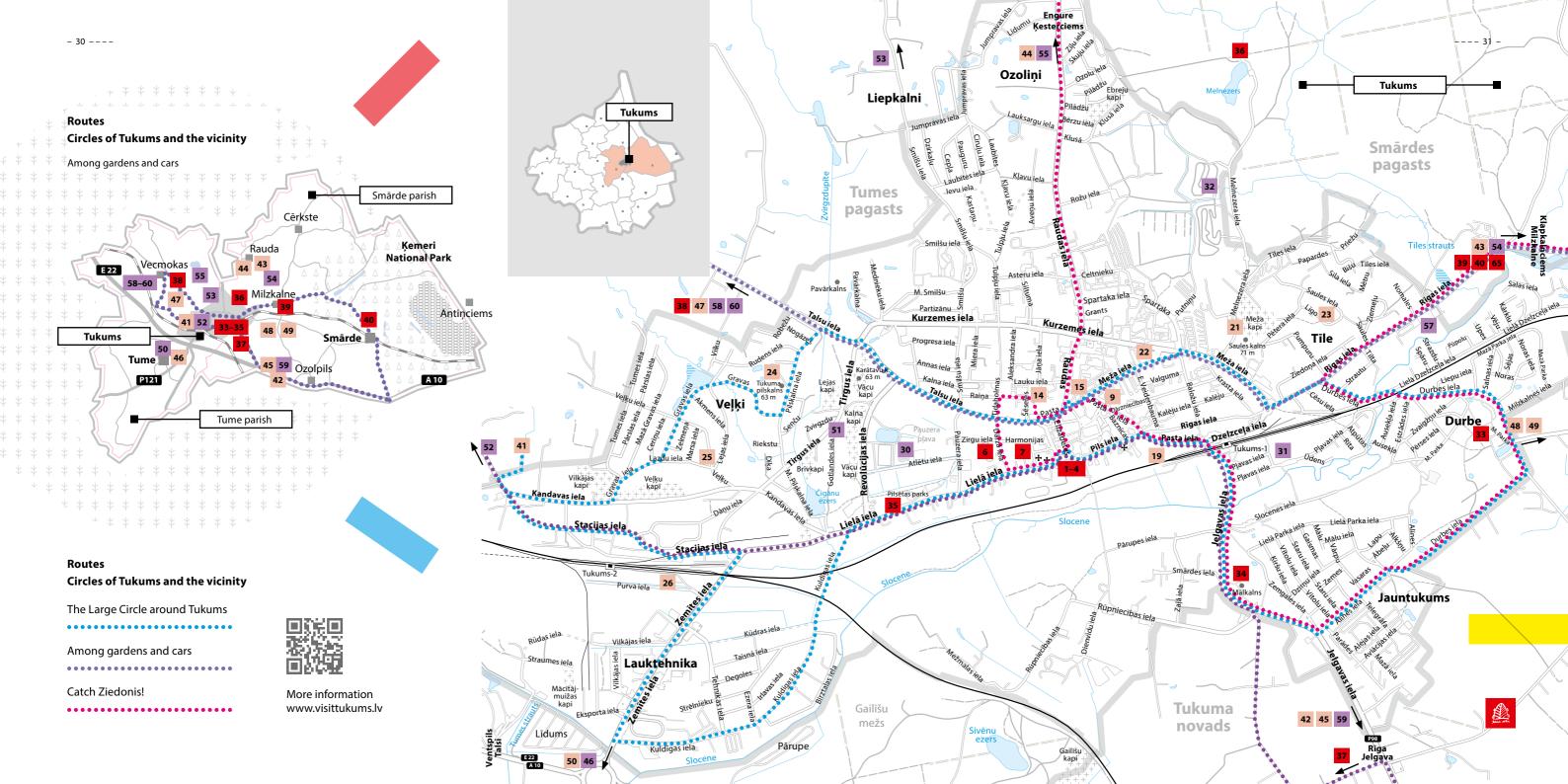
Route map on pages 30 - 31



Gints Haneckis forger's workshop

Ziedonis Garden in Mālkaln "Tukku Magi" court-yard





Topic in the guide

Among gardens and cars

A combinable route around Tukums will be suitable for entire family, because mums and grannies will definitely like to visit decorative gardens of the vicinity and also the largest Latvian wine-yard in "Mazburkas", but dads, granddads, boys and also girls will favour car garages - with their unusual Ukrainian ZAZ models and shiny American cars in Milzkalne garage. **Exciting time in the "House** Upside Down" and soon-tobe "Garage Upside Down" is guaranteed.



Pēteris Tutāns wicker workshop

"Retro Ferma"

Tourism attraction sites in the route

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Decorative garden of Dace Lukševica
Garden "Hederas" of Jānis Auziņš
ZAZ car collection "Retro Ferma"
Vineyard and wines of farm "Mazburkas"
Apple orchards of farm "Rūķīši"
Apple orchards of farm "Eglāji"
Aviation museum "Sky Zoo"
"House Upside Down"
Nursery and hydrangea garden
"Celmu pasaule"
Nursery "Viduļi"
Classic Car & Motorcycle Garage –
car and motor vehicle collection
Wicker workshop of Pēteris Tutāns
Homemade wines of farm "Kaspari"



Topic in the guide

Nursery "Viduļi"



Imants Ziedonis has been a passionate traveller - he walked around Latvia and visited many countries abroad. He observed and described nature. The poet revealed that Tukums played a great role in his life. A cultural route **Catch Ziedonis! created** in 2023 with audio guide narrative invites to learn about different places in Tukums and its vicinity -Lapmežciems, Ragaciems, Engure and Jūrmala.

I. Ziedonis, 1978 (?) Photo by Indulis Spuldzenieks (photo from Ziedonis' Museum)



Palaces and castles in the vicinity of Tukums



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History and architecture route

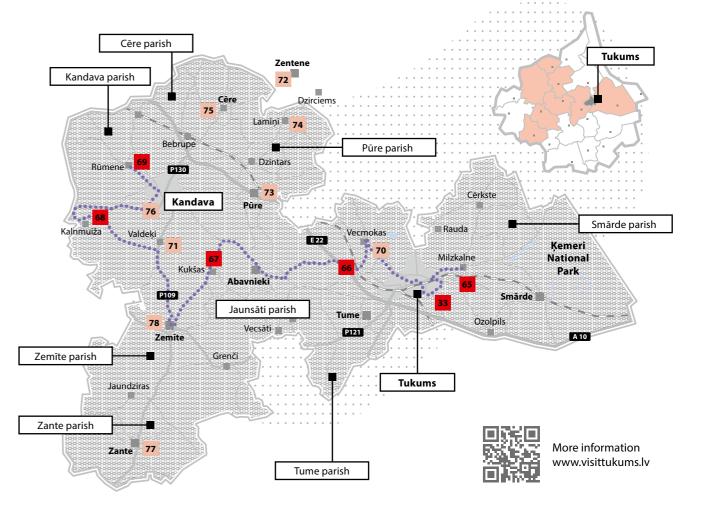
The vicinity of Tukums surprises with its castles, palaces and manors. Each of them is different both in terms of architecture and content. One of them reveals something about ancient and not so ancient Middle Ages, another tells about the classicism era, yet another one about the daily life of estate managers in late 19th century, and the newest of them all tells about the riches of Latvian forests.

TOP attraction sites

65. Šlokenbeka Manor

Šlokenbeka Manor is one of examples of fortified manors of the Middle Ages in the Baltic states. The Manor was first mentioned after 1484 when, according to historians, its construction was begun to protect nearby Tukums from enemy attacks. Today you can take exciting excursions in the manor to learn about manor's history, economic affairs and social life. Manor's premises and inner yard can be rented for festive and corporate events or to stay for the night at the Manor's hotel. The curious ones can visit the Museum of Latvian Roads to find out more about the history of road and bridge construction in Latvia.

Milzkalne, Smārde parish,
Tukums region
GPS 56.9760 23.2261
T. +371 29904147 (manor),
+371 63182354 (museum)
www.facebook.com/SlokenbekasMuiza



66. Jaunmokas Palace

Jaunmokas Palace is the newest palace in Tukums vicinity. It was built around 1901 as a hunting and summer residence of Riga mayor, George Armitstead. The interior of palace's saloon was created in hunter style in the wake of the 21st century. A museum is arranged in the palace with a special exhibition of the Forest Museum to learn about forest, wildlife and daily life of forest workers over a course of century. Here, you can try herbal teas, expedition in the forest exhibition and also an escape room and different orientation games. The smallest visitors will like the educational nature path arranged in the Forest Park near the palace, while the romantics might prefer a stroll through the garden.

Jaunmokas, Tume parish, Tukums region GPS 56.9815 23.0541

T. +371 26187442

www.jaunmokupils.lv



Jaunmokas Palace

Jaunmokas Palace





Kukšas Manor

67. Kukšas Manor

Kukšas Manor is considered to be an outstanding example of Latvian manor architecture – a stylistic synthesis of baroque and late classicism over a course of time. Current residential building of the manor was built in the first half of the 18th century and initially it was one-storey masonry building with four-sided roof. Repeated reconstructions gave it features of late classicism manor architecture and around that time a park was also created around the group of buildings. Today you can look at estate manager's house interior and walk through the unique garden, stay for the night in rooms with thematic interior in the manor hotel.

> "Bajāri", Kukšas, Jaunsāti parish, Tukums region

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GPS 56.9780 22.8581



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Kukšas Manor

68. Kalnmuiža Manor

A group of buildings in Kalnmuiža (19th century). Not only there is a residential building of estate managers but also former residential building of servants, a barn, smithy, stable located in Abava valley. Since 2006, here you can visit the manor and rent premises for different events and organise hunting and other recreation opportunities. Meanwhile, Kalnmuiža restaurant menu takes pride in the greens, fruit and vegetables grown in the manor's gardens, game and mushrooms from Kurzeme forests, meat, crayfish, trout and goat cheese from the regional farms and bread baked in the restaurant's ovens. The menu changes several times per month based on seasonal resources.

Kalnmuiža, Kandava parish, Tukums region

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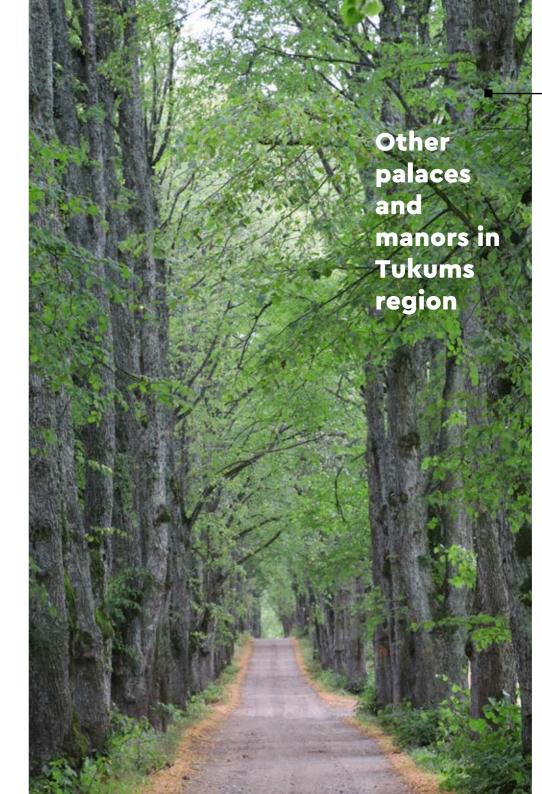
Kukšas Manor





69. Rumene Manor Rūmene Manor is the countryside residence of "Hotel Bergs", a 5-star hotel in Riga, for recreation and festive events, with full-service meeting demands of businesspeople and those who love rural elegance in an exclusive privacy of the manor. The interior of the estate managers' house was created as a connected space filled with light, where the halls merge and link with each other through invisible borders. You can witness it in a scheduled excursion. This would be a suitable place for celebrating your special occasion, enjoying private concerts or organising a reception. Estate managers' house, as well as the historical Stable building and Garden house hosts elegant and spacious apartments, and in the Sauna building you will find Latvian bathhouse.

Rūmene, Kandava parish, Tukums region GPS 57.0596 22.7279 T. +371 28001157 www.rumene.lv



Vecmokas Manor park lanes

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- 70. Vecmokas Manor ruins and park lanes GPS 56.99888 23.0798
- 71. Valdeķi Manor +371 26452948 GPS 57.0003 22.7751
- 72. Zentene Palace and park +371 20217786 www.facebook.com/zentenespils GPS 57.1343 22.9793
- 73. Püre Manor GPS 57.0350 22.9051
- 74. Lamini Manor and park GPS 57.0989 22.9599
- 75. Cēre Manor GPS 57.1081 22.8675
- 76. Kandava Vicarage GPS 57.0172 22.7568
- 77. Zante Manor GPS 56.8360 22.7319
- 78. Zemīte Palace GPS 56.9275 22.7952



Zemīte Palace

Medieval Jaunpils

built in the very centre of Jaunpils, the court-yard of which once evidenced a vivid life of knights after their military expeditions. The second centre of the Middle Ages, situated next to Jaunpils centre, is the former Latvian castle mound Kartavkalns. A church and Swedish fort was built a bit later and it encouraged the idea of locals to create their own Middle Ages in this century. We invite

the travellers to experience

them.



Jaunpils area is a true medieval

pearl. Jaunpils Castle was

Jaunpils - a source for new energy

TOP attraction sites

79. Jaunpils Castle

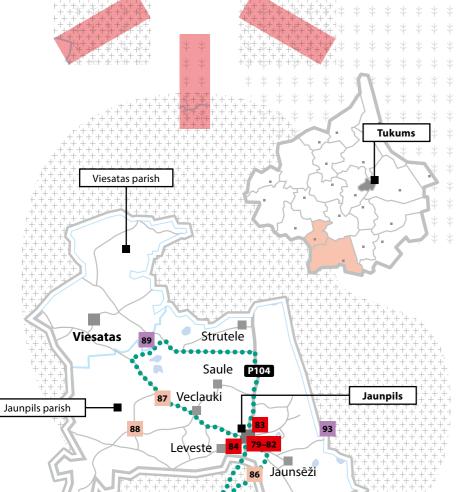
..... Jaunpils Castle was initially a manor for knights, and it was built as a water castle in 1301. Between 1567 and 1920 the manor belonged to von der Recke kin and it was the largest private manor in the vicinity of Tukums. The castle was reconstructed for several times, and it suffered from external impacts over the course of time, but externally it still has many features characteristic to the order castles - typical tower with rounded corners, the ground floor without windows and thick forts. Now Jaunpils Castle hosts both a museum and exhibition halls and Jaunpils culture centre. The castle has also a pub of Middle Ages which has become very popular due to its authentic cuisine. The castle also have a hotel with authentic Middle Ages interior in each room.

> "Pils", Jaunpils, Jaunpils parish, Tukums region GPS 56.7302 23.0209 T. +371 26101458 www.jaunpilspils.lv



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80. Jaunpils Lutheran Church

Construction of the church was launched in 1592 which is evidenced by the number carved in a metal sheet, and it is one of the first churches built in Kurzeme Duchy. The tower was built in 1750, and today one can enjoy a scenery of Jaunpils historical centre and beautiful surroundings from its heights. Church altar and pulpit, considered to be examples of mannerism of high value, have become popular and their vivid colours are just breathtaking.

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Tukums region
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www.facebook.com/JaunpilsChurch

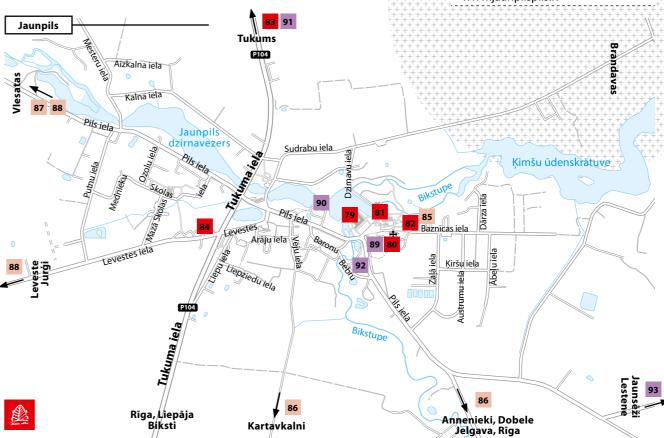
81. Jaunpils watermill

Jaunpils watermill was constructed in the wake of the 19th century, and it still has the milling equipment which was operated during the 20s and 30s of the 20th century, as well as hydrotechnical structures and a water reservoir. Today you can visit the mill individually following the mill wheel guide or by taking an excursion with a miller's wife. It is possible to use a touchscreen for interactive learning about mill's history, flour milling process and agriculture in nowadays. Visitors can learn about different grains, products that are made from them and, if scheduled in advance, to taste them in a delicious pie, pancake or other treat.

"Jaunpils dzirnavas", Jaunpils, Jaunpils parish, Tukums region GPS 56.7311 22.8049

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T. +371 26101458 www.jaunpilspils.lv



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Jaunpils Castle Pub





82. Jaunpils Craft House

Jaunpils Craft House initially was Jaunpils Weavers' workshop, where the guests encounter the historical and cultural heritage of Latvians, demonstrating the skills of weaving crafts and showing their application nowadays. Each visitor can take their try with weaving. Ceramist Velga Melne, who reveals the secrets of potter's crafts and lets visitors to make something from clay, also has her corner in the Craft House. In the Craft House premises, you can explore exhibitions of craftsmen and participate in various workshops. Wedding excursion in Latvian style is a special event.

"Ērģelnieki", Jaunpils, Jaunpils parish, Tukums region GPS 56.7303 23.0234 T. +371 28301408, 26101458

www.facebook.com/ jaunpils.amatumaja Jaunpils Craft House

83. Creative workshop "7 Balles"

Association "7 Balles" offers different activities in creative and fantasy workshops: candle making, construction of wooden cars and ships, pin and thread art, sawing of reflectors and ships, painting on fabric and wood. Each activity lasts for approximately one hour. It is advisable to choose two different workshops to have a really good and active time. Next to the creative house, the hosts have created a labyrinth of unusual plants, where one can really get lost if the task which is written at the labyrinth entry is not read correctly.

"Graudiņi", Jaunpils parish, Tukums region GPS 56.7781 23.0225 T. +371 29211988, 26229076 www.7balles.lv

"7 Balles"





Jaunpils Church

84. Jaunpils Brewery

A small brewery in Jaunpils where the beer is made in modern equipment from fine quality ingredients, thus creating the taste of the bear you have dreamed of. The brewery is open for small visitor groups and offers a slow beer-tasting with snacks and also to buy it as take-away.

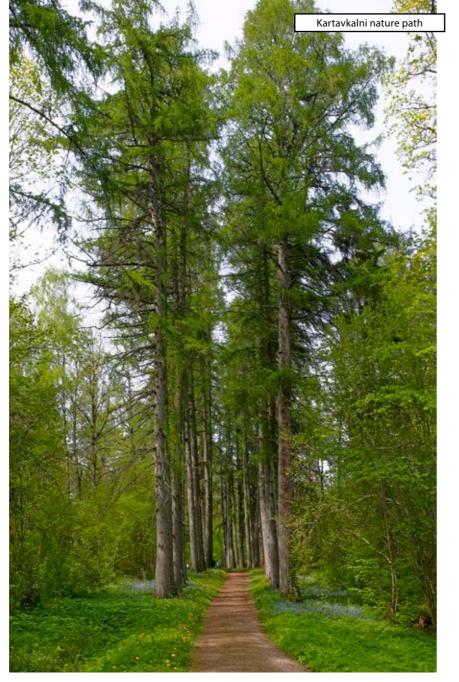
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"Šķūnis Baltais Centrā", Jaunpils, Jaunpils parish, Tukums region GPS 56.7299 23.0101

T. +371 26328281

www.jaunpilsalus.lv





Other attraction sites

- 85. Velga Melne ceramics workshop +371 26478677 GPS 56.7303 23.0234
- 86. Kartavkalni nature path GPS 56.7139 23.0211
- 87. Elles (Hell) hills GPS 56.7551 22.9251
- 88. Farm "Rogas" dairy cattle husbandry and dairy +371 29199848 GPS 56.7392 22.8928





90. SUP board rent in Jaunpils +371 26259575 www.instagram.com/ jaunpils_sup GPS 56.7301 23.0208

Activities and

adventures

- 91. Fishing in farm "Avotiņi" +371 26356947 GPS 56.7856 22.9129
- 92. Sauna "Bebru ielas pirts" +371 22435086 www.facebook.com/silvasieleja.lv GPS 56.7281 23.0207
- 93. Sauna "Amājas" +371 28693644 www.facebook.com/pirtsamajas GPS 56.7396 23.1051



Farm "Rogas"



About cinema and fairy-tales in Tukums vicinity

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Cinema and fairy-tales today and yesterday

Charm of Tukums town and hilly surroundings has allured not only artists but also filmmakers. When looking at the map of the region, it seems that it has been a large area used for cinema; here, at the border of Tukums, we have the most serious film-shooting area, a cinema village called "Cinevilla".



Several films are just like fairy-tales, but a real fairy-tale museum can be found in former Lancinu School. Here, Džūkste Fairy-tale Museum's topics of exhibitions come from legends and tales, including those written and composed by the father of Latvian tales and also a teacher, researcher, gardener, writer and collector of tales and legends, Ansis Lerhis-Puškaitis.

TOP attraction sites

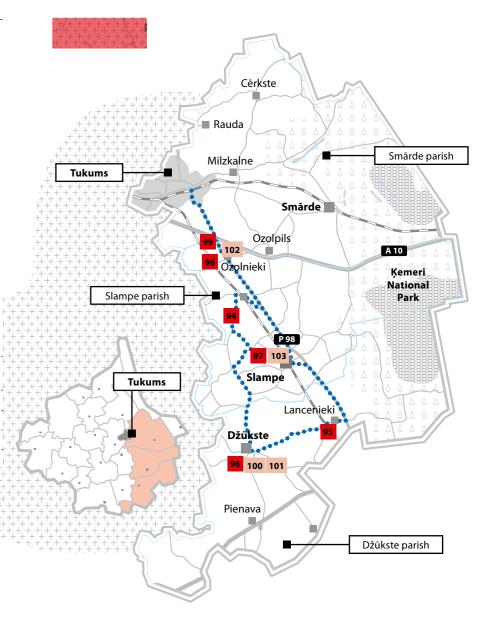
94. Cinema village "Cinevilla"

A film park or cinema village was set up in 2004 when the construction of decorations for a movie "Riga Guards" began in the spacious meadows. This is where cinematic Old Riga and Pārdaugava was born. The Latvian yard appeared along with the shooting of movie "Rūdolfa mantojums" (2010) and later it was transformed into Zemgali tribe yard for the movie "Nameja gredzens" (The Pagan King, 2018). Now one can explore villages of different ages and countries, fragments of streets, pavilions, a train platform and even a river. The studio serves both for shooting historical and modern stories and also to learn more about the backstage of the shooting process. Get to know cinema from the other side!

"Vidusvecvagari", Slampe parish, Tukums region GPS 56.8777 23.2197

T. +371 28606677

www.cinevillastudio.com





More information www.visittukums.lv

A frame from the movie "Nameja gredzens" (The Pagan King, 2018)



Louise's water pretzels in Džūkste Fairy-tale Museum

Decorations in the movie park "Cinevilla"







95. Džūkste Fairy-tale Museum

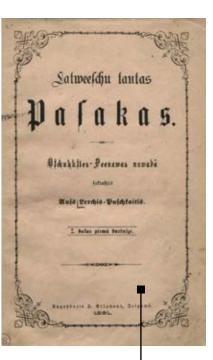
The Museum is situated in the building of former Lancenieku School, where a teacher, writer, collector of tales and legends, researcher, gardener and social worker Anss Lerhis-Puškaitis once lived. The topics of Museum's exhibitions are based on legends and fairy-tales, including those composed and written by A. Lerhis-Puškaitis. The Museum offers the visitors not only to look at the items of the museum, but also to listen to Džūkste fairy-tales and tell yours, to participate in a puppet theatre plays and celebrate children's birthdays. One of the most popular children programmes at the museum is baking water pretzels according to a recipe of the wife of Fairy-tales' father.

"Lanciņu skola", Lancenieki, Džūkste parish, Tukums region GPS 56.8119 23.3476

T. +371 26513314

www.tukumamuzejs.lv





"Latvian Folk Tales", 1891 edition

A frame from the movie
 "Zeme, kas dzied"
 (In The Land That Sings, 2024)

96. Horse stable for rides

"Skudru staļļi"

You can visit the horse stable and get to know more about horses and their habits, as well as harness, chariot, sleigh and cart. "Skudru staļļi" offers to go for a ride, to learn horse-riding skills and equestrian vaulting (exercises on the horse back), to have a recreational ride and enjoy rides in a cart and sleigh. "Skudru staļļi" also has offers for events, weddings and photo shootings.

"Pasakas", Džūkste parish, Tukums region GPS 56.7858 23.2253

T. +371 26307695

www.facebook.com/skudrustallis



Hostess Inese Karule started to create the garden only in 2019, but now one can already admire more than 1,000 varieties of peonies. You can enjoy the true splendour of peonies and find here almost all colours and shapes, demonstrating the versatility of this flower. During the visit the hostess likes to share her experience of growing different varieties and you can also ask for seedlings in case you want to have them in your garden.

"Zīles", Slampe parish, Tukums region GPS 56.8482 23.2243 T. +371 29211982



"Skudru staļļi"

"Zīļu peonijas"



98. "Abavas" winery

"Abavas" is one of the leading winery in Latvia. Many of its beverages have gained recognition and awards in Latvia and globally. Since 2021, wine-lovers can taste and buy grape wines made from the grapes grown locally in Sabile at the bank of the river Abava. The winery offers tasting and excursions both to individual visitors and groups. The tasting includes 5 beverages and one can choose between 3 tasting programmes: dry beverages, sweet beverages, strong beverages. Visit Abavas winery and try different beverages from fruits and berries grown in Latvia without rush!

"Kalējkrāmi", Ārlavciems, Slampe parish, Tukums region GPS 56.9084 23.2181 T. +371 26630022

www.abavas.lv

Biological farm "Gaiķi"



99. Wooden Design Centre

"Koka dizaina centrs"

Wooden Design Centre is the cherished idea of woodworker Guntars Upenieks, and it brings together everyone who loves wood, wants to work with it, appreciates its uniqueness, beauty and sustainability. Those interested in wood can look at the workshop, find out many exciting things about wood, learn about modern and ancient manual woodworking tools and try the basic skills under supervision of the master (sawing, carving, planing, shaving) during an excursion that lasts one hour. But the centre is not only a workshop of woodworkers where the ancient traditions are kept alive, but here everyone is invited to learn woodworking skills.

"Pavāri", Slampe parish, Tukums region GPS 56.9229 23.1954

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www.facebook.com/KokaDizainaCentrs



"Abavas" winery

Other attraction sites

- 100. Džūkste Church and graveyard GPS 56.7909 23.2453
- 101. Memorial Park in Džūkste with a monument of K. Zemdega GPS 56.7902 23.2438
- 102. Biological farm "Gaiķi" berries, vegetables and preserved goods +371 26164672 GPS 56.9143 23.1685
- 103. Education centre "Lielozoli" +371 26522748 www.lielozoli.lv GPS 56.8555 23.2638

A trip along the upper course of the river Abava

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A route for those who want to slowly enjoy nature and countryside

The river Abava is one of 17 rivers in Latvia spanning over 100 km. It starts as a small spring but becomes very prominent in so-called Switzerland of Kurzeme. What is the upper course of the river; which is the biggest tributary; what is the unusual bridge crossing this river in Kurzeme which leads to 'nowhere'; what is the place called Vecpiebalga in Kurzeme? You can find it out in a route along the upper course of the river Abava.

104. Nature and educational path "Viesatas upesloki"

Strolling along the nature path, you can look at the steep banks of Abava's tributary - Viesata, a pine that is 200 years old, the brown spring, pigs' bath, beavers' house, forest felling area, black alder stand, venerable birch and many other nature objects. There you will find Spunnakmens, one of many secular stones of Latvia. This almost 2 metres high and 4.7 metres long and wide granite stone was brought here by glaciers and is located in the river Viesata. The path has 3 routes, and the longest of them is 5 km in one direction. When taking the path, you can also have a picnic, because here you will find several picnic locations, all you have to bring with you is a thermal flask and sandwiches.

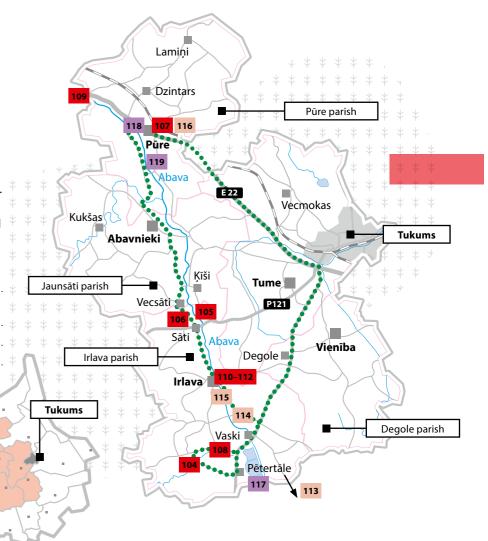
Spuņņu road parking lot, Irlava parish, Tukums region GPS 56.8172 22.9471

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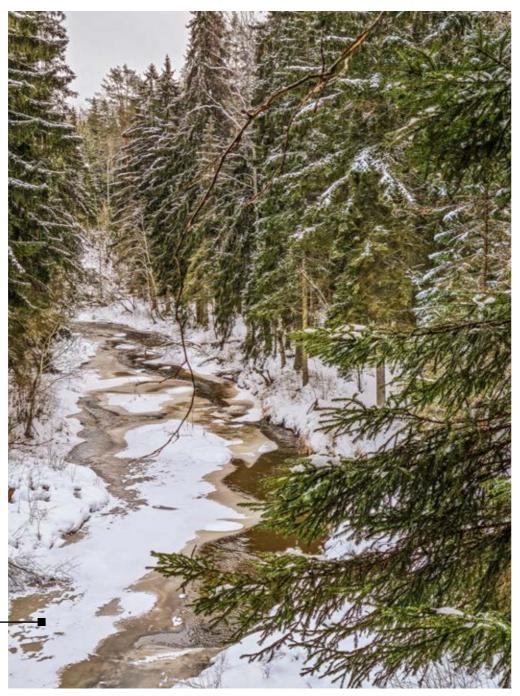


More information www.visittukums.lv





Nature and educational path "Viesatas upesloki"



105. A bridge to nowhere

A bridge to nowhere reminds of once intended construction of a narrow-gauge railway from Tukums to Kuldīga, which was started in late 30s of the 20th century (eng. P. Pavulāns). The railway construction works were interrupted by the World War 2, and the bridge that was built remained in its place, in the middle of a meadow until today. It is a bridge that leads to nowhere.

Sāti, Irlava parish, Tukums region GPS 56.9126 22.9775

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106. Sāti Lutheran Church

Sātu Lutheran Church was built in 1778. It looks like a small rural church from the outside. The monogram by the duke Peter von Biron carved above the church entry and organ with a prospectus built at late 19th century by Jānis Bētiņš are the special values of this site. The angel, situated at the side of the altar, can be seen in a movie "Rūdolfa mantojums" by Jānis Streičs.

Sāti, Irlava parish, Tukums region

GPS 56.9103 22.9615

T. +371 29232839



107. Chocolate Museum

"Pure Chocolate"

You are welcome to the chocolate museum to learn more about chocolate-making process. When visiting the museum, one can look at and hear stories on sourcing, processing and using of chocolate as well as to find out the history of chocolate. Museum staff will tell about the manufacturing process of "Pure Chocolate" truffles in more detail but in easy-to-perceive and memorable way. If you take an excursion with a workshop, you can create your chocolate figures and taste them. After the excursion you can buy produce of "Pure Chocolate" in the local factory store

Pūre-9, Pūre, Pūre parish,
Tukums region
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www.purechocolate.lv

Chocolate Museum "Pure Chocolate"





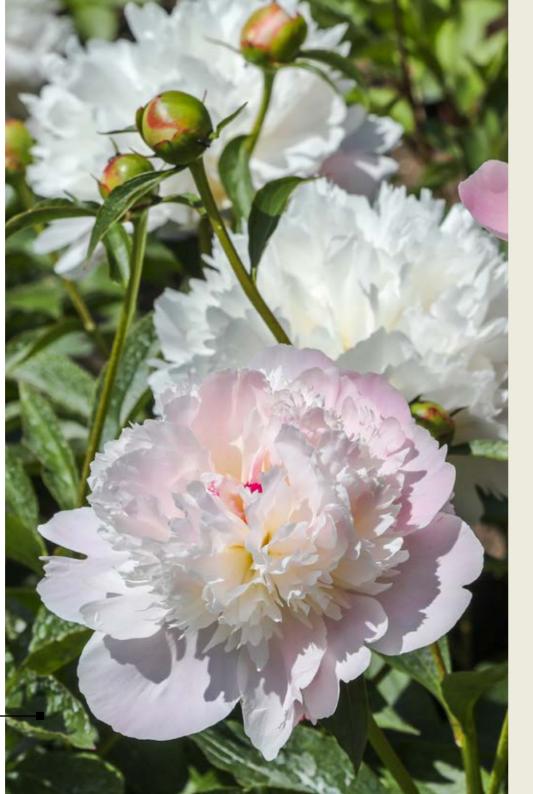
108. Peony garden "Romju pojenes"

Laila Leja started to create this garden in 2020 in memory of her grandmother. Once Laila said that she would not ever have a single peony in her garden, because the granny made her weed flower-beds, besides it had to be done so meticulously to avoid breaking buds, while she wanted to do something else. As the years passed, the childhood trauma faded away and now approximately 730 varieties of peonies have been planted in a half-hectare large area. As you visit the garden and walk among the wavy peony-beds, you can learn more about the flowers and their stories, and to enjoy the variety of their aroma, colours and shapes.

"Romji", Irlava parish, Tukums region GPS 56.8276 22.9611

T. +371 26615557

Peony garden "Romju pojenes"





109. Laimonis Zaķis "Īrisu dārzs"

"Īrisu dārzs" (Iris Garden) near Kandava is owned by the selectionist of swordlillies and irises, Laimonis Zaķis, who has devoted more than 30 years to selection. In the garden you can see very impressive collection of bearded irises (low, middle and high irises). The host is engaged in intensive selection of irises and has created many perspective hybrids. The second love of the host is swordlillies which replace irises on the second half of summer. During a period of blossom, the host organises open-door days, offers to explore the farm, introduces to the newest varieties of irises and swordlillies and their selection. He provides practical tips for growing irises and swordlillies.

"Intes", Kandava parish, Tukums region GPS 57.0669 22.8136

T. +371 29286353

www.irisgarden.lv

Other attraction sites

- 110. Environment object

 "Handprints of the Song Festival's
 general conductors"

 GPS 56.8803 22.9899
- 111. A room for study of local history of Irlava parish +371 26477526 GPS 56.8752 22.9922
- 112. Split products and basket-makersAnita and Elmārs Muižnieki+371 26331884GPS 56.8692 22.9918
- 113. Deer garden "Rudiņi" +371 29191980 GPS 56.8148 23.0894
- 114. Mūrnieku (Masonry) bridge GPS56.8558 23.0202
- 115. Environmental object "Easter Spoon" GPS 56.8744 22.9976
- 116. Püre rockery +371 28747169, 28783170 GPS 57.0340 22.9068



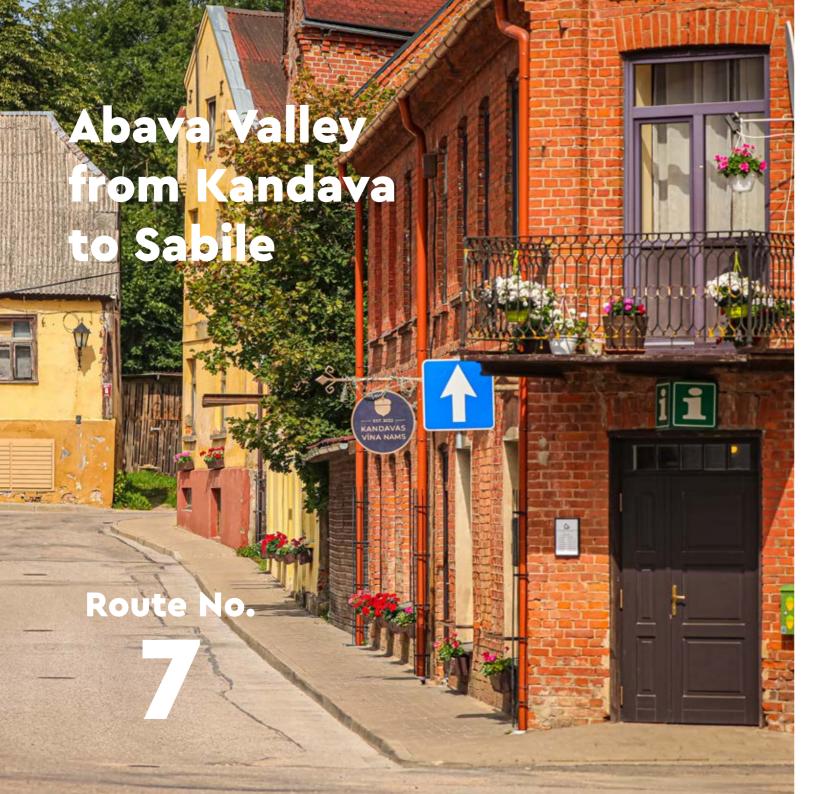
Deer garden "Rudiņi"

Laimonis Zaķis "Īrisu dārzs"



Activities and adventures

- 117. Fishing in the fish farm "Zive" +371 28334003 www.zive.lv GPS 56.8153 23.0316
- 118. Recreational path in Püre +371 26185596, 29419049 GPS 57.0374 22.9113
- 119. "Pure Wake" wakeboard park +371 20004460 GPS 57.0148 22.9190



The roofs of the old town of Kandava

Kandava

Abava Valley is one of the most prominent river valleys and mosaic sceneries in Latvia. The uniqueness and impressiveness of nature is similar to that of Kandava town. The paved streets and lantern lights invite to explore the old Kurši castle mound, to climb on Bruninieku castle mound, to stand on the oldest stone bridge of Latvia or to spend Summer Solstice under the oaks in "Ozolāji" openair stage. When you have explored the town, you can go down the most scenic part of Abava valley, also known as Switzerland of Kurzeme.



TOP attraction sites in Kandava

120. The Couronian castle mound of Kandava

Over the course of time the castle mound has gained several names -Couronian, Ancestry, Kandava castle mound, Church hill, Pudinkalns, God's Bed and Devil's Bed, because the shape of this hill resembles a huge bed with a pillow. Once a Couronian castle stood in place of current castle mound, because Kandava was one of the centres of Vredcuren land. The written sources first mentioned Kandava in 1230, which allows to speculate that the castle mound was inhabited until the 13th century. Several evidence on the relevant period of history are available in the museum of study of local history.

Pūzurgravas St. 2, Kandava, Tukums region

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121. Kandava Knight castle mound, Livonian Order castle ruins and Powder Tower

Construction of the Livonian Order castle was started in Kandava in 1254. Its name – Bruninieku (Knights') castle mound – was coined after the location of knights' castle in this castle mound. The constructed castle was fortified, i.e. served as a residence of Livonian Order Vogt (judge). People lived in the castle up to 1750. After that it was considered as non-habitable and, as the time passed, it turned into ruins. The tower has kept its external looks. People call it the Powder Tower, because gunpowder was kept there during the times of duke Jacob. A mock-up located at the base of the mound gives an idea of how Kandava castle could have looked like.

Lielā St. 10a, Kandava, Tukums region GPS 57.0349 22.7791



Kandava Castle model

Kandava Knight castle mound and Powder Tower, 1930s



122. Kandava Old Town

Kandava is one of the most beautiful towns of Kurzeme, which enchants with the ancient architecture, paved streets, lanterns, hilly relief and splendid nature scenery. In the 20th century Kandava stood out among other towns of Kurzeme with the proportion of its masonry buildings. The Old Town got its vibe from closed inner-yards with backyard houses in Liela, Sabiles and Ūdens streets, and also two-storey household buildings with galleries in Lielā Street and Talsu Street. The northern part of Lielā street, also known as Vējspārns (Wind Wing), stands out, because many buildings in the slope of the hill have been constructed at several levels.

Tirgus Square and Ūdens St. 2, Kandava, Tukums region GPS 57.0367 22.7756

123. Kandava Regional museum

Kandava Regional museum is situated in a building which was constructed in late 19th century as a hospital. Later it was transformed into German school, warehouse and bank. Museum in Kandava was opened in 1995 on the basis of the history and culture heritage collection gathered by a teacher and historian Viktors Vītols. Museum visitors can learn about town's history from the most ancient times up to nowadays. If you make an appointment in advance, you can enjoy Kandava oak coffee and buy it as a souvenir.

Talsu St. 11, Kandava, Tukums region GPS 57.0382 22.7704

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Kandava Old Town



Maija Laukmane wall of poetry

The Large Circle of Kandava

Kandava Old Town
Kandava Promenade
Kandava Regional museum
Kārlis Mīlenbahs Park with a sun clock
Kandava Lutheran Church
Sculpture "Mežakuilis" (Wild Boar)
Kandava Knight castle mound,
Livonian Order castle ruins and
Powder Tower
Gallery "Vējspārns"
Kandava Wine House



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Poetry Route in Kandava

Guntars Račs wall of poetry GPS 57.0359 22.7772

Maija Laukmane wall of poetry GPS 57.0367 22.7750

Knuts Skujenieks wall of poetry GPS 57.0363 22.7764

Uldis Auseklis wall of poetry GPS 57.0370 22.7765

Laimonis Vāczemnieks wall of poetry GPS 57.0375 22.7767

Ojārs Vācietis wall of poetry GPS 57.0375 22.7755

Kārlis Skalbe wall of poetry GPS 57.0387 22.7770

Leons Briedis wall of poetry GPS 57.0382 22.7773

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Leons Briedis wall of poetry

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Kandavas Old Town

124. Kandava stone masonry bridge

The stone masonry bridge across the river Abava in Kandava is the oldest boulder bridge in Latvia, built in 1873. Before the bridge was built, people were taken across the river with a raft, while the pedestrians had plank-ways. The bridge was renovated in 1997. On one side of the bridge you can see a sculpture "Zīļuks laivo" (Acorn on a boat), while on the other side of the bridge – a sculpture "Atvars" (Whirlpool) created by a sculptor Ojārs Feldbergs, with a granite fish rising above the surface.

Lielā and Jelgavas Streets, Kandava, Tukums region GPS 57.0338 22.7852

125. Kandava Wine House

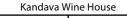
Kandava Wine House is a new place in the very heart of Kandava Old Town where to taste beverages made in Kandava area in a pleasant atmosphere. On Saturdays the Wine House has events and concerts to enjoy with a glass of wine. Groups of at least 10 persons can choose a tasting event "Kandava Taste Travel" and enjoy wines, beverages and delicacies created in Kandava region. Meanwhile, a ride with a retro car will be an exciting and quick trip through Kandava accompanied by a guide.

Üdens St. 2, Kandava, Tukums region GPS 57.0369 22.7758 T. +371 26714894

www.facebook.com/ KandavasVīnanams



Acorns for coffee









Ceramics workshop "Melone"

Kandava stone masonry bridge

126. Kandava ceramic kiln

Kandava ceramic kiln is managed by a ceramist Linda Priedniece, who introduces visitors to one of the most ancient crafts, tells and shows how to create a splendid piece of art from a small clay ball. Linda makes black pottery pieces. The works are prepared without mechanic devices and glazing. The visitors can schedule a visit to Linda's kiln in advance and learn the secrets of black pottery, to look at and buy her products and to try making something with their hands.

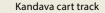
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Dzeņu St. 2, Kandava, Tukums region GPS 57.0439 22.7697 www.linda.viss.lv Kandava ceramic kiln

Other attraction sites in Kandava

- 127. Kandava Promenade and sculpture "Acorn" GPS 57.0374 22.7752
- 128. Open-air stage "Ozolāji" GPS 57.0304 22.7739
- 129. Kandava Lutheran Church +371 28277286 GPS 57.0364 22.7718
- 130. Kandava Roman Catholic Church +371 26303869 GPS 57.0395 22.7773
- 131. Kārlis Mīlenbahs Park with a sun clock GPS 57.0363 22.7700
- 132. Sculpture "Mežakuilis" (Wild Boar) GPS 57.0345 22.7789
- 133. Kandava Crafts Centre +371 26018067 GPS 57.0383 22.7702

- 134. Gallery "Vējspārns" GPS 57.0373 22.7771
- 135. Ceramics workshop and store "Melone" +371 26424799 www.melone.lv GPS 57.0364 22.7760
- 136. "Olafa medus" (Olaf's honey) +371 29101413 GPS 57.0348 22.7810
- 137. Tasting event "Forest bread baked according to Kurzeme traditions" +371 29877391 www.facebook.com/mezamaize GPS 57.0369 22.7758
- 138. Decorative garden of the Gross family +371 26486451 GPS 57.0423 22.7672
- 139. Park of the Brieži kin +371 29457212 GPS 57.0425 22.7777
- 140. Anita's crafts store +371 26533060 GPS 57.0363 22.7768





Activities and adventures

- 141. Skatepark in Kandava +371 20210717 www.visitkandava.lv GPS 57.0338 22.7752
- 142. Kandava rope track www.visitkandava.lv GPS 57.0344 22.8000
- 143. Kandava cart track +371 25728211 www.kartodroms.lv GPS 57.0318 22.7957
- 144. Kandava disc golf track +371 63107360 www.visitkandava.lv GPS GPS 57.0436 22.7799

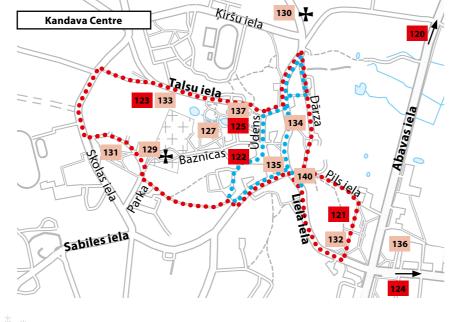


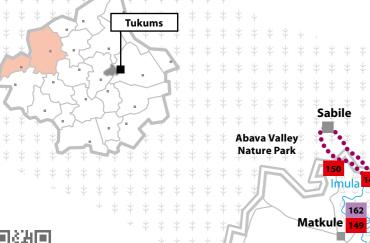
Routes in Kandava

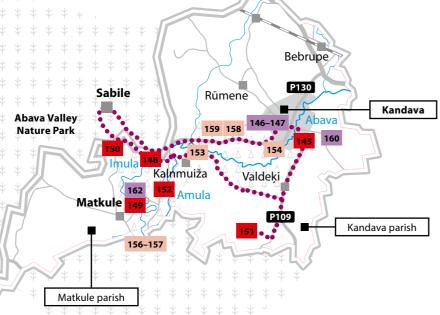
The Large Circle of Kandava

Poetry Route in Kandava

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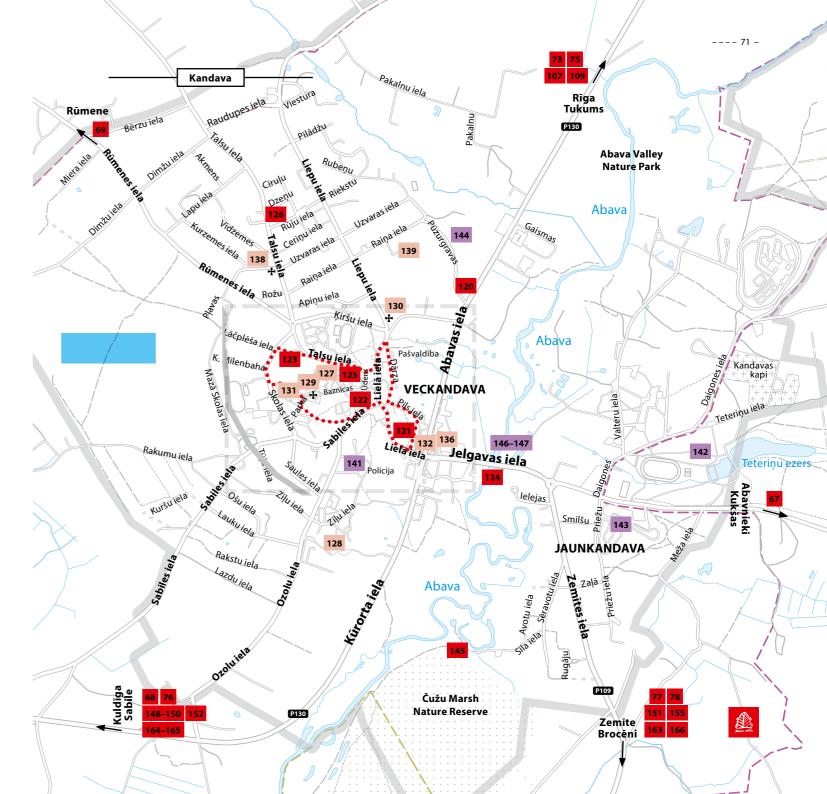








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Abaya

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145. Čužu (dasiphora) marsh path

Sulphur spring marsh with dasiphora stand is a restricted area on the left riverbank, approximately 1 km away from Kandava. Here you can see a rare post-ice age plant, dasiphora (Pentaphylloides fruticosa), a small shrub which blossoms with yellow flowers in June and July. The sulphur water which comes out near the marsh and marsh sludge were once used in the local curative establishments. The best way to learn about the marsh is to take its approximately 4 km long path.

End of Sēravotu and Sila Street, Kandava, Tukums region

GPS 57.0264 22.7858







Dasiphora (Pentaphylloides fruticosa)

Buses castle mound



148. Imula nature paths

Banks of the river Imula are suitable for walks and exploration of the surrounding mounds in 3 stages. The first one is approximately 4 km long and begins where Imula joins the river Abava, at "Vītiņu" house, and here you can walk until the guest house "Villa Taka" and continue on the road till "Rožkalni". The second stage of the path starts at "Buses". It invites to climb uphill and visit Buse castle mound, Baznīckalns and Kauķa hill. The third stage of the paths begins at Kauķa hill, also called Matkule, Kursa or Imula Staburags, and it leads till "Grotes". The route of the path is marked with white stripes on trees and poles. As you take the paths, consider that they are situated on private land plots and may be very slippery in rainy weather.

Matkule parish, Tukums region GPS 57.0138 22.6236

149. Buses castle mound

Buses castle mound is five-level castle mound, believed to be one of the political and economic centres of Couronian land, Vanema, in the 11th–13th century. When you climb on the mound, a beautiful scenery of the valley of rushing Imula opens up, embracing the mound from three sides. A guest book of Buse castle mound was started in 1911 can be viewed in the house standing next to the mound, because since ancient times the castle mound has been an attraction for travellers, while one of the first guest houses operated in "Buses".

"Buses", Matkule parish, Tukums region GPS 56.9933 22.6106

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150. Recreation centre "Zviedru cepure"

A recreation centre offers not only exciting ride in a lugechute, creating a sense of adventure both for children and adults, but also an opportunity to drive buggies, walk nature paths to witness beauty of Abava valley, as well as to enjoy a picnic. Since 2023, the centre has a new service – zipline "Abavline". The line is 220 m long, and it spans above the river Abava. As you fly over Abava, you can enjoy scenic views and experience unforgettable emotions. At the end of an adventurous day anyone will enjoy the local pancakes or French fries at "Zviedru cepure".

"Zviedru cepure", "Piltiņi", Matkule parish, Tukums region GPS 57.0242 22.5927 Old oak path





Imula nature paths

Farm "Lejaskroķi"

151. Farm "Indāni"

Farm "Indāni"

"Indāni" is the right place to become familiar with Latvian yard routines and true hospitality of the hostess. The hostess Signe Ezeriņa tells about daily life in the countryside and animals that will catch interest of anyone... a family with children of any age. All farm animals can be petted, caressed and you can learn how to take care of them. It is possible to enjoy a horse ride and have a family picnic in a forest cabin. If you want to experience the next level of well-being, take an opportunity in sauna with a ritual for small companies, 2–4 persons.

"Indāni", Kandava parish, Tukums region GPS 56.9678 22.7547 T. +371 29259272 www.facebook.com/LaukusētaIndāni

152. Farm "Lejaskroķi"

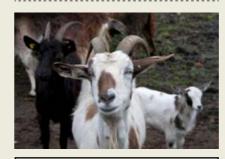
"Lejaskroķi" is a place where one can recall childhood feelings. Here, adult and a child alike can pet and feed rabbit Grauzdiņš and his friends, talk to the chatty goat leva and her family.

The farm is a home for approximately 400 rabbits, a goat family and chickens. At the river you can have a picnic, play football, run around and play games "Rabbit king" and "What do you know about rabbits?" Families with children are welcome to get to know animals and spend active time in the scenic bank of the river Amula.

"Kroķi", Matkule parish, Tukums region GPS 57.0007 22.6404 T. +371 26557377

Other attraction sites

- 153. Abava Devil stone and Devil cave GPS 57.0184 22.6873
- 154. Old oak path GPS 57.0171 22.7563
- 155. Valdeķi Manor +371 26452948 GPS 57.0003 22.7751
- 156. Museum of General Ludvigs Bolšteins +371 20246626 GPS 56.9629 22.6134
- 157. Pūces (Owl's) water-mill +371 26354871 GPS 56.9629 22.6134
- 158. Sheep farm "Ralle" +371 29190013 GPS 57.0387 22.7102
- 159. Biological farm "Uidas" and "Krikši" cattle herd +371 29167293 GPS 57.0296 22.7006



Farm "Indāni"



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- 160. Shooting-gallery "Strautiņi" +371 29133594 www.kandava.lv GPS 57.0275 22.8238
- 161. Horse farm "Ivetas zirgi" +371 29186169 www.facebook.com/ stallisIvetasZirgi GPS 57.0001 22.7707
- 162. Horse ride at Buse castle mound in "Upeslīčos" +371 29257171 GPS 56.9941 22.5970



Horse farm "Ivetas zirgi"

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At the riverbanks of Amula and Imula

Between fields and forests

Amula and Imula, called sisters in some texts, are the largest tributaries of the river Abava. They are the fastest springflood rives in Kurzeme. In the upper course of rivers the life goes on slowly, because of the spacious forests and crop fields. The beauty of Kurzeme can be witnessed in gardens and farms, while the tragic fates of Latvian history and war reality of the 20th century can be seen and read about in the local museums.









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163. Kurzeme Fort Museum

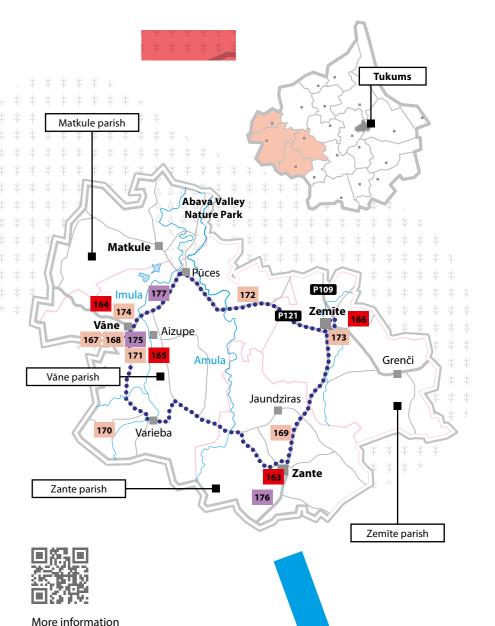
Do children like to play with armed cars, guns and soldiers? Are they really interested in the events of Latvian history of WW2 in Courland Pocket? In such case a visit to Kurzeme Fort Museum will be the best choice for a family holiday and history research. The outdoor exhibition contains the large armed machinery, airplane and even a tank. But indoor exhibition has collections of different items used during the war by soldiers of different armies. Children of school age can try their stamina in the area with military obstacles.

Skolas St. 8a, Zante, Zante parish, Tukums region GPS 56.8359 22.7352

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164. Goat's cheese in biological farm "Birznieki"

Birznieki farm boasts with the second largest goat herd in Latvia and one of country's largest factories of goat's cheese. They have been growing goats and making goat's cheese for already 30 years. Here you can taste and buy fresh and smoked goat's cheeses. The visitors can look at the herd (approximately 250 goats) and pet them, learn about cheese-making process. At the end of excursion one can also taste and buy more than 10 different types of fresh and smoked goat's cheeses.

"Birznieki", Vāne parish, Tukums region GPS 56.9428 22.5282

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Farm "Birznieki"



165. Tasty workshops in the creative house "Smilgāji"

"Smilgāji" is the right place to learn about a versatile life in the countryside and also to enjoy the rural charm. The hosts express their creativity routinely by making furniture and different linen products, as well as organising different culinary events.

Gourmands can apply for bread or Italian pizza baking workshop or preparation of other tasty treats, for example mug cakes, by trying a different approach to making cakes in various celebrations. This is the right place to spend a delicious time with family, to choose it as a place for bachelorette party or work colleagues.

"Smilgāji", Vāne parish,
Tukums region
GPS 56.9068 22.5975
T. +371 26460588
www.facebook.com/smilgaji

Creative house "Smilgāji"



166. "Tēviņkalna winery"

The winery is situated in Zemīte, and wine is made there from fruit, berries and grapes that are grown locally and also found in the wild. The wine-maker Ivo Immermanis offers to look at the winery, telling his story alongside wine-tasting and snacking in a cosy atmosphere in the winery or on the garden terrace. Those who do not drink alcohol and children can enjoy fruit and berry juices. During the summer season the visitors can go to an excursion in the farm's garden. In harvest season you can eat delicious berries in the garden.



Other attraction sites

- 167. Storage of the ancient items in Vāne +371 26111332 GPS 56.9226 22.5638
- 168. Former Chemist's shop in Vāne +371 20216094 GPS 56.9144 22.5541
- 169. Smiltiņkalns hill and nature path GPS 56.8554 22.7491
- 170. "Laimīgo kolliju zeme" (The land of happy collies) +371 299559338 GPS 56.8598 22.5355
- 171. Farm "Ķirpji" alpaca herd +371 29403698 www.alpacas.lv GPS 56.8988 22.5676



- 172. Homemade produce shop biological farm "Ogle" +371 27488123 www.facebook.com/ogle.kalneni GPS 56.9417 22.7009
- 173. Biological farm "Ošnieki" +371 28775254 GPS 56.9144 22.8234
- 174. "Jāṇa dārzs" (Jānis' Garden) +371 29324193, 26335583 GPS 56.9304 22.5425

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Homemade produce shop "Ogle"



176. Fishing in Kazukalna ponds +371 29165796 GPS 56.8158 22.6893

177. Fishing in Ziedkalnu ponds +371 29375636 GPS 56.9537 22.5802







A journey through time: Džūkste Lestene

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From the splendour of baroque to tragedy of Courland Fort

Special and unusual route with Lestene as destination, where once the most splendid church of Kurzeme used to be, and its baroque interior was so luxurious that visitors became literally speechless. 2. During the world war the entire interior was destroyed, but in the 21st century it is being renovated and the vivid colours already make one to say: "Oh, holy Lestene!" The Bed of Honour is situated next to the church, and it is dedicated to those Latvian men who chose to fight for independence of Latvia at the end of the World War 2. The number of soldiers' names who were re-buried and whose names were carved in the memorial walls will surprise and at the same time make you reflect on the devastating nature of war.

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178. Lestene Lutheran Church

Lestene Lutheran Church in its 300 years of existence has become famous for its excellent architecture and as a monument of decorative art. It is said to be built already in 1703. It differs from other churches of Kurzeme with very impressive dimensions and the large Gothic vault-shaped windows. In contrast to the robust external looks of the church, its interior was surprisingly luxurious, and it is known in Latvian art history as the most prominent woodwork ensemble of the baroque era. Unfortunately, everything was destroyed in the World War 2, and currently the church is slowly being renovated and regaining its previous splendour.

Lestene, Lestene parish, Tukums region GPS 56.7728 23.1379

T. +371 29299064

www.lestenesbaznica.lv



Wood carvings in Lestenes Lutheran Church

180. Memorial place for the defenders of Kurzeme Fort

Where once stood a house called "Rumbas", now there is a memorial stone to honour the protectors of Kurzeme Fort. Its author is sculptor Ojārs Feldbergs. In Christmas of 1944, here were tough battles between the protectors of Kurzeme Fort and the Soviet Army, and nothing has remained from former buildings. Deeper in the park we can see the monument "The Red against the Brown" by Girts Burvis – two split stones with times of major battles carved in the stone, as well as information about the war consequences and people that Latvia lost.

"Rumbas", Džūkste parish, Tukums region

Lestene Brothers' Cemetery

GPS 56.7132 23.1869

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179. Lestene Bed of Honour

Lestene Bed of Honour is the graveyard for soldiers from the Latvian Legion who died during WW2. In its centre stands a monument "Motherland Latvia" by sculptor Arta Dumpe. The soldiers of the Latvian Legion who fought against the Red Army, which took away Latvia's independence, destroyed its army and committed crimes against civilians, have been re-buried over the course of time from different war-period burial sites. Currently remains of 1317 Latvian soldiers are buried in Lestene Bed of Honour, while the memorial plates of the site have approximately 11,000 names of soldiers carved in.

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181. Monument in Džūkste by K. Zemdega

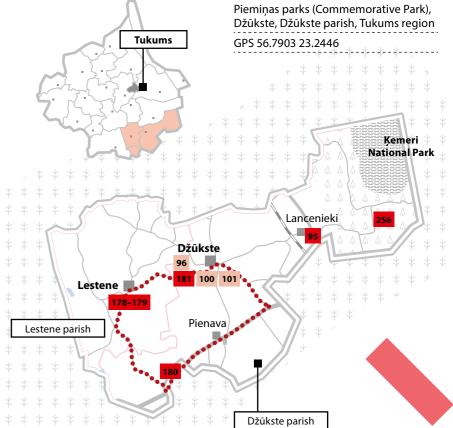
On 17 November 1935, a monument dedicated to the sons of Džūkste and Slampe parish who fell in the World War 1 and Freedom Battles of Latvia, by Kārlis Zemdegs, was opened in Džūkste centre. It is made of pale grey Finnish granite.

K. Zemdega has written about the monument idea: "Before I even received the task, I had this idea in mind. Every tragic event is always accompanied by 2 symbols: fame (for the victory) and pain (for the loss). Džūkste monument (in a narrower sense) is a sort of vessel as a place for relic, where the ashes of the fallen Džūkste inhabitants have been gathered. Those holy ashes which are scattered in different fronts of the world war and freedom battles, and whose graves are unknown or inaccessible – I wanted to make this small granite vessel for them and to lift it up high. I decorated it with stars, because our fame must be capable of raising above the day-to-day matters from this small granite vessel. Down there, a woman leans against it, filled with pain for the fallen ones, while the upper person wants to express fame earned by the fallen ones. His hand holds a fiery not a real spear, because I want to put more emphasis on the victory of mental battle. What is he thinking about when looking far away – I will



leave it up to the observer."

Monument in Džūkste by K. Zemdega, 1930s (photo from Tukums Museum)



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Northern Kurzeme sceneries and countryside yards

Winding roads, hills and hillocks, cultivated fields and bountiful herds, colourful flowers at houses or spacious orchards and berry gardens at the roadside - you will see it all in your trip to this east-north side of Kurzeme. As you travel over the hills to the seaside, you can encounter the oak with the largest diameter in the Baltic states - Kaive Ancestry Oak - and visit the most beautiful rose garden of Kurzeme "Rozītes", and to see the smallest countryside houses in Northern Kurzeme yard - Pastariņš Museum in Dzirciems and taste the most delicious pancakes in Rideli mill café.

TOP attraction Engure Lake sites Nature Park Cēre parish 182. Kaive Ancestry Oak Zentene parish Kaive oak is an oak with the largest diameter in the Baltic countries, and the 11th most voluminous oak in the Eastern Europe. Its diameter is 10.2 m. It takes 9 adults to join hands around it. The measurements show that the oak continues to grow in width. Its current height is 18 m, the branches reach up Cere to 13.7 metres. Even though the former Sēme parish meaning of a sacred tree has not been clearly documented or proven, people Dzintars of the region recently believed that they Pūre parish should go to the oak to have a lucky trip. "Senči", Kaive, Sēme parish, E 22 Vecmokas Tukums region GPS 57.0638 23.0230 Tukums Tume P121 Tukums Tume parish More information

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184. Jāņupīte Nature path

Jāņupīte path, also called Jānīša path, crosses the natural forest habitat a forest stand with high biological value. The path is 1.1 km long and was created for the visitors to explore the versatile relief and forest ecosystem which grows on different soils, and it has been unaffected by industrial activities during the last 100-150 years. As you walk along the path, you will learn about diversity of plants, moss, lichen, valleys and ravines, oak and spruce forests. Usually, it takes about 1 to 1.5 hours to walk the path slowly. In many places there are stairs, bridges and plank-ways for convenience of

Jānīšu ceļš, Dzirciems, Zentene parish, Tukums region GPS 57.1118 23.0438

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185. Zentene Palace and park

Zentene manor estate managers' house was built in 1850, and it is an example of classicism style. On the background of other classicism castles, this one stands out with the coat of arms of the Līvens, who managed the palace, in the sward of the facade. Since 1938, the building hosted Zentene Elementary School, but it was closed in 2009. In 2023 the palace changed its owners, and the new owners plan to create an attractive tourism object. The park of 20 hectares has 15 foreign tree varieties and shrub plantations. Yew with the largest diameter in Latvia, who is depicted symbolically also in the coat of arms of Zentene parish, grows in the park.

Zentene, Zentene parish, Tukums region GPS 57.1344 22.9791

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Jāņupīte Nature path



Kaive Ancestry Oak



Pastarinš Museum

186. Pastarinš Museum

Pastarinš Museum is dedicated to the writer Ernests Birznieks-Upītis (1871–1960), who was called Pastariņš (last-born child) in childhood. "Bisnieku" farmstead, where the writer was born, is more than 400 years old and over the course of time it has changed almost completely. In the renovated residential building visitors can learn about the Birznieki kin and their daily lives, practical and creative life of the writer. There is a mock-up of the old "Bisenieki" farm in the garden, where one can see the situation in the writer's childhood. Houses are so little that only tiny people could live in them. The museum is a wonderful place for family recreation and class excursions!

"Bisnieki", Dzirciems, Zentene parish, Tukums region

GPS 57.1224 23.0160

T. +371 28651091



Farm "Kangari"



187. Rural yard "Kangari" with a snail farm

Rural yard "Kangari" is simply made for recreation in the countryside! Families are welcome here both for shorter excursions and longer holidays. Children can learn more about Burgundy snails in the farm, take them in hands and explore, and also find out something interesting about the life of snails. The gourmands can taste the healthy countryside treats. Children will like to play in the spacious playground with a dexterity track, play with dogs and see chickens. It is also possible to stay for the night and taste the farm's lunch.

"Kangari", Cēre parish, Tukums region GPS 57.1365 22.8175

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www.facebook.com/kangari

188. Rideli mill

Rideli mill was built in 1863. The farm built by duke Lambsdorf during the World War I was destroyed and later renovated; in the Soviet times the mill was burnt down and only the masonry walls remained. In 1996 the mill was reconstructed and now Rideli mill works day and nigh processing 3.5 tonnes of grains in 24 hours. In spring of 2018, when the mill stopped again, the owner of Rideli mill, Oskars Kambala, opened the Mill Museum, created an interactive programme for children, pupils and families, giving an opportunity to participate in the workshops organised by the miller. In café "Cope", which stands next to the mill, you can taste the special pancakes of Rideli mill, while the scenic surroundings of the mill pond is popular and have been arranged for recreation and enjoyment of nature.

Pancakes in the Rideli Mill café

"Rideļu dzirnavas", "Kalnupes", Engure parish, Tukums region

GPS 57.1519 23.1026

T. +371 22440094, 26536532 www.rideludzirnavas.lv



Mulberry plantation

Other attraction sites

- 189. Orchard of farm "Eglāji" +371 29250492 www.facebook.com/zsEglaji GPS 57.0097 23.1992
- 190. Cow herds in farm "Mengeli" +371 29473831 www.mengeli.lv GPS 57.0418 23.1519
- 191. Nature yard "Druķi" and collection of stones and minerals +371 29416775 GPS 57.1078 23.1256





- GPS 57.1025 23.0032
- 193. Graveyard of the Lambsdorf kin and mortuary GPS 57.0866 23.0918
- 194. Dzirciems Lutheran Church +371 26248688, 27859527 GPS 57.1196 23.0113
- 195. The yellow pines GPS 57.1302 23.1566
- 196. Bee house "Meļčas" +371 29476584 www.facebook.com/bisumaja GPS 57.1616 23.0030
- 197. Raspberry garden of farm "Jaunlagzdiņi" +371 29137117 GPS 57.1359 22.9434
- 198. Mulberry plantation in Cere +371 26133879 GPS 57.1165 22.8834

199. Countryside sauna "Restarta zona" +371 29423938 www.restartazona.mozello.lv GPS 57.1452 23.0857

- 200. Horse rides in the rider sport school "Lejnieki" +371 26394516 www.facebook.com/ jatniekusportaklubsLejnieki GPS 57.0307 23.1745
- 201. Rider sport school "Morfijs" +371 26388800 GPS 57.1515 23.0470
- 202. SUP boards and boats in Rideļi mill +371 26536532, 22440094 www.rideludzirnavas.lv GPS 57.1518 23.1026

Rider sport school "Morfijs"

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Sun, sea and sand

The travellers will cross quiet and peculiar fishermen's villages over almost 60 km distance, where old fishermen sheds stand next to modern summer cottages, while the sandy beaches are interrupted by stony seashore. Here you can give in to holiday laziness in the white beach sand, enjoy the fresh sea air, feel the breeze on a yacht and taste freshly smoked fish. You can visit the local museums to find out more about the complicated life of fishermen in earlier times, but today's shore fishermen can be met in the fishermen dock, while fish can be bought in local sales points and fishermen's yards.



Ragaciema sedumi – old fishermen docks

Egg collection of the Lapmežciems Museum



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203. Ragaciems fishermen docks

Fishermen docks are the berths where once the fishing vessels came to the shore and fishermen erected sheds for their nets. They kept nets, anchors, buoys and other fishing equipment there. Fishermen docks are also the place of gathering of fishermen, where the men discussed their work: making of fishing lines, fishbaskets, purchase of inventories. Wives and children of fishermen took the fish out of nets in fishermen docks. Today the fishermen docks of Ragaciems look like peculiar, rather small open-air museum of fishermen. But it is a live museum, because the local fishermen still use the fishermen docks to store the fishing items there.

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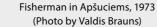


Engure, 1976 (Photo by Valdis Brauns)

204. Lapmežciems Museum

Museum photos and also fishing and household items reveal a story of fishermen's life in the 19th and 20th century – about interconnectedness of house chores, work and leisure time, all of them centred around the sea. Interactive activities will help to find out more about the vicinity of Lapmežciems, its ancient local toponyms and richness of nature. In the museum parents with children can look at and identify fish species swimming in our waters. Visitors can learn how to arrange fish for smoking and take the interactive activity to find out which bird lays which egg. And, of course, the museum has a special place for Imants Ziedonis.

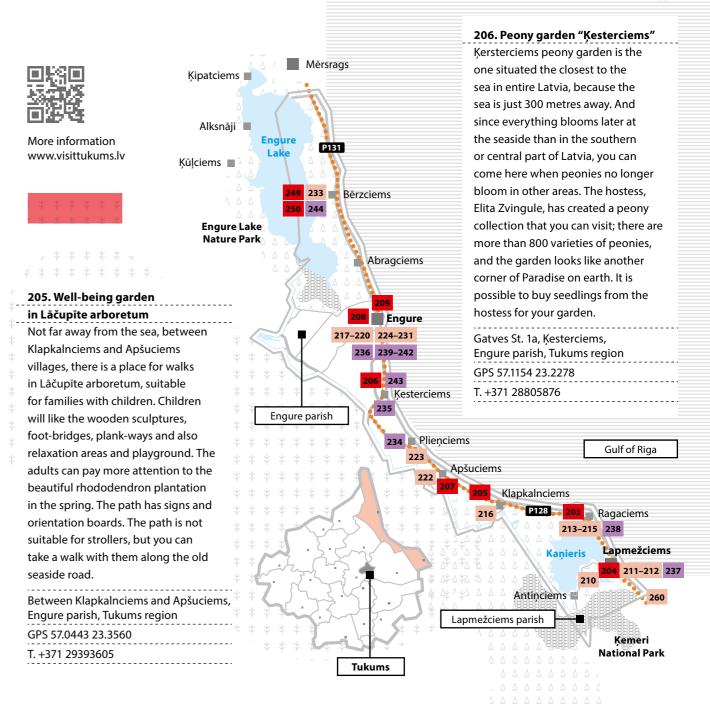
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Poet I. Ziedonis with his sister, around 1937 (Photo from Lapmežciems museum)







207. Creative room "Grašu māja"

When visiting the salon and workshop of ceramist Ivars Grasis, you can look how he makes tableware on potter's wheel, take a look at the workshop and wooden kiln, try to be a potter and create your vessel under the supervision of the master and to buy the pieces made by him.

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208. Brewery "Mazjūras brūzis"

"Mazjūras brūzis" is a place where the historical meets the industrial; a place where you can slowly taste locally brewed beer, wine, bubbles and treats. The brewery offers Angern Lager light beer, also called the amber beer by the visitors. The local name "angern" means eel in Livonian language, and historically it is the name of Engurciems. The finest quality and most memorable in terms of taste is Angern Dark Lager dark beer and hot-beer which has gained popularity. If you apply for the beer-tasting, you will learn about the nuances of Engure beer.

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209. Building of former Engure Maritime School – the House of Meeting

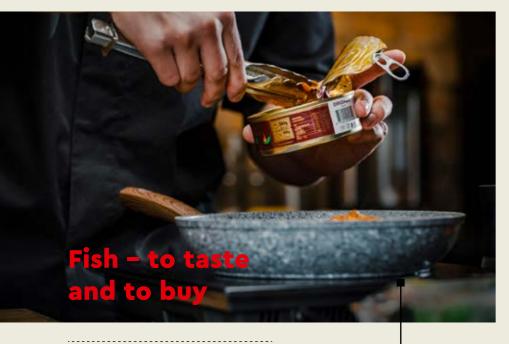
Engure Maritime School was once one of 10 maritime schools of Latvia which were established by the recommendation of Krišjānis Valdemārs. 413 students studied in the school between 1875 and 1898. Engure Maritime School was open until the World War I and in 1915 it was transferred to Russia. Today the House of Meeting – "Saieta nams" is arranged in the premises of the maritime school, where one can see an exhibition about Engure Maritime School and local history. Here is also an exhibition hall, while the Great Hall of the House of Meeting is offered for meetings, seminars, informative and festive events.

"Unda" fish production

"Saieta nams", Jūras St. 114, Engure, Engure parish, Tukums region GPS 57.1708 23.2207

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- 210. Fish tasting at "Reiņa zivis" +371 29219491 www.reinazivis.lv GPS 57.0001 23.5073
- 211. Fish tasting at "Mauriņi-S" +371 29374291 GPS 57.0245 23.4918
- 212. Fish tasting at "Jurita B" +371 26524941 GPS 57.0036 23.5160
- 213. Fish tasting at "Kalnpuru Zivis" +371 25139866 www.kalnpuruzivis.lv GPS 57.0255 23.4879
- 214. Local produce store
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 GPS 57.0241 23.4922

215. Ragaciems fish market GPS 57.0246 23.4920

- 216. Sales point "Klapkalnciema Zivis" +371 26372856 www.facebook.com/ klapkalnciema GPS 57.0427 23.3632
- 217. Fish tasting café "Būda" +371 2917918 www.facebook.com/ kafejnicaBuda GPS 57.1646 23.2244
- 218. Fisherman's yard "Lucītis" +371 29167255 GPS 57.1518 23.2298
- 219. Engure fish market GPS 57.1605 23.2301
- 220. "Unda" fish produce concept store "Diplomāts" +371 63181117 www.diplomats.fish GPS 57.1612 23.2307



Concept store "Diplomāts"



Magnolia garden



Other attraction sites

- 221. Siliņupe River settlement GPS 56.9940 23.5186
- 222. Apšuciems Fishing and Maritime Culture Heritage Centre +371 26132761 GPS 57.0614 23.3101
- 223. Plienciems' White Dune and paths to the sea GPS 57.0781 23.2706
- 224 Magnolia garden +371 29424424 GPS 57.1556 23.2289
- 225. Engure Lutheran Church and graveyard +371 27412144 GPS 57.1598 23.2299
- 226. Engure beach and promenade GPS 57.1610 23.2325
- 227. Engure Port GPS 57.1623 23.2313

- 228. Engure pastor's house "Ērģelnieki" GPS 57.1618 23.2273
- 229. Conceptual art store
 "Maize & Māksla" (Bred & Art)
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 www.facebook.com/
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 GPS 57.1587 23.2289
- 230. Engure vicarage and creative workshop "Pērle rada" +371 26565812 www.facebook.com/perlerada GPS 57.1634 23.2273
- 231. Zušuciems park GPS 57.1627 23.2266
- 232. Bērzciems plank-way in the sea GPS 57.2447 23.1753

Lapmežciems' pier





Photo route "Life by the sea"

When you take on this adventure, you will explore the seashore villages of Tukums region, captured in photos, and you will create your memory stories, find out more about the history, the most interesting events and get to know the locals. A route from Jaunkemeri to Berzciems will take you through 11 stops where you will find out something new about the life in the seaside fishermen villages.





- bicycle and SUP board rent +371 26453961
- 234. Horse rides "Annikas zirgu izjādes" +371 29298067 www.facebook.com/ Katrinasmuiza GPS 57.0794 23.2492
- 235. SPA and recreation centre "Albatross Resort" +371 27047435 www.albatross-spa.lv GPS 57.1092 23.2323
- 236. Lasertag in Engure +371 26103435 www.albatross.lv GPS 57.1628 23.2282



- 233. "MADCAp" quadracycle, water www.atputasnoma.com
- "Albatross Resort"



- 237. SUP board rent "Rudzīši" +371 26407241 GPS 56.9950 23.5224
- 238. SUP board rent "Seduma SUPi" +371 20490842 GPS 57.0238 23.4924
- 239. SUP board rent "Pērle rada" +371 26417818 www.perlerada.com GPS 57.1636 23.2278
- 240. Kiteboard school "Vējā" +371 29517551 www.veja.lv GPS 57.1609 23.2323
- 241. Yacht "La Rouge" +371 29235898 GPS 57.1622 23.2314
- 242. Yacht "Anna Roza" +371 29233660 GPS 57.1622 23.2314
- 243. Fishing in the sea hostel "Pludmalis" +371 29287271 www.pludmalis.lv GPS 57.1117 23.2335
- 244. Fishing in the sea fisherman's yard "Dieniņas" +371 26676283 www.dieninas.lv GPS 57.2449 23.1730



Wild orchids, domestic animals and bird watching

It is worth going around **Engure Lake if you enjoy** observing nature, animals, stillness of water and sunsets, seeing rare plant species or picking up a lot of berries or mushrooms. Can you imagine that a long time ago the sea was here? Can you imagine that once this place was a major source of amber? Can you imagine that rather recently the locals kept their cows here and harvested hay to keep the animals fed throughout the winter. Local scenery and people can tell such unimaginable stories.

TOP attraction sites

245. Engure Lake and Ornithology Research Centre

Engure Lake is the third largest Lake in Latvia. It appeared approximately 4,000 years ago when Littorina Sea receded, therefore it is classified as lagoon lake. The rural base of the Ornithology Laboratory of the Biology Institute has been situated at the coast of Engure Lake for more than 40 years. Ornithologists here research and ring the birds nesting in Engure Lake. Engure Lake is one of places where the Latvian Association of Ornithologists organise Birdwatching Days.

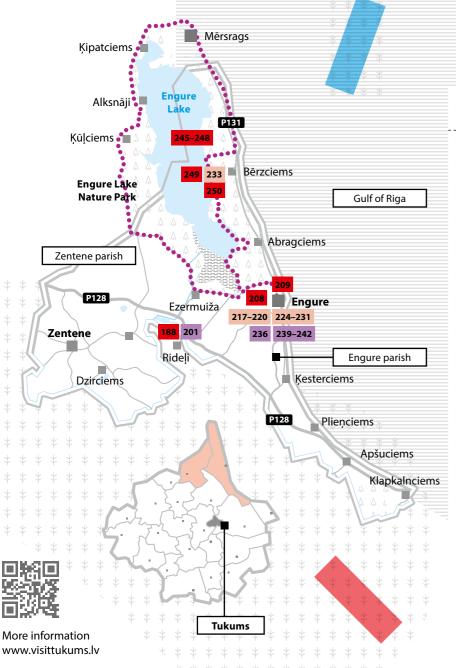
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Fly Orchid (Ophrys insectifera L.)





Birdwatching tower in the Engure Lake



246. Enclosure for domestic animals adapted to life in the wild

Enclosures in Engure shore nature park fence off more than 100 hectares. One pasture area is situated at the Ornithology Research Centre, fencing off 25 ha of pastureground, and also in Krievrags at Külciems, fencing off another 36 ha of area which is a home for approximately 70 cows – Latvian blue breed, Highlander, Charole, Hereford and Alpengrey cows and around 20 Polski Konik horses. The meadows of Engure Lake serve as pasture for meat kettle, who do not need to be milked and have thicker wool, therefore they can stay outside all year and even in bad weather. Meanwhile the horses living in the park look similar to the extinct European wild horses – tarpans. Horses will be the best companions if you choose to go to birdwatching tower in Engure Lake.

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247. Birdwatching tower

In order for nature park visitors to better see the birds of Engure Lake and the beautiful scenery, a birdwatching tower has been erected on the lake (i.e. on lake pontoons). A path trough the lake-shore pasture of domestic animals – horses and cows – adapted to the life in the wild, leads to the tower, and it means you will encounter animals, so be careful.

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248. Orchid path

Flood-lands meadows, marshes and wet forests of the nature park "Engure Lake" can boast with a huge diversity of orchid species – 22 of 32 orchid species in Latvia grow in Engure vicinity. In the nature park you can visit abundant fly orchid plantations. It is a very rare orchid, found only in Kurzeme. The Orchid path was made for the visitors to see specifically these interesting plant species. The best time for taking the path is the second half of June and the beginning of July.

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250. Cheese-making at
"Kundziņsiers"

When you visit the cheese-making plant "Kundziņsiers" at Sindija and her family, you will hear the story about cheese-making and taste different cheeses. There are three cheese-tasting offers, and also an opportunity to taste a specially prepared cheese plate consisting of different cheeses "Kundziņsiers", prosciutto, grapes and other snacks which will excellently complement each other.

"Smiltiņi", Bērzciems, Engure parish, Tukums region

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Berzciems' coast



Cheese factory "Kundziņsiers"



A day in Kemeri National Park

Route No.

The Great Kemeri Moor

Wonders of marsh and forest world

Kemeri National Park stands amongst others with its versatile world of marshes. There you can see both high moss and low grass and transitional marshes. Kaniera Lake, which is a part of the park, is internationally important place where the migrating birds feed and rest. You can do birdwatching not only from the tower but also on the extraordinary Niedrāju plank-way, looking over Dunduru meadows. The wet forests provide home for rare woodpecker species. Besides, this is why the woodpecker was chosen as the park's symbol. Will you be lucky to see such rarities as the black stork, white tailed eagle, the lesser spotted eagle or corncrake will depend on you.

TOP attraction sites

251. The large plank-way of the Great Ķemeri Moor

The large plank-way of the Great Kemeri Moor is the most popular attraction site in Kemeri National Park. There you can witness high moss moor unaffected by human actions. There are two plank-way arch routes – the Large Circle, 3.4 km long, and the Little Circle, 1.4 km long. The Large Circle has sightseeing tower from which you can see the spaciousness of moor and thousands of small lakes. As you go along the plank-way, please, take the indicated direction. In case of precipitation, the plankway can be slippery. You can take the route free of charge, but car parking is a paid service.

"Tīreļi", Slampe parish, Tukums region

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Common crane (Grus grus)

The Great Kemeri Moor

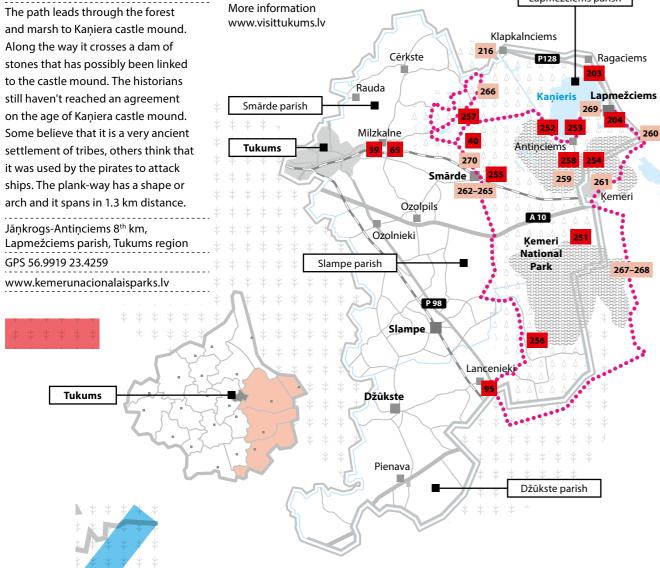




252. Nature path of Kanieris castle mound

and marsh to Kaniera castle mound. Along the way it crosses a dam of stones that has possibly been linked to the castle mound. The historians still haven't reached an agreement on the age of Kaņiera castle mound. Some believe that it is a very ancient settlement of tribes, others think that it was used by the pirates to attack ships. The plank-way has a shape or arch and it spans in 1.3 km distance.

Jāņkrogs-Antiņciems 8th km, Lapmežciems parish, Tukums region



Lapmežciems parish



Round-leaved Sundew (Drosera rotundifolia L.)



253. Birdwatching tower, juniper stand and Reed plank-way in the Kanieris Lake

The birdwatching tower is situated in Riekstu peninsula in the Kanieris Lake, and from there one can see largest part of the Kaņieris Lake. It is worthwhile coming here to enjoy the lake scenery, swans and elegant great egrets. As you go to the birdwatching tower, you can see a big juniper stand, one of the biggest in Latvia. This is also a starting point of the most extraordinary plank-ways, Niedrāju plank-way, of Ķemeri National Park. It is supported by pontoons, giving an opportunity to explore otherwise inaccessible and mysterious world of reeds. The plank-way is approximately 600 metres long.

Between Lapmežciems and Antinciems, Lapmežciema parish, Tukums region GPS 56.9976 23.4760 www.kemerunacionalaisparks.lv

254. Sulphur pond plank-way in Raganu (Witches) marsh

Raganu marsh is one of high marshes in Kemeri National Park with the famous sulphuretted hydrogen mineral waters underneath. The plank-way winds through the ecosystem of the high marsh and its typical flora, until unusual geological object – sulphur ponds which are the result of sulphur mineral waters flowing to the upper layers of the marsh. Water rich in sulphur is the reason why Raganu marsh flora and ponds have a peculiar tint. In springtime one can see rather atypical view when microorganisms multiply in the ponds staining them in yellow.

Raganu purvs, Lapmežciems parish, Tukums region

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255. Zalais (Green) marsh in Smārde

In the middle of last century Zalais marsh was a place for peat mining, however sulphuretted hydrogen mineral waters were discovered underneath, therefore peat mining was stopped in 1960. It automatically stopped pumping of water from the peat quarries and so local water reservoirs formed.

Regardless of the fact that peat mining was discontinued, the drying systems continue to affect water regime in the marsh hence the surreal marsh scenery. Cormorants have chosen this place as their home, and they are making nests in the deadwoods. The emerald-green water of the marsh with the deadwoods and cormorant nests is a 'business card' of this marsh and creates rather peculiar vista and gives slightly apocalyptic vibe. The marsh can be explored also in a boat or SUP board, organised by "Ozolaivas".

> Zaļais purvs, Kūdra, Smārde parish, Tukums region GPS 56.9681 23.3569





256. Dunduru (Gadfly) meadows

Dunduru meadows are flooded meadows embraced by the forest, which have been a pasture for heck cattle and *Polski Konik* horses for already 20 years. These animal species have been especially selected for living in the wild and they are very close relatives of their extinct ancestors – aurochs and tarpans. Dunduru meadows are also an excellent place for birdwatching. Many corn-crakes make their nests, the lesser spotted eagle and other birds of prey feed here, while naturalised rivers teem with fish hunted by the black stork and the great egret. A sight-seeing tower of 5.5 m in height was constructed here for watching birds and animals from the southern side of the meadow. 2 sightseeing platforms were built in Melnragu throttle from where a wide scenery opens to meadows from another perspective.

Dunduru plavas, Džūkste parish, Tukums region

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257. Recreational complex

"Valguma pasaule"

Barefoot path will be a real discovery for health advocates. The path is covered in stones, pebbles, boulders and mill stones, moss, cones, beach sand, reeds, chips, coarse pine trunk, clay, refreshing river water. The path is improved and something is added to it every year. After the long walk the feet feels pleasant tingling and they are warm even in a cool day, you can literally feel the flux of energy and zest in the body. You can experience inner motion in the Art path in forest, featuring a large-sized photo exhibition by two photographers - Andris Apse, Latvian-origin New Zealander, and Latvian nature photographer Andris Eglītis and they are put in nature among the large pines. You will find several labyrinths in "Valguma pasaule": **Meditation labyrinth** is a place where you can calm the mind in meditation, Mirror labyrinth - meeting yourself, Baltic wheel or Nameday labyrinth looking for names.

"Valguma pasaule", Smārde parish, Tukums region

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258. Recreational site "Dare"

"Dare" offers peaceful recreation in natural meadows in Antinciems. Host Indulis and hostess Sanita warmly welcome visitors to find out more about meadows and growing of chicory in Antinciems, as well as to taste chicory coffee and treats from wild plants, and perhaps even a soup made on a fire. Here you will find picnic and tent places, a specially arranged place with awning for seminars and private events in nature, romantic "White Dream" birch grove where to enjoy tea and natural beauty, as well as sense of nature in meadows with or without a guide and in groups.







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Kanieris Lake boat centre

Other attraction sites

- 259. Zaļā kāpa (Green dune) GPS 56.9823 23.4381
- 260. Kupskalnu nature path GPS 56.9915 23.5236
- 261. "Meža māja" (Forest house), Forest path and Black alder swamp forest plank-way +371 67730078, 26424972 GPS 56.9520 23.5133
- 262. "Smārdes medus" (Smārde honey) +371 25167097 www.smardesmedus.lv GPS 56.9613 23.3325
- 263. Tasting of Greek products +371 26701015 www.griekija.lv GPS 56.9475 23.3366
- 264. "Vēju dārzs" (Wind garden) GPS 56.9563 23.3413
- 265. Smārde Bed of Honour and monument by K. Zāle GPS 56.9558 23.3419

Activities and adventures

- 266. Adventure game "Scouts out" +371 22057669 www.facebook.com/ latviesustrelniekikemerupurvos GPS 57.0204 23.3453
- 267. Hikes with "Purva bridēji" (Marsh walkers) +371 20120101 www.purvubrideji.lv GPS 56.8981 23.5302
- 268. Boat rides with "Ozolaivas" +371 23202900 www.ozolaivas.lv GPS 56.8981 23.5302
- 269. Kaņieris Lake boat centre +371 29253514 GPS 57.0015 23.4889
- 270. Horse rides in farm "Ruģeļi" +371 22427274 www.zaigashorses.1w.lv





"Smārdes medus"











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Cycling in the vicinity of Tukums

Travelling with a bicycle is slower than by a car, but you can see and enjoy more and feel the charm of different places.

30 bicycle routes of various complexity were created to explore the splendour of each corner of Tukums and its vicinity. If you come from Riga, take a train to Tukums and then start your ride from station Tukums I.

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