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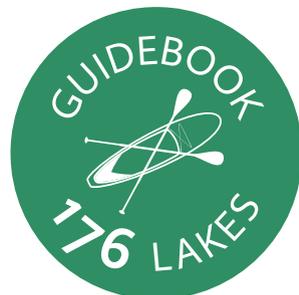
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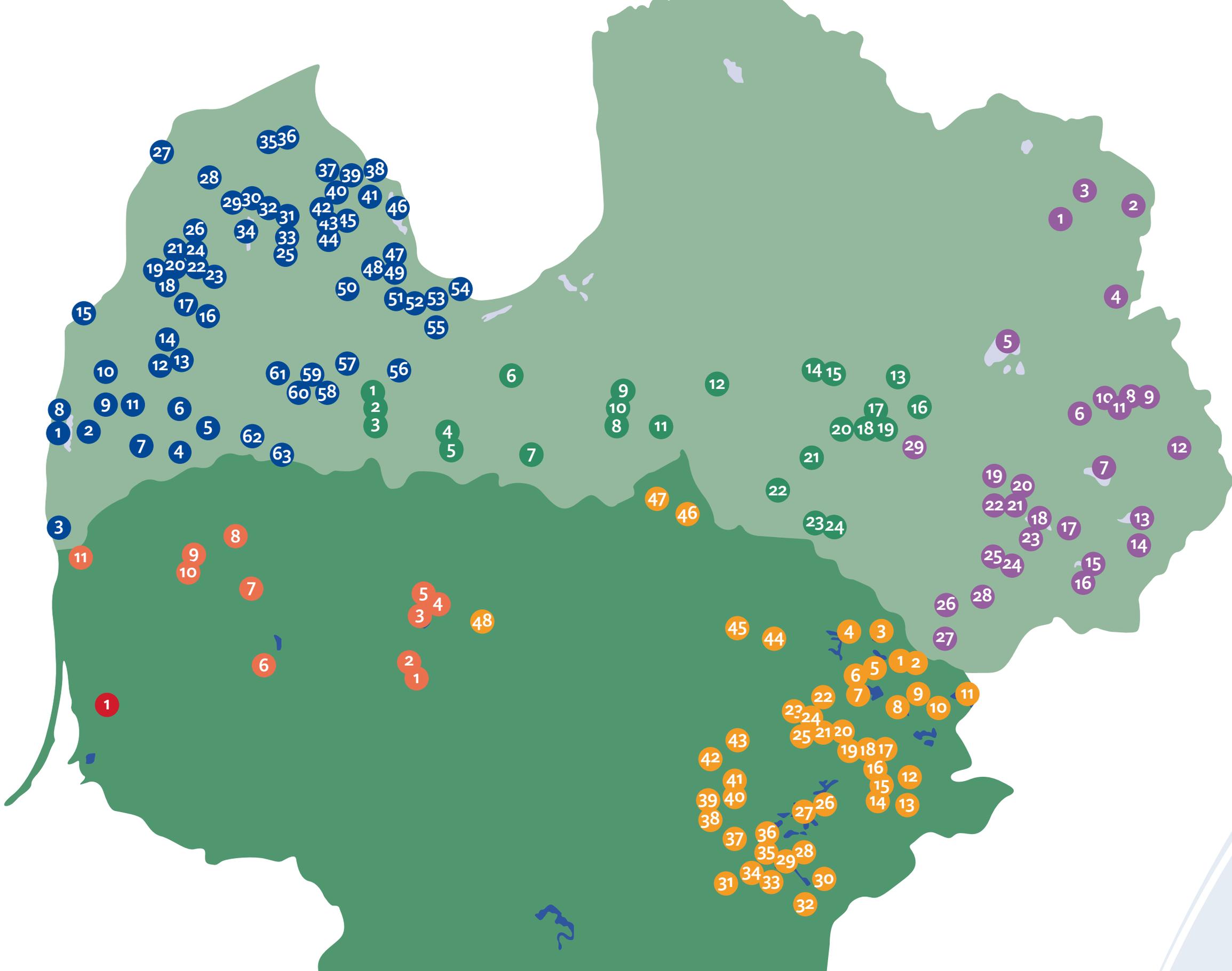


176 lakes



- Active recreation opportunities,
- fishing spots,
- swimming spots,
- accommodation

*A practical and inspiring guide for
nature lovers, families and water
tourism enthusiasts*



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Icon Interpretation

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|  Wake park |  Fire place |  Catering |
|  Water attraction park |  Toilet |  Tent place |
|  Equipment rental |  Sports area |  Camper place |
|  Boat launch area |  Playground |  Accommodation |
|  Fishing place |  Nature trail |  Motor boats are prohibited |
|  Swimming area |  Cycle route |  "permit No. Lo5.1" |
| |  Tourist attraction |  "permit No. Lo5.2" |



Lake Talsi. Photo: Uldis Balga

Introduction

Latvia is unimaginable without its blue lakes. The mighty Lake Rāzna, the wide Lake Liepāja, Lake Engure trembling from birds' singing, Lake Ežezers, Lake Usma, and many more lakes that are so familiar and loved by us.

176 lakes are collected in this guidebook – each has its own story and character. The guidebook will introduce 63 lakes in Kurzeme, 24 lakes in Zemgale, and 29 lakes in Latgale. The Lithuanian part will bring you to 48 lakes in Aukštaitija, 11 lakes in Samogītia, and one more lake in Lithuania Minor.

The goal of this tourist guidebook is to take you to places where natural beauty quietly rests: from picturesque seaside lakes in Kurzeme to idyllic water reservoirs in Latgale and the green waters of Lithuania. Each lake mentioned in this guidebook promises not only quiet rest by the water but also an opportunity to discover the world of lakes anew – it's a safe, affordable and sustainable tourist offer. The lakes listed in the guidebook have nearby accommodation options.

We invite you to hit the road and experience unique natural landscapes. As weekend destinations, these lakes will not only enrich your travel history but will also show that tourism can be inclusive and nature-friendly.

Enjoy a boat trip, bathe in the sunset or stroll along lakeshores, be one with nature and enjoy meditative relaxation, allowing you to restore your inner balance. Each lake offers more than just leisure – these are places where nature, history and culture are alive.

In each lake description, you'll find ideas for active recreation, nearby points of interest, and accommodation options around the lake. Pay attention to the "Keep in Mind" section – it highlights important information that will be useful when planning your time by the lake.

Don't forget to check the pictograms below each lake's name – they will help you quickly understand what you can do and experience at that particular lake!

Important information: each lake description contains detailed information about the accessibility of its surroundings, including nature trails, boardwalks, viewing platforms, bird observation towers, and other access opportunities. Thus, every visitor will be able to fully enjoy the beauty and abundance of the surrounding nature.

Your Kurzeme Planning Region

USEFUL INFORMATION

WATER SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU!

Resting by the lake is an amazing way to enjoy the nature, water and peace. For this experience to be pleasant for everyone, please comply with several important rules.

Respect private property!

Not all lakeshores are publicly accessible. Before setting off to a lake, find out whether it's located in the vicinity of private property and whether the stay at the lakeshore has to be agreed upon with the landowners.

Comply with regulations on pets!

Although leisure with

four-legged friends is permitted in many places, at some lakes, the presence of pets at lakeshores or in the water is restricted. Please comply with the instructions and respect other visitors!

Pay attention to the quality and colour of the water!

Before swimming, carefully observe the lake water: if it seems to be murky, greenish, has layers of algae or has an unpleasant smell, you may wish to refrain from swimming.

Do not jump into the water head or legs first! Jumping into water either head or legs first in an unknown place,

can be very dangerous – the water might be hiding stones or stumps, or may just be too shallow. Choose safe places where the depth of water is known. Walk into the water slowly from the shore.

Don't swim if you've just eaten or are overheated in the sun, as well as don't bathe if it's windy, at night time, or during a thunderstorm!

Never overestimate your swimming abilities; don't try to cross the lake!

Keep an eye on children! Children must be supervised at all times while swimming, boating or having a rest on a lakeshore.



Lake Būšnieki. Photo: Margarita Zvejniece

Take a rest on the water while observing safety rules!

When boating or paddle boarding, pedal boating, jet skiing or using another vessel, always wear a life jacket!

A vessel must not carry more people than its designated passenger capacity. Don't lean overboard of a boat, don't rock the boat, and don't stand up!

Be quiet and calm in nature!

Music, noise or overly active entertainment may disturb both other holidaymakers and the surrounding fauna. Enjoy the calmness of the lake and respect the environment!

In nature, comply with the principle – take away everything that's been brought! **Don't leave rubbish!**

Drinking alcohol is not compatible with leisure, by and on the water!

Discover lakes in Latvia and Lithuania – take a rest and enjoy the nature!



Lake Laidze

FISHING IN LATVIAN LAKES

The simplest way to get a fishing card is to buy it on the mobile app Mana Cope or the websites:
www.manacope.lv
www.makskeresanaskarte.lv

ATTENTION!

Pay attention to the lake description – at some places an additional licence is needed; the lake description may specify places where it can be purchased.

Free fishing cards: for young people under 16, seniors over 65, and disabled persons.

The following types of fishing are popular in Latvia: spin fishing, float fishing, ice fishing, etc.

More information on fishing opportunities with guide services is available at:
www.balticseafishing.com.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Weather conditions on the water may be checked at
www.meteo.lv.

We recommend requesting information about the use of motor vehicles in the vicinity of a lake from the relevant Municipality.

Emergency phone: 112

More information about lakes and rivers:
www.riverways.eu



FISHING IN LITHUANIAN LAKES

The most convenient way to buy a fishing permit is via the Environment Permit Information System (ALIS) www.alisas.lt or the mobile app Perlas Go, in which the Fisherman's Card menu can be easily accessed from the services section.

ATTENTION!

For fishing in Lithuanian lakes, permit No. L05.1 or No. L05.2 must be purchased. The number of the required permit will be specified in the relevant lake description.

In national and regional parks, as well as other protected territories, fishing and boating rules are more restrictive. In certain places (for example, at hydrographical reserves, breeding grounds), fishing may be completely forbidden, or the use of motor boats or electric motors may be limited. Sometimes, fishing is only permitted with a special park permit, even if you have a valid fisherman's card. Before setting off to fish in a protected territory, make sure you've familiarised yourself with the relevant place's regulations at the park administration or on its website.

The following persons may fish free of charge (without a fishing permit):

- under 18 (an ID is to be presented at a fishing place);
- over 65 (not applicable to those who receive a service or military pension) – a pension certificate is to be presented at the fishing place;
- disabled persons (an ID and disability certificate is to be presented at the fishing place);
- On 16 February, 11 March, 6 July, and 15 August, all persons may fish free of charge at all state water reservoirs.

The most popular types of fishing in Lithuania:

- spin fishing;
- float fishing;
- ice fishing;
- bottom fishing.

In some cases, **special requirements** may be applied for fishing certain fish species (particularly regarding the type of bait).

More information about fishing guided tours and services is available at: www.balticseafishing.com.

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Weather conditions and water level forecasts: www.meteo.lt.

Information about the use of motor boats at lakes can be obtained by contacting the Municipality where you plan to go fishing.

Emergency number: 112

More information about the procedures for fishing in Lithuania: <https://aad.lrv.lt/en/memos-on-environmental-requirements/fishing/>

Accommodation and leisure opportunities at Lithuanian lakes: www.atostogoskaime.lt or www.countryside.lt

More information about Lithuanian lakes and rivers is available at: www.upesezerai.lt



Lake Pape. Photo: Normunds Kaprāno

Kurzeme

Untouched nature and coastal lakes

Kurzeme

This guidebook contains descriptions of 63 lakes and other bodies of water in Kurzeme, each with its own character and offer. There are peaceful natural places, and lively holiday destinations with a wide range of possible activities.

Kurzeme is proud of the only lake in Latvia with its own yacht port – Lake Usma – the capital of active leisure on lakeshores. In turn, adrenaline junkies will definitely enjoy four wake parks: at Beberliņi Reservoir, Grobiņa Mill Pond, Maldugūņi Brook Dam at Pāvilosta and Sātiņi-Sesile Water Reservoir, as well as the Brocēni water attraction park at Lake Ciecere.

If you're in search of a place for celebration or laid-back leisure with a wide range of activities, you may like the surroundings of the Sepene, Zvirgzdu, Lake Lielais Nabes, Lakšezers, Kliģi, Tirukšezers or Gulbju lakes.

Observing birds and wild horses at the Engure and Pape lakes will be a special experience for nature lovers. In the surroundings of Lake Pape, not only wild horses but also wild oxen can be encountered. Lake Pape is famous for its unique bog biotopes. Amazing bird observation places are arranged at the lakes Liepāja, Durbe and Kaņieris. Lake Liepāja is the only one in Latvia that is not fully frozen in winter, which makes it even more interesting for bird observers during the coldest season. However, if you wish to experience a walk in an urban environment, walk along the Talsi or Vilkmuiža lakes, enclosed by hills. Various trails and leisure in nature await you in the surroundings of Lake Būšnieki.

The 12 Kurzeme mill lakes offer different moods and stories. The Mill Pond Dēsele is a favourite celebration venue, while the Mill Lake Kazdanga surprises with its impressive sluice and footbridge that crosses it. The Mill Lake Alsunga is close to a Livonian Order castle, while the Mill Lake Ēdole is at Ēdole Castle. The Īvande and Zlēkas mill lakes offer the serenity of nature. The Mill Lake Uguņi is a holiday destination with boat and paddle board rentals, while the Mill Lake Ezere is notorious because of its unique watermill sluice, the shape of which reminds one of a maple leaf. Fishermen will especially like the Zaņa and Dārte mill lakes, while Lake Rideļi attracts visitors with a mill museum, café, boat rentals, and abundant fishing opportunities.



Lake Sasmakas. Photo: Imants Ratnieks

INFORMATION

More information about tourism opportunities in Kurzeme:
www.kurzeme.lv

Well-equipped swimming places at Māra Pond, the Vilgāle, Saldus, Sasmaka, Pļavu lakes, Slampe Reservoir, and the Mundigezers, Teteriņi and Melnezers lakes promise refreshment on hot summer days. These lakes offer well-facilitated beaches for swimming and spending a day with family and friends in leisure.

In turn, an especially abundant catch awaits fishermen at Prūšu Reservoir, the Tāšu, Puze, Laidze, Mucenieku, Valgums, and Seklis lakes, and in other places where the quietness of the water and the vicinity of nature allow one to leisurely appreciate the calmness.

However, if you are looking for a quiet corner, take a rest at smaller water reservoirs: the Pēterišķe and Snēpele ponds, or the Čumaļezers or Dzirciems lakes.

The lakes of Kurzeme are an open door to nature; they invite you to come in, stay, and discover new experiences.



Lake Būšnieki. Photo: A. Alite

TOURIST INFORMATION:

www.kurzeme.lv



www.dienvidkurzeme.travel



www.liepaja.travel

Liepāja

www.visittukums.lv



www.kandava.lv



www.visittalsi.com



www.visitkuldiga.com



turisms.saldus.lv



www.visitventspils.com



1 Lake Liepāja



Location: Liepāja and Dienvidkurzeme Municipality
GPS Zirgu Island: 56.516339, 21.033535
GPS Lauku Street: 56.494545, 21.024342

Lake Liepāja will impress with the diversity of birds, and thanks to the gentle seaside climate, bird watching is interesting, even in winter. Two bird observation towers give a panoramic view of the lake and the city. Lake Liepāja is a favourite fishing place. Boat and paddle board rental points are available along its shores. Information about leisure and recreational opportunities in Liepāja and the surrounding area is available at the Liepāja Tourism Information Office, Rožu laukums 5/6 (+371 29402111).

ACTIVE LEISURE

“Kubs” – pedal boats, paddle boards and rowboats, canoes, kayaks for rent, +371 29126420, cafeKubs@inbox.lv

“Makšķernieku nams” – pedal boats, rowboats, rafts, as well as a sauna for rent, +371 26798910, ankia.sia@inbox.lv

The boat launch point in Liepāja, on Ezermalas Street



Photo: Sandris Kuzmickis



Photo: Inga Hartika



Liepāja paddle board school offers to enjoy the sunset on a paddle board, +371 27872042, www.supskola.lv

“Laivenieki KK” – boat rental for fishing and lake trips, a boat launch point, places for leisure and campers, +371 29987004

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Nature House – is the place to discover the diversity of nature in an interactive form. Viewing platforms and resting places are located next to the Nature House, +371 26644834, dabasmaja@liepaja.edu.lv

Educative trips with the floating laboratory “AkvaLab Liepāja”, +371 26644834, dabasmaja@liepaja.edu.lv



ATTENTION!

Lake Liepāja and the surrounding meadows are in the territory of Lake Liepāja Nature Reserve; it is also a Natura 2000 special protected area of European significance

In addition to a fishing card, a licence is required that can be purchased at www.manacope.lv

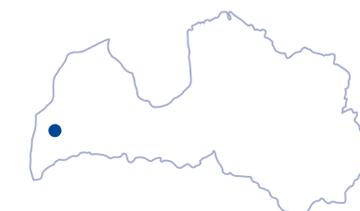


Photo: Sandris Kuzmickis

2 Mill Pond Grobiņa



Location: Grobiņa, Dienvidkurzeme Municipality
GPS: 56.53444, 21.15833



The mill pond in Grobiņa is dammed on the River Ālande, where Scandinavians once looked for the way to Kurzeme; however, the Cours heroically defended their land. The area of the lake is approx. 10 ha. The ancient Curonian castle mound, Skābaržkalns, and the tower of the castle ruins can be found on its shores. In every season, it promises lazy walks along the city promenade and the River Ālande hiking trail with various attractions along the way.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Wake park “Viking wake Grobiņa” – wake, inventory, inflatables, paddle boards, transparent canoe, +371 28681717

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

The River Ālande hiking trail (3 km) winds along the meandering River Ālande beside Grobiņa

Grobiņa Promenade connects ten viewpoints with benches. A picturesque view of Grobiņa Castle Mound, the reservoir and medieval castle ruins can be observed from the viewpoints

The Grobiņa medieval castle ruins that underwent improvement and rebuilding works in 2019 is a place where the past meets the present!

Zenta Mauriņa memory rooms are the only place in the world where visitors may sit in a famous author’s armchair and listen to her voice. +371 26191522



Photo: Dienvidkurzeme Travel archive

3 Lake Pape



Location: Rucava Parish, Dienvidkurzeme Municipality
GPS: 56.189754, 21.061519

Lake Pape in Rucava Parish at the border with Lithuania is one of Dienvidkurzeme's nature gems, enclosed by wild horse and oxen pasturelands of Pape Nature Park. This place invites you to set off on boat trips and bird-watching walks, and discover the history of fishing villages.

Photo: Dace Gailīte



Photo: Sandris Kuzmickis

ACTIVE LEISURE

"Sofijas laivas" – offers canoe rentals and a guided tour of Pape to discover how fabulous and unique Lake Pape is. In the late afternoon, Lake Pape reminds one of a safari, with animals meeting at the lake to drink water: in a friendly and respectful way, +371 29339677, www.sofijaslaivas.lv

Guided tours to wild horses and oxen, +371 29224331, gidi@pdf.lv

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Pape Nature Park – wild horse and oxen pasturelands. The park area can be visited together with a guide, discovering its unique natural diversity. Park ranger - Ints Mednis, +371 29224331, gidi@pdf.lv

Kalnišķi birdwatching hide at Kalnišķi Brook

The fishery in Pape village "Dzintarvēji" – a history and nature exhibition about Pape fishermen and a new exhibition about the birds living in Lake Pape. In summer, a tourist information centre operates here. Visits outside the season by prior arrangement, +371 29134903

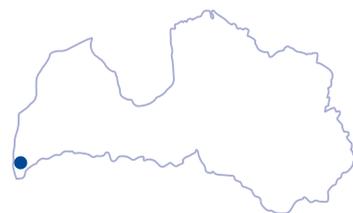
Pape Lighthouse is the point closest to the sea; it can be observed from the outside

Ķoņu Village and "Vitolnieki" Open-air Museum – are places to learn more about ancient fishermen's traditions, +371 29262283

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS NEAR THE LAKE:

"Pūkragis" Guest House – offers boat rentals, +37128378625, www.pukarags.lv

"Lakstīgalas" – is a rural homestead near wild horse and oxen pastureland, +371 29339677, www.sofijaslaivas.lv



Lake Pape



Photo: Sandris Kuzmickis

"Griķi" Guest House – offers tent places, +371 29224331, www.grikunams.mozello.lv

"Mikjāņu Sēta" Campsite in Pape Nature Park and the territory of Ķoņu Village. Guided tours to the historical Ķoņu Village are offered upon special request, +371 26759199, www.mikjanji.wordpress.lv

Pape Holiday House +37129250883, duals@inbox.lv

ATTENTION!

In winter, if the lake is not frozen, boat trips are allowed until 14 March.

From 15 March to 31 May, boat trips on the lake are forbidden (bird nesting restricted area).

Only quiet, nature-friendly boats are allowed on Lake Pape; motorboats, cutters and rowboats with an engine capacity exceeding 5 hp, as well as jet skis, may not be used

In the territory of Pape Nature Park, walking in the pasturelands and approaching animals without the consent of a guide from the World Wildlife Fund for Nature is forbidden

Useful information about Pape Nature Park: www.pdf-pape.lv

4 Pēterišķe



Location: Vaiņode Parish, Dienvidkurzeme Municipality
GPS: 56.415237, 21.752867

Pēterišķe is a serene resting place where one can enjoy the vicinity of nature and laid-back holidays. The reservoir is relatively small, but it is a place for active leisure both on the water and on the shore. This place is especially attractive as it has a resting place on a small lake island.



Photo: Marisa Riekstiņa

5 Mill Pond Dēsele



Location: Dēseles dzirnavas, Embūte Parish, Dienvidkurzeme Municipality
GPS: 56.488747, 21.930199

The Mill Pond Dēsele is a picturesque place on the border with Lithuania. The reservoir is situated on the River Bakūze. Here, it is possible to combine peaceful rest by the water with exciting guided tours, visiting the nearest tourist attractions or tasting local delicacies, or setting off on a hike across Embūte Nature Park with its historical ruins and castle mounds.

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Bakūze Manor – interesting, educational stories, guided tours, tea or coffee from the Riga Porcelain Factory sets, relaxing sauna, hot tub and accommodation options, +371 26199518

"Embūtes garšaugi" – tasting herbs and vegetables from a domestic producer, + 371 26302377

"Dēseles dārzi" offers guided tours to gardens, tasting various berry and fruit products, +371 6111199, www.deselesdzirnavas.lv

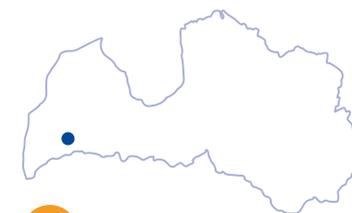
Embūte Nature Park with the Embūte Manor and German Knight Castle Ruins, Joda Dam, Joda Lowland, Curonian or Indulis Castle Mound, Pilskalns Spring, and much more. Hiking in Embūte Nature Park together with a guide is offered +371 26632134

Nearby – Mednieku Pond with a swimming area, the approx. century-old Vibiņi Park

ATTENTION!

The pond is private; consent from the owners of Dēseles Dzirnavas Guest House is required for fishing and swimming

Pēterišķe



ACTIVE LEISURE

"Pēterišķi" Resting Place – boat and paddle board rental, resting place with a tent on the shore and on the lake island, a well-equipped fire place, swimming area, and tent places on the lakeshore, +371 26490738

ATTENTION!

Fishing and swimming is allowed in Pēterišķe with the consent of the owner of the active leisure place "Pēterišķi"!

Mill Pond Dēsele

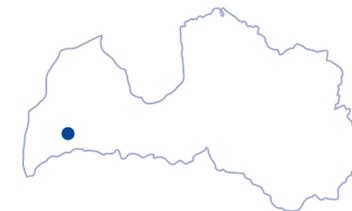


Photo: Marisa Riekstiņa

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS NEAR THE LAKE:

"Dēseles dzirnavas" – a guest house on the border with Lithuania, a beautiful place for weddings and other festivities, workshops, +371 6111199, www.deselesdzirnavas.lv

Bakūze Manor – it's not just accommodation, as, upon agreement with the owners, a guided tour around the building can be arranged, +371 26199518

Embūte Manor – tourist information centre, +371 26626307, embute@dienvidkurzeme.travel

6 Lake Sepene



Location: Embūte Parish, Dienvidkurzeme Municipality
GPS: 56.557308, 21.732285



Photo: Marisa Riekstiņa

Lake Sepene is a versatile holiday destination for both active adventures and the quiet enjoyment of nature. Crayfish have been seen in the lake. Nesting ducks. At the southern lakeshore – a swimming area, at the northern shore – the recreation complex, "Kurzemes Pērle".



ATTENTION!

Water blooming happens regularly



Lake Sepene



ACTIVE LEISURE

"Kurzemes pērle" – pedal boating, boat, paddle boards, quadcycle rentals, accommodation and a place for celebrations, sports games, events, and workshops on the lakeshore. Hiking trails around the territory of various difficulty levels, +371 28658466, www.kurzemesperle.lv

7 Prūši Water Reservoir



Location: Virga Parish, Dienvidkurzeme Municipality
GPS: 56.438899, 21.482478

Prūši Water Reservoir



Photo: Marisa Riekstiņa



ACTIVE LEISURE

"Prūšu ūdenskrātuve" Campsite – a swimming area, fishing place, resting place and fire place, playground, beach volleyball court, as well as a place for cooking the catch and three two-bed camping houses, +371 29352014

Boat rental, accommodation opportunities, +371 29377366



DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Children's playground at the former Paplaka army base. A tour around the military base with a guide, +371 25609402, or in a horse-drawn carriage, +371 26534780, kanuatvars@inbox.lv

A tour in the surroundings of Paplaka Railway Station in a horse-drawn carriage or on horseback, +371 26534780, kanuatvars@inbox.lv



ATTENTION!

In addition to a fishing card, a licence is required that can be purchased at Virga Parish Administration, +371 26334003

8 Beberliņi Water Reservoir



Location: Karosta, Liepāja
GPS: 56.563856, 21.017557



Beberliņi Water Reservoir

The water reservoir is located in Beberliņi Recreational Park. It was created artificially when extracting sand for the construction of military facilities. Wide opportunities for active recreation are available in the surroundings of the water reservoir; however, in the winter season, winter swimmers or "seals" take up residence here.



Photo: Marisa Riekstiņa



ACTIVE LEISURE

A well-equipped swimming and resting area

Winter swimming area with an opportunity to change and enter the water conveniently, +371 26324104

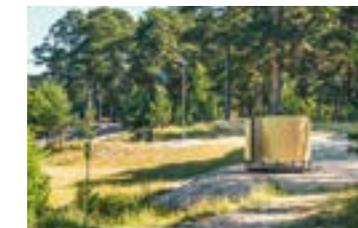


Photo: Marisa Riekstiņa



ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS NEAR THE LAKE:

"BB Camping" – bungalow houses and tipi tents enclosed by the forest, as well as glamping tents on the water; camper and tent places are also available, +371 24339965, www.bbcamping.lv

"BB Wakepark" – a wakeboard course and inventory rental, paddle board and rowboat rental, sauna and hot tub rental, +371 24339965, www.bbcamping.lv

"Tarzāns" – an agility test at the obstacle course for both children (three tracks) and adults (four tracks), as well as an opportunity to set off on a 330-metre-long trip over the Beberliņi water reservoir, +371 27088933, www.liepaja.tarzans.lv

Orienteering at the polygons with three tracks of different lengths and difficulty levels

9 Lake Tāši



Location: Medze Parish, Dienvidkurzeme Municipality
GPS: 56.610206, 21.218846



Lake Tāši is a place chosen by fishermen as it's a place for relishing quietness and undisturbed fishing. Tent and fire places, boat rental, as well as various accommodation options are available at the lakeshore. In the surroundings, it's possible to take a guided tour of the historical Tāši Manor or observe the unusual Museum of Undervalued Things.

ACTIVE LEISURE

"Tāšu ezera laivu bāze" – 24-hour fishing boat rental, tent places, fire places and a resting place, +371 28628772

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS NEAR THE LAKE:

"Maztāši" – boat rental, recreation house with a viewpoint, bird observation point, parking, swimming area, fire place, +371 29906373

Tent and resting place "Krastmaļi". A boardwalk leads from the resting place to the lake. There is a camper place in the territory, +371 26166265, vitinaieva@gmail.com

Holiday House "Vecbaroni", +371 29793986, janis-vitols24@inbox.lv

10 Vērgale Manor Pond



Location: Vērgale Parish, Dienvidkurzeme Municipality
GPS: 56.698912, 21.196010



Photo: Inga Hartika

The manor pond is located in the middle of Vērgale village and is part of the historic Vērgale Manor. The closest tourist attraction is the Vērgale Manor Museum, from which the pond can be observed. A swimming area, a range of fishing places, and tent places are arranged on the lakeshore.

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Vērgale Parish Museum – hosts the collection devoted to the history of the parish, Vērgale in the Course of Time, agricultural tools and household items made in Vērgale, +371 22039019

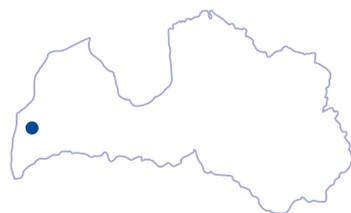


Photo: Inga Hartika

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Guided tour of Tāši Manor with prior reservation, +371 29133136, telses_muiza@inbox.lv

Museum of Undervalued Things. Ancient household items can be observed: unusual and valuable things found in rubbish bins, +371 63459091; +371 26446698, birojs@liepajasras.lv



Vērgale Manor Pond

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS NEAR THE LAKE:

"Līdumnieki" Recreation Complex offers accommodation, equipped tent places, and resting places with a fire place on the pond shore, +371 26992359, vinetamiltina@gmail.com

"Zelta Krasts" Campsite – visitors can stay not only in larger houses but also in arched cabins with shared showers, WC and an outdoor kitchen, +371 29499141, zelta.krasts@inbox.lv

11 Lake Durbe



Location: Durbe, Dienvidkurzeme Municipality
GPS: 56.620124, 21.359660



Lake Durbe



Lake Durbe offers wide recreation opportunities for both the active enjoyment of nature and quiet recreation by the water. Boat launch points, swimming areas and a bird observation tower are available. There is an attractive trail around Durbe Castle Mound in the surroundings, the educational Lake Durbe Room, and an opportunity to set off on a 40-km-long cycle route to discover the natural and historical abundance of Vārtāja Valley.



Photo: Marisa Riekstiņa

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Durbe Castle Ruins Trail (1,8 km) – partly wheelchair accessible in the presence of an attendant

Lake watchtower (10 m) for observing birds

The resting place at the tower and the WC are accessible for people with disabilities

Durbe antiquity depository, where visitors can learn about the turns of fortune in the lives of famous residents of Durbe, as well as discover historic events related to the town of Durbe, +371 28677141

Durbe Lake Room – a unique and educational space where everyone can learn about the rich ecosystem, history and significance of Lake Durbe in nature protection, +371 29164833

The cycle route around Lake Durbe (40 km) will show the relief of Vārtāja Valley and the diversity of its nature

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS NEAR THE LAKE:

Recreation complex "Durbes atvari" – accommodation options, a sauna at the lake, +371 29707927, www.durbesatvari.lv

ACTIVE LEISURE

Four boat launch points, and in some places, boats can be launched by using a trailer that may go close to the water

A well-equipped swimming areas with changing cabins, resting and fire places

ATTENTION!

In addition to a fishing card, a licence is required that can be purchased at www.manacope.lv



Photo: Marisa Riekstiņa



Photo: Sandris Kuzmickis

12 Laža Water Reservoir



Location: Aizpute, Dienvidkurzeme Municipality
GPS: 56.716887, 21.632527

Laža Water Reservoir, dammed on the River Laža in the territory of Aizpute, is a favourite place for both active recreation and the quiet enjoyment of nature. A public swimming area with a tent and fire places, changing cabins, amenities, and parking is available.



ACTIVE LEISURE

A public swimming area with a fire place and tent places



Photo: Aizpute TIC archive



Photo: Aizpute TIC archive



Laža Water Reservoir



DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Aizpute Local History Museum – discover the history of Aizpute, and household and cultural life, +371 29623284, jolanta.berga@kultura.dkn.lv

Aizpute, one of the oldest towns in Latvia, is located on the right bank of the Tebra River. Since 1998, its Old Town has been listed in the State Register of Cultural Monuments of National Significance

Livonian castle ruins. The Livonian castle, built in the 13th century as a border fortification, was later supplemented with a residential building; the castle was destroyed by fire in the 1970s. A large-sized sculpture of a knight can be seen at the castle ruins

Castle Tavern. The building was constructed in the mid-19th century and has remained almost unchanged to this day. It currently houses Lapka Hemp, a cultural space which offers creative activities, accommodation, and guided tours of the building and the city, +371 26546561

Aizpute Winery. An opportunity to find out everything about wine-making and taste local berry wines and spirits, +371 26397949, info@ekovins.lv

Martiņš Freimanis' musical bench at Aizpute Manor, with a view of the mill pond and St. John's church. Here, special records from M. Freimanis' diary and three songs can be listened to

"SERDE": workshop and residence centre. A historic building complex with a creative atmosphere. Offers to enjoy various cultural tourism offers in summer, +371 29817180

Aizpute Water Tower (27 m high) – built in 1960, in operation before 2009. Available as a watchtower, +371 28617307, aizpute@dienvidkurzeme.travel

Aizpute Art Park. A rare plant collection, Ģirts Brumsons' artworks, and architectonic forms can be seen. Guided tours with the artist, creative workshops, a wedding stop, picnic place, +371 26892701, girts9@inbox.lv



ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS NEAR THE LAKE:

"RANČOcrew" Holiday House – a small house with an open-plan sleeping area and a terrace with a view of the Laža Water Reservoir. Fishing, boat trips and a non-traditional Chukchi sauna, +371 29943476, rancocrew@inbox.lv

"Mētras Māja" Guest House. Art gallery, gift shop, beauty services, and accommodation, +371 29545975, hotel@metra-a.lv

"Hostelis R27". Accommodation in the vicinity of Misiņkalns Nature Park, +371 23302863, oag.aizpute@gmail.com

"Liepājas street" Guest House, +371 26519381, liskulte@inbox.lv

"K5 Apartments". A studio-style apartment in a wooden building constructed in 1856 in the very heart of the Old Town, contacts, reservations: www.airbnb.lv

13 Mill Lake Kazdanga



Location: Kazdanga, Kazdanga Parish, Dienvidkurzeme Municipality
GPS: 56.728687, 21.732545



Photo: Sandris Kuzmickis

The Mill Lake Kazdanga is dammed on the River Alokste, and there are a lot of ponds in its territory, as since around 1870, fish-breeding has been practised here. It's a truly interesting place for hiking and birdwatching. Several resting and fishing places are arranged in the surroundings of the lake. A stroll along the lake's boardwalk can be combined with hiking along nature trails in both parts of Kazdanga Park. It is possible

to fish from the lake's boardwalk. At HPP, we recommend descending the hill a little to observe the impressive mill lake sluice.



ACTIVE LEISURE

"Kazdoks" – boat and sup board rental, +371 28355869

14 Lake Ķikuri



Lake Ķikuri

Location: Turlava Parish, Kuldīga Municipality
GPS: 56.801312, 21.660438



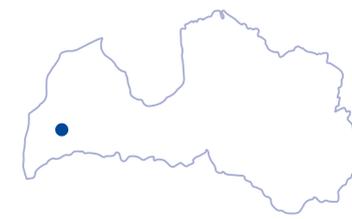
ACTIVE LEISURE

A swimming area with a wooden plank pathway and a resting place



ATTENTION!

In addition to a fishing card, a licence is required that can be purchased at www.manacope.lv



DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Kazdanga Castle and Manor offer guided tours of the complex, +371 28616717

Kazdanga Manor Park – one of the largest parks in Latvia, with an abundance of tree species. It doesn't just have hiking trails, cycle tracks, but also wooden sculptures, a system of individual paths, benches, and bridges

Watchtower for observing the diversity of nature and birds; its height is 2.7 m above the water's surface

The pontoon wooden bridge (190 m) connects both shores of the Dzirnezers, creating a 7-km-long natural trail. The trail is wheelchair accessible

Kazdanga Spring (Valāta) is a favourite source of water

The 9th section of Forest Trail E9 goes through Kazdanga Manor Park over the mill lake



ATTENTION!

In addition to a fishing card, a licence is required that can be purchased at www.manacope.lv

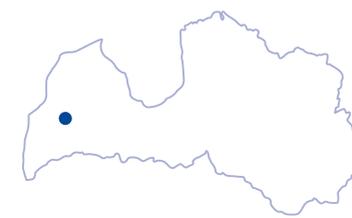


Photo: Inga Hartika

15 Malduguņi Brook Dam



Location: Dzelzceļa street 21, Pāvilosta, Dienvidkurzeme Municipality
GPS: 56.883244, 21.212400

Pāvilosta is not just a town on the Baltic Sea. It is crossed by the River Saka, with its right bank tributary being Malduguņi Brook. It is a small, picturesque and attractive river that flows out of Mazjostiņi Swamp first together with Minde Brook, dividing at Lēziņi and then running separately. Malduguņi Brook transverses a wooded and swampy landscape, maintaining its natural river streambed. The river is dammed near Pāvilosta and forms a pond, being a favourite place for rest and active entertainment. The wake park, "Wake Das Crocodill", provides its services here; customers may try a wakeboard or paddle board and enjoy other water sports. The place is suitable for both families with children and outdoor enthusiasts. At the dam, one may enjoy quiet rest by the water, go fishing, or observe birds.

Information about accommodation and recreational opportunities is available at the Pāvilosta Tourist Information Centre, Dzintaru street 2 (+371 29121894).

ACTIVE LEISURE

"Wake Das Crocodill" Wake Park – a wide range of inventory: Hyperlite and CWB wake boards, various hydro suits, skimboards, water games, inflatables, row paddle boards, boats, and Paragon wakeskates. Beach area, hot tub, shop, +371 26654754, www.wakecrocodill.lv

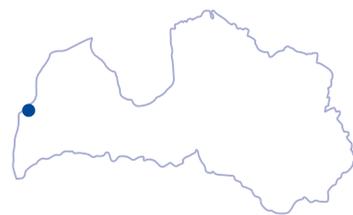


Photo: Pāvilosta TIC archive

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Pāvilosta is revived in summer, and there are several hiking places – Centenary Park, Semi-Centenary Park, and the promenade at the Northern Pier. Not only can the Stone Boat sculpture be observed in the town, but also the Ship "Dole"

Pāvilosta Local History Museum, Boat House and Net House – the history of Pāvilosta, collections about the Soviet era at the seaside, finding amber on the beach, as well as the most important events in Pāvilosta over the last 100 years, +371 63498276, +371 29226273, irina.kurcanova@kultura.dkn.lv

Jewelry workshop "Jūras rotas", +371 29401273, +371 20610511, redzetdebesis@inbox.lv

Upesmuiža Park (7 ha) is on the right bank of the River Saka. It is the place where Upesmuiža Castle once stood, with only a staircase leading to the River Saka remaining

Photo: Pāvilosta TIC archive

16 Snēpele Pond



Location: Snēpele Parish, Kuldīga Municipality
GPS: 56.845505, 21.952200

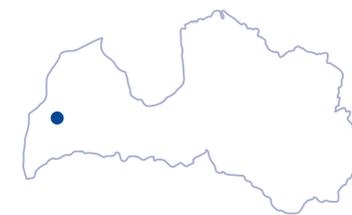
Snēpele Pond is located in the picturesque Snēpele Parish, Kuldīga Municipality. This is a place for enjoying peaceful rest by the lake – to cool down at the swimming area, partake in exciting fishing, or just appreciate the serenity of nature.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Swimming, resting and fishing area

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Snēpele Manor Complex includes a manor building constructed in around 1840. It belonged to the Baron Hahn family, who remained its masters until the agrarian reform when the manor was expropriated. From 1924 to 2011, the building hosted Snēpele School. There is a school park, and Barons' cemetery can be found in the vicinity of the main manor building, where the first manor owners rest in peace. An alley leads to the cemetery, restored and maintained by parish dwellers



Snēpele Pond



Photo: Viktorija Reine

Snēpele Lutheran Church was built at the beginning of the 18th century. Today, the church is gradually being restored.

Farm "Strauss un Kaza" – the largest ostrich farm in Latvia, a place to learn everything about ostriches, +371 26620488, +371 29282032, www.straussunkaza.lv

"Eguss" Horse Farmstead. Small and cosy stalls in the heart of Kurzeme – Snēpele, +371 29139698

17 Lake Vilgāle



Location: Kurmāle Parish, Kuldīga Municipality
GPS: 56.876850, 21.806665

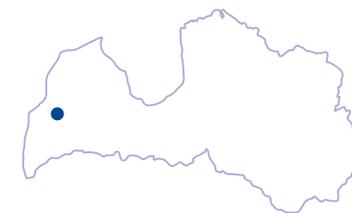


Photo: Kārlis Komarovskis



Lake Vilgāle is located at the Vilgāle open-air stage; it is a place of active social life, e.g., the swimming festival Swim, Vilgāle! takes place here. At the swimming area at the lake, a 49-metre-long and two-metre-wide wooden pontoon pathway is arranged, ending with a six-metre-wide platform with a rest bench and a metal ladder for conveniently entering the water. Both fishermen and hiking enthusiasts who set off on walks along the adjacent trails will like this place.

Photo: Linda Šlangenberga



Lake Vilgāle

ACTIVE LEISURE

Swimming area, resting place with a wooden pathway

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS NEAR THE LAKE:

"Palova" – accommodation, celebration hall, +371 29974544, gintuxo5@gmail.com

"Dzintara pirts" – boat rental, countryside sauna, +371 26697567

18 Lake Zvirgzdu



Location: In the territory of Alsunga and Gudenieki Rural Territories, Kuldīga Municipality
GPS: 56.936946, 21.645302

A swimming area is arranged on the shore of Lake Zvirgzdu with a changing cabin and resting place. The nearby "Kīši" Guest House and "Ezermaļi" Campsite make the lake especially charming and attractive for both peaceful and active leisure.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Swimming area

"Kīši" Leisure and event venue – boat and paddle board rental, swimming area, tent places, a playground, basketball, football and volleyball courts, +371 29244221

Ezermaļi Leisure and event venue – boat and pedal boating rental, swimming area, resting place, accommodation and celebration hall, tent places, sauna, hot tub, +371 29122870, zvirgzduezers@gmail.com

19 Mill Lake Alsunga



Location: Alsunga, Kuldīga Municipality
GPS: 56.980726, 21.572168



Photo: gribuvasaru.lv

The Mill Lake Alsunga is located in the heart of Suiiti community, offering peaceful rest and an opportunity to learn about the rich local culture. This mill lake is dammed on the River Kauliņa at its Mazreģvalka tributary. The nearby Dižgabalkalns opens a view of the lake and historic Alsunga

Mill Lake Alsunga

Church, and a Livonian Order castle can be visited in its surroundings with an interactive collection, as well as visitors can discover the traditions of Suiiti at the Alsunga House of Crafts.

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Alsunga House of Crafts gathers various craftsmen, keeps cultural and historic artefacts and traditions, as well as invites you to participate in joint creative activities, +371 26425015, visitalsunga@kuldigasnovads.lv



Lake Zvirgzdu



ATTENTION!

In addition to the fishing card, a licence is required that can be purchased at www.manacope.lv or at the "Kīši" Resting Place and "Ezermaļi" Campsite



Livonian Order Castle – an interactive exposition dedicated to Suiiti culture can be experienced at Alsunga Castle. Special offers include writing a letter with a quill and ink, performances by Suiiti women, Suiiti men, or Suiiti bagpipers, as well as rental of the castle tower room for wedding ceremonies and other celebrations, +371 26425015

Alsunga Dižgabalkalns Hill (height 8–10 m) that opens up a view of Alsunga Church and the adjacent Lake Dzirnavu

Alsunga St. Michael Roman Catholic Church – the most important Suiiti community sanctuary

ATTENTION!

In addition to a fishing card, a licence is required that can be purchased at www.manacope.lv

20 Lake Pinku



Location: Ēdole Parish, Kuldīga Municipality
GPS: 56.415237, 21.752867

Lake Pinku is the largest lake in Ēdole Municipality. This is a picturesque nature corner for peaceful rest by the water. The lake is a favourite of fishermen; it is suitable for hiking and enjoying the silence in the countryside.

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Ēdole Castle – a museum, restaurant and accommodation – is located within approx. 4 km, www.edolespils.lv

Photo: Kuldīga TIC archive

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS NEAR THE LAKE:

"Kažoki" Holiday House – accommodation for those who appreciate quietness, nature and our ancestors' legacy, +371 29255309, kazoki.edole@gmail.com

ATTENTION!

A nature reserve included in the Natura 2000 list stretches around the lake

21 Mill Lake Ēdole



Location: Ēdole, Kuldīga Municipality
GPS: 57.0172337, 21.695538



The Mill Lake Ēdole is a historically important water reservoir, dammed on the River Vanka. Ēdole Castle is located nearby, and its tower opens up a panoramic view of the Temple mound, mill, small island, Vanka Valley and the surrounding manor complex. An environmental object – the monument of Krišjānis Valdemārs – can be observed at the Lake Dzirnavu garden

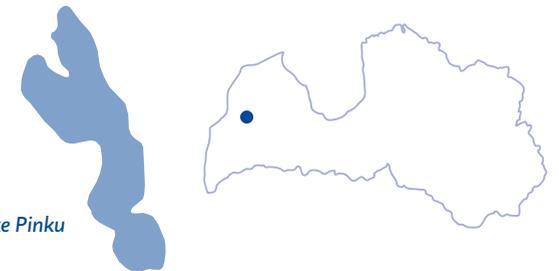
Photo: Sandris Kuzmickis

ACTIVE LEISURE

The pond has a small island, a well-equipped swimming area with a wooden pathway and benches, as well as the surrounding park offers a peaceful and picturesque environment for leisure

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Ēdole Castle – it is not just a historical monument, but also a place for enjoying concerts, exhibitions and celebrations. The castle hosts a museum, hotel and tavern, +371 63321251, www.edolespils.lv



Lake Pinku



22 Mill Lake Īvande



Location: Īvande, Kuldīga Municipality
GPS: 56.98958, 21.76659



The mill lake in the heart of Īvande Parish is a small lake dammed on the River Vanka, enclosed by forests. This mill lake is a picturesque resting place that is especially suitable for hiking and enjoying nature.



Photo: Lauris Hercenbergs

23 Māra Pond in Kuldīga



Location: Kuldīga, Kuldīga Municipality
GPS: 56.96442, 21.96507



Māra Pond in Kuldīga

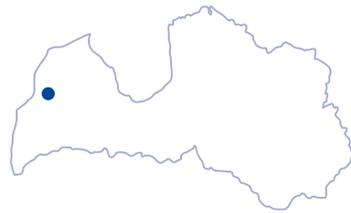
Māra Pond (4.3 ha) has been artificially created and is located on the flooded-land along the River Alekšupīte between the River Alekšupīte and Dzirnavu Street in Kuldīga. This part of the flooded land served as a bed for a larger reservoir, which is evidenced by the Dzirnavu Street Dam and its sluice. In the plan of Kuldīga dated 1797, this place was marked as Dzirnavu Pond and Watermill, which probably operated as early as the 17th century. Later, a sawmill and wool processing factory, which became known as the A. Vintellers' Kuldīga Broadcloth Factory in the 1920s and 30s were arranged. The watermill was called the City Mill, as before the beginning of the 19th century, it belonged to the city of Kuldīga. Information about leisure and recreational opportunities in Kuldīga and the surrounding area is available at the Kuldīga District Tourism Development Centre, Baznīcas Street 5 (+371 293 34403).



ACTIVE LEISURE

A well-equipped swimming area with a changing cabin, a hiking trail around the pond, and benches

Photo: Kuldīga TIC archive



ACTIVE LEISURE

A 1.9-km-long hiking route is provided for walkers – it's partly circular and goes along the Mill Lake Īvande up to the small peninsula

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

2 km from the lake – Īvande (Dižīvande) Manor and the white fir near Īvande Church and the Īvande Watermill



DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

The pond is located in Kuldīga, close to the city centre and Old Town, together with the Venta Valley Nature Trail, Kuldīga City Garden, old brick bridge over the River Venta, and the widest waterfall in Europe – Venta Rapid

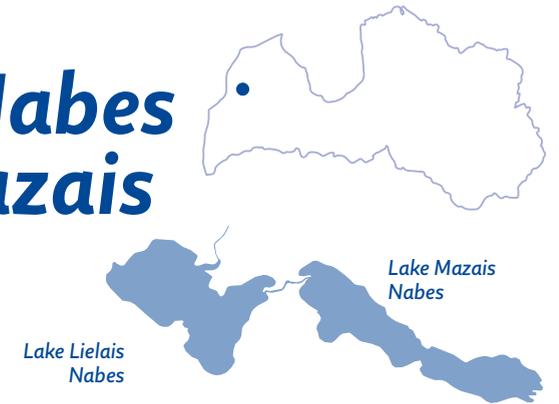
Kuldīga Local History Museum displays the collection Journey to the Museum's Collection, +371 25435318, www.kuldigasmuzejs.lv

St. Anne's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kuldīga (can be viewed with prior reservation, +371 26801500)

24 Lake Lielais Nabes and Lake Mazais Nabes



Location: Padure Parish, Kuldīga Municipality
GPS Big: 57.070498, 21.811213
GPS Small: 57.066959, 21.841495



Both lakes are favourite holiday destinations that combine the quietness of nature and active leisure opportunities. Nabīte Campsite is located at Lake Lielais Nabes, while Lake Mazais Nabes attracts with quieter swimming areas, private recreation at "Nabas Residence", and hiking opportunities in the adjacent forests.



Photo: Sandris Kuzmickis

ACTIVE LEISURE

"Nabīte" Campsite – paddle boards, pedal boats, boats, water skis, water bowl, volleyball court, playground, sauna, and a tent for events. Camper and tent places are also available, +371 26327997, nabite@inbox.lv

Lake Lielais Nabes – fishing places

Lake Mazais Nabes – fishing places and swimming areas without equipment (close to the lake at "Nabas Residence").

Disc Golf "Sīmaņi" – private, forest-surrounded, 2 km long disc golf course, +371 28684633

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Naba Spring is located in the vicinity of the Lake Lielais Nabes (close to the motorway P108)

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS NEAR THE LAKE:

"Nabas Residence" at Lake Mazais Nabes – accommodation, hot tub, private swimming area (+371 29183089). The nearby Nabe Manor Castle Ruins can be seen

ATTENTION!

In addition to a fishing card, a licence is required that can be purchased at www.manacope.lv



Photo: Marisa Riekstiņa



Photo: Sandris Kuzmickis

Photo: Marisa Riekstiņa

25 Lake Dzilonis and Mežmuiža



Location: Renda Parish, Kuldīga Municipality
GPS Dzilonis: 57.123167, 22.281737
GPS Mežmuižas lake: 57.125951, 22.274384

Lake Dzilonis, one of the most picturesque of the Mordanga group of lakes, is a favourite of both fishermen and nature enthusiasts. Two resting places are arranged on its shores, suitable for enjoying a peaceful picnic or recreation after active hiking. Lake Mežmuiža is located nearby; however, in autumn, the forests attract mushroom pickers.



Photo: Inga Hartika



ACTIVE LEISURE

The southern shore of Lake Dzilonis has two resting places with a fireplace. The resting place with a tent is used as a swimming area as well

Fishing at Lake Dzilonis or Lake Mežmuiža

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Both lakes are located close to each other and can be walked around

The lakes' giant oak – an impressive, centuries-old tree

ATTENTION!

In addition to a fishing card, a licence is required that can be purchased at www.manacope.lv

26 Mill Lake Zlēkas



Location: Zlēkas Parish, Ventspils Municipality
GPS: 57.124085, 21.880260

The mill lake is dammed on the River Dzirnavupe; it is small, but the picturesque, mirror-like views make it special. "Vella Dzirnavas" Guest House, equipped in a wooden mill building built in the 19th century, can be found in the vicinity of the lake. The Mill Lake Zlēkas is a favourite fishing and hiking place for those who appreciate serenity, quietness and the proximity of nature.

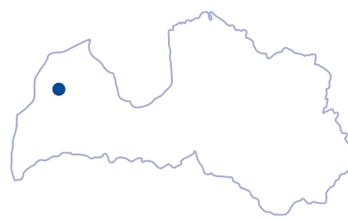
ACTIVE LEISURE

"Vella Dzirnavas" Guest House – boat, pedal boating rental, swimming area, accommodation, +371 26405793, +371 29239936, elitapulina@gmail.com

ATTENTION!

In addition to a fishing card, a licence is required that can be purchased at www.manacope.lv

Photo: Inga Hartika



27 Lake Būšnieki



Location: Ventspils
GPS: 57.444370, 21.642720



Photo: Sandris Kuzmickis

Lake Būšnieki is located in the northeast of Ventspils and gives a special opportunity to combine recreation, an active lifestyle and the contemplation of nature – all in one place. A range of swimming areas are equipped along the lakeshores, offering various levels of accessibility and comfort, including a wheelchair-accessible beach. A nature trail with information stands and a bird observation platform goes around the lake, and a boardwalk pathway offers a panoramic view of the landscape and rich ecosystem of the lake. Information about leisure and recreational opportunities in Ventspils and the surrounding area is available at the Ventspils Tourism Information Centre, Akmeņu Street 5 (+371 636 22263).

ACTIVE LEISURE

Well-equipped swimming area and several resting places

Wheelchair-accessible beach – across the Deer Garden. Fitted changing cabins and a resting area with tables and benches are also arranged. Swimming wheelchairs can be acquired at the Deer Garden Registration Office free of charge (prior phone reservation is recommended on +371 26099432)

Boat base at Lake Būšnieki (64 Staldzenes Street) – boat, pedal boating and paddle board rental, +371 22000509

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Lake Būšnieki nature trail (approx. 8–9 km) around the lake. Signs showing the kilometres walked and accessibility pictograms are arranged along the entire trail. Tactile figures of fish and birds inhabiting the lake and its surroundings can be observed

200-metre-long walking plank pathway with a bird observation platform, benches and an information panel with pictures of the birds that can be encountered at Lake Būšnieki – wheelchair users are recommended to move along the wooden plank pathway together with an attendant

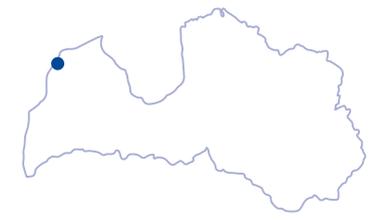


Photo: Margarita Zvejniece

ATTENTION!

Paddle boards and boats can be used from 1 may to 30 september

Any fishing from boats and other vessels is forbidden from 1 march to 30 april.



Photo: Monta Zīle

Ventspils Deer Garden. Partly accessible for disabled people. Open from 1 june 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. From 01.10. to 01.06. only for groups, with prior registration +371 26126126, info@dimantukalns.lv

28 Lake Puze



Location: Puze Parish, Ventspils Municipality
GPS: 57.334696, 21.961701

Lake Puze is a great place for recreation and fishing. Puze Castle Mound is located near the lake with a view of the wooded surroundings, which makes this place especially attractive for nature and history enthusiasts.



Photo: Marisa Riekstiņa

ACTIVE LEISURE

"Greiži" Holiday House – fishing boat rental, swimming area, fishing place, accommodation, tent places, resting places, +371 29425060

Public access to the lake with a resting place

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

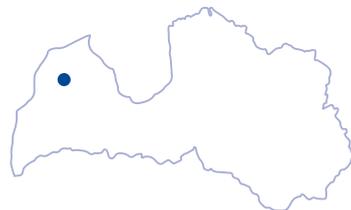
Puze Evangelical Lutheran Church observation of the church with prior reservation, important contact information: www.puzesbaznica.lv

Puze Castle Mound (10–11 metres high) – enclosed by woods. Lake Dūņezers, with a resting place, is located close to the castle mound

ATTENTION!

In addition to a fishing card, a licence is required that can be purchased at www.manacope.lv

29 Lake Lakšezers



Location: Usma Parish, Ventspils Municipality
GPS: 57.245442, 22.122634



Photo: Marisa Riekstiņa

Lake Lakšezers offers a wide range of active leisure opportunities in the vicinity of water, with the recreation complex Lakši in its surroundings. Resting by the lake allows one to enjoy both sports and a relaxing time in nature. If fishermen are lucky, they may catch crucian carp, tench, pike, perch, or bream.

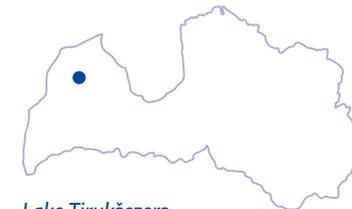
ACTIVE LEISURE

"Lakši" Recreation Complex – boat, paddle board, pedal boating rental, swimming area, accommodation, sauna, tennis courts, tent places, bike rental, fishing place, +371 26120958, +371 26055907, www.laksi.lv

ATTENTION!

There is no public swimming area at the lake

30 Lake Tirukšezers



Location: Usma Parish, Ventspils Municipality
GPS: 57.238642, 22.196396

ACTIVE LEISURE

"Vectirukši" Campsite – boat rental, swimming area, accommodation, camper place, tent places, resting places, +371 29555655, vectiruksi@gmail.com

"Tirukši" Campsite – boat rental, swimming area, accommodation, camper place, tent places, sports area, playground, +371 28699926

"Mazupītes" Recreation Base – boat rental, swimming area, accommodation, camper place, tent places, +371 27838431, +371 26546705, mazupites33@inbox.lv

A range of campsites operate on the shores of Lake Tirukšezers – Vectirukši, Tirukši and Mazupītes Resting Base – with boat rental, swimming areas, accommodation options, camper places and tent places, as well as sports areas and playgrounds. Diverse recreation opportunities are guaranteed!



Photo: Inga Hartika

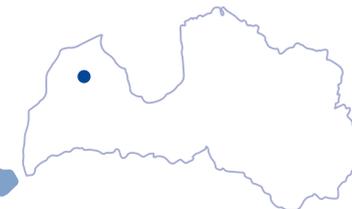
ATTENTION!

In addition to a fishing card, a licence is required that can be purchased at www.manacope.lv

31 Lake Spāre



Lake Spāre



Location: Gībuli Parish, Talsi Municipality
GPS: 57.217376, 22.311541

Lake Spāre is distinguished by its unusual shape – a bird's-eye view reminds one of a butterfly or dragonfly. The lake is a favourite place for both peaceful and active leisure; it offers swimming areas, boat and paddle board rental, as well as an opportunity for fishing. Spāre Manor and its picturesque park can be visited in the vicinity of the lake to supplement the recreation by the water with a cultural and historic adventure.

ACTIVE LEISURE

"Saules avoti" Holiday House – boat and paddle board rental, swimming areas, resting places, fishing places, bike rental, sauna and hot tub, accommodation, +371 29421609, saulesavoti@gmail.com

"Vecceplji" Campsite – boat rental, boat launch points, swimming areas, fishing place, resting and tent places, accommodation, +371 29256740, vetra.vilnis@inbox.lv

"Rodas" Campsite – boat rental, boat launch points, swimming areas,

fishing place, resting and tent places, accommodation, sauna, +371 28317003, +371 28620076, kurirturrodas@gmail.com

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS NEAR THE LAKE:

Vanagi Manor, +371 26688117, vanagmuiza@gmail.com

ATTENTION!

Boating in boats rented at the adjacent campsites is allowed

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Guided tour at Spāre Manor, Spāre Manor Park, +371 28620076, +371 28688563, tabitaspere@inbox.lv

"Potenciāls" Horsemen Sports Club – offers a riding course, horse riding, +371 26868379, jsk.potencials@gmail.com

Spāre Evangelical Lutheran Church, +371 29136203



Photo: Inga Hartika

32 Lake Gulbju



Location: Ģibuļi Parish,
Talsi Municipality
GPS: 57.214035, 22.253818

Lake Gulbju

Lake Gulbju is an oasis of quietness and natural beauty, perfect for spending an amazing weekend. LVM tourism and sports centre "Spāre" offers a wide range of opportunities for active and family recreation: boats and paddle boards can be rented here, and it is a well-equipped place near the lake for fishing, swimming and resting. One of the most popular activities is a slow eight-kilometre walk around the lake. The trail can be easily walked, and a walk along it is a great opportunity to enjoy the rhythm of nature, serenity and quietness.

ACTIVE LEISURE

LVM tourism and sports centre "Spāre" – boat and paddle board rental, fishing, swimming area, resting places, playground, accommodation, workshop venue, +371 26669099, spare@lvm.lv, www.mammadaba.lv

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Hiking trails around Lake Gulbju, a cycle route

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS NEAR THE LAKE:

Sauna "Ogle" at the nearby Lake Buljezers on a platform – accommodation and sauna, +371 26406841, www.oglesauna.com

ATTENTION!

A licence for fishing at Lake Gulbju can be purchased at the "Spāre" Centre

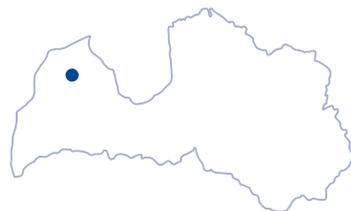


Photo: Imants Ratnieks

The fishing season is from 1 May to 31 March of the following year for fishing from the shore or ice, and from 1 May to 1 March of the following year for fishing from a boat

Fishing from the shore, the ice or a boat at Lake Gulbju is permitted based on a daily or monthly licence

From 1 to 30 April, which is the wild fish spawning period, fishing at Lake Gulbju is not allowed

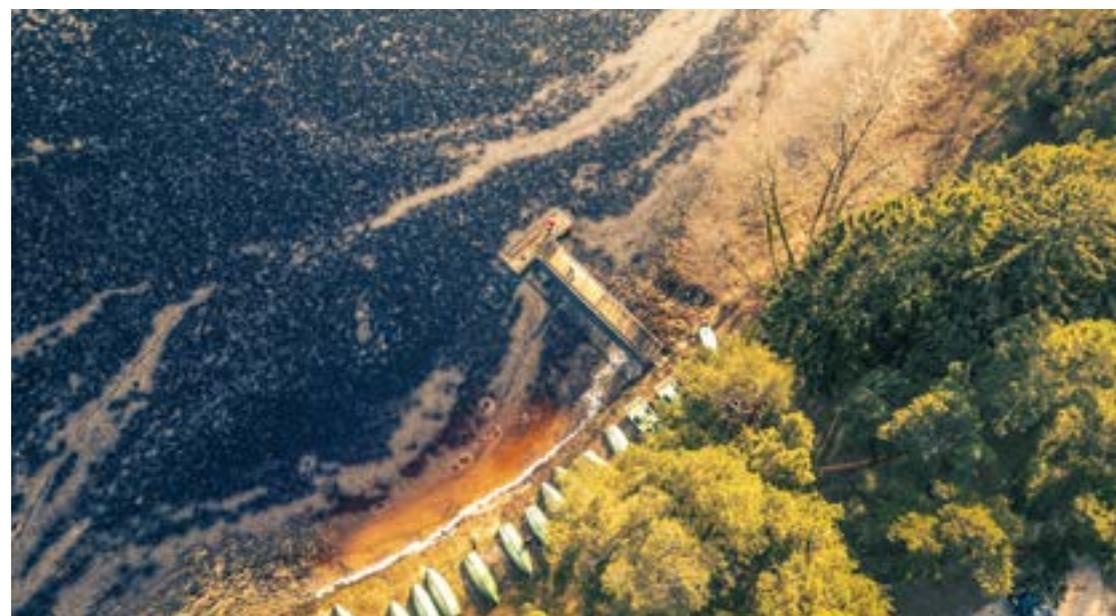


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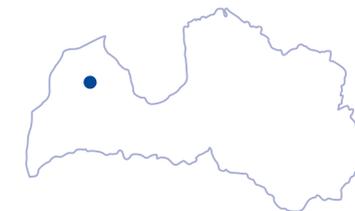
33 Mordanga Lakes



Location: Ģibuļi Parish,
Talsi Municipality
GPS: 57.147625, 22.285646



Mordanga Lakes



Lake Mordanga-Kāņu, as well as Lake Sausmeži, are water reservoirs in the southwest of Ģibuļi Parish of Talsi Municipality in the Irbe catch basin. Lake Mordanga-Kāņu is formed by Lake Mordanga in the west and Lake Kāņu in the east, and is linked by a narrow pass. There are long peninsulas between the lakes. Lake Mordanga is 2 km, and Lake Kāņu is 1.5 km long.



ACTIVE LEISURE

"Akmeņi" Lake House – paddle board and boat rental, elegant resting place and accommodation on the lakeshore, +371 28303388, ezermaja.akmeni@gmail.com

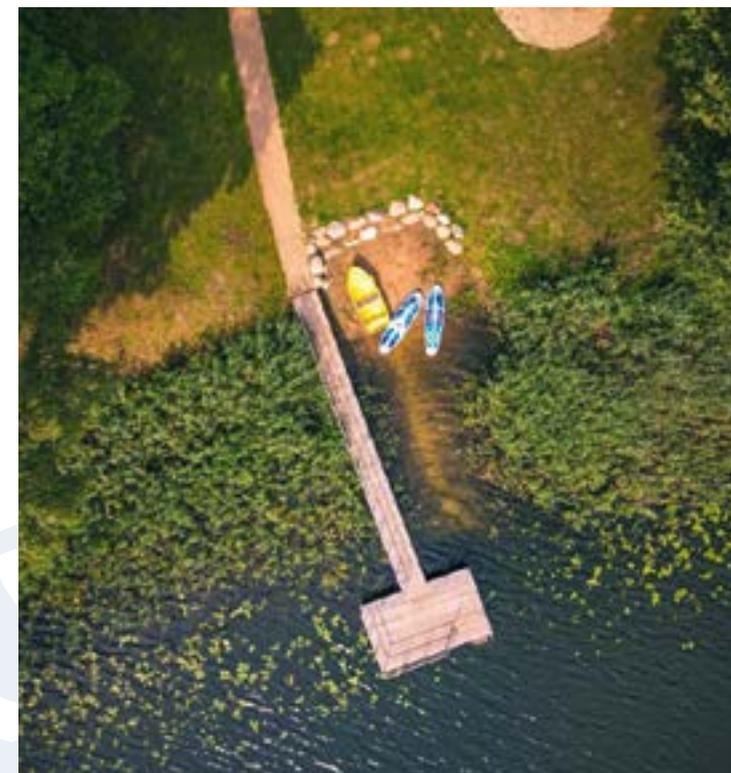


Photo: "Akmeņi" Lake House archive

34 Lake Usma



Location: Usma Parish, Ventspils County Municipality/Talsi Municipality/Kuldīga Municipality
GPS: 57.193296, 22.165096



Lake Usma is the pearl of Kurzeme as it is the sixth largest lake in Latvia in terms of area (41.4 km²) and the second largest in the country in terms of the volume of water. This is one of the deepest lakes, with clear waters and picturesque shores that attract both nature and active leisure enthusiasts. The lake landscape is adorned with a range of islands, with one of the most prominent being Moricsala – a unique nature reserve with untouched forest trails, rare species of plants and a diverse bird world. A wide range of activities can be enjoyed around the lake – from swimming and peaceful boating to sailing, windsurfing, paddle boarding, or exciting yacht trips. Fishermen will be able to try their luck at fishing, while hiking and cycling enthusiasts may discover the surroundings from another viewpoint. Lake Usma is the place where nature and adventures meet!



Photo: "Usma SPA hotel & camping" archive



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ACTIVE LEISURE



Usma Yacht Club

Usma Yacht Club – a place for sailing enthusiasts, +371 29283489, iluta@usmasjahtklubs.lv

"Usma SPA hotel & camping" – yacht trips, boat and paddle board rental, kayaking, swimming area, accommodation, tent place, golf course, golf simulator, catering, +371 26334500, www.usma.lv



"Bukdangas"



Photo: "Usma SPA hotel & camping" archive



"Usmas Meķi" Recreation Complex

Camping "Mežmalas" - boat rental, swimming area, accommodation, tent sites, sauna, +371 29159944, mezmalas2@inbox.lv

"Usma Manor" – boat rental, swimming area, bike rental, accommodation, catering, +371 20133366, usmasmuiza@gmail.com

"Bebru māja" – boat rental, swimming area, resting place, guest house on the water, sauna, +371 29116662, harina.bruklenegmail.com

"Vesels veselumā" Campsite – boat rental, swimming area, accommodation, tent places, +371 26463444, veselsveseluma@gmail.com

"Upeskalni" – boat rental, kayaking, swimming area, volleyball court, accommodation, hiking, +371 29286489, salmsjanis@gmail.com, abavaslaivas.lv

"Usmas pērle" – boat rental, swimming area, accommodation, +37129256487, usmasperle@gmail.com

"Bukdangas" Campsite – boat rental, kayaking, windsurfing, swimming area, accommodation, tent place, camper place, +371 29256487, www.bukdangas.lv

"Godeļi" Recreation Complex – boat rental, swimming area, bike rental, accommodation, tent place, camper place, +371 29289349, godeli@tvnet.lv

"Usma" Campsite – boat, pedal boating rental, swimming area, accommodation, +371 27610984, jana@autotransports.lv

"Camping Milk" – Sauna, boat rental, swimming area, fishing, recreation area, sports field, children's playground, +371 26312490, campingmilk@gmail.com, www.campingmilk.com

"Dižāpas" Campsite – boat rental, swimming area, accommodation, tent places, +371 26396247, dizapas@inbox.lv

"Muižnieki" Campsite – boat rental, swimming area, accommodation, tent places, +371 22001442, muiznieki@inbox.lv

"Grāveri" Campsite – boat rental, swimming area, accommodation, tent places, +371 29288407, graveri.kempings@gmail.com

"Usmas Meķi" Recreation Complex – cutter, jet ski, paddle boat, hydro bike, rowboat rental, swimming area, resting places, fire places, accommodation, tent places, catering. Additional offer: water ski, wakeboard and water inflatable rental, +371 29166276, www.usmasmeki.lv

"Zāgkalni" Recreation Base – boat rental, swimming area, accommodation, tent places, +371 29195412, zagkalni@inbox.lv

"Lejastiezumi" – boat rental, swimming area, accommodation, tent place, catering, +371 29148247, usmaslejastiezumi@inbox.lv

Floating houses "Villa Usma" – accommodation on the water, tel.29283489, villausma@inbox.lv



"Bebru māja"



"Usma" Campsite

34 Lake Usma



Photo: Inga Hartika



Photo: Inga Hartika

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Elkrags Nature Trail at Lake Usma – is accessible for disabled people. At the trail, right across Moricsala, there is a tactile Usma lake model and an ensemble depicting eight types of fish living in the lake. The tactile fish ensemble is supplemented with binoculars that allow one to see even the smallest animals across the entire lake

Usma Golf Course - 9-hole meadow golf course, coaching services, group entertainment, corporate events, +371 29191428, usmasgolfs@gmail.com

Wooden St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Usma, Renda Parish, +371 29195412, +371 29681195, www.usmasbaznica.lv

Usma Evangelical Lutheran Church in Usma Parish, +371 26552417

Ūdrkalns Watchtower (26.5 m high) with a view of Lake Usma and its islands

There is a **cycle route, Around Lake Usma** (50 km), that encircles the lake

Photo: Sandris Kuzmickis



! ATTENTION!

Angling and spin fishing from boats is permitted after 1 May. A written permit from the Administration of Moricsala Nature Reserve is required for fishing in the reserve, +371 63286000, kurzeme@daba.gov.lv

In addition to the fishing card, a **licence is required** that can be purchased at www.manacope.lv or at any active leisure sites.

Useful information about Lake Usma: www.usmasezers.lv

Photo: Sandris Kuzmickis



35 Pond Pāce



Location: Dundaga Parish, Talsi Municipality
GPS: 57.492243, 22.278600

Visu iezīmēto tekstu mainīt - Pāce Pond is an excellent place to combine peaceful relaxation with outdoor adventures. A public swimming area is available here, and visitors can also enjoy active time on the water by renting a boat, SUP board, or jet ski. Exploring the surroundings of the lake can be enriched by visiting the wool factory, where visitors can join a guided educational tour, learn about traditional craftsmanship, or purchase high-quality wool products at the factory outlet store.

ACTIVE LEISURE

A publicly accessible swimming area with a changing cabin, dry WC and resting places on the shore

Rental of active recreation equipment – canoe, SUP board, jet ski and pedal boat rental; swimming area; fishing spot; recreation area; sauna; hot tub, +371 29452512, wkurland@inbox.lv

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Guided tours of the **Pāce Wool Factory** – shopping at the factory's warehouse shop. Tours available by prior appointment, please call +371 26431463, +371 26151720 or write vilnasfabrika@inbox.lv

Viewing the island and the bridge at Pāce Pond

36 Dundaga Pond



Location: Dundaga, Talsi Municipality
GPS: 57.508987, 22.356678

Dundaga Pond is a peaceful and picturesque place and a favourite of fishermen, however, its surroundings attract history and culture enthusiasts as well. After a stroll around the adjacent park, Dundaga Castle can be visited; it is one of the most important architectural landmarks of Kurzeme.

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Dundaga Castle and Park – can be visited with a Dundaga Tourist Information Centre guide or attendant. The previous owners' gallery, the collection Crocodile Nest, as well as a permanent collection of medals, etc., can be observed at the castle. Dun-

ACTIVE LEISURE

"Vecais Taizels" – active recreation available at the mill pond, canoe and SUP board rental, +371 29494465, timburi@inbox.lv,

Information about accommodations is available at the Dundaga Tourist Information Centre



Photo: Marisa Riekstiņa

"Kalēji" Horse Farm – with prior reservation, it is possible to visit the farm and discover its horse family, +371 26497430, +371 26251059

! ATTENTION!

Fishing in the area where water-based recreational equipment rental is offered is permitted only with the permission of the property owner.

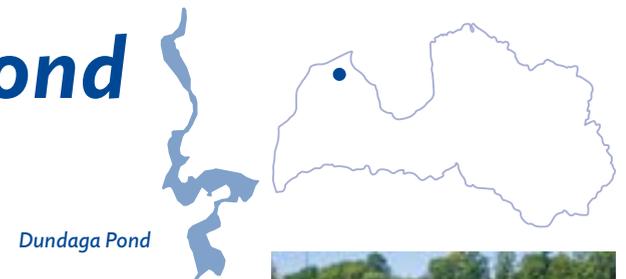


Photo: Marisa Riekstiņa

37 Lake Sasmaka



Location: Ārlava Parish,
Talsi Municipality
GPS: 57.373895, 22.608478

Lake
Sasmaka

Lake Sasmaka is narrow and fairly long, as it stretches for 7.2 km. The central part of the lake narrows in the shape of an hourglass. A connecting bridge over the narrow place is the only overpass of this type in Latvia. The shores of Lake Sasmaka attract both those who prefer peaceful recreation and active leisure enthusiasts. Here, well-equipped swimming areas with a wooden beach pathway, playground, sports areas, and resting places can be found. The lake is favoured by fishermen because of the diversity of fish species; however, those looking for fun on the water can enjoy boating, paddle boarding and pedal boating, as well as recreation at one of the campsites or holiday houses. Information about accommodation and recreational opportunities is available at the Valdemārpils Tourist Information Centre, Raiņa Street 14A (+371 25486793).



Photo: Valters Pudāns

ACTIVE LEISURE

“Dunduriņi” – boat and paddle board rental, pedal boating rental, swimming area, fishing place, accommodation, tent and camper places, as well as a sauna and hot tub, +371 22303995, info@dundurini.lv, www.dundurini.lv

“Walle Group” – paddle board rental, +371 28804044

“Jaundzirnieki” Campsite – boat rental, boat motor rental, tent places, resting places, accommodation, recreation in a wood-heated sauna, +371 29221884, +371 28382238, jaundzirnieki2018@inbox.lv

Well-equipped swimming areas, a small, wooden beach pathway, a playground, outdoor gym machines, volleyball and basketball courts, a football field, tents, and a resting place

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Ancient cult tree – the **Idol Linden tree** (with its circumference reaching 8.8 m)

Latvian Crafts Commerce’s craftsman **Igurd Baņķis’ Craft Yard “Kauliņi”** – a place to visit when travelling by Ārlava Mazbānītis (small train) and discover two wooden cars, Sirmāis Žiperis and Asais Žiperis, +371 29430282, www.meistarsigurds.lv

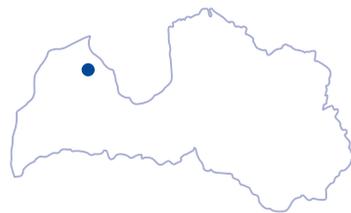


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ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS NEAR THE LAKE:

“Ezermala” Camping – unusual barrel-shaped houses overlooking the lake, sauna, and a hot tub. There is a camper place in the territory, +371 23889009, www.ezermala.lv

“Ezerkrasti” Holiday House – designer accommodation interior, boat rental, sauna, +371 29133442, ildzuks@hotmail.com

“Dunduriņi” resting place, campsite, apartments, +371 22303995, info@dundurini.lv



Photo: Valdemārpils TIC archive

FOLLOW THE TALSI MUNICIPALITY EVENT CALENDAR!

Valdemārpils Beach Fest (July)

38 Mill Lake Uguņi



Location: Uguņciems,
Vandzene Parish,
Talsi Municipality
GPS: 57.377135, 22.953121

The Mill Lake Uguņi is an artificial lake on the River Grīva. It is a small recreation corner in Uguņciems, ideal for those who enjoy quietness and serenity, but would also like to try something active – from fishing to boating or paddle boarding. As for amenities, there is a nearby grocery store and an opportunity to rest at the seaside just 4 km away.



Photo: Marisa Riekstiņa

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Discover the **Uguņi Mill Lake sluice**, also known as the waterfall!

39 Mill Lake Dārte



Location: Vandzene Parish,
Talsi Municipality
GPS: 57.349510, 22.789856

The lake is created on the River Grīva in the Dārte village in the northwestern part of the Parish. The Mill Lake Dārte is very small and offers both swimming and fishing opportunities. There is a resting place on the lakeshore to enjoy time in nature. Once, there was a water-mill, destroyed during World War II.

ACTIVE LEISURE

There is a swimming area with a small resting place on the lakeshore

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Dārte Evangelical Lutheran Church, +371 29465844

ACCOMMODATION NEAR THE LAKE:

“Ēmužas” Homestead – opportunity for sports activities, a celebration space, catering, and accommodation. The homestead is pet-friendly, +371 29294318, ezerasonate@inbox.lv



Mill Lake Dārte



ACTIVE LEISURE

Guest House “Uguņciema Dzirnavas” – swimming area, boat and paddle board rental, resting place, and accommodation, +371 29496347

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS NEAR THE LAKE:

“Uguņi Dambji” Homestead – celebration hall, bike rental for daytime trips, table games, and a sauna. The homestead is located near the Mill Lake Uguņi. Longer hike enthusiasts will love discovering lonesome forest paths winding around villages, +371 29250392, vestule.ingunai@gmail.com

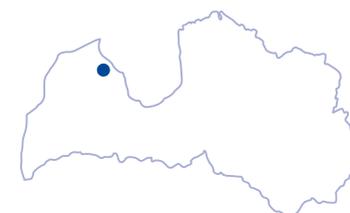


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40 Lake Laidze



Lake Laidze

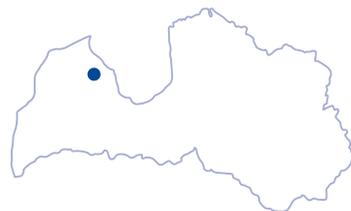


Photo: Marisa Riekstiņa

Location: Laidze Parish, Talsi Municipality
GPS: 57.290959, 22.685861

ACTIVE LEISURE

Swimming areas on the shore (on the side of Sārcene Village), a public resting place with a parking area, and a changing cabin. It also has a boat launch point.

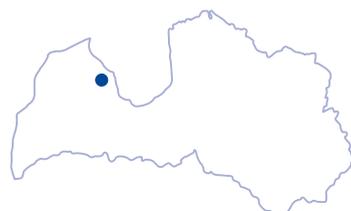
Going past the "Laidze Sauna", visitors can descend to the resting place arranged at the lake by a wooden pathway, with rubbish bins, a playground, and three different swings and benches. For the convenience of visitors, a WC equipped for people with special needs is arranged near the parking area in the territory.

Fishing is allowed at the lake

41 Lake Pļavu



Lake Pļavu



Location: Lauciene Parish, Talsi Municipality
GPS: 57.260642, 22.888658

Lake Pļavu offers wide opportunities for active leisure to families and sports enthusiasts. There is a well-equipped public swimming area at the lakeshore, and a pedal boating allowing one to discover the lake from another point of view is available free of charge. Children will love the obstacle course in the trees, while sports enthusiasts will enjoy the volleyball court and football field.

ACTIVE LEISURE

There is a public swimming area at Lake Pļavu with a changing cabin, wooden pathway, free pedal boating, as well as a rope obstacle course for children

The sports and recreation base at Lake Pļavu – boat rental, fishing place, a volleyball court, and a football field, +371 28385008, normunds.kruze@talsi.lv



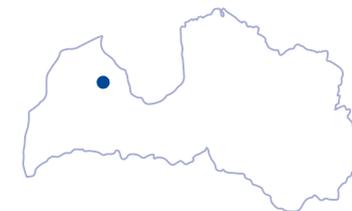
Photo: Marisa Riekstiņa



42 Lake Vilkmuiža



Lake Vilkmuiža



Location: Talsi
GPS: 57.252558, 22.587519

ACTIVE LEISURE

Two swimming areas, parking, two playgrounds, skate park

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Lake Vilkmuiža hiking trail (approx. 2 km) around the lake

The Nine Hills of Talsi – the picturesque landscape of Talsi, forming a scenic environment with viewpoints, a lake, and historic architecture

Talsi Old Town - the charming and historic heart of this Kurzeme town, featuring narrow streets and heritage buildings



Photo: Talsu TIC archive

Vilkmuiža Hill, where the first log boat in the territory of Latvia was found in 1936

ACCOMMODATION NEAR THE LAKE:

"Hotel Talsi" – accommodation, party room for children and adults, beauty services, +371 26322333, hotel@hotel.talsi.lv, www.hotel.talsi.lv



Photo: Marisa Riekstiņa



Photo: Talsi TIC archive



Photo: Sandris Kuzmickis

43 Lake Talsi



Location: Talsi
GPS: 57.243259, 22.595731

Lake Talsi is located in the very heart of the city, creating a picturesque landscape in the oldest part of Talsi. A promenade is built around the lake, conveniently accessible for all visitors and complemented with interesting environmental objects and monuments. It is possible to set off on a pedal boating trip across the lake, as well as to enjoy recreation and an educational ride on the train Fricis. Information about leisure and recreational opportunities in Talsi and the surrounding area is available at the Talsi District Tourism Information Centre, Lielā Street 19/21 (+371 26469057).

ACTIVE LEISURE

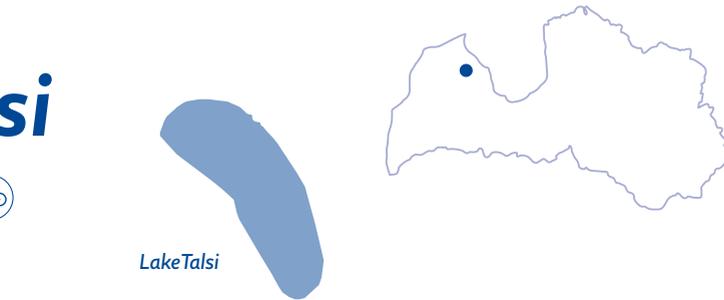
Café and Apartments "33" – boats, pedal boats – swans – rental for trips across the lake, electric bike rental +371 2751117, nr33nams@gmail.com

"Deviņkalni" disc golf park – equipment rental, Cornehole, Archery tag and minigolf, +371 26132666, info@ghill.lv, www.ghill.lv

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Lake Talsi Promenade – a well-equipped hiking place in the old part of the city, conveniently accessible for parents with small children and wheelchairs

The tourist attractions in the vicinity of the lake: the environmental object, Latvian Sun, the environmental object, Hats, the monument, Kokle Player, and Intars Busulis' music bench, Talsi g hills, Talsi Old Town, Talsi Regional Museum



Lake Talsi



Photo: Sandris Kuzmickis

Lake Talsi Promenade is the starting point for trips on the train, Fricis. Departures on Friday evenings and weekends at the beginning of each hour in the active season
+371 27205858, talsu.fricis@gmail.com

ATTENTION!

Magnet fishing is forbidden at Lake Vilkmuiža and Lake Talsi

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS NEAR THE LAKE:

Talsi Old Town Apartments,
+371 26456808

Apartments "No.33", +371 2751117,
nr33nams@gmail.com

"Promenade Apartments",
+371 29428323,
promenadeapartments15@gmail.com

"Kurte" Apartments, +371 29753573

Kalēju Street Residence,
+371 29268503,
kalejuielasrezidence@gmail.com

"Altenburg" Boutique Hotel,
+371 29333948,
dace.obodovska@inbox.lv

"Saule" Guest House, +371 29177071

44 Lake Mundigezers



Location: Mundigciems, Lībagi Parish,
Talsi Municipality
GPS: 57.215681, 22.603769

Lake Mundigezers is the favourite place of families with children. The lakeshore is equipped with convenient infrastructure, and there is a swimming area that both children and adults will love. The lake is part of the Talsi Hills cycling route 554.

Photo: Marisa Riekstiņa



Lake Mundigezers

ACTIVE LEISURE

Well-equipped family-and-child-friendly swimming area with changing cabins, resting places, playgrounds, and a wooden pathway

45 Lake Čumalezers



Location: Lībagi Parish,
Talsi Municipality
GPS: 56.488747, 21.930199

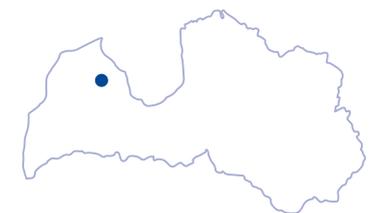
Lake Čumalezers is located in the private territory and offers exclusive, peaceful recreation to the guests of "Ezerkalnu Nams" Holiday House. Talsi Hillock Cycle Route No. 544 goes along the lake, allowing one to discover the beautiful surrounding landscapes.

ACTIVE LEISURE

"Ezerkalnu Nams" Holiday House – boat rental, a sauna, swimming area, fishing place, resting place, accommodation, +371 26516736, ezerkalnunams@gmail.com, www.ezerkalnunams.lv

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Talsi Hillock Cycle Route
(25 km) Nr. 544



Lake Čumalezers

ATTENTION!

The lake is private; therefore, rest is only possible in the territory of "Ezerkalnu Nams" Holiday House for its guests



Photo: Marisa Riekstiņa

46 Lake Engure



Location: Tukums and Talsi Municipality
GPS: 57.247562, 23.132796

Lake Engure

Lake Engure is one of the most prominent lakes in Latvia – it is picturesque, wide and rich in natural values that attract both fishermen and active rest enthusiasts. A range of boat bases operate on the lakeshores, as well as

fishing opportunities are available with a licence. Lake Engure Nature Trail with a watchtower, from which wild horses, cows and a diverse world of birds can be observed, makes the lake especially attractive.



Photo: Sandris Kuzmickis

ACTIVE LEISURE

Lake Engure 1st Boat Base – boat rental, boat launch point, fishing, accommodation, tent places, +371 26594835

"Pīlēni" Boat Base – boat rental, boat launch point, fishing, +371 29406653

Lake Engure 4th Boat Base – boat launch place, fishing

"Dzintara upes airi" – kayak, paddle board rental for trips around Mērsrags Channel to Lake Engure, +371 22079904, +371 22156074

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Lake Engure Nature Trail (3,5 km) with a watchtower – visitors can meet wild horses, cows and water birds



Photo: Andris Jermuts



Photo: Sandris Kuzmickis

Orchid Trail (2 km) is especially attractive in June and July when wild orchids bloom along the path

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS NEAR THE LAKE:

"Amoliņi" Guest House in Mērsrags – paddle board, kayak, bike rental, mini golf, fishing place and equipment, accommodation, +371 28333333, www.amolini.lv

"Sauleskrasti" Holiday House in Mērsrags – fishing place, a volleyball court and a football field, accommodation, +371 27727772, kaspars.berzinsh@gmail.com

ATTENTION!

In addition to a fishing card, a licence is required that can be purchased at www.manacope.lv

Fishing from a boat is forbidden in the area of the Lake Engure Nature Reserve from 1 March to the third Saturday of June

Crayfishing and underwater hunting are not allowed at Mērsrags Channel at Lake Engure

Fishing is only allowed in daylight, starting fishing no earlier than an hour before sunrise and finishing no later than an hour after sunset

Fishing is not permitted on Mondays to save fish resources

Driving motor vehicles in the territory of the nature park, and making a fire outside the specially designated places in the territory of the Lake Engure Nature Park, is forbidden

More information about the lake: www.eedpf.lv

47 Lake Rideļi



Location: Rideļi, Tukums Municipality
GPS: 57.152212, 23.083797

Lake Rideļi

The Mill Lake Rideļi was created by damming the River Kalnupe. This is a picturesque holiday destination in Tukums Municipality that offers various opportunities for both active and peaceful leisure in nature. "Rideļu Dzirnavas" is located on the lakeshore, offering accommodation and "Cope" Café; its visitors can rent a boat and paddle boards, or fish with a purchased permit. The surroundings are attractive thanks to the Rideļi Mill Museum, offering an educational collection and the film "From Grain to Bread".



Photo: Andris Jermuts

ACTIVE LEISURE

Boat and SUP board rental, fishing spot "Rideļu dzirnavas" near the café "Cope", +371 26536532, www.rideludzirnavas.lv

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

"Rideļi" Mill Museum – the history of Rideļi, grain farm, tools, +371 26536532

Singer Viktor Tsoi's memorial place at the side of Section P128 of the (Sloka–Talsi) Highway

ATTENTION!

Fishing licence can be purchased at the "Cope" Café

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS NEAR THE LAKE:

"Rideļu dzirnavas" and "Cope" Café (+371 22440094) on the lakeshore – accommodation, celebration hall, chimney, swimming area, sports area, playground, resting and tent places, a camper place, fire places, +371 26536532

"Restarta zona" – Sauna in "Rideļu Lodes", +371 29239966, +371 29423938

48 Lake Dzirciems



Location: Zentene Parish, Tukums Municipality
GPS: 57.113094, 23.009254

Lake Dzirciems

Lake Dzirciems is a quiet and picturesque corner of nature in Zentene Parish, inviting you to enjoy laid-back rest. Although public swimming areas are not available, visitors may use the opportunities offered by the Holiday House "Ezerkalni" in the vicinity of the lake.



Photo: Andris Jermuts

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Jāņupīte Nature Trail (1,1 km)

Pastariņš Museum – the writer, Ernests Birznieks-Upītis' family house, a place to discover ancient Latvian agricultural traditions, +371 28651091, www.tukumamuzejs.lv/pastarina-muzejs

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS NEAR THE LAKE:

"Ezerkalni" Holiday House – a sauna, resting and tent places, boat rental, swimming area, bike rental, +371 28373087, 29128188, redlihs@inbox.lv

"Vējkalni" Holiday House – equipped kitchen, heated outdoor hot tub, picnic places and bike rental. Tents can be set up in the territory adjacent to the house, +371 25515383, pepins100@inbox.lv

ATTENTION!

There are no publicly accessible swimming areas at Lake Dzirciems

49 Lake Mucenieki or Pilsētas



Lake Mucenieki or Pilsētas



Location: Sēme Parish, Tukums Municipality
GPS: 57.098157, 23.088810

ACTIVE LEISURE

Lake Mucenieki known as Pilsētas is located in Tukums Municipality in the central part of Sēme Parish, in a picturesque place to the north of Sēme, whereas Lake Lode is located in the south. Public swimming areas are also available at the Mill Lake Sēme and Lake Sēme, located at the former Sēme Manor.

Boating and fishing are available in the territory of "Mucenieki" Guest House. "Mucenieki" owns a small ship farm, and ships can be seen on the pasturelands over picturesque hills or while hiking across biotope meadow, +371 27032018, mucenieki.blogspot.com

50 Lake Teteriņu



Location: Kandava, Tukums Municipality
GPS: 57.034574, 22.804152



Lake Teteriņi in Kandava is a favourite resting place that combines the beauty of nature with modern amenities and a wide range of active leisure opportunities. There are well-equipped swimming areas on the lakeshore with changing cabins, and the Kandava Stadium swimming pool, suitable for both big and small swimmers, is nearby. Boats and paddle boards can be used for active leisure, and a hot tub or mobile sauna is available, while families with children will be especially excited by the Kandava rope obstacle course with several difficulty levels.

Visitors can enjoy the nature, and they are also invited to discover Kandava Old Town with its narrow, romantic streets that create a special old town atmosphere. Lake Teteriņi is a place where swimming and laid-back rest in nature can be combined with a cultural experience, which makes it a diverse destination for every traveller. You can find out about active recreation opportunities at the Kandava Tourism Information Centre at Ūdens Street 2

ACTIVE LEISURE

Well-equipped swimming area with changing cabins on the shore of Lake Teteriņi and at the swimming pool of Kandava Stadium

Abava River boating routes start from Kandava

ACCOMMODATION NEAR THE LAKE:

"VisitDinamo" – the closest guest house to the lake. Seven rooms, sauna, common kitchen, celebration hall, and a common resting space, +371 23000550, visitdinamo@gmail.com



DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Memorial monument to Zigfrids Anna Meierovics (Latvian public and political figure) (1.8 km from the lake)

Jāņupīte Nature Trail (6.5 km from the lake, a 1.1 km long trail)

"Rozītes" rose nursery and collection garden (6,7 km from the lake), +371 26469604, www.dailasrozes.lv

Pastariņš Museum – the writer Ernests Birznieks-Upītis' family house, a place to discover ancient Latvian agricultural traditions, +371 28651091, www.tukumamuzejs.lv/pastarina-muzejs (8.3 km from the lake)

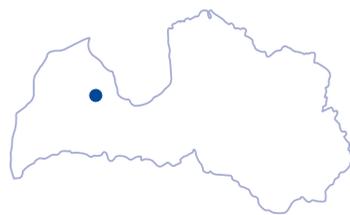


Photo: Jānis Kamerāds

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Kandava Rope Obstacle Course – at a height of 0.80 and 1.40 m, with various difficulty levels

"Nāriņa" Café on the bank of the Kandava Stadium swimming pool – tent places with electricity supply, resting places are offered additionally, +371 28642312, +371 29105411, saltums@inbox.lv

Historic streets of Kandava Old Town, art and poetry on the walls of the houses

51 Lake Seklis



Lake Seklis

Location: Tume Parish, Tukums Municipality
GPS: 57.005154, 23.121199

Lake Seklis is located in Tume Municipality, close to Tukums. Active leisure enthusiasts may rent motorboats, military boats or jet skis here, and enjoy adrenaline-filled trips across the lake. In summer, the lake is a favourite swimming area for families with children, but in autumn, its surroundings are the best place for picking mushrooms and berries.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Swimming area with a wooden pathway

"X-Unit" motor boat or military boat trips, +371 26165854, 29969613, deards@inbox.lv

"RS Noma" – jet ski rental, +371 28383078, robertsergejevs@gmail.com

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

The owner of "Sveikuļi" Campsite arranges **orienting and rogaining activities in the forests** surrounding Seklis, www.coksilva.lv

Let's hike! Day hikes in "Sveikuļi" give an opportunity to observe and discover interesting nature objects in the surroundings of Tukums – forests,

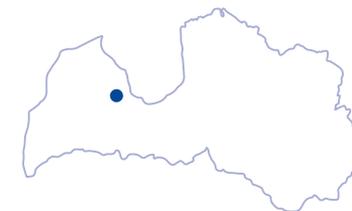


Photo: Andris Jermuts



Photo: Marisa Riekstiņa

hills and lakes. The duration of the route is from 3 h, +371 29232026, www.sveikuli.lv

52 Lake Melnezers



Lake Melnezers

Location: Melnezera Street, Tukums
GPS: 56.488747, 21.930199

Lake Melnezers is located in Tukums and offers a well-equipped swimming area with four wooden pathways, benches, changing cabins, and sports areas. In summer, safety at the swimming area is ensured by a person on duty. The lake is a favourite place of winter swimmers. You can find out about recreational opportunities in Tukums and the surrounding area at the Tukums Tourist Information Centre at Talsu Street 4



Photo: Andris Jermuts



Photo: Marisa Riekstiņa

ACTIVE LEISURE

The swimming area with a well-equipped beach and four wooden pathways. It is also available in winter

Several benches for rest, a changing cabin, swings, and gymnastic bars

Volleyball, basketball courts, and a beach football pitch

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Marked nature trail in the surroundings of the lake for hikers, Nordic walkers and runners

ATTENTION!

For rest at Lake Melnezers to be safe, a person on duty works at the resting place each year from 1 May to 15 September from 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. It is possible to rent paddle boards together with life vests

Dogs may not swim in Lake Melnezers!

53 Lake Valgums



Location: Smārde Parish, Tukums Municipality
GPS: 56.988502, 23.307583

Lake Valgums is located in Smārde Parish, Tukums Municipality, and offers various opportunities for active leisure – boat and pedal boating rental, fishing, as well as nature and art trails. Lake Valgums is a perfect place for both active leisure and outdoor entertainment with family and friends.

ACTIVE LEISURE

“Valguma pasaule” – plastic, wooden boat rental, fishing equipment, pedal boating rental, +371 29414022, www.valgumapasaule.lv

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Barefoot Trail (3 km), **Art Trail** (2 km) with large-format photos of natural landscapes by the photographers Andris Apse and Andris Eglītis (entrance fee)

Upside Down House in Smārde – Upside Down Garage, mirror labyrinth, mini golf, +371 28808606, www.apgrieztaamaja.lv

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS NEAR THE LAKE:

“Valguma pasaule” – accommodation, celebration hall, sauna, and café, +371 29414022, www.valgumapasaule.lv

54 Lake Kaņieris



Location: Lapmežciems Parish, Tukums Municipality
GPS: 57.008844, 23.47287

Lake Kaņieris is a perfect place to enjoy nature, active leisure, and discover local culinary and cultural offers. The rich world of birds and natural trails that allow one to get to know the lake better are the values that make it special. The lake is a favourite of fishermen as they enjoy the calm and quiet.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Lake Kaņieris Boat Base – boat, kayak, paddle board and recreation place rental, +371 26225604, www.kanieris.ecosoul.bio

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

“Vidnieki” Homestead in Antīnciems – Dare – Rest in Meadows – allows one to discover the story of making chicory and enjoy the gifts of nature. There are also recreation areas, tent sites, “Pļavu School” +371 27891575, www.plavuskola.lv

Nature trails and birdwatching: Reedy Trail at Lake Kaņieris (approx. 2 km), Riekstusala bird observation tower, Kaņieris Castle Mound nature trail and bird observation tower

“Reiņa zivis” – fish product tasting with prior reservation, +371 29219491, www.reinazivis.lv

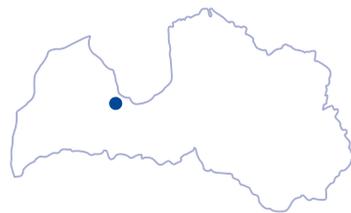


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Photo: Sabīne Unda Zeidenberga

ATTENTION!

Barefoot Trail is open from May to September



Photo: Sandris Kuzmickis

Lapmežciems Museum – a collection devoted to fishing, +371 2700038

ATTENTION!

In addition to a fishing card, a licence is required that can be purchased at www.manacope.lv

More information about the lake: www.kanieris.ecosoul.bio

55 Slampe Water Reservoir



Location: Slampe, Tukums Municipality
GPS: 56.850692, 23.298551

Slampe Water Reservoir consists of three parts – the higher, central and lower reservoirs – it is the locals' favourite place for leisure and discovering nature. Swimming, fishing places, hiking trails and accommodation options, as well as tent places, are available here. The largest tourist attraction in the vicinity is the Cinevilla Cinema Town, which will fascinate adults and children alike.



Photo: Slampe parish administration archive

56 Lake Kliģi



Location: Lestene Parish, Tukums Municipality
GPS: 56.722289, 23.110469

Lake Kliģi is located in a picturesque place where Lestene, Džūkste and Jaunpils Parish in Tukums Municipality meet. It offers diverse opportunities for active leisure. “Kliģi” Recreation Complex on the lakeshore provides everything that can be required for laid-back leisure or active entertainment in nature.

ACTIVE LEISURE

“Kliģi” Recreation Complex – boats, paddle boards, as well as raft rental, a celebration and workshop place, camping and sports game site, +371 29228454, www.kligi.lv

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Lestene Lutheran Church and the memorial of the Brothers' Cemetery (approx. 7 km from the lake)



Photo: Marisa Riekstiņa

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS NEAR THE LAKE:

“Pilsētnieki” Guest House – accommodation, celebration hall, sauna, sports area, resting and tent place, +371 29497272, +371 26575059, www.pilsetnieki.lv

“Lielpīles” Recreation Centre – boat and paddle board rental, swimming area, sports area, as well as a sauna, outside hot tub, +371 20006858, www.lielpiles.lv

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Hiking path (874 m) at the lake with benches for resting

“Lielozoli” (4,5 km from the lake) – a multifunctional centre with classrooms and 16 ha of developed area. Interactive Latvian Rural, Forest and Aquatic Culture, Inspiration and Professional Growth Centre managed by the Latvian Rural Consulting and Education Centre, www.lielozoli.lv

Cinevilla Cinema Town (approx. 9 km from the lake) – created for making a historic feature film Defenders of Riga, supplemented with props for newer films, +371 28606677, www.cinevilla.lv



Photo: Tukums TIC archive

Lestene Bunker (approx. 7 km from the lake) – a place to discover the life of Latvian military men during the war, +371 27874594, +371 26522079

57 Lake Remte



Location: Remte Parish, Saldus Municipality
GPS: 56.737725, 22.683418



Photo: Andrejs Sergejevs

Lake Remte



Lake Remte is an integral part of Remte Parish, the surroundings of which are rich in cultural, historical and natural objects.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Private swimming area with a wooden plank pathway and a resting place at Peldu Tower

Swimming area managed by the Municipality with a volleyball court on the lakeshore near Social Care Center "Atpūtas", close to the water



Boat launch point at the Mēdemu stone

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Remte Manor and hiking trails at Remte Manor Park with small architectural elements: Bear Cub House, Snake Vase Base, Torture Room, and Hunting Tower, which will tell the history of the manor, +371 29391836, +371 29321105 – tour guide, remte@saldus.lv

58 Lake Ciecere



Location: Brocēni and Ciecere Parish, Saldus Municipality,
GPS: 56.655165, 22.561000

Lake Ciecere



Lake Ciecere is a favourite place for both quiet rest and active leisure. In Brocēni and its surroundings, swimming areas with playgrounds are arranged by the lake, there is an inflatable water attraction park, paddle and boat rental is available, as well as steamboat trips and various sports activities. It is a place for a stroll along the lakeshore and nature trails, enjoying entertainment by the water or resting in a camping style by the fire.

The lake is a centre for cultural and social events – sports competitions, festivals and concerts take place every summer. Lake Ciecere combines leisure, entertainment and the proximity of nature.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Well-equipped public swimming area in Brocēni with a wooden plank pathway, resting areas, playground, volleyball courts, changing cabin

"Sportive Aqua" is an inflatable attraction park in Brocēni with an outdoor café available in summer, +371 22000221, info@sportive.lv

"Krusta puse" – paddle board, kayak rental, +371 22524990, krastapuse@gmail.com



SIA "Alate" – boat, paddle board, pedal boating rental with delivery to the lake, subject to prior agreement, +371 22088804, +371 29422884, alatesia@inbox.lv

"Cieceres ūdensrozes" – boat, paddle board, pedal boating rental, +371 29255877, solveiga.dzene@inbox.lv

Brocēni SUP / "SAL SUP" – paddle board rental, +371 26665671, +371 27717255, saldussup@gmail.com

"Mana pirtīņa" – party/barbecue floating tray rental for a party on the water, +371 29254689



Photo: Inga Hartika



Photo: Sandris Kuzmickis



Photo: Andrejs Sergejevs



Photo: Saldus TIKs center archive

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Lake Ciecere Watchtower (18,4 m)

Brocēni Mežaparks trails (3 km) and air trail (173 m) – obstacle courses, rhododendron garden and resting places

Brocēni Skatepark for those who like youth extreme sports (BMX, skateboard, roller skating)

Well-equipped city hiking trail along Lake Ciecere – with a wooden lake pathway – accessible for parents with children and people in wheelchairs

The cycle route, Around Lake Ciecere (27 km)

Vessel "Zezer" for trips across Lake Ciecere from Ciecere Port, +371 26858777, kugiszezer@gmail.com
 A separate swimming area and changing cabin are available on the territory. During the summer season, the boat "Zezer" operates, and the catering terrace "Spāre" is also open



Photo: Andrejs Sergejevs

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS NEAR THE LAKE:

"Radi" Campsite, offering a tent place and campsite, as well as boat and paddle board rental, wake boards, inflatables, motorboat and water games, +371 29538230, www.radi.lv

"Zvejnieki 2000" Recreation Base – accommodation, fishing houses, boat and pedal boating rental, resting places, +371 29550012, www.zvejnieki2000.lv

"Priedaiši" – tent places, boat and paddle board rental, +371 29488834, +371 29331179

ATTENTION!

Fishing from the shore and boat is allowed everywhere at Lake Ciecere, except for the beach area, the rowing lane, and the Lake Ciecere Island Nature Reserve

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Awakening of Lake Ciecere (in June)

Open water swimming competition Ciecernieks (end of June)

Beautiful Life in Brocēni (August)

59 Lake Saldus



Location: Saldus
GPS: 56.674010, 22.510379

Lake Saldus is the heart of the city of Saldus – a place where nature intertwines with city views in a single rhythm. This lake is a favourite destination of both locals and guests. A well-equipped swimming area with a volleyball court and playgrounds, boat launch point, changing cabins and a large parking area can be found by the lake. The surroundings of Lake Saldus also have a rich cultural and historical legacy. This place features Saldus Castle Mound and the environmental object Saldus, with a view of the lake at Bilji Hill. Going from the environmental object along the trail, visitors can reach the castle mound and the new beach arranged at its foot with wooden plank pathways, a pontoon, a platform and a lounge chair for laid-back leisure, as well as a children's toy area. A wooden plank pathway connects both beaches of the lake, allowing one to reach the desired resting area in no time. If you visit this place in August, don't miss the concert at Lake Saldus – an event that fills the lakeside with music, light and a festive spirit. Information about leisure and recreational opportunities in Saldus and the surrounding area is available at the Saldus Tourist Information Centre, Striķu Street 3 (+371 63807443).



Photo: Jānis Riņķis

ACTIVE LEISURE

SIA "Alate" – boat, paddle board, pedal boating rental with delivery to the lake, subject to prior agreement, +371 22088804, +371 29422884, alatesia@inbox.lv

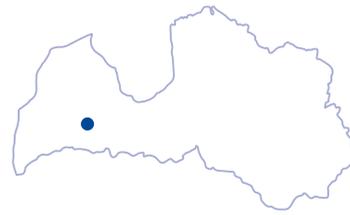
Brocēnu SUP / "SAL SUP" – paddle board rental with delivery to the lake, subject to prior agreement, +371 26665671, +371 27717255, saldussup@gmail.com

Well-equipped beach with a resting place, volleyball court and playgrounds, boat launch place

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Saldus Castle Mound (12–15 m high)

Environmental object – an inscription Saldus on Bilji Hill with a view of Lake Saldus



Lake Saldus



Photo: Andrejs Sergejevs

In Saldus, visitors may observe bronze sculptures depicting the characters of paintings by Janis Rozentāls, visit the Saldus History and Art Museum, as well as discover unique environmental objects – Drop of Honey, Saldus Fills Up – and Kalnsēta Park on the scenic shores of the River Ciecere

ACCOMMODATION NEAR THE LAKE:

"Osīši" Campsite – electricity, water supply for campers, and an opportunity to connect to sewage. Dog-friendly camping, +371 29254577, +371 29877604

FOLLOW THE EVENTS IN THE SALDUS MUNICIPALITY CALENDAR!

Concert at Lake Saldus (August)

60 Sātiņi-Sesile Water Reservoir



Location: Novadnieki Parish, Saldus Municipality
GPS: 56.641669, 22.431785

Sātiņi-Sesile Water Reservoir

Sātiņi-Sesile Water Reservoir is located relatively close to Saldus and is a popular resting place in Saldus Municipality. The reservoir festival, known as the Ocean Festival, takes place here every summer.

ACTIVE LEISURE

"Wakepark Saldus" – wake park routes, equipment, paddle board and boat rental, +371 20332477, m.zab62@gmail.com

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

There is a bird observation tower (9.8 m) at Grebūtnieki Pond

"Krustkalni" Recreation Base – boat rental, resting place, tent place, swimming area, volleyball court, celebration hall, sauna and accommodation options on the shore of the water reservoir, +371 29457794, www.krustkalni.lv

61 Pakuļi Water Reservoir

Location: Zirņi and Lutriņi Parish, Saldus Municipality
GPS: 56.687034, 22.326242



Pakuļi Water Reservoir

Pakuļi Water Reservoir is located in Zirņi and Lutriņi Parishes and is indeed a fishermen's favourite. A boat launch point is available here, and a range of cosy accommodation with boat and paddle board rental await guests on the lakeshores to ensure wholesome recreation by the water.

ACTIVE LEISURE

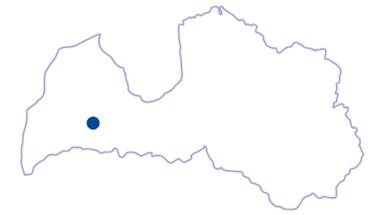
Boat launch point for boaters or fishers.

The boat launch point can be reached by driving from Saldus along the A9 highway and 650 m after crossing the Ciecere River, turning right and right again at the first road

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

"Ziķi" Homestead – cinema, photo history display, ostrich, pheasant and cow observation, +371 29265183, zikig2@inbox.lv

The River Bakupe's three – level waterfall (0.2, 0.2 and 0.5 m) is located on the private property; however, it can be accessed by a trail made for visitors



FOLLOW THE EVENTS IN THE SALDUS MUNICIPALITY CALENDAR!

Ocean Festival (June/July)



Photo: Andrejs Sergejevs

A well-equipped swimming area with a changing cabin and resting area

61 Pakuļi Water Reservoir

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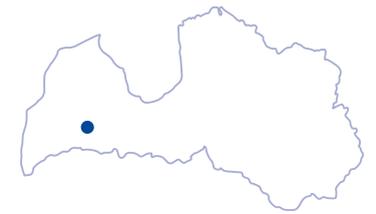
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ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS NEAR THE LAKE:

"Adleri" Guest House – accommodation, boat, pedal boating and paddle board rental, +371 29422884

"Ezerdzirnas" – accommodation, boat and paddle board rental +371 27049623

"Brekši" Holiday House – accommodation and boat rental, +371 29245117

"Lašupe" Holiday House – accommodation and boat rental, +371 26689060

ATTENTION!

In addition to the fishing card, a licence is required that can be purchased at the Saldus Tourist Information Centre at 3 Striķu Street or www.manacope.lv

62 Zaņa Mill Pond



Location: Zaņa Parish, Saldus Municipality
GPS: 56.457143, 22.193798

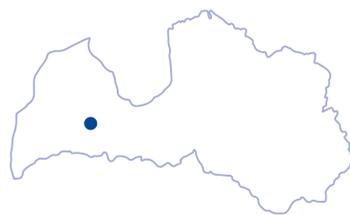
Zaņa Mill Pond was created when the mill was built in around 1880 on the River Zaņa. Zaņa Mill Pond is a quiet resting place for nature enthusiasts. The surroundings are complemented by the unique outcrops and the ancient watermill along the lower reaches of the River Zaņa, which can tell a lot about the rich legacy of the parish.

Photo: Inga Hartika

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

The outcrops along the lower reaches of the River Zaņa – a unique natural formation

The watermill was built in Zaņa in approx. 1880



Zaņa Mill Pond



ACTIVE LEISURE

Swimming area without amenities at the pond

Fishing is allowed at the pond with a licence purchased in advance. Boat launch place, resting area and parking are located at the fishing place

63 Ezere Mill Pond



Location: Ezere Parish, Saldus Municipality
GPS: 56.405481, 22.366822

It is a dammed pond on the River Ezere in Ezere Parish, Saldus Municipality. Ezere Mill Pond has a unique watermill sluice shaped in the form of a maple leaf that is especially admirable in spring, when the water level in the pond rises. In summer, it is a nice resting place with its special historical aura

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Ezere Local History Repository Customs House offers to learn exciting facts about the history of Ezere and

observe the exposition devoted to the beginning and end of World War II in Kurzeme, +371 29132583, +371 29475438, antra.ozoli@gmail.com

"Vadakstes Valdnieks" Secular Stone (4.2 m high) – can be observed in Ezere Manor Park

Sluice of Ezere Watermill in the shape of a maple leaf – a rarity in Latvia!

ATTENTION!

A licence is required in addition to a fishing card that can be purchased by contacting the Partnership Ezere Fishing Club by phone on +371 22088757



Ezere Mill Pond



Photo: Andrejs Sergejevs



Photo: Inga Hartika

Zemgale

Lakes hiding in the lowland

Zemgale

Zemgale offers serene, quiet lakes that are perfect for recreation and contemplating in nature. Both nature trails and active leisure areas are available here, allowing one to conveniently access the water and enjoy the scenery. The guidebook has 24 descriptions of Zemgale lakes, showing the diversity of nature and the rich history of culture in this region. A range of naturally clean lakes can be found in this region for both recreation and enjoying boating or fishing on the water.

Although the smallest in Latvia in terms of area, the lakes of Zemgale are unique in terms of natural diversity and cultural and historical significance. Lake Odze is located in a picturesque, wooded location favoured by birdwatchers and nature photographers, particularly during the bird migration in spring and autumn.

Meanwhile, Lake Zebrus is one of the deepest in Zemgale; thanks to its deep waters and picturesque shores, it is especially suitable for both swimming and diving.

Active leisure enthusiasts will like Lake Ozolnieki, which boasts a wake park. Moreover, the largest wakeboard track in Latvia can be found here. Those who like unusual places will love Radži Water Reservoir with its eight dolomite islands. They can be travelled around by a rowboat, paddle board or pedal boating.

Those who prefer quiet recreation will appreciate Tērvete Water Reservoir with its attractive, harmonious environment and original accommodation options – glamping tree houses or underground cabins are available here.



Tērvete Water Reservoir. Photo: Jānis Švītiņš



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More information on tourism opportunities in Zemgale:
www.travelzemgale.lv



Lake Timsmale. Photo: Kaspars Siliņš



Lake Baļote. Photo: Kaspars Siliņš



Lake Marinceja. Photo: Jānis Švītiņš

Radži Water Reservoir.
Photo: Jānis Švītiņš



Lake Vecumnieki Vecais. Photo: Inga Hartika

1 Lake Zebrus



Location: Biksti Parish, Dobele Municipality
GPS: 56.633632, 22.983628

Lake Zebrus

Lake Zebrus is a diverse resting place offering both swimming and fishing, and a wide range of sports and active leisure opportunities in "Niedras" Complex. The most beautiful sunsets and the magic of nature can be enjoyed at the resting place, "Zebrus Resort", in modern cabins located on floating pontoons on a fabulous lake. Nature and history enthusiasts may go hiking along the Ezerlūķi, Smiltņieki Castle Mound, and Zebrene Idol Hill. Lake Svēte is also nearby



Photo: Sandris Kuzmickis

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Hike the castle mounds around the lake: Ezerlūķi, Smiltņieki Castle Mound and Zebrene Idol Hill

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS NEAR THE LAKE:

"Ezerlūķi" Holiday House, +371 26733153, www.ezerluki.lv



Photo: Dobele TIC archive

ACTIVE LEISURE

Fishing place, public swimming area at Ezerlūķi Castle Mound

"Niedras" Recreation Complex – fishing place, beach, boat rental, celebration place, football field, tennis and volleyball court, playground, accommodation, tent and camper places, +371 29992299, www.niedras.lv

"Zebrus Resort" – paddle board rental, tent places, sauna rituals, accommodation, +371 26979908, +371 27123053, www.zebrusresort.lv



Ezerlūķi Castle Mound. Photo: Dobele TIC archive



Photo: Guntis Vilberts

2 Lake Sesava



Location: Īle Parish, Dobele Municipality
GPS: 56.573139, 23.016799

Lake Sesava

The lake is located by the Auce-Īle-Dobele road, making it an easily accessible place to stay. It offers a great recreation spot for those who appreciate beautiful nature and tranquility. The lake is rich in pike, bream, and also crayfish. The Sesava River flows out of the lake – one of only two rivers in Zemgale region. This lake is an excellent getaway for admirers of silence and untouched natural scenery

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Īle Evangelical Lutheran Church. The church was a joint church of the Īle and Lielauce Evangelical Lutheran congregations. Burned down in the 1905 riots, looted in World War II, the much-suffered Īle Evangelical Lutheran Church has become a high-level concert hall in a historic building in Zemgale region. By prior registration. Admission by donation, +371 26133692, www.ile.lv

ACTIVE LEISURE

Fishing and resting place with amenities arranged by "Latvijas Valsts Meži"

Photo: Inga Hartika

3 Lake Vipēdis



Location: Zebrene Parish, Dobele Municipality
GPS: 56.592781, 22.999451

Lake Vipēdis

Fishing enthusiasts will like Lake Vipēdis, as well-equipped fishing places with wooden plank pathways are arranged around the lake. A 2-km-long hiking route goes around the lake, and those looking for adventure may go to Krievkalni or the mystical Pokaiņi Forest. "DabaTe/Vipēdis" Recreation Base ensure convenient, fully-fledged recreation at and on the water here.

ACTIVE LEISURE

"DabaTe/Vipēdis" Recreation Base – 30 fishing places with wooden plank pathways around the lake, a resting territory with amenities, boat, paddle board rental, volleyball court, playground, tent and camper places, fishing places, accommodation, +371 26346725, www.vipedis.lv

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Hike around the lake (2 km)

Hike to Krievkalni or walk around the deeply mysterious Pokaiņi Forest



ATTENTION!

A fishing licence can be purchased on-site – at "DabaTe/Vipēdis" Recreation Base



Photo: Jānis Švītiņš

4 Tērvete Water Reservoir – Swan Lake



Location: Podziņas, Tērvete Parish, Dobele Municipality
GPS: 56.716887, 21.632527

Swan Lake in Tērvete Parish offers a wide range of recreation opportunities to nature and active leisure enthusiasts – well-equipped swimming areas, fishing places with regular fish supply, boat and paddle board rental, as well as unusually shaped glamping accommodation options. The surroundings are complemented by the Tērvete watchtower for birdwatching. Swan Lake is an amazing destination for the entire family.



Photo: Jānis Švitiņš

ACTIVE LEISURE

Fishing place

Swimming areas

JSC "Latvijas Valsts Meži" Nature Park Glamping – boat, paddle board and pedal boating rental, sports area, playground, resting places, unusual accommodation options – glamping houses in trees and underground houses, +371 26115333, glampings@lvm.lv

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Tērvete Swan Tower (10 m high) for birdwatching – partly pushchair and wheelchair accessible with an assistant, +371 26517125, g.dude@lvm.lv

Cycle route (14 km) leading directly around the lake

Tērvete Castle Mound (19–20 m high) – the most notable mound in Zemgale region

Tērvete Castle – Tērvete Museum of History, with its collections displayed in the castle's exposition halls. A display showing the history of Tērvete and Zemgale region can be observed in the Castle, +371 26950975, www.tervetespils.lv



Tērvete Nature Park Glamping.
Photo: Jānis Švitiņš

LVM Nature Park in Tērvete (1,200 ha) with three different sections: World of Sprīdītis, Land of Kurbads, and glamping. In summer, cafés are open in the park. Paid resting places, pull cart rental, bike rental, www.mammadaba.lv

Tērvete Butterfly House – butterflies from various tropical forests from all over the world can be seen, www.tervetestaurini.lv

Museum of the writer, Anna Brigadere, "Sprīdīši" – writer's work and resting place, guest house, unusually shaped forest houses, a pavilion for accommodation, café, +371 26532691, www.spridisi.lv



Photo: Jānis Švitiņš



Photo: Jānis Švitiņš

5 Kaupēna Mill Lake



Location: Zaļenieki Parish, Jelgava Municipality
GPS: 56.492212, 23.420155

Although the Mill Lake Kaupēna is in Zaļenieki Parish, it is located very close to Tērvete Water Reservoir. Disconnected from the world, the lake offers a wide variety of recreation for families and active leisure enthusiasts: a well-equipped swimming area, fishing places, fire places, accommodation, sports area and playgrounds. "Kaupēna Dzirnavas" Recreation Complex ensures comfort and well-being to its guests, and the place is often chosen for team sports games and team events.

ACTIVE LEISURE

"Kaupēna Dzirnavas" Recreation Complex – well-equipped swimming place, fishing place, accommodation, sports area, playground, sauna, hot tub, celebration hall, +371 26551259, +371 29263768, www.kaupena-dzirnavas-1.mozello.lv

ATTENTION!

A fishing permit can be purchased at the recreation complex

ATTENTION!

In addition to a fishing card, a licence is required that can be purchased at www.manacope.lv

The opening hours of LVM Nature Park in Tērvete may change depending on the season: in winter from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., in summer from 9.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m., but between the seasons – usually, in October and November, March and April – from 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Important information:
www.mammadaba.lv



Kaupēna Mill Lake



Photo: Jānis Švitiņš

6 Lake Ozolnieki



Location: Ozolnieki Parish, Jelgava Municipality
GPS: 56.689372, 23.797319



Lake Ozolnieki

Lake Ozolnieki offers active leisure and water amusements for the entire family – "Masti" Wake Park with the largest wakeboard track in Latvia is available here. Visitors can also enjoy jet skiing, paddleboard rental, a climbing wall and other water attractions, as well as convenient seating areas and the restaurant "Masti – Ezera garšas".

ACTIVE LEISURE

Well-equipped swimming area on the lakeshore, a playground at the same place, with parking and a hiking trail nearby

"Masti" Active Leisure Park – wake park, water skiing, paddle board rental, rock climbing, water attractions, +371 28366699, www.5masti.lv

Restaurant "Masti – Ezera garšas" +371 2388440, www.mastigrill.lv



Photo: Inga Hartika



Photo: Inga Hartika



DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

"Abra" Sweet Factory – guided tours, masterclasses and tastings, subject to prior reservation. An opportunity to purchase products, +371 29358736, www.abrafoods.com

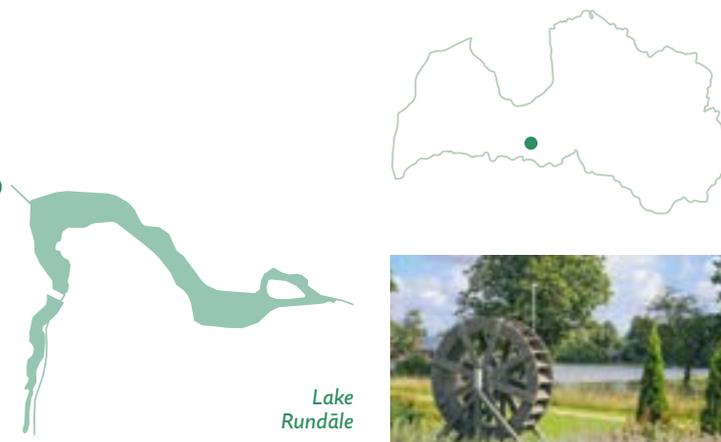
Ozolnieki Health Trail – hiking in the woods, training tools, swings, ropes, and a barefoot trail with 28 sectors from various nature and building materials (18 Mika Street, Ozolnieki)



7 Lake Rundāle



Location: Rundāle Parish, Bauska Municipality
GPS: 56.422121, 24.010877



Lake Rundāle



Photo: Inga Hartika

The shores of Lake Rundāle give an opportunity to rest from the daily rush and immerse oneself in refreshing water, discover historical grain processing mills, or see various environmental objects. The famous Rundāle Palace garden and museum are located nearby.

ACTIVE LEISURE

A public swimming area is available at Lake Rundāle

Rundāle Watermill – with rowboat, paddle board and pedal boating rental

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Rundāle Watermill – guided tours with a display on the history of grain processing on five floors, celebration, event and conference halls, tour of the brewery and the tasting and purchase of beer to take away, +371 20557777, +371 22777775, www.rundalesdzirnavas.lv

Observation of the most distinguished historical garden (10 ha) in the Baltic states in the territory of the Rundāle Palace Museum. Please request a guided tour at the Rundāle Palace Museum three days prior to the visit, +371 26499151, www.rundale.net

Mežotne Church and hillfort (~5 km from the lake) and Svitene Manor (~8 km from the lake)



Photo: Inga Hartika

The environmental objects can be observed in the territory of the Rundāle multifunctional centre – sundials

FOLLOW THE UPDATES IN THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT RUNDĀLE WATERMILL!

Various events will take place at Lake Rundāle, arranged by Rundāle Watermill – Home Café Days, concerts, Night at the Museum, and other special adventures, www.rundalesdzirnavas.lv

ATTENTION!

Lake Rundāle is private, but swimming is allowed here



Photo: Inga Hartika



Rundāle Palace. Photo: Inga Hartika

8 Lake Lādzēni

Location: Vecumnieki Parish, Bauska Municipality
GPS: 56.575602, 24.506606



Lake Lādzēni



! ATTENTION!

The lake is a private resting place!

Fishing at the lake is permitted all year round

A fishing licence can be purchased at the fishermen's resting place, "Lādzēnu purvs"

Ladies can obtain a licence for fishing at the lake free of charge

If you prefer fishing on weekends, apply in advance!



A look at the Lovely Garden of the Strūbergs Family (approx. 6.5 km from the lake) and its territory, guided tour, with prior reservation, +371 29446329, juris.strubergs@inbox.lv

Photo: Inga Hartika

ACTIVE LEISURE

"Lādzēnu purvs" – fishermen's resting place at the lake, +371 25951125, www.ladzenupurvs.lv

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Disc golf course in Vecumnieki (4.4 km from the lake) with four disc golf baskets, +371 22026494, elina.stilve@bauskasnovads.lv

Orienteering in Vecumnieki (4.6 km from the lake) – for hiking and active leisure enthusiasts, +371 22026494, elina.stilve@bauskasnovads.lv

Guided tour at Vecumnieki "Red school" (5 km from the lake), with prior reservation, +371 26681283, liva.vecvanaga@bauskasnovads.lv

Wooden sculpture village "Jūras" (approx. 5.6 km from the lake) in Vecumnieki, +371 63976528, j.audzijonis@inbox.lv



Photo: Inga Hartika

9 Lake Vecumnieki Vecais

10 Lake Vecumnieki Jaunais



Location: Vecumnieki, Bauska Municipality
GPS (Lake Vecumnieki Vecais): 56.608948, 24.540060
GPS (Lake Vecumnieki Jaunais): 56.599675, 24.524641



Lake Vecumnieki Vecais

Lake Vecumnieki Jaunais



Lake Vecumnieki Jaunais. Photo: Inga Hartika

Lake Vecumnieki Vecais offers a well-equipped swimming area, resting areas, a playground and a range of beach volleyball courts. The nearby Lake Vecumnieki Jaunais invites one to enjoy quiet recreation by the water – swimming or walking in the surroundings.

ACTIVE LEISURE

By the Lake Vecumnieki Vecais – a well-equipped swimming area, resting places, a playground, and beach volleyball courts

By the Lake Vecumnieki Jaunais – a swimming area, resting places

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

A hiking trail around Lake Vecumnieki Jaunais (1–1,5 km)

Anda Sprōģe ART Creative Studio – designer clothing, prints and designer items at the creative workshops – masterclasses and workshops are arranged for groups of up to ten people, subject to prior reservation, +371 26411529, www.andasprogeart.lv

Wooden sculpture village "Jūras", +371 63976528, j.audzijonis@inbox.lv

Orienteering in Vecumnieki – for hiking and active leisure enthusiasts, +371 22026494, elina.stilve@bauskasnovads.lv

Disc golf course in Vecumnieki with four disc golf basket, +371 22026494, elina.stilve@bauskasnovads.lv

Guided tour of Vecumnieki "Red school", with prior reservation, +371 26681283, liva.vecvanaga@bauskasnovads.lv



Lake Vecumnieki Vecais. Photo: Inga Hartika

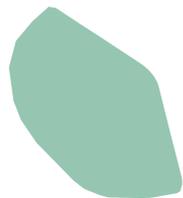


Lake Vecumnieki Vecais. Photo: Inga Hartika

11 Valle Pond



Location: Mežmaļi-3, Valle, Valle Parish, Bauska Municipality
GPS: 56.504196, 24.733397



Valle Pond

Valle Pond is known as a real fishermen's paradise – even when approaching Valle Recreation Complex, it's obvious that everything needed for fishing is available here! There are entertainment opportunities for children, a celebration place in the territory, and the owners will provide fishing equipment if required.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Valle Recreation Complex – fishing places arranged on the lakeshore, a small fishing equipment shop with an opportunity to order everything necessary for fishing, accommodation, premises for events, sauna, jacuzzi, tent and resting places, playgrounds, sports areas, +371 29174814, burtukalps@inbox.lv

If you are looking for a swimming area, set off to the nearby **Valle Parish Pond**, which is suitable for swimming and recreation by the water

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Museum of the Amtmaņi Brothers, "Zvanītāju Bukas" – a display devoted to the importance of the Amtmaņi family in the history of Latvian theatre and local traditions, +371 26608478, +371 65152894, amtmanu.muzejs@bauskasnovads.lv

Valle Lutheran Church, 371 29124066, www.vallesdraudze.lv

Deer garden "Vallbrieži", +371 26345422, vallbriezi@gmail.com

ATTENTION!

A private resting place is located near the lake. Comply with the rules of the territory and respect the surrounding quietness!

Convenient access for everyone. The first floor of one of the log buildings in Valle Recreation Complex is specially equipped for disabled people or wheelchairs, so that everyone can enjoy a comfortable rest

Fishing is free for people in wheelchairs – they only pay for the fish caught



Photo: Inga Hartika



Photo: Inga Hartika



12 Lake Kalnamuiža



Location: Skrīveri Parish, Aizkraukle Municipality
GPS: 56.62418, 25.041704

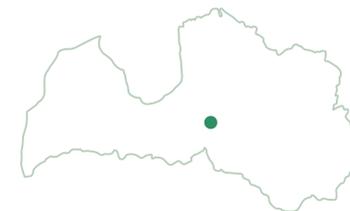


Photo: Artuss Riekstiņš

Lake Kalnamuiža is located in the wooded surroundings of Skrīveri Parish. The lake is interesting as it once played a significant role at the New Skrīveri Castle, where the Skrīveri Dendrological Park is now located. Water from the lake was supplied to the kitchen, amenities, and central heating. It was the only castle in Latvia with such amenities. If you wish to visit a place that combines an opportunity to enjoy nature and a cultural experience with your family, you will like this lake.

ACTIVE LEISURE

A fishing place, resting place with an awning, and a fire place arranged by JSC "Latvijas Valsts Meži"



Lake Kalnamuiža

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Lucky Bear's Trail (800 m) – goes around Lake Kalnamuiža

Moss trail (800 m) - related to the work by A.Upits "The Boys of Moss village"

Lake Trail – connects the second section of the main path of the Skrīveri Dendrological Park to the lake

Nearby – the less famous **Swirl Trail** that leads out of the territory of the lake. It is a little more difficult for hiking, but a very picturesque trail following a little stream

13 Lake Timsmale



Location: Varieši Parish, Jēkabpils Municipality
GPS: 56.631073, 26.189309



Photo: Kaspars Siliņš

Lake Timsmale is a remote and quiet place to enjoy the proximity of nature. A swimming area, resting area with a campfire and amenities are equipped at the lakeshore, and in the surroundings, forest trails invite one to set off on leisurely walks. Fishermen as well as nature explorers will love this place, as protected biotypes can be encountered nearby.

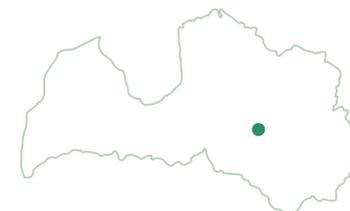
ACTIVE LEISURE

Fishing place, resting place with a campfire

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Holiday House, "Spilves" Winery – accommodation, smoke sauna, ayurvedic massage, wine and brandy tasting, +371 29175120, +371 28663900, www.spilves.lv

Unguri (Medņi) Evangelical Lutheran Church, +371 26220489



ATTENTION!

The lake is located in the territory of the nature park; it is forbidden to use mechanical vehicles outside the roads, natural roads and created routes here

It is forbidden to walk with pets or use pull carts

It is forbidden to move across the park lakes using jet skis, motorboats, cutters, yachts or rowboats with a switched-on motor

It is forbidden to make a fire outside the specially designated and equipped places

Underwater hunting is forbidden

In addition to a fishing card, a licence is required that can be purchased at www.manacopec.lv

14 Lake Odze



Location: Aiviekste Parish, Aizkraukle Municipality
GPS: 56.66151, 25.718349

Lake Odze offers a wide range of active recreation opportunities: fishing, a well-equipped swimming area with a changing cabin, resting places and sports areas, as well as a boat launch point. Visitors can notice old ruins of the recreation complex in the territory; these are not accessible. Staying nearby is dangerous, please rest in places where "Mežezers" Tourism and Recreation Base or Mežezera Stāsts takes care of safety and order! Both places offer opportunities for both celebrations and sports games.



ACTIVE LEISURE

A fishing place, well-equipped swimming areas with changing cabins, resting places, amenities, football fields, basketball and volleyball courts

A boat launch point is equipped for boats and pedal boats

"Mežezers" Tourism, Recreation and Sport Base – boat, paddle board rental in summer. In winter – ski tracks with ski lifts and pistes (total length 1450 m), a sauna, accommodation, café, +371 26411213, mezezers.info@gmail.com, www.mezezers.lv

Photo: Inga Hartika

15 Lake Līdācis



Location: Aiviekste Parish, Aizkraukle Municipality
GPS: 56.660173, 25.761019

Those who are looking for a quieter place for bathing or fishing will appreciate Lake Līdācis. There is not only a well equipped swimming area with amenities at the lake, but also stones covered in moss that remind one of animals from a fairytale wood in the sunlight.

ACTIVE LEISURE

A swimming, fishing and resting place with a tent arranged by JSC "Latvijas Valsts Meži"



Lake Odze



Photo: Inga Hartika

ACCOMMODATION NEAR THE LAKE:

"Mežezera stāsts" – a place for celebrations, sports games, resting place, accommodation, +371 27616342, +371 29664410, info@mezezerastasts.lv, www.mezezerastasts.lv

ATTENTION!

Swimming with pets at the lake is forbidden!



Lake Līdācis



Photo: Inga Hartika

16 Lake Marinzeja



Location: Atašiene Parish, Jēkabpils Municipality
GPS: 56.563374, 26.375598

A picturesque environment, complemented by the manor having an English and French mixed-style park built by Josef Heinrich von der Borch in the 19th century, makes Lake Marinzeja so special. The building of the manor hosts a school, and a viewing platform located in its territory offers an amazing view of the lake.

ACTIVE LEISURE

A well-equipped beach, fishing place, resting place, changing cabin, amenities

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Marinzeja Manor on the lakeshore can only be observed from the outside. In the territory of the manor – a sound therapy trail with a viewing platform

Collection of J. Zalāns' Retro Motorcycle and Antiquities (2 km from the lake) – 37 retro motorcycles and other soviet era artefacts, +371 26470730

Kristakrūgs Watchtower (27 m high, 14.5 km from the lake) – with a view of Teiči Nature Reserve

17 Lake Baļote



Location: Kūkas Parish, Jēkabpils Municipality
GPS: 56.545390, 26.006343

Lake Baļote is a real fishermen's and holidaymakers' destination that attracts with both abundant fish resources and beautiful surroundings. The lake is regularly supplied with fish; therefore, it is very popular among carp fishing enthusiasts not only in Latvia but in all the Baltic states. In winter, Baļote is a favourite place for ice fishing, and both local and international-scale competitions take place at the lake. Licensed fishing is offered in more than 60 fishing areas.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Fishing places, well-equipped swimming areas

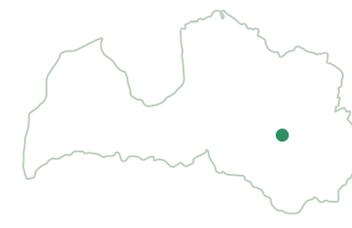
"Brēdiķu Krasts" Campsite – boat and paddle board rental, swimming area, fishing place, accommodation, sauna, +371 28367422, www.atputabalote.com.

The campsite is located in the territory of "Atpūta Baļotē" Complex

"Atpūta Baļotē" Complex – paddle board rental, accommodation in camping cabins or apartments, +371 28367422, www.atputabalote.com

"Ezerkrasti" Camping – boat, paddle board rental, tent places, camper places, and camping houses, +371 27170166, balotesezerkrasti@inbox.lv

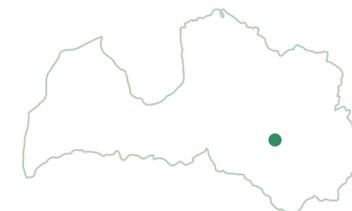
"Meža Terasas" Holiday Residence for laid-back recreation in a harmonious environment, +371 28603052, mezaterases@gmail.com



Lake Marinzeja



Photo: Kaspars Siliņš



Lake Baļote



Photo: Jānis Švītiņš

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Dzirkaļi Hillfort (14 m high, 6.5 km from the lake) and Avoti well, and a place for walking

"Saules Alpakas" Farm – excursion, alpaca viewing, homemade dishes, dining at the family café, +371 26164441, saulesalpakas@gmail.com

ATTENTION!

In addition to a fishing card, a licence is required that can be purchased at www.manacope.lv

18 Lake Laukezers



Location: Kūkas Parish, Jēkabpils Municipality
GPS: 56.489808, 25.997815

Lake Laukezers is located in the territory of the Laukezers Nature Park, and is considered one of the cleanest lakes in Latvia. Thanks to its clear, blueish-green waters and picturesque surroundings, this place is a great destination for family recreation. The playground, Think with Laukezers Bears, is equipped near the parking area, with several games, game elements and wooden sculptures available for children.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Fishing places, well-equipped swimming areas, resting places, a parking area, and a WC

"Sup Jēkabpils" – paddle board rental (+371 26862244)

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Laukezers Viewing Platform

Laukezers Health Trail (7.15 km) – a circular route

Laukezers Nature Park cycle route (15–20 km)

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS NEAR THE LAKE:

"Akmentiņi" Guest house – a guest house, two camping houses, tent sites, as well as apitherapy available, +371 26127110, www.akmentini.lv

"Laukezers" Guest House and Sauna – romantic leisure in the nature park, +37127705777, www.laukezers.lv

"Avotiņi" Guest House – quietness, calm and fresh air, +37128782279, www.avotinizs.lv

19 Lake Ildzenieku



Location: Ilzenieki, Kūkas Parish, Jēkabpils Municipality
GPS: 56.490880, 26.029773

In the territory of Laukezers Nature Park, Lake Ildzenieku can be found as well. There is a more convenient way to the swimming area along a gravel road, turning towards the lake between Andrāni and Lauktehnika. In this place, there is a swimming area with a shallow, sandy shore, a wooden pathway, and a small resting place.

ATTENTION!

The lake is located in the territory of a protected nature park – mechanical means of transport and pets may only move along the roads and routes

Jet skis, motorboats and motorised rowboats are forbidden at the lake

Fire can only be made in specially designated places



Photo: Jānis Švītiņš

ATTENTION!

The lake is located in the territory of the Nature Park; it is forbidden to use mechanical vehicles outside the roads, natural roads and created routes here

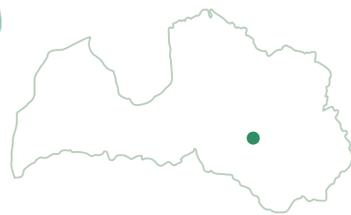
It is forbidden to walk with pets or use pull carts

It is forbidden to move across the park lakes using jet skis, motorboats, cutters, yachts or rowboats with a switched-on motor

It is forbidden to make a fire outside the specially designated and equipped places

Underwater hunting is forbidden

In addition to a fishing card, a licence is required that can be purchased at www.manacope.lv



Underwater hunting is not permitted at the lake

ACTIVE LEISURE

A well-equipped swimming area, fishing place, and resting place with amenities

20 Radži Water Reservoir



Location: Jēkabpils, Jēkabpils Municipality
GPS: 56.481454, 25.852590



Photo: Kaspars Siliņš

An amazing destination for those who are looking for a wide range of active leisure opportunities by and on the water. There are several swimming areas at the reservoir; however, the Blue Flag Beach near Jēkabpils Mežaparks is the favourite one. There also are several parking areas, an all-season tubing track, "Lūša Ķepa" disc-golf course, and a wake park in the water reservoir.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Several changing cabins at the Blue Flag Beach, benches, sun loungers, as well as an opportunity to rent paddle boards and pedal boats to travel around the eight dolomite islands in the water reservoir



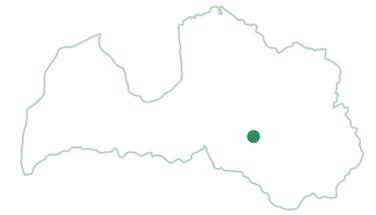
Photo: Inga Hartika

The Blue Flag Beach is suitable for parents with prams and wheelchairs

Radži Recreation Complex offers an opportunity to rent a pedal boating, boat or enjoy recreation while fishing, staying overnight at the guest house or camping cabins, +371 29471447, www.radzi.lv

Those looking for a quieter swimming area are advised to go to resting place No. 1 at Radži Water Reservoir – Brodi Beach

Jēkabpils Wake Park – wakeboard, paddle board rental, inflatables, place for events, sauna, café, +371 26820098, www.veikparks.lv



Radži Water Reservoir

Photo: Jēkabpils TIC archive

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Go for a walk to the viewing platform (5.10 m high), from which the impressive Radži secular stone – the second largest in Latvia (3.1 m high, 19.5 m girth) can be seen

Eight dolomite islands can also be viewed at the reservoir

"X3M" Paintball Club – equipment rental and shooting games, +371 29231394, www.x3m.lv

ATTENTION!

In addition to a fishing card, a licence is required that can be purchased at www.manacope.lv



Photo: Kaspars Siliņš



Photo: Sandris Kuzmickis

21 Lake Viesīte



Location: Viesīte Parish, Jēkabpils Municipality
GPS: 56.345714, 25.605036

Lake Viesīte, the longish form of which allows one to effortlessly see the opposite shore, stretches for approx. 7 km and is suitable for both quiet and active recreation. "Pērļīte" Camping is on one lakeshore, and on the other – a publicly accessible swimming area with a wooden pathway is available.

ACTIVE LEISURE

A fishing place, a well-equipped beach, a resting place, a playground, and amenities

"Pērļīte" Camping – canoe boat, rowboat, paddle board rental, fishing place, accommodation, camper places, sauna, +371 22000642, www.perlite.lv



Lake Viesīte

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Viesīte Museum, Selonia – guided tours along the narrow-gauge railway, Selonian culture, the Stradiņi family and the history of medicine, +371 29116334, www.muzejsseija.lv

Love Trail – a well-equipped trail (600 m) that goes through the bog forest to the open-air stage on the small Island of Love



Lake Viesīte. Photo: Jānis Švitiņš



22 Lake Sauka



Location: Sauka Nature Park, Sauka Parish, Jēkabpils Municipality
GPS: 56.250239, 25.50783

Lake Sauka is located in the territory of Sauka Nature Park, and is a favourite destination for recreation. Two publicly accessible swimming areas are arranged on the lakeshores – one is closer to the Lone-Sauka road, and the other – to the Viesīte-Deši-Sauka-Rite road. "Ezera Gravāni" Campsite operates near the lake. Those who wish to enjoy a wider view of the surroundings should definitely climb the Ormaņkalns Watchtower with an impressive view over Sauka Nature Park.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Swimming areas, resting places and a fishing place

"Ezera Gravāni" Campsite – boat rental, fishing place and accommodation, +371 26319014



DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

A marked cycle route goes around the lake (26 km)

Ormaņkalns (a 167 m high hill-lock) – is the highest place of the Selonia Hilly Ridge

Sauka Evangelical Lutheran Church

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS NEAR THE LAKE:

"Ezera Gravāni" Campsite – cabins, tent and camper places, +371 26319014

Photo: Kaspars Siliņš



Lake Sauka

23 Lake Vecmuiža



Location: Gārsene Parish, Jēkabpils Municipality
GPS: 56.129106, 25.754413

Lake Vecmuiža is a small but truly beautiful destination for those looking for a quieter place for swimming or fishing. It has two well-equipped beaches. One beach has a wooden pathway, the other does not. There is a changing cabin and a place for resting, and a fire.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Well-equipped swimming areas, resting places and a parking area

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Gārsene Evangelical Lutheran Church – the Budberg family's chapel is located nearby

Guided tour of Gārsene Castle (5.1 km from the lake) – a unique tile stove decorated with sailing vessels and seascapes can be observed there. Around the Castle – nature trails, accommodation at the castle is available, +371 26367150, www.garsenespils.lv

Private Collection of Antiquities, "Solis sendienās" – household items, games, plates, books, +371 26430814



Lake Vecmuiža

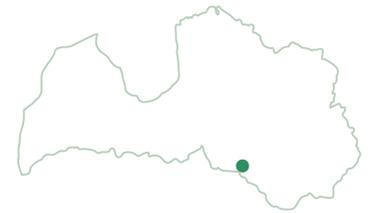


Photo: Inga Hartika



Photo: Kaspars Siliņš

24 Lake Zuju



Location: Vanagi, Asare Parish, Jēkabpils Municipality
GPS: 56.116228, 25.846010

Lake Zuju is a well-maintained and conveniently accessible recreation destination for any nature and water activity enthusiast. A well-equipped beach can be found on the lakeshore with a pontoon bridge, changing cabin, amenities, and rubbish bins. Visitors will enjoy the plantings, large parking area and convenient resting area, with swings overlooking the serene lake.



Photo: Jānis Švitiņš

ACTIVE LEISURE

Well-equipped swimming area with a pontoon bridge, changing cabin, resting place, fishing place, and amenities

The descent to the lake is equipped for wheelchairs and parents with children to make recreation accessible to everyone

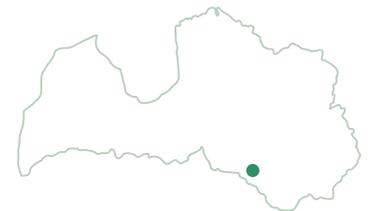
DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Asare Manor Park – a range of buildings belonging to the manor era can be observed here simultaneously: the church, the master's house (castle) ruins, the gardener's residential house, and the manager's residential house

Asare Evangelical Lutheran Church, +371 29148597

Guided tour of Gārsene Castle (5.4 km from the lake) – a unique tile stove decorated with sailing vessels and seascapes can be observed there. Around the Castle – nature trails, accommodation at the Castle is available, +371 26367150, www.garsenespils.lv

Lake Zuju



Latgale

*The land of lakes
that stuns with its
diversity*

Latgale

The guidebook invites one to discover Latgale region with its lakes – places where natural beauty and serenity intertwine with a rich history of culture.

Latgale region is undeniably the land of blue lakes, rich in diverse and picturesque water reservoirs, offering a unique experience of nature. Pure and clear waters, vast areas and rich biodiversity make the lakes of Latgale special, so this region is a real paradise for nature tourism enthusiasts. The total number of lakes in Latgale region is approx. 1,200, and this guidebook contains information on 31 of them.

Latgale region is where the largest and most famous lakes in Latvia can be found. Lake Rāzna is the largest in terms of the volume of water, it is called the Latgalian Sea, and is especially popular among sailors, fishermen and swimmers. The deepest lake in Latvia – Drīdzis – the depth of which reaches 65 metres, offering a unique underwater landscape and perfect for water sports, can also be found here. The Ežezers has the greatest number of islands in Latvia – 36, and more than 70 island-like formations. In turn, Lake Lubāns is the largest lake in terms of surface area and an important place for birdwatching – more than 200 species of birds nest on the Lubāns wetland.

INFORMATION

More information on tourism opportunities in Latgale: www.latgale.travel



Lake Rāzna. Photo: Raimonds Kaļva

TOURIST INFORMATION:

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www.visitludza.lv



www.visitdaugavpils.lv



visit.rezekne.lv



www.visitrezeknesnovads.lv



visit.balvi.lv



www.visitaugsgauga.lv



www.visitpreili.lv



www.visitkraslava.com



www.visitlivani.lv



1 Lake Balvi (Bolvi)



Location: Kubuli Parish, Balvi Municipality
GPS: 57.134120, 27.253046

Lake Balvi allows one to enjoy active rest opportunities, and the local history of culture can be observed in its surroundings. Balvi Manor, with a park, Bear Garden, and the unique wind bell ensemble, Gaiss, as well as a digital exposition, available at the Balvi Local History Museum, can be found on the lakeshores. The Latgale long-distance route, Ezertaka, goes around the lake, and the lake becomes a venue for outdoor events in summer.



Photo: Mihails Ignats

ACTIVE LEISURE

Well-equipped swimming area (1 Dzirnavu Street, Balvi)

Boat launch point, a well-equipped recreation area at the Old Park arranged by JSC "Latvijas Valsts Meži" (Celmene, Kubuli Parish, Balvi Municipality)

"Wake up Balvi" – wakeboard, jet skis, paddle board and pedal boating rental, inflatable attractions on the water, +371 28667336

"Sup in Balvi" paddle board rental, +371 26351072

Trips on the raft "Vilnītis" made by the master Ēriks Kanaviņš, +371 29376933

Evening on the Lake – floating sauna, +371 26410291

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The open-air event at the lake and on its shores, Music for Sunset, traditionally takes place in August



Lake Balvi



DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Territory of Balvi Manor – manor castle, barn, park and Bear Garden with an island, stone composition and the world's biggest wind bell ensemble, Gaiss (47 and 52 Brīvības Street), +371 28352770, muzejs@balvi.lv

Balvi Municipality Museum – digital display devoted to folksongs, psalms, customs, traditions, history of the city Balvi, +371 64521430; +371 28352770, muzejs@balvi.lv

The Latgale long-distance route, Ezertaka, runs around the lake

ATTENTION!

The resting place in the Old Park (Celmene, Kubuli Parish, Balvi Municipality), arranged by JSC "Latvijas Valsts Meži" on the shore of Lake Balvi, is accessible for disabled people



Photo: Aiga Meri

2 Lake Viļaka



Location: Viļaka, Balvi Municipality
GPS: 57.186355, 27.687778

One of the longest pontoon bridges in Latvia leads to an island in Lake Viļaka – it's a beautiful way to reach the lake island. Today, fragments of Marienhausen Castle, built in 1509, instead of a collapsed fortress, can still be found on the island in Lake Viļaka. In the summer, the island can be reached by paddle boards or boat.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Boat launch point and parking on Lake Viļaka Promenade (13 Pils Street), parking at the trail leading to the lake island (48 Liepnas Street) and a well-equipped swimming area with parking (20 Garnizona Street)

Paddle board rental, lake trip on the raft, +371 28642699; +371 28694808

"Ezertūra" – paddle board and board rental, +371 26486751
+371 26292288, ezerture@gmail.com

Transparent kayak rental, +371 25529229

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Viļaka Museum – a display devoted to history, starting with the era of manors to Soviet times, as well as a display about the events during World War II, +371 28386859, vilakamuzejs@balvi.lv

World doll exhibition – more than 1,700 dolls in traditional costumes from at least 135 countries and all continents, +371 26230987

"Abrenes Istabas" – a private historic collection of household items, shop, and authentic Soviet-era atmosphere, +371 26446147, retro73@inbox.lv



Lake Viļaka



Viļaka Sacred Heart of Jesus Roman Catholic Church, +371 29522542

The Latgale long-distance route, Ezertaka, runs around the lake



Photo: Aiga Meri

Photo: Mihails Ignats



3 Lake Sprogu



Location: Viksna Parish, Balvi Municipality
GPS: 57.228489, 27.361399

Lake Sprogu is a picturesque recreation destination in Viksna Parish, offering an opportunity to enjoy laid-back leisure in nature. Visitors can fish, set off on a ride along the Viksna Aplis cycle route, or enjoy a hike along Ezertaka Trail.



Photo: Balvi TIC archive



ACTIVE LEISURE
Resting place with benches, a table and a fireplace

Fishing place

4 Lake Svātūne (Svātiunes)



Location: Baltinava Parish, Balvi Municipality
GPS: 56.886561, 27.540708

Lake Svātūne is a resting place with a well-equipped swimming area, a volleyball court, and an area suitable for families and active recreation enthusiasts. The lake maintains the name of an old sacred place, and the Svātūne Castle Mounds, with an impressive fortification system, can be found nearby. Rich fish resources and picturesque surroundings make this lake a favourite destination for fishermen and nature enthusiasts.



ACTIVE LEISURE
Well-equipped swimming area

Photo: Mihails Ignats



Lake Svātūne (Svātiunes)



Lake Sprogu

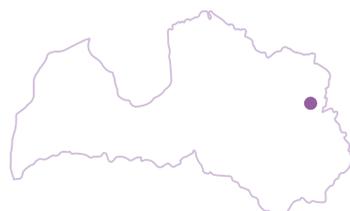


DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Cycle route, Viksnas Aplis (29 km) along the former railroad track, Gulbene-Vecumi

Viksna Orthodox Church

The Latgale long-distance route, Ezertaka, runs around the lake



DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

The Latgale long-distance route, Ezertaka, runs around the lake

5 Lubāns (Lubuons)



Location: Rēzekne and Madona Municipality
GPS: 56.415237, 21.752867

Lake Lubāns, located in Rēzekne and Madona Municipality, is the largest lake in Latvia in terms of surface area and is the favourite place of both nature and active leisure enthusiasts. A well-equipped swimming area, inventory rental at the water tourism centre, Bāka, and opportunities for fishing and observing birds from the watchtowers are available at the lake. In the surroundings, it is possible to walk along the wooden pathway at Teirumņi Swamp, observe the Boņuka Krusts or crucifix, visit Gunārs Igaunis' Music and Shmakovka Museum; in turn, the Lubāns Wetland Complex is a unique nature preservation territory. It is believed that it was the first populated area in Latvia.



Photo: Rēzekne TIC archive



ACTIVE LEISURE
Well-equipped (Kvāpāni) swimming area

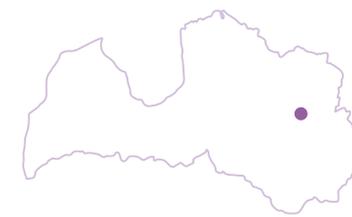
Bāka Water Tourism Centre – row-boat, paddle boat, kiteboard, hydro suite and life jacket rental. There is also a tennis and volleyball court, and a viewing platform on the roof terrace in the territory. Bāka Water Tourism Centre offers not only sports activities in all seasons but also accommodation options, +371 26663358, baka.rezeknesnovads.lv



DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

The Teirumņi Swamp wooden plank pathway is located in the surroundings of Lake Lubāns (800 m). The trail can be walked with the guide (Anna Macāne), +371 28301143

Gunārs Igaunis' Music and Shmakovka (Smakouka) Museum hosts a collection of ancient music instruments, and the traditional Latgalian beverage, Shmakovka, can be tasted here, +371 28728790, +371 26593441



Lubāns (Lubuons)



Photo: Rēzekne TIC archive



ATTENTION!

From 1 October to 30 April, it is forbidden to fish in the part of Lake Lubāna adjacent to the Northern Dam within 1,400 metres along the shore and in the lake within 600 metres of the shore (from the mouth of the River Rēzekne to the turn to the dam)

The restrictions imposed by Lubāna Mitrājs Nature Reserve in the winter period provide that operating vessels with an internal combustion engine, the power of which exceeds 7.46 kW, are forbidden in the nature park

The territory of Bargais Sēklis Seasonal Reserve may not be visited from the second Saturday of August to 15 November to ensure that migrating water birds can quietly feed and rest during the migration period

Kurpinīki Crucifix – this is what people call Boņuka Krusts, captured in Jānis Streitch's film, Cylvāka Bārns

Bird observation towers at Zvidze and Southern Dam



Photo: Rēzekne TIC archive

6 Lake Kovši (Rēzekne)



Location: Rēzekne
GPS: 56.4971475,27.3117007

Lake Kovši, or Rēzekne, is located in the centre of the city; it is a modern, well-equipped resting place that combines the beauty of nature with many active leisure opportunities. A 3-km-long nature trail and promenade route have been created around the lake; there is boat rental and a camping park with a swimming area, sports areas, and a place suitable for family and children's recreation. Visitors can enjoy strolls or sports activities here, which makes the surroundings of the lake a favourite destination for both locals and guests of the city.

ACTIVE LEISURE

A well-equipped public swimming area at 47b Atbrīvošanas Alley

“Laivu māja” – a fishing place, boat quay, ramp for launching boats, paddle board, canoe boats, pedal boating and motorboat rental, +371 22880022

Boat launch slip and parking area at 5 Ezera Street

Rēzekne Camper Park – inflatable attraction park, well-equipped camping area with camper parking spaces, swimming area, tent place, beach volleyball court and football fields, playground, +371 23552700

“GoWake Rēzekne” – wakeboard track for both beginners and experienced riders, +371 29554994



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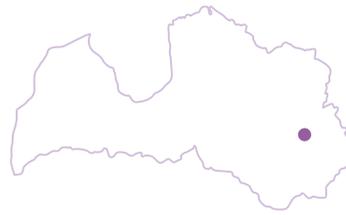
DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Lake Kovši Promenāde – a promenade with a boat berth, café, fishing and resting places, plantings, outdoor gym equipment, and a wide network of pathways for walkers

Nature trail around Lake Kovši (3km). The trail is partly paved and goes along the Latgale Congress 100 memorial site

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS NEAR THE LAKE:

Holiday house “ADD STORY” – separate houses on the lake shore, sauna, hot tub, boats, fishing. Cēsu street 2a, Rēzekne, +371 26688855



Lake Kovši (Rēzekne)



Photo: Rēzekne TIC archive



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ATTENTION!

The surroundings of the lake are accessible for disabled people

7 Lake Rāzna



Location: Rēzekne Municipality
GPS: 56.377385, 27.416426

Lake Rāzna, also known as the Latgale Sea, is the largest lake in Latvia in terms of the volume of water and the second largest in terms of area (57.6 km²). Visitors are attracted by a wide range of active leisure opportunities and the diverse nature at the lake. This lake is unique because of its rich fish reserves and a range of well-equipped public swimming areas in Krastiņi, Malukšta, Lipuški, and at Kalnu Mājas. Visitors may set off on guided fishing trips, sail on the yacht, Buru Guru, try the attraction obstacle course in the trees, Rāznas Priedes, or just rest in the quietness of the lake. In the surroundings, Lūznava Manor, Mākoņkalns Trail with Volkenberga Castle Ruins, and the Stone Trail can be seen, as well as the Nature Centre and Trail of Feelings of Rāzna National Park can be discovered. Lake Rāzna is a place where the picturesque landscapes of Latgale, active leisure, and cultural and historical legacy unite.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Fishing with the guide, Jānis Kuprs, +371 27867745, raznabreksi@gmail.com

Well-equipped public swimming areas: In Krastiņi (Čornaja Parish), at Kalnu Mājas and Malukšta (Kaunata Parish), Lipuški (Mākoņkalns Parish)

“Buru guru” – sailing on Lake Rāzna, Bentley car rental, +371 29299085, www.buruguru.lv

“Rāznas priedes” – water ball rental, obstacle course in the trees, climbing

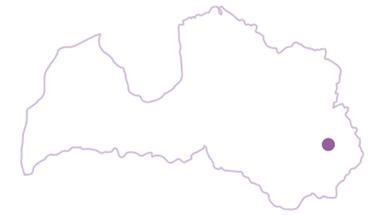
wall, electric cars, go-cart rental, sauna, hot tub, +371 26415942, www.raznaspriedes.mozello.lv

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Lūznava Manor – thematic excursions, interactive exhibits, exhibition and event venue, catering upon request, Garden of Senses, +371 28686863, www.luznavasmuiza.lv



Photo: Rēzekne TIC archive



Lake Rāzna

Mākoņkalns, also called the Hill of the Clouds, and the ruins of Volkenberg Castle – steep slope, wooden stairs with railings

Rāzna National Park Nature Centre – the main exposition and Feeling Trail in Mākoņkalns Parish, +371 29139677

Stone Trail (1,171 m) in Mākoņkalns Parish – four notable boulders can be observed

Useful information about Rāzna National Park: latgale.travel/listing/raznas-nacionalais-parks/

FOLLOW THE EVENTS IN THE RĒZEKNE MUNICIPALITY CALENDAR!

Traveller Day in Rāzna National Park is celebrated at the beginning of July each year



Photo: Raimonds Kaļva



Photo: Rēzekne TIC archive

8 Lake Mazais Ludzas



Location: Ludza, Ludza Municipality (the lake is located near the Lake Lielais Ludzas)
GPS: 56.548746, 27.71167

Lake Mazais Ludzas is located in the very heart of the city of Ludza, at the Lake Lielais Ludzas, and is a favourite place for quiet recreation and active leisure. A well-equipped beach, Radziņš, is available at the lake, with a range of resting places and a promenade with a wooden pontoon pathway that leads directly to the water. Here, visitors may fish, go for a trip on a wooden raft, or rent rowboats in the Ludza Craftsmen Centre, which offers authentic Latgalian cuisine cooking classes and catering by the lake in a special atmosphere. Ludza Local History Museum, with its rich collections and the Great Synagogue – the oldest wooden synagogue in the Baltic states are located here, making the Lake Mazais Ludzas a promising and interesting destination.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Fishing place and well-equipped beach, Radziņš (21 Peldu Street). The promenade on Mazā Ezerkrasta Street and a wooden pontoon pathway lead to the resting area – a beach

A range of resting places – at Ludza Museum (2 Kuļņeva Street and 47 Kuļņeva Street)

Ludza Craftsmen Centre, rowboat rental, +371 28198060

Wooden raft trip, +371 29133655



Photo: Aleksandrs Lebeds



Lake Mazais Ludzas



Photo: Mihails Ignats

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Ludza Craftsmen Centre – cooking classes for mastering the secrets of ancient Latgalian dishes, and an opportunity to get to know old recipes and Latgalian household traditions. The classes are only available with prior reservation. Offer includes group catering – Latgalian-style lunch and dinner in a romantic atmosphere, on a raft, enjoying the view of the city from the Lake Mazais Ludzas, +371 29467925, +371 29123749, ligakondrate@inbox.lv

Ludza Local History Museum – historical and nature expositions, the Ludza Estonian room, as well as an extended wild nature display can be seen, +371 65723931, www.ludzasmuzejs.lv

Ludza Great Synagogue – the oldest wooden synagogue in the Baltic states (built in 1800) and a branch of Ludza Local History Museum. It tells the diverse Ludza's history of culture and the legacy of the Jewish community, +371 65723931, www.ludzasmuzejs.lv

ACCOMMODATION NEAR THE LAKE:

Holiday rooms and Latgalian culinary heritage dishes at the Latgalian kitchen at 28 Tālavijas Street, +371 29467925, www.ludzasamatnieki.lv

FOLLOW THE EVENTS IN THE LUDZA MUNICIPALITY CALENDAR!

On Saturday, before Midsummer, on the shores of the lakes of Ludza at the castle ruins – **Big Latgale Market**

On the second Saturday of August – **Ancient Findings Day** in the square in the Old Town, and activities in the surroundings of the Lake Mazais Ludzas

9 Lake Lielais Ludzas (Lelais Ludzys azars)



Location: Zvirgzdene Parish, Ludza Municipality
GPS: 56.549232, 27.731359



Photo: Aleksandrs Lebeds

A range of public swimming areas are located on the shores of the Lake Lielais Ludzas, including the beaches Lielā Ezerkrasta and Lucmuižas, boat and pedal boating rental, fire places, as well as accommodation in tents or campers are available at the resting place, Fazenda. Glamping on Joga Island offers a special experience in the middle of the lake or romantic recreation at "Ludzas Ezermāja" – accommodation on the water with fishing opportunities.

In the surroundings of the lake, visitors can go for a walk in the territory of Ludza Castle Ruins with a viewing platform and illuminated walls, as well as discover the legacy of ancient Latgalians at the archaeological monument, Ķišukalns, on Šelupinki Peninsula. Guests will especially like the promenade by the Lake Lielais Ludzas at the foot of the castle ruins.

Photo: Mihails Ignats



Lake Lielais Ludzas

ACTIVE LEISURE

A range of public swimming areas is available: Beach at the Lake Lielais Ludzas (Lielā Ezerkrasta Street 11), Lucmuiža public beach

Fazenda Resting Place – a well-maintained, fenced territory by the lake in the city. Pedal boating, boat rental, resting place with an awning, a campfire, and a tent and camper place, +371 26352606)

"Ludzas Ezermāja" – fishing place, accommodation on the water, +371 29171311

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Hiking in the territory of Ludza Castle Ruins – a well-equipped hiking place with a viewing platform, illuminated walls and a pedestrian bridge

Mount Ķišu, or an ancient Latgalian castle mound – an archaeological monument in Jeršovka, on Šelupinki Peninsula

ACCOMMODATION NEAR THE LAKE:

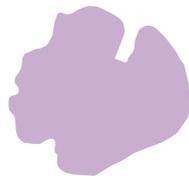
Glamping on Joga Island – accommodation on the island in the middle of the lake. The island can be accessed by one's own water transport or by renting a special wooden boat, +371 27877127



10 Lake Cirma or Cirms



Location: Cirma Parish, Ludza Municipality and Rēzekne Municipality
GPS: 56.547403, 27.636366



Lake Cirms



Photo: Ludza Municipality TIC archive

Lake Cirma, or Cirms, is the largest lake in Ludza Municipality – clean and rich in fish, with sandy beaches, perfect for recreation in the nature. A range of well-equipped swimming areas and resting areas have been created on the lakeshores – in Tutāni Village, Cirma Beach in Kivti and the resting place, "Ūdens Pasaka". A range of modern resting complexes operate at the lake – "Cirmas Ezerkrasts", "Dzerkaļi" and "Ūdens Pasaka", which offer motorboat, pedal boating, paddle board, kayak and jet ski rental, as well as a sports area, playground areas, and accommodation with tents and camper places. Here, active recreation on the water can be combined with a quiet evening at the fire.



Photo: Ludza Municipality TIC archive

ACTIVE LEISURE

Fishing places and a range of well-equipped swimming areas and resting places: in Tutāni Village, Cirma Beach in Kivti, and the resting place, Ūdens Pasaka

"Cirmas Ezerkrasts" Recreation Complex – motorboat, pedal boat-

ing rental, raft trips, jet ski rental, windsurfing, canoe and paddle board rental. Volleyball courts and mini football fields, as well as a children's toy zone, are available, +371 28332523, www.cirmasezerkrasts.lv; water equipment rental: +371 26107725

"Dzerkaļi" Recreation Complex – boat, pedal boating and jet ski rental, a volleyball court, and well-equipped picnic places at the lake. Accommodation, tent and camper place, +371 26182240, www.dzerkali.lv

"Ūdens pasaka" Resting Place – paddle board, kayak and rowboat rental, jet ski, water ski, and inflatable rental. Accommodation, tent place, sauna, +371 26816414, +371 28813381, www.udenspasaka.lv

11 Lake Zvirgzdene



Location: Zvirgzdene Parish, Ludza Municipality
GPS: 56.552511, 27.689946

Lake Zvirgzdene



Photo: Ligita Karvele

In the middle of Lake Zvirgzdene, there are six wooded islands, with Liepu and Ozolu islands being the largest. There is a well-equipped public swimming area at the lake, as well as rowboat, paddle board, raft, kayak, and canoe rental opportunities, jet ski rental, and a floating house with a sauna and hot tub. Zvirgzdene Manor and Park complement the surroundings of the lake.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Well-equipped public swimming area

Recreation in Ludza – row boat, paddle board rental, raft, kayak and canoe boat rental, pedal boating rental, floating house with a sauna and hot tub, and a raft trip with musicians, subject to prior reservation, +371 26107725, www.atputaludza.lv

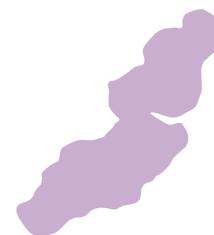
DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Zvirgzdene Manor and Park on the lakeshore

12 Lake Nirza or Lake Nerza



Location: Nirza Parish, Ludza Municipality
GPS: 56.408441, 27.925192



Lake Nirza



Lake Nirza, or Nerza, is the deepest and cleanest lake of Ludza Municipality, enclosed by sandy beaches and a range of well-equipped resting places, which makes it an amazing destination for recreation by the water.

In the surroundings of the lake, visitors may observe Divkši Castle Mound, as well as the Raipole Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist, which complements the enjoyment of nature with a touch of culture and history. Lake Nirza is a wonderful place for both quiet and active recreation on the water and lakeshores.



Photo: Oļegs Bucis

ACTIVE LEISURE

Well-equipped swimming area in Nirza Village

"Ezerzemes" Holiday House – boat, pedal boating, paddle board rental, accommodation, and smoke sauna, +371 29488376, www.ezerzemes.lv

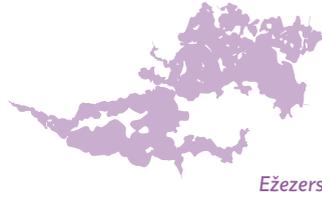
"Zirga smaidis" Recreation Complex – fishing tools, boat rental, catering, accommodation, and tent places, +371 29492552, www.zirgasmaids.com

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Divkši Castle Mound, also known as Golden Mount – a castle mound of ancient Latgalianians built in the 10th century with an impressive protection system and cult stone

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Raipole, +371 29593089

13 Lake Eša or Ežezers



Ežezers

Location: Ezernieki Parish, Krāslava Municipality
GPS: 56.181373, 27.656483



The Ežezers is the lake with the largest number of islands in Latvia: approx. 70 island-like formations, of which 36 are real islands, with the rest being banks covered in reeds. The lake is located in the territory of Rāzna National Park; well-equipped swimming areas and recreation areas are available on its shores, where visitors can go fishing, rent rowboats, pedal boats, paddle boards or motorboards, as well as use accommodation, saunas with hot tubs, and tent and camper places. Additionally, it is possible to take a boat trip along the River Narūta, which flows out of Lake Ežezers, connecting it to Lake Dagda.

In the nearest surroundings, visitors can discover the Environmental Education Centre of Jaundome Manor, where one of the largest freshwater fish model collections in Latvia can be seen, along with various forest animal exhibits. The oak wood, Pilori, with its 300–400 year-old oaks, and Bukmuiža St. Ludwig Roman Catholic Church also deserve attention. Lake Ežezers is a wonderful place for both quiet and active recreation on the water, and quiet walks and contemplation in nature.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Ezernieki Beach, with a boat launch point and resting places

"Papeles" Rural House – two swimming areas, fishing place, motorboats, rowboat, pedal boating rental, and hot tub, +371 26127161

"Ežezers" Resting Place – pedal boating, rowboat, kayak and paddle board rental, motorboat rental, cutter, quad-racycle and bicycle rental, accommodation, tent places, sauna on the pontoon, and hot tub. In the winter season – snow motorbike rental, +371 25900500, www.ezezers.lv

There is a hiking trail around Lake Ežezers for walking and cycling (approx. 20 km)

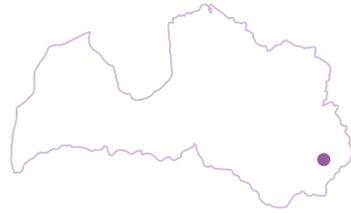


Photo: Dagdas TIP archive

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Environmental Education Centre of Jaundome Manor – one of the largest freshwater fish model collections in Latvia. The diversity of water birds and forest animals in Latgale can be discovered here. A 3-km-long partly wooden plank nature trail leading to the shores of Lake Ežezers is available, and an ice vault and brewery ruins can be observed on the way, as well as a pond inhabited by beavers, +371 25709610

Pilori Oak Wood – the ancient oaks are 300–400 years old and form one of the most impressive oak woods in Latgale. A parking area and amenities, including those for disabled people, have been arranged by the wood. The trail and plank pathway overlooking the northern part of Lake Ežezers allow one to enjoy both natural treasures and the panorama of the lake



Photo: Dainis Vaivods

"Saullēkti ozolos" Guest House offers boats, paddle boards, cutter trips, and fishing on the lake. Beach activities for children, a sauna and outdoor hot tub are available for delightful recreation by the water, +371 27099907, +371 22312751

14 Lake Dagda



Lake Dagda

Location: Dagdas pludmale, Krāslava Municipality
GPS: 56.091738, 27.546411

Lake Dagda is a popular resting place with a well-equipped beach, volleyball court, wooden plank pathway, and recreation areas. Boat, canoe and paddle board rental is available on the lakeshores, as well as accommodation options. The surroundings offer walks and guided tours around the city, historical objects and nature sites, including castle mounds and parks, and Dagda Cave can be seen as well.



Photo: Lauris Vīksne

ACTIVE LEISURE

Well-equipped beaches with wooden plank pathways, resting places, parking areas, outdoor gym equipment, volleyball courts, and amenities are available

"Dinary" Guest House offers comfortable accommodation options with a sauna and hot tub, private

beach, wooden plank pathway with a boat, and a playground, +371 26790371

"Keiši" Holiday House on the shore of Lake Dagda offers accommodation with a vast picturesque territory, sauna, pergola with a grill, hot tub, beach, and rowboat. Fishermen have free access to the lake; paddle board rental is available upon request, +371 26374308

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Historical centre of Dagda, a small public garden, a market, the Mourning Mother monument, streets and trails on the shores of Lake Dagda, and a Catholic Church

15 Sivers or Lake Sivers



Lake Sivers

Location: Auleja, Skaista, Kombuļi and Konstantinova Rural Territories, Krāslava Municipality
GPS: 56.016369, 27.331935

The Sivers, or Lake Sivers, is unique as it accommodates Europe's biggest endemic small naiads, a unique and very rare water plant. A range of well-equipped resting places are available on the lakeshores offering motorboat, rowboat, paddle board and raft rental, and accommodation options. Lake Sivers is a great place for active rest on the water, quiet enjoyment of nature, and fishing.



Photo: Dagdas TIP archive

ACTIVE LEISURE

"Medniekrasti" – resting place, motorboat, rowboat, paddle board rental, a ten-person raft, accommodation, and hot tub, +371 24783341

"Siveri" Campsite – motorboard, rowboat, paddle board and pedal boating rental, motorboat trips, raft for 25 persons, resting places, accommodation, hot tub, tent and camper places, +371 29278599, www.campsiveri.lv

"Pie Sivera" Holiday House offers comfortable accommodation, access to Lake Sivers for fishing and bathing, boat rental, and opportunities for hiking and discovering nature, +371 29465429

16 Lake Drīdzis or Dreidz



Location: Skaista and Kombuļi Parish, Krāslava Municipality
GPS: 55.975526, 27.290829



Photo: Mihails Ignats

The deepest part of Lake Drīdzis is 66.17 m; this means that Lake Drīdzis can without a doubt be called the deepest lake in Latvia and the Baltic states. One of the advantages of Lake Drīdzis is its clear water, which contributes to the diversity of animals, fish and species of plants inhabiting the lake.

The lake offers a wide range of active leisure opportunities, including canoe, rowboat and pedal boating rental, raft trips, accommodation options, tent and camper places, as well as swimming areas and sites for sports activities.

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Lake Drīdzis is located in the territory of the protected nature park; it offers picturesque landscapes and diverse nature, where forests, meadows and lakeshores can be appreciated.

ACTIVE LEISURE

“Dridži” Recreation Complex – canoe, rowboat, hydroboat rental, raft trips, a resting place, accommodation, tent and camper places, outdoor fireplace, paddle board rental, sauna and hot tubs, +371 29441221

“Skaistkalni” Holiday House – a swimming area, fishing place, wooden plank pathway, rowboat, pedal boating, accommodation, sauna, +371 26364243, dridzis67@inbox.lv

“Mežābeles” Holiday House – a swimming area, fishing place, accommodation, and smoke sauna. Additionally – herb, tea and honey tasting, +371 29492045, dr.krumpane@inbox.lv

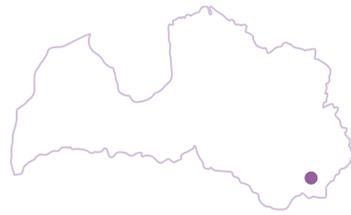


Photo: Mihails Ignats

ATTENTION!

Driving off-road in Lake Drīdzis Nature Park and using mechanical vehicles, tricycles, quadracycles, or mopeds in the forests and on farmlands is forbidden

In the nature park, making a fire outside of specially equipped places is forbidden



Drīdzis. Photo: Krāslavas TIC archive

17 Lake Geraņimovas Ildzs



Lake Geraņimovas Ildzs

Location: Kastuļina Parish, Krāslava Municipality
GPS: 56.149785, 27.163753

Lake Geraņimovas Ildzs offers active leisure opportunities and fishing in nature. A range of resting places with swimming areas, boat, pedal boating and paddle board rental, accommodation options, tent places, and saunas are available. In the surroundings, the Old Believers Church in Foļvarka in the territory of a former manor can be seen, as well as visitors can take a 24 km hike around the lake, enjoying the natural Latgalian landscapes and quietness.

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

The surroundings offer scenic and quiet nature with rich flora and fauna, great for hiking, birdwatching, recreation by the water, and fishing

The Old Believers Church in Foļvarka – in the territory of the former Foļvarka Manor near the lake

Visitors may walk or cycle along the route (24 km)



Photo: Sanita Karpoviča

ACTIVE LEISURE

“Valterkrasti” Holiday House – private beach, wooden plank pathway, boat and paddle board rental, fishing place, accommodation, +371 27878991

“Bekiški” Resting Place – rowboat rental, pedal boats, swimming area, fishing place, resting and fire place, accommodation, tent places, sports area, +371 29464952, +371 29175291, mamairina@inbox.lv

“Zemeņu Krastiņi” Campsite offers

accommodation in cabins, countryside SPA and sauna rituals, hiking trails, floristic workshops, as well as swimming, fishing, and boat and paddle board rental, +371 29185234

“Jaunakmeņi” Villa – boat rental, fishing tools and fishing place, guide services, sports area, playground, +371 29373742, www.golvad.lv

“Langino Land” Holiday House offers convenient accommodation with a sauna, hot tub and private beach area, with an opportunity to rent a boat and bikes to enjoy hiking and cycling around the lake, +371 29633424, +371 22302054

18 Lake Rušons



Location: Aglona and Rušona Rural Territories, Preiļi Municipality (also Rēzekne and Krāslava Municipality)
GPS: 56.18333, 27.0333



Lake Rušons, with an area of 23.7 km², is one of the most beautiful lakes of Latgale and the second largest on the Latgale highlands, with a lot of peninsulas, islands and coves; its scenic shores and islands in the Natura 2000 territory offer unforgettable views of nature. There are a lot of cultural and historical sites in the surroundings of the lake, including the sacred pagan site, Upurkalns, ancient Latgalian settlements, St. Michael Church, and an 18th-century Dominican Monastery. Lake Rušons is an amazing place for nature, cultural and active leisure enthusiasts.



Photo: Preiļi TIC archive

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

"Juri" Organic Farm – cheese tasting, local product purchasing and cattle observation, +371 29182355, zsjuri@gmail.com

Rušona Manor with a picturesque park

Rušenica Castle Mound (16 m high)

Bērzgale Catholic Church of God's Providence – one of the oldest wooden churches in Latgale with 32 pieces of art and an ancient organ, +371 26134126, tic@preili.lv

ACTIVE LEISURE

"Silmalas" Recreation Complex – rowboat and canoe rental, accommodation, tent and camper place, territory rental for sports and culture events, +371 29101378, www.atputalatgale.lv

"Zolva" Recreation Base – boat and paddle board rental, fishing place, guided fishing, swimming area, sauna, fireplace lounge and territory rental for events and camps, +371 26441803, www.zolva.lv

"Agaves" Recreation Space – row boat, paddle board rental, resting place, tent place, guided biking and hiking tour, +371 26315587, mvs.plus@inbox.lv

"Vasara" Volleyball Club – sports centre on the lakeshore, indoor and outdoor volleyball courts, accommodation, +371 25588173, www.vasara.club

Photo: Mihails Ignats



Kameņeca Large Stone (girth 15 m)

Kameņeca Manor – an example of neogothic architecture of the 18th century, currently observable from the outside

Kameņeca HPP Mill, built in 1833, which formed part of the manor complex

ACCOMMODATION NEAR THE LAKE:

"Trepes" – fishing place, boat rental, accommodation, picnic places, tent places, sports areas, a playground, +371 29910288

ATTENTION!

In addition to a fishing card, a licence is required that can be purchased at www.manacope.lv

19 Lake Salmejs



Location: Rušona Parish, Preiļi Municipality
GPS: 56.295396, 26.872365

Lake Salmejs is located in the territory of Kaučers Protected Landscape and offers picturesque views from the 28-metre-tall watchtower and viewing platforms by the lake, as well as a resting place with a pergola, boat berth and fire place. The surroundings have seven lakes and are rich in various protected species of plants and animals, making it a great place for enjoying nature, birdwatching and active recreation. Lake Salmejs is suitable for both fishing and hiking, and there is a 7 km route around the lake.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Pergola (12 m long) with a boat berth, resting place, fire place and amenities

Watchtower with a viewing platform (28 m high)

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Hiking around Lake Salmejs – the route Gaiļmuiža-Lake Salmejs watchtower-Gaiļmuiža (approx. 7 km)

Tiša Old Orthodox Prayer House – can be seen with prior reservation, +371 29100689, tic@preili.lv



Photo: Preiļi TIC archive

ATTENTION!

Commercial fishing is permitted on the lake for personal consumption with licences

In addition to a fishing card, a licence is required that can be purchased at www.manacope.lv

Disabled people have an opportunity to approach the watchtower, however, the lake itself can only be approached with an assistant's support

20 Lake Feimaņi



Location: Feimaņi Parish, Rēzekne Municipality
GPS: 56.281432, 27.033663

Lake Feimaņi offers opportunities for both active and quiet recreation enthusiasts – a floating boat berth and a well-equipped beach with a volleyball court. The lake is suitable for fishing, as well as accommodation in tents or campers, providing a complete nature experience. Closest tourist attractions: Preiļi Manor Complex, Basilica of the Assumption, Aglona, Lūznava Manor (17–30 km from the lake).

ACTIVE LEISURE

Use the floating boat berth or spend time together with the family on the Active beach – a well-equipped beach with a tent, resting places and a volleyball court, or take a rest on the Quiet beach or go fishing

ATTENTION!

In addition to a fishing card, a licence is required that can be purchased at www.manacope.lv

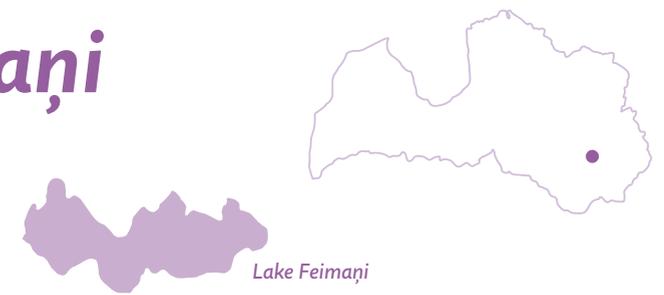


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21 Lake Zolva



Location: Rušona Parish, Preiļi Municipality, and Feimaņi Parish, Rēzekne Municipality
GPS: 56.1330, 26.5914

Active leisure enthusiasts will like Lake Zolve – from rowboat and paddle board rental to guided fishing and sport activities at "Vasara" Beach Volleyball Club. Accommodation options, tent and camper sites, as well as recreation bases, are available on the lakeshores. It is possible to discover the local culture and organic farm, Juri, where cheeses can be tasted and farm animals observed.

ACTIVE LEISURE

"Agaves" Recreation Space – row boat, paddle board rental, resting place, tent place, guided biking and hiking tours, +371 26315587, mvs.plus@inbox.lv

"Zolva" Recreation Base – boat and paddle board rental, fishing place,



Photo: Preiļi TIC archive

guided fishing, swimming area, sauna, fireplace lounge and territory rental for events and camps, +371 26441803, www.zolva.lv

"Vasara" Volleyball Club – sports centre on the lakeshore, indoor and outdoor volleyball courts, accommodation, +371 25588173, www.vasara.club

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

"Juri" Organic Farm (4.8 km from the lake) – cheese tasting, local product purchasing and cattle observation, +371 29182355, zsjuri@gmail.com

ATTENTION!

In addition to a fishing card, a licence is required that can be purchased at www.manacope.lv



Photo: Preiļi TIC archive

22 Lake Jašas-Bicānu



Location: Geļenova Park, Geļenova, Rušona Parish, Preiļi Municipality
GPS: 56.217077, 26.913832



Photo: Mihails Ignats

Lake Jašas-Bicānu is located in a nature reserve, which includes the lake, forests, peninsulas, and islands. Visitors can go fishing, rent boats, paddle boards and pedal boats at the lake, as well as rest in Geļenova Park. Tourist and cultural objects can be observed in the surroundings: the Basilica of the Assumption in Aglona and Preiļi Manor Park, which make the lake an excellent place for enjoying nature and culture.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Geļenova Park is located on the lakeshore, where vessels can be used in summer (paddle boards, boats, pedal boats); visitors can rest under an awning and stay in tents. A car can be parked at Geļenova Park, where a boat launch point and amenities can be found as well, +371 29100689

"Ēdene" Guest House, +371 26465998, edenels@inbox.lv

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

"Juri" Organic Farm – cheese tasting, local product purchasing and cattle observation, +371 29182355, zsjuri@gmail.com

Basilica of the Assumption, Aglona, +371 65381109, +371 29188740, abv@aglonasbazilika.lv

Preiļi Manor Complex and Park, +371 29100689

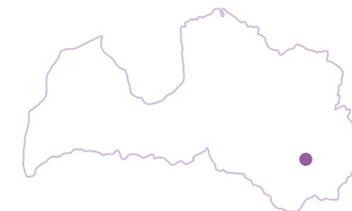


Photo: Oļegs Bucis

ATTENTION!

In addition to a fishing card, a licence is required that can be purchased at www.manacope.lv

23 Lake Cirišs or Cirīša



Location: Aglona Parish, Preiļi Municipality
GPS: 56.136003, 26.998496



Photo: Mihails Ignats

Lake Cirišs, located in Lake Cirišs Nature Park, is rich in biological species and offers several swimming areas and boat rental opportunities. Visitors can go hiking along nature trails in the territory of the lake or visit a unique place – Upursala – approachable only by boat, as well as enjoy skiing and Nordic walking tracks in winter. There is a range of cultural and historical sites in the surroundings, including the Basilica of the Assumption in Aglona, Mount of Christ the King, Aglona Bread Museum, and the Deer Garden, which make this place an excellent destination for recreation and education.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Place for active leisure with a range of public swimming areas, water transport rental, outdoor amenities, boat launch points – the Basilica of the Assumption in Aglona

Boat, paddle board, pedal boating and motorised raft rental, +371 28080530

Photo: Preiļi TIC archive

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

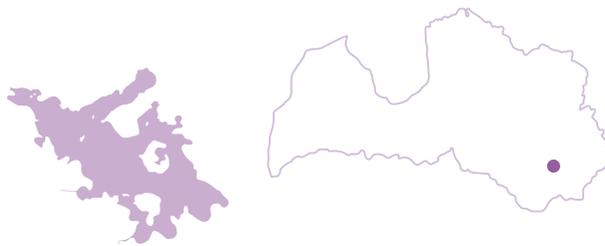
Upursala – a nature trail on the island! It is possible to go there by boat – the simplest way to do so is from the public swimming area at the Aglona open-air stage

Skiing and Nordic walking course at the lake – rental of necessary inventory is also available, +371 28080530

Basilica of the Assumption in Aglona – an impressive sacred place that gathers thousands of pilgrims around the world each year, +371 29185998, www.aglonasbazilika.lv

Mount of Christ the King – is a sculpture park with more than 220 wooden sculptures that depict Biblical scenes

Aglona Bread Museum – guided tours, bread baking masterclasses with prior reservation. Bread Museum with "Vijas" Guest House – on the second floor of the museum, +371 26461917, www.aglonasmaizesmuzejs.lv



Lake Cirišs

World War II exposition at the Aglona Centre with arms, uniforms, fragments of aeroplanes, and unique correspondence between an officer and his beloved, +371 22484848

Aglona Postal and Information Museum – the history of post from the 13th century to nowadays, +371 27068443, +371 28341762

Aglona Deer Garden with more than 30 fallow deer, +371 29642100, lejasstar@inbox.lv

"Intai IR" Creative Workshops – an opportunity to make charms, soap, aromatic sticks, straw mobiles, and much more from natural materials, +371 29429422, inta_reca@inbox.lv

ATTENTION!

The 10-metre-wide towpath is used for fishing, which is allowed for personal consumption with a licence

In addition to a fishing card, a licence is required that can be purchased at www.manacope.lv

The surroundings of the lake are accessible for disabled people too

24 Lake Višķi



Location: Višķi Parish, Augšdaugava Municipality
GPS: 56.415237, 21.752867

Lake Višķi in Augšdaugava Municipality offers quiet recreation by the water with well-equipped swimming areas, boat and pedal boating rental, as well as sports and accommodation opportunities. A small island is located on the southern shore of the lake, and the surroundings are complemented by the Ostrova and Maskovska castle mounds, allowing one to enjoy both the historical and natural landscape.

25 Lake Lukna



Location: Višķi Parish, Augšdaugava Municipality
GPS: 56.070137, 26.768498

Lake Lukna offers quiet recreation by the water with swimming areas, boat and pedal boating rental, as well as accommodation and tent places. Visitors can observe birds from the Ostrova Tower on the lakeshore, and go hiking and cycling along the route Lukna Lake Circle, discovering the surrounding nature objects and cultural and historical sites. The lake has one island, which enhances the opportunities for quiet recreation and enjoyment of nature.



Lake Lukna

ACTIVE LEISURE

"Višķi uz viļņa" Boat Station – boat and pedal boating rental at the Višķi open-air stage, +371 26860311

"Ūdensrozēs" Resting Place, close to the Ostrova bird observation tower

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Ostrova bird observation tower (15 m high)

Cycle route Lukna Lake Circle (18 km) with instructions on wooden posts. By taking this route, visitors may become more familiar with the Latvian, Russian and Jewish cultural and historical legacy, the most popular tourist attractions, and the daily lives of locals

Photo: Augšdaugava TIC archive



Lake Višķi

ACTIVE LEISURE

"Višķi uz viļņa" Boat Station – boat and pedal boating rental at the Višķi open-air stage, +371 26860311

"Višķezers" Resting Place – boat, pedal boating and bike rental, well-equipped swimming area, sports area, accommodation options, sauna, +371 26549373, www.viskezers.lv

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Maskovska Castle Mound overlooking Lake Višķi



Photo: Mihails Ignats

ATTENTION!

In addition to a fishing card, a licence is required that can be purchased at www.manacope.lv



The Latgale long-distance route, Ezertaka, runs around the lake

ACCOMMODATION NEAR THE LAKE:

"Mazligzdiņa" Holiday House – between Lake Lukna and Lake Boltaru. Swimming area, fishing place, resting place, tent place, playground, and sauna, +371 26484793, Natanel@inbox.lv

ATTENTION!

In addition to a fishing card, a licence is required that can be purchased at www.manacope.lv

26 Lake Svente



Location: Svente Parish, Augšdaugava Municipality
GPS: 55.858793, 26.359531



Photo: Augšdaugava TIC archive

Lake Svente is located in a cultural and historical Municipality in Selonia and is one of the top ten deepest lakes in Latvia, with a huge volume of water and lots of coves along the shore. The lake is part of the Augšzeme Protected Landscape and forms a nature park together with the surrounding scenery. There is a botanical reserve on the southern shore of the lake's three islands, and the lake is surrounded by a well-equipped trail with viewing platforms, benches, fire places, and infrastructure for disabled people.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Lake Svente Trail (400 m in one direction) goes along the lake, and there are benches, resting places, fire places, and viewing platforms. Parking area is available. The trail is accessible for disabled people and parents with pram

“Saules nams” Guest House – accommodation, sauna, fire and grill place, football field and volleyball court, playground, beach, boat rental, fishing, +371 29467276, info@saulesnams.lv

“Pakrasti” Holiday House – a vast territory for quiet resting on the peninsula on the shore of Lake Svente in the territory of Svente Nature Park. Accommodation, sauna, wooden plank pathways, tent places, boat rental, sports area and playground, fishing, +371 29184760, pakrasti@inbox.lv

“Sventes Rasa” Resting Place – accommodation, picnic places, pedal boats, windsurfing equipment and boat rental, fishing, +371 26128000, sventesrasa@gmail.com



Lake Svente

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

The **Latgale long-distance route, Ezertaka**, runs around the lake

ATTENTION!

Fishermen are forbidden to use motorised vessels, except for vessels with detachable electric motors

Fishing from boats is only allowed during the daytime



27 Lake Meduma



Location: Medumi Parish, Augšdaugava Municipality
GPS: 55.789646, 26.341349



Photo: Mihails Ignats

Lake Meduma is located in the cultural and historical area, Selonia, in the protected landscape area, and in Medumu Ezeraine Nature Park. Four islands comprise part of the botanical reserve. Medumi village on the lakeshore has a well-equipped swimming area and recreation area, while the surroundings offer a dendrological park with a 2 km trail that passes by the manor's cellar and WWI trenches. The long Latgale hiking trail, Ezertaka, also rounds the lake, ensuring an opportunity to enjoy the treasures of nature and culture.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Well-equipped swimming area with a resting place



Photo: Augšdaugava TIC archive

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Medumi Dendrological Park with oaks, lindens, elms, Winter Beauty, European spindle, blue spruces, and other rarities. There is a 2-km-long trail crossing the Bridge of Love, along WWI trenches and a manor's cellar

WWI Museum – two collections, one of which is partly devoted to the developments of WWI in Europe and Latvia. In turn, the second exposition gives an opportunity to live the role of a military man and have a taste of bunker life, +371 26274123, www.1route.eu



Lake Meduma



ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS NEAR THE LAKE:

“Medumi Lake Caravan” – +371 28807108, alvrinsky@gmail.com

ATTENTION!

An equipped beach is here, also accessible for disabled people

It is forbidden to move using vessels with a mechanical engine or motor power exceeding 3.7 kW

In addition to a fishing card, a licence is required that can be purchased at www.manacope.lv

The **Latgale long-distance route, Ezertaka**, runs around the lake

28 Lake Stropu



Location: Daugavpils
GPS: 55.921133, 26.585586



Photo: Sandris Kuzmickis

Lake Stropu is the largest reservoir in Daugavpils that gathers many holidaymakers in the summer season, offering well-equipped beaches, a promenade, an outdoor gym equipment area, and a pontoon structure with pools and a children's recreation area. Boat, paddle board and kayak rental points, campsite, and tent places are available on the lakeshore. "Daugavpils Tarzāns" Adventure Park is located in the surroundings of the lake, offering an active leisure track overlooking Stropu Forest, which gives an opportunity for both quiet recreation and active leisure for the entire family. Leisure by the lake is accessible for disabled persons.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Fishing place, well-equipped, illuminated beach with a promenade, outdoor gym area, beach volleyball court, changing rooms, amenities, and resting places

Pontoon structure with a 25-m-long open pool for adults with children, a diving platform and a sunbathing area

"Chill&Grill" Campsite – inflatable water attractions, paddle board rental, tent places, camper parking area, recreation areas, playgrounds, and a tennis court. Free Wi-Fi, elec-

tricity supply, and amenities are available in the territory, +371 26343502

"Belmonti" rental at "Stropu Vilnis" Beach – jet ski, equipment rental. A certified instructor will conduct training and accompany you during the trip if required, +371 22478665

Pedal boating, rowboat and kayak rental, +371 29493121, ilmars.lociks@inbox.lv

Kayak rental, equipment, prepared tourist routes for each level, +371 29839631, +371 23110001, www.restime.lv

"Mučas" – kayak, raft, canoe, and inflatable boat rental, equipment, +371 28344394, janis.vilcans@gmail.com, www.laivunoma.com

Active recreation inventory rental – paddle board, electric bikes, go-carts, and electric scooters, +371 26063686

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

"Daugavpils Tarzāns" Adventure Park – obstacle course and net park at "Stropu Vilnis" Beach with eight different courses, +371 27001187, www.daugavpils.tarzans.lv

Stropu Active Recreation and Sports Track – suitable for running in the summer and cross-country skiing in the winter. The track is almost 3 km long (1.1 km – mountain circle, 2.8 km – lowland)



Lake Stropu

ATTENTION!

The beach is equipped with an automated lift that allows disabled people to enter the water independently and return to the shore after bathing

For the beach to be accessible for people with vision impairments, a wooden plank pathway with rails painted in yellow has been installed in the territory

A changing room can be found in the territory of the beach that is specially adapted for disabled people; however, wheelchair-accessible amenities are installed at the nearby lifeguard station

A range of parking areas in the territory of the central beach is provided for disabled people

Licensed fishing from boats and other vessels is only permitted in daylight

Crayfishing and underwater hunting is forbidden at the water slip

In addition to a fishing card, a licence is required that can be purchased at www.manacope.lv



Photo: Ingrida Smuškova

29 Lakes Silavu, Ilzas and Šumaņu



Location: Turki Parish, Līvāni Municipality
Lake Silavu GPS: 56.404521, 26.139611
Lake Ilzas GPS: 56.412532, 26.146832
Lake Šumaņu GPS: 56.421954, 26.144551



Lake Ilzas. Photo: Ilmārs Zaļmežs

The Silavu, Ilzas, and Šumaņu lakes form a quiet range in Līvāni Municipality, offering both recreation by the water and an opportunity to enjoy nature from a boat or paddle board. A public swimming area is located on the shore of Lake Silavu, and an impressive white willow with a 4.7 m girth and four more giant trees nearby complement this unique landscape. In terms of territory, Lake Ilzas is the largest, and Lake Šumaņu – is the deepest of the three – offering wonderful opportunities for fishing, and canoe or transparent paddle board trips, combining quiet rest with the active enjoyment of nature.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Public swimming area at Lake Silavu

Canoe rental point, +371 26604064

Paddle boards in nature – paddle board rental, +371 28931944

Transparent paddle boards and kayaks, +371 28216201

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKES:

Silavu Willow (a white willow, girth – 4.7 m) at the edge of Lake Silavu. Four more registered giant trees are located nearby: two ordinary birches, an elm (towards Silava), and a black alder (towards Lake Ilzas)

Lake Šumaņu



Lake Ilzas

Lake Silavu



Lake Šumaņu. Photo: Ilmārs Zaļmežs



Lake Silavu. Photo: Ilmārs Zaļmežs

ATTENTION!

Please note that the road leads through private property!

Lithuania

*An abundance
of lakes and
historical
landscapes*



Lake Juodieji Lakajai. Photo: Titas Valionis

Lithuania

Lithuania has many beautiful lakes, offering both recreational and sports activities. Both popular destinations and lakes are accessible to people with disabilities.

Lithuania is a place where nature enthusiasts can enjoy tranquillity and beauty, as well as discover a unique culture associated with lakes and nature. Lake Alaušas is located in Aukštaitija Region, one of the deepest and largest lakes there, and a favourite for swimming and recreation in nature. Lake Asveja is the longest in Lithuania, offering picturesque landscapes and water tourism opportunities. Lake Rubikiai, with its more than 16 islands, is a favourite place for contemplation in nature. In Samogitia, Lake Plateliai deserves attention, being the largest in this region and popular for its crystal-clear water and well-developed water sports infrastructure. Lake Čičirys, located close to Zarasai, is distinguished by its serene landscapes and diversity of islands, and is suitable for both fishing and boating. In turn, Lake Širvėna is one of the oldest artificial lakes in Lithuania, offering an outstanding environment for bird watching.

Many Lithuanian lakes are located in the territory of national parks, making them specially protected areas with abundant wildlife. These lakes are unique in their own right, offering not only active leisure opportunities but also a chance to explore the distinctive cultural and historical environment and diversity of nature.

INFORMATION

More information on tourism opportunities in Lithuania: www.lithuania.travel/en



Lake Rubikiai.
Photo: Homestead "Esina"

Aukštaitija

Land of Lakes

Aukštaitija

Aukštaitija is a region with the greatest number of lakes in Lithuania, as well as clear, flowing rivers, thick, stretching forests, and numerous winding tourist routes. This place is perfect for both quiet recreation in nature and active entertainment. The guidebook contains information about 48 lakes in Aukštaitija that allow you to explore the rich world of water in this region.

Aukštaitija National Park is the first park of this kind in Lithuania – established to preserve the unique nature of this region. There are more than 100 lakes in this region, with homely villages, ancient farmsteads and cultural monuments hiding on their shores. Tens of nature trails have been created in the park for both walkers and cyclists, along with well-equipped campsites with the necessary infrastructure.

The largest lake in Aukštaitija is Lake Drūkšiai, in its north-eastern part. It is not just the largest lake in Lithuania, but also a habitat for various bird and fish species. Lake Taurangas is known as the deepest lake in Lithuania, with many nature trails in its vicinity. Lake Asveja is the longest lake in the country, suitable for kayaking, boating or camping. Lake Žeimenys is a very clear lake in the shape of a river that unites a number of water routes – kayaking is especially popular here.

The lakes of Aukštaitija are perfect for both bathing and fishing, rare bird species can be observed, eco-routes can be explored, and secret islands and peninsulas can be discovered here. Nature trails wind along the lakeshores.

The lakes of Aukštaitija are not only an oasis of tranquillity in nature but they also provide a range of entertainment opportunities. Bathing, fishing, rowing, sailing as well as hiking along lakeshore trails full of discoveries, can be enjoyed here.



Lake Alaušas. Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas

INFORMATION

More information about Aukštaitija Region:
www.lithuania.travel/en/where-to-visit/regions/aukštaitija-en
Aukštaitija National Park:
www.aparkai.lt/en/

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www.infoanyksciai.lt



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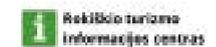
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1 Lake Zarasas



Lake Zarasas

Location: Zarasai District, Utena County
GPS: 55.728478, 26.226788

Lake Zarasas is proud of its four islands, with the largest being the Big Island. A bridge leads to the island from the city and is easily accessible to all visitors. The Big Lake, a favourite place for cultural events and daily recreation, has become a true paradise for both entertainment seekers and holidaymakers.

The largest wakeboard courses in the Baltic states – WAKE INN Zarasai – stretching for 600 m, as well as a sandy beach for active recreation and a convenient shore suitable for bathing, can be found here. A special adventure is the observation circle over the lake – while walking around, visitors can enjoy an impressive panorama of Lake Zarasas.



Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Linden Island, with an opportunity to discover the history of the island

Health trail (500 m) in the northern part of Lake Zarasas with 11 stops

Zarasai Observation Circle – an impressive architectural object rising up to 17 m above the ground and opening up a panoramic view of Lake Zarasas. Its circular structure with a diameter of 34 m provides a unique,

viewing experience unmatched elsewhere in Lithuania

Zarasai Regional Museum – exhibitions and cultural events, +370 385 52596, +370 385 52456, www.zarasumuziejus.lt

The Zarasai elevated obstacle park offers five courses of varying difficulty, including an unforgettable zip-line flight to Viburnum (Putinų) Island over Lake Zarasas. A trail accessible to people with disabilities



ACTIVE LEISURE

WAKE INN Zarasai Water Attraction Park – on the island and Lake Zarasas Convenient launch ramps are installed throughout the park; to avoid a long swim to the other shore, an breakwater island is installed in the middle of the course. The entertainment complex consists of two cafés, a beach, wide terraces, accommodation facilities, a leisure area and equipment shop where wakeboards, bindings, paddle boards, hydro suits, life jackets, and neoprene accessories can be purchased, +370 63888840, www.wakeinn.lt

Guided raft tour on Lake Zarasas, +370 62023114, rkersys@gmail.com

Eco-friendly catamaran for six persons with a guide, +370 68254177

Fishing alone or with a guide, +370 62719782; +370 65691755; +370 62947074



Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas



Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas

2 Lake Zarasaitis



Lake Zarasaitis

Location: Zarasai District, Utena County
GPS: 55.725345, 26.252754

The beach of Lake Zarasaitis, with an outdoor swimming pool, has been regarded as a popular holiday destination for decades. It has a modern playground, and in the summer, a café with a ten-metre-high trampoline in the water, the only one of this kind in Lithuania.



Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas

ACTIVE LEISURE

The beach on the shore of Lake Zarasaitis, features a swimming pool with swim lanes and an area with goals required for water games. Kayak and boat rental is also available, as well as an inflatable water tube, and an opportunity to play volleyball. There is a 10-m-high trampoline on the beach for jumping into the water

3 Lake Čičirys



Lake Čičirys

Location: Zarasai District, Utena County
GPS: 55.821795, 26.057359

Lake Čičirys is nestled in a quiet, wooded area in Zarasai District. Holidaymakers can stay at the rural tourism cabins "Čičiriai" and "Namelis prie Čičirio" on the lakeshore. This is a perfect place for those seeking peaceful recreation in nature, or enjoying fishing or water activities.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Guogiškai Recreation Area

Free recreation area on the shore of Lake Čičirys

Čičiriai Homestead – a sandy and well-maintained lakeshore, free boats for guests, sauna, jacuzzi and paid rope trip over the lake, +37060614849, www.ciciriosodyba.lt

Homestead "Namelis prie Čičirio" – free boats and pedal boats for everyone, +370 68715969, +370 62020535

Fishing. Pike, perch, bream, roach, and other fish can be caught here

Fishing with a guide, +370 62947074, +370 61005756



DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Hiking trail runs along the shores of lakes Zarasas, Zarasaitis, Griežtas, as well as the River Nikaja

Zarasai Regional Museum, where visitors can view exhibitions and attend cultural events, +370 385 52596, +370 385 52456, www.zarasumuziejus.lt



Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Observe the fragments of Astraučizna Manor!

Go hiking or cycling around the lake

4 Lake Sartai



Location: Rokiškis District, Panevėžys County, Zarasai District, Utena County
GPS: 55.82660, 25.83433

Lake Sartai is the fourth largest lake in Lithuania and has the longest shoreline. Its shape resembles a branching tree. This lake not only attracts fishermen and water sports enthusiasts; it is also well-known for the annual Sartai horserace that gathers many visitors.



Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas

ACTIVE LEISURE

Kayak and boat rental in Zarasai Region, +370 61284394, +370 61801476, www.sartualc.lt

Kayak and boat rental for fishermen in Zarasai District, +370 61284394

Kayak, paddle board, boat rental in Rokiškis District, +370 65239564



Rokiškis Region Tourism Association arranges 2 to 3-day kayak trips across Lake Sartai, +370 68670663

Dusetos Yacht Club, +370 62867811

Beach of Lake Sartai in Dusetos, Zarasai District

Borbriškis Beach at Lake Sartai in Rokiškis District

Jaskoniškis Campsite, Jaskoniškis Recreation Area, and Sartai Campsite in Zarasai District

Ten paid camper places, hiking trails, pontoon bridges, and beach volleyball and football fields are available at **Bradesiai Campsite**, +370 61958591, info@rokiskiotic.lt

Fish from the boat! The lake is fairly rich in fish, including perch, bream, roach, crucian carp, pike, tench, and others

Fishing with a guide, +370 62947074



Lake Sartai

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Sartai Watchtower (33 m) in the Baršėnai Village in Rokiškis District

Jaskoniškes cognitive trail (1.4 km) with 14 stops, www.sartai.info

Velikuškes II (Island) Mound, Bradesi Oak and Pakačine Mound (located close to each other)

Memorial Museum of the Poet A. Vienažindys, +370 38551240, +370 68617327, +370 38541316, donatas.juodele@gmail.com

Dusetos Sculpture Park

ATTENTION!

Lake Sartai is located in Sartai Regional Park. For this reason, tents may only be pitched at equipped campsites, and fires may only be made in designated fire places

5 Lake Vencavas



Location: Zarasai District, Utena County
GPS: 55.71287, 25.97014

Lake Vencavas is among the clearest and fish-abundant lakes in eastern Aukštaitija. Fishermen trying their luck here can expect a good catch. Homestead "Vencavas" and Campsite "Prie Vencavų Malūno" can be found on the lakeshores. Visitors can also try crabbing or diving.



Photo: Homestead "Prie Vencavo"

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Windmill in Vencavai (at the Dusetos-Degučiai road)

6 Lake Vasaknai (Vasaknas)



Location: Zarasai District, Utena County
GPS: 55.68652, 25.78374

Lake Vasaknai is located next to the historical Vasaknai Manor. It is a large yet particularly cosy lake, surrounded by green forests and a serene atmosphere. Visitors can enjoy not only swimming, but also boating and a variety of recreational activities in the vicinity of the manor.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Vasaknai Beach and volleyball court

Vasaknai Manor – boat, pedal boating rental, +370 6542233, www.vasaknudvaras.lt

Fishing opportunities are limited

ATTENTION!

Limited opportunities for fishing carp, tench, grass carp, cottidae, and catfish. Fishing is permitted from sunrise to sunset (according to the calendar), in compliance with fishing regulations and the rules for amateur inland-water fishing



Lake Vasaknai



ACTIVE LEISURE

Homestead "Vencavas" – boat rental for visitors of the farmhouse, fishing, canoe rowing, and scuba diving, +370 62505010, vencavusodyba@gmail.com

Campsite "Prie Vencavų malūno" – rowboat, canoe and electric boat rental, +370 68643305, sriubienevilvide@gmail.com

Fishing – pike, perch, roach, rudd, crucian carp, and other fish

Fishing with a guide, +370 62947074

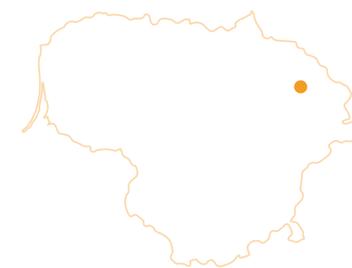
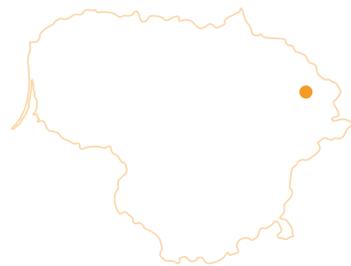


Photo: Vasaknai Manor archive

When fishing without a card, caught pike, carp, grass carp, rudd, eel, catfish, sturgeon, tench, and other fish, the weight of which exceeds 2 kg, must be immediately released to the reservoir; the weight of fish caught during one fishing trip must not exceed 2 kg

7 Antalieptė Water Reservoir (Antalieptės marios)



Antalieptė Water Reservoir



Location: Zarasai District, Utena County
GPS: 55.62989, 26.05284



Photo: Zarasai District TIC archive



Photo: Titas Valionis



Photo: Titas Valionis

Antalieptė Water Reservoir is an impressive, scenic artificial lake with the greatest number of islands, both big and small, and the deepest water reservoir in Lithuania. It has 75 islands! Antalieptė Water Reservoir was created in 1959 after damming the River Šventoji and the construction of the Antalieptė Hydroelectric Power Plant (HPP). After its creation, 26 lakes were dammed. Travelling along the 160-km-long shore, visitors may discover the amazing nature of this region.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Canoe, board and paddle board rental, +370 62112075, +370 62928203, +370 65577277, info@zygiaibaidaremis.lt

Beach at Antalieptė Water Reservoir – on the shore near Bikėnai Village, where a lake pergola is arranged

Pontoon-type crossing over the narrowest place of the reservoir, connecting both islands

Antalieptė Campsite – within 400 m from Antalieptė Town, on the northern shore of Antalieptė Water Reservoir. The campsite: tents, fire places, wooden plank pathway

Fishing in Antalieptė Water Reservoir – pike, perch, catfish, carp, tench, and other fish can be caught

Fishing with a guide, +370 65691755, +370 62947074

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Discover the Beauty of Antalieptė Reservoir Hike – the route goes along the educational trail at the upper course of the River Šventoji, +370 67097265

Educational programme in the Depths of the Reservoir Region to discover the educational trail at the upper course of the River Šventoji, +370 67097265

The outdoor collection – there are as many as 26 dammed lakes under the reservoir. Their names are engraved on the stones on the lakeshore

Galminiai Mound – 100 m north of the shore of the peninsula in Antalieptė Water Reservoir

ATTENTION!

Gražutė Regional Park is located at Antalieptė Water Reservoir, where enhanced nature protection regulations apply

8 Lake Luodis



Lake Luodis

Location: Zarasai District, Utena County
GPS: 55.58401, 26.21163



Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas

The Luodis is the sixth biggest and one of the most fish-abundant lake in Lithuania that belongs to the basin of the River Šventoji. A lot of campsites can be found here, even the Sabalunkos kayak berth on the southern shore of Lake Luodis, adapted for disabled people and where both children and seniors are able to kayak safely.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Kayak and paddle board rental, +370 65577277, info@zygiaibaidaremis.lt

Sabalunkos Campsite – adapted for people with disabilities. The campsite has a kayak berth adapted for disabled people. There is also a boat launch point, parking, and a WC with handrails. The campsite is located in the southwestern part of Lake Loda – 1 km from Salaka, +370 38559426

Salakas Campsite – is located at Lake Luodis within 0.7 km from Salakas. The campsite has a basketball court, sandy beach, WCs, planks and a parking area

Žagarinė Campsite – on the eastern shore of Lake Luodis. Partly adapted for people with disabilities. Parking, a wooden plank pathway and a fire place are available, +370 38652246

Fishing alone or with a guide, +370 62719782, +370 65691755

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

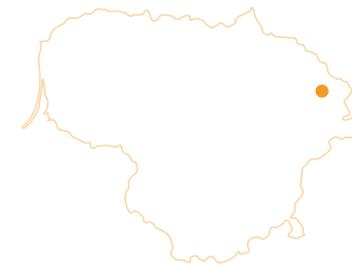
Salakas Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Sorrows, +370 38559350

Guided tour around the shores of Lake Luodis – along the wooden plank pathway, and watchtower climbing, +370 67097265

Salakas educational trail with information stands, +370 67097265

ATTENTION!

Lake Luodis is located in the territory of Gražutė Regional Park, where enhanced nature protection regulations apply



9 Lake Šventas



Lake Šventas

Location: Zarasai District, Utena County
GPS: 55.61297, 26.29962

Lake Šventas is located in the northeastern part of Lithuania, in Zarasai District, with the botanical reserve created as part of Gražutė Regional Park. The lake has no outlet or permanent inflows, and is unique due to its fluctuating water level. Its beach is a perfect place for bathing with children.

ACTIVE LEISURE

The beach of Lake Šventas is suitable for families with children

Fishing place

ATTENTION!

There are signs at Lake Šventas prohibiting driving along its shores and parking on the lakeshores

Accommodation in campers and tents by the lake is forbidden

Lake Šventas Landscape Reserve belongs to Gražutė Regional Park

The use of motorboats is forbidden



Photo: Homestead "Švento sodyba"

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

A small lake can be observed nearby – Lake Šventelis

Nature Trail in Gražutė Regional Park

10 Lake Visaginas



Location: Visaginas, Utena County
GPS: 55.594951, 26.427682

Lake Visaginas is located in the eastern part of Lithuania, in the southwestern part of Visaginas City. It is surrounded by forests, mainly pine. The northern lakeshore is a favourite recreation area. The Visaginas Central Stadium can be found here, and the beach, tennis courts and a climbing wall are also available.



Photo: Visaginas TIC archive



Photo: Visaginas TIC archive



Photo: Visaginas TIC archive

ACTIVE LEISURE

Beach of Lake Visaginas – swimming area with changing cabins, children's slides, benches and bridges

Rowing at the Visaginas Rowing Base, +370 65288912

Fishing. Pike, roach, carp, and other fish live in the lake

Near the lake – a basketball court, a central stadium and tennis courts

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Bike and motor scooter rental, +370 64777642, info@kornealita.lt, +370 69623096, hello@litwildtravel.c

Visaginas Cultural Centre "Banga" concerts, cinema and various culture events, kasa@visaginokultura.lt

Swing Park by Lake Visaginas on the shore, adjacent to Santarvės Street

A climbing area located in a wooded zone near the beach at Lake Visaginas. It is suitable for beginners – no special equipment or previous training is needed



Photo: Visaginas TIC archive



Lake Visaginas

11 Lake Drūkšiai



Location: Zarasai District, Ignalina District, Utena County
GPS: 55.61980, 26.54520

Lake Drūkšiai, the largest lake in Lithuania (4,487 ha), is divided by the state border between Lithuania and Belarus. Therefore, it is important to follow border regulations when fishing or bathing in the lake. It is a nature territory of European significance.

ACTIVE LEISURE

A recreational fishing tour (eight hours) – fishing with an angling rod together with a professional. The price includes boat rental with all the equipment, bait, and hot and refreshing drinks, +370 68789819, www.fishmaster.lt

Homestead "Drūkšiai" – accommodation, kayak and paddle board rental. Guests may use their own boats; a storage garage and a boat launch point are available. Sailing and riding pedal boats, bathing, and playing basketball is permitted in the territory, and there is a playground, +370 69209123

Fishing boat, equipment rental, +370 69987171, arnas@solarcamp.lt

Fishing alone or with a guide, +370 62719782, +370 62652225, +370 62947074

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Blindages of the Tilžė defence line – three blindages (military hiding places with the function of protecting military men from artillery) have survived

Ignalina Nuclear Power Plant, +370 38629911, +370 61723646, info@altra.lt

ATTENTION!

Accommodation and boat launching on Lake Drūkšiai are paid services

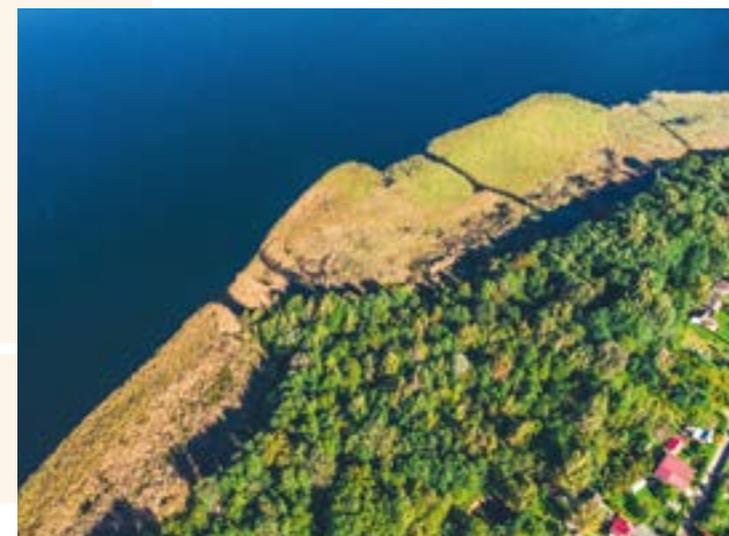


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The lake is located on the state border between Lithuania and Belarus; visitors must comply with border regulations when fishing or bathing



Lake Drūkšiai

12 Lake Žiežūlinis



Lake Žiežūlinis



Location: Ignalina District, Utena County
GPS: 55.34080, 26.20396

Lake Žiežūlinis is located in Ignalina District, within the Ažušilė Landscape Reserve in Lithuania. It is surrounded by Kalviasalis Forest to the north and south. The homestead "Mažoji Šveicarija" operates near the lake.



Photo: Homestead "Mažoji Šveicarija"

ACTIVE LEISURE

Homestead "Mažoji Šveicarija" – raft, kayak and boat rental, accommodation, +370 61439200

Fishing is possible

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Ažušilė Mound (15–20 m high) – in 1991, the mound was designated as an archaeological monument

Cycle route (20 km) around Ažušilė Nature Reserve, www.ignalina.info

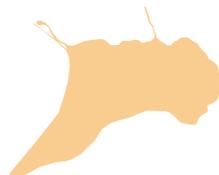


Photo: Homestead "Mažoji Šveicarija"

ATTENTION!

Žiežūlinis is located in Ažušilė Landscape Reserve, where enhanced nature protection regulations apply

13 Lake Tuolas



Lake Tuolas



Location: Ignalina District, Utena County
GPS: 55.26441, 26.17199

Lake Tuolas is a small, but picturesque lake on the edge of Aukštaitija National Park. It is surrounded by Nastazavas Forest, and sometimes by cultivated fields and meadows. Homestead "Tundra" is located on the shore of Lake Tuolas.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Homestead "Tundra" – boat rental, beach volleyball, basketball, playgrounds, accommodation, +370 68668768, sodybatundra@gmail.com

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Homestead "Tundra" offers hikes, guided cycling tours, kayak trips, and winter ski tours, +370 68668768, sodybatundra@gmail.com



Photo: Homestead "Tundra"



Photo: Homestead "Tundra"

14 Lake Žeimenys



Lake Žeimenys



Location: Švenčionys District, Vilnius County
GPS: 55.28500, 26.05970

Lake Žeimenys is very long and narrow, resembling a river. There are many campsites where the necessary equipment for water tourism can be rented. Sailing across Lake Žeimenys, visiting the cascades of Pakretuonė Watermill, hidden in the forest, is especially suitable for small groups, couples or families.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Kayak and canoe rental at the Lake Žeimenys campsite, +370 60379218, +370 61554855, zeimenosbaidares@gmail.com

One-day kayak trip routes at Lake Žeimenys (5–12 km), +370 68969244, info@baidares.com

Pakretuonė Campsite with resting places, wooden plank pathway, fire places, +370 62112075, +370 62928203

Asalnai Campsite offers accommodation in dome-type tents. Additionally: boat, paddle board, kayak rental or paddle board tour reservation, +370 62485481, asalnustovyklaviete@gmail.com

Kayak route Žeimenys-Šakališkė (7 km) or Žeimenys-Lukna (14 km), +370 38744368, +370 61250105, kaltanenu.utc@kaltanenai.eu

Fishing with a guide, +370 67424688, +370 60324183

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

The bridge over Lake Žeimenys (approx. 1.5 km from the border of Ignalina District) in the Ožkiniai Village at the River Žeimena

Pakretuonė Watermill with a swimming area – in the depths of Labanoras Forest at Kretuonas Brook. It was built in 1850; today, one part of the mill has been turned into a holiday house. The wooden watering place and millstone wheel have been restored, maintaining the historical charm of the place



Photo: Homestead "Poilsis prie Žeimenio"

Kaltanėnai Sculpture Park – stones and sculptures of Kliškevišius, collected from all over Lithuania, can be seen

Kaltanėnai Education and Tourism Centre – hiking and cycle eco-friendly routes, guided tours, +370 38744368, +370 61250105, www.kaltanenai.eu



Photo: Homestead "Poilsis prie Žeimenio"

15 Lake Šakarvai



Location: Ignalina District, Utena County
GPS: 55.32018, 26.05906

Lake Šakarvai is located in the southwestern part of Ignalina District, 2 km south-east of Aukštaitija National Park. Campsites are located on the western and south-eastern shore of the lake.

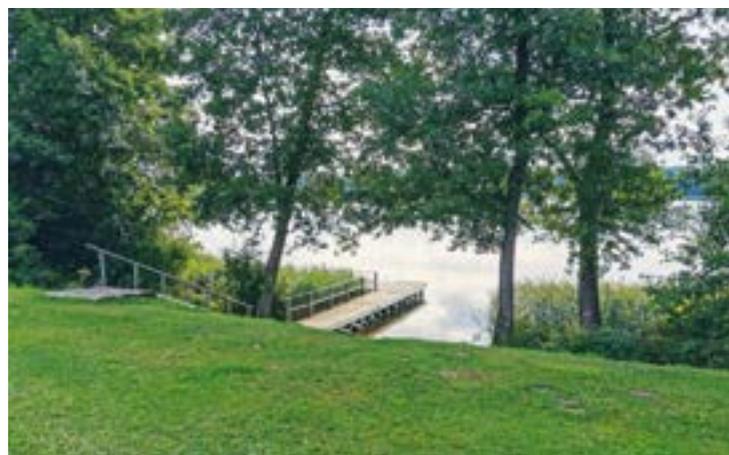


Photo: Drūtūnai Campsite archive

ACTIVE LEISURE

Drūtūnai Campsite – boat, paddle board, pedal boating rental, swimming areas, sports areas, tent places, camper places, +370 60510784, www.drutunai.com

Kayak, paddle board, canoe, boat rental, +370 68716136, info@sakarva.lt

Campsite "Šakarva" – resting places, fire places, tent places. The territory can be used free of charge

Kayak routes, +370 2600258, nuoma@baidariu.lt

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Hiking route "Šakarva Loop" (12 km)

Park surrounding Šakarva Forest – an educational sculpture trail is created in a forest between Palūšė and Šakarva villages along the way to Pakretuonė. Tens of wooden sculptures are installed along the walking paths. The educational trail dedicated to Ignalina City is also located here

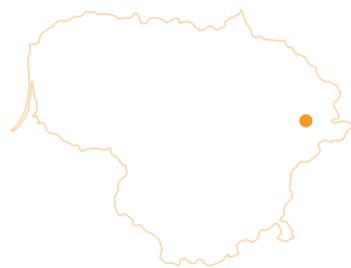


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ATTENTION!

Lake Šakarvai is located in the territory of Aukštaitija National Park, where enhanced nature protection regulations apply



16 Lake Lūšiai



Location: Ignalina District, Utena County
GPS: 55.33495, 26.05701

Lake Lūšiai is located in Aukštaitija National Park. There is a beach in the town of Palūšė. It offers a range of kayaks, canoes, paddle boards, and other water equipment, which is why the lake is especially loved by active leisure enthusiasts.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Kayak rental, +370 60314521, +370 67343452, info.baidares@gmail.com

Canoe rental is suitable for a large number of people and families. Additionally, paddle board and boat rental at Palūšė on Lake Lūšiai, +370 69832207, info@baidariuuostas.lt

Boat rental – if you prefer not to boat alone, a captain can be reserved for an additional fee. Choose a comfortable boat route on the lake map, +370 69832207, www.paluseslaivai.lt



Lake Lūšiai

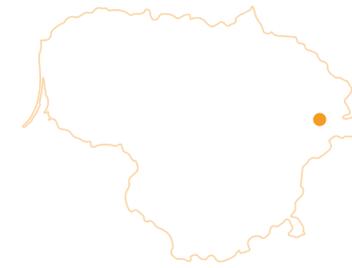


Photo: Paulius Čiūdaras

Boat Berth "Aukštaitijos laivai" – offers guided tours and cruises, as well as boat rental for various events. Boat, kayak, canoe, paddle board, pedal boating, as well as electric or petrol motorboat rental is available, +370 68716136, info@sakarva.lt, www.aukstaitijoslaivai.lt

Palūšė Beach, located in the village of Palūšė

Meironys and Palūšė II Campsites

Fishing alone or with a guide, +370 67424688, +370 60324183, +370 61005756

ATTENTION!

Lake Lūšiai is located in the territory of Aukštaitija National Park, where enhanced nature protection regulations apply

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Aukštaitija National Park Visitor Centre in Palūšė, +370 38647478, www.aparkai.lt

Meironys Educational Trail. One of the three available circle routes can be selected: yellow (3.7 km) – Relief Circle, green – Swamp Circle (5 km), blue – Tarama Circle (5.5 km), +370 38647478, www.aparkai.lt

The trail along Lake Lūšiai featuring 16 wooden sculptures



Photo: Paulius Čiūdaras

17 Lake Baluošas



Location: Ignalina District, Utena County
GPS: 55.390446, 26.049939

Lake Baluošas is unique as it's the only lake in Lithuania where a lake within a lake can be observed! There is an island in the lake where another small lake can be found. There are seven islands in the lake, and one of them, Ilgasalė, has the seven-mere-deep lake, Dove's Eye. Although Ažvinčiai-Minčia Forest stretches around the lake, both a water equipment rental service and specially equipped resting place are available on its shores.



Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas



Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Island with another small lake in the middle – one of the rare places with a lake within a lake

Šuminiai Village and Šuminiai Pine

Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas

ACTIVE LEISURE

Canoe and boat rental, boating routes, +370 62112075, +370 62928203, www.trainiskis.lt

Two-day (weekend) boat trip across lakes starting with Lake Baluošas, +370 68969244, www.baidares.com

Paddle board and canoe rental, +37065577277, info@zygiaibaidaremis.lt, +37060314521, info.baidares@gmail.com

Canoes for families, paddle board and boat rental, +370 69832207, info@baidariuostas.lt

After swimming along the winding Būka River, which flows into Lake Baluošas, you can stop at the Admoragis Cape recreation area with a beach



Lake Baluošas

Bike rental, +370 61307778

Baluošas Viewing Point – a resting place with a fire place, wooden plank pathway, and benches. Accommodation in tents is allowed here; it should be noted that the place can host 20 holidaymakers. The viewpoint at Lake Baluošas is located at its western end in front of the Baluošas Mound by the road that leads to the ethnographic Alkai Village

Fishing at Lake Baluošas – pike, carp, silver bream, and other fish can be caught here

ATTENTION!

Lake Baluošas is located in Aukštaitija National Park, where enhanced nature protection regulations apply

18 Lake Sravinaitis



Location: Ignalina District, Utena County
GPS: 55.38514, 26.00479

Lake Sravinaitis is a small lake in Ignalina District in the vicinity of Ginučiai Village. One of the most attractive objects is Ginučiai Watermill, where visitors may bathe in the waterfall. There are also campsites and rural homesteads, where visitors can not only rent necessary equipment for bathing in the lake but also participate in a fish soup preparation masterclass.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Sravinaitis Campsite – tent places, resting places, fire place, walking bridge to the lake, parking areas, +370 2600258, nuoma@baidariu.lt

Homestead "Ginučių Baidarkiemis" – kayak and paddle board rental, camping with tents, accommodation. Additionally: a hot tub and sauna, +370 68615329, ginuciu.baidarkiemis@gmail.com

Kayak and paddle board rental, +370 69630946, pasjuliu.ignalina@gmail.com

Homestead "Gaidelių sodyba" – kayak, boat and paddle rental, tent and camper places, fire places, accommodation. Special offer – fish soup cooking masterclass, +370 68739339, www.gaideliusodyba.lt

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Ginučiai Watermill with waterfalls, in which visitors can bathe

Ladakalnis (175 m high) – with a wide viewing platform. Presidents' Oak Alley, where oaks devoted to all Lithuanian presidents can be found

Šiliniškės observation tower (60 m high) – a 30-m-high watchtower is accessible for free

Circular hiking route "Around Ginučiai" (13 km)

ATTENTION!

Lake Sravinaitis is located in the territory of Aukštaitija National Park, where enhanced nature protection regulations apply



Lake Sravinaitis



Photo: Ignalina District TIC archive

19 Lake Pakasas



Location: Ignalina District, Utena County
GPS: 55,38665, 25,94780

The long, narrow and winding Lake Pakasas is one of the glacial lakes of Aukštaitija National Park. It is conveniently accessible from the southern end and from the Kirdeikiai Village. Visitors can enjoy both quiet and active leisure, and participate in educational fishing classes.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Homestead "Pakasas" – guests may use rowboats free of charge, or rent a boat with an electric or petrol motor. Required equipment for bream, eel, and pike fishing is prepared upon prior agreement, +370 69839611, www.pakasas.lt

Villa "Pakaso malūnas" – features a private beach with a resting area and fireplace. Accommodation also can offer a hot tub, +370 61122853, www.pakasomalunas.lt

Educational fishing classes – an opportunity to make fishing tools, prepare bait for fish, and go fishing at Lake Pakasas, +370 69839611, www.pakasas.lt

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Šiliniškės Ridge Trail (16 km) – a walking route in the shape of a figure eight. The trail features three viewpoints, including the Šiliniškės Watchtower (50 m high), which also hosts a mobile telecommunications mast. Ginučiai Mound and Ladakalnis Viewpoints are located in the south-eastern direction. Several resting areas are provided along the trail

Beekeeping Museum in Stripeikiai (+370 68612105, www.biciumuziejus.lt). Stripeikiai is the oldest village in Aukštaitija National Park. Five museum buildings invite visitors to discover bees and their habitats, learn about beekeeping and its development, and explore beekeeping products



Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas

ATTENTION!

Lake Pakasas is located in the territory of Aukštaitija National Park, where enhanced nature protection regulations apply

20 Lake Tauragnas



Location: Utena District, Utena County
GPS: 55,44828, 25,88711

Lake Tauragnas is the deepest lake in Lithuania, reaching a depth of 62.1 m in its western part. The water remains cool even during hot summers. Recreation centres and campsites around the lake offer a wide range of opportunities for both quiet and active leisure. In winter, the lake attracts under-ice fishing enthusiasts as well as ice skaters.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Party steamship trips on Lake Tauragnas, +370 61528840

Self-service paddle board rental in a set with life jackets!
 +370 69533961

Two recreation areas at Lake Tauragnas

Tauragno Slėnis Recreation Place – two pontoon bridges with a viewing platform, a boat berth at the third pontoon bridge, a playground for children, and hiking trails

MOKAI Campsite with amenities, +370 61266055

Fishing alone or with a guide, +370 65691755, +370 61005756



Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Tauragnai Mound, known as Majakas – 120 m from the southern shore of Lake Tauragnas

Taurapilis Mound – on the southern shore of Lake Tauragnas

Tauragnai Regional Museum exhibits on major cultural figures, artists, exiles, and Lithuanian freedom fighters. During educational classes, visitors of the museum will learn about Dr Eugenija Šimkūnaitė's scientific and literary heritage, +370 67444505, www.utenosmuziejus.lt

Gesė Cherry Garden, in which trees are planted in memory of Dr Eugenija Šimkūnaitė

Museum of Ancient Beekeeping – explore honey bees in an ethnic and cultural context, using sculptures and spacious exhibits. The museum is unique not only in Lithuania but also globally, +370 68612105, bites@aparkai.lt

ATTENTION!

Lake Tauragnas is located in the territory of Aukštaitija National Park, where enhanced nature protection regulations apply



Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas

21 Lake Klykiai



Location: Utena District, Utena County
GPS: 55.47138, 25.76244

The shape of Lake Klykiai, located in Utena District, is long and narrow with extremely clear water. Recreation houses are available on its shores for serene leisure, as well as water inventory rent for those who wish to enjoy active adventures on the water.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Homestead "Gintarinė Rasa" – a boat, pedal boating, sports areas and playgrounds, a swimming area suitable for families with children, two separate very large moles with benches: one for fishermen, the other for bathing and sunbathing. Accommodation, +370 69136327, sumaraite@gmail.com

Kayak, boat and paddle board rental, +370 62112075, +370 62928203, www.trainiskis.lt

Lake Klykiai Beach

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Klykiai Mound (237 m high) – 1 km to the north of Lake Klykiai and the village

Klykiai Oak – an exceptionally old and impressive tree, approximately 350 years old



Photo: Homestead "5 STORIES"



Lake Klykiai

22 Lake Alaušas



Location: Utena District, Utena County
GPS: 55.61219, 25.69904

Lake Alaušas is one of the gems of Utena County and the tenth-largest lake in Lithuania. The historic buildings of Bikuškis Manor, recalling the times of the Radziwiłł and Ogiński families, stand on a long, narrow peninsula stretching into the lake from the western shore. Meanwhile, the town of Sudeikiai, on the southern shore, warmly welcomes visitors to its well-equipped swimming areas.

ACTIVE LEISURE

The beach of Lake Alaušas in Sudeikiai Village is suitable for families with children

2–3 hour-long raft trip across Lake Alaušas, +370 67971548, +370 38934332, sudeikiupm@sudeikiai.utena.lm.lt

Boat and pedal boating rental, +370 69941951, +370 62075317, +370 61626826

Diving at Lake Alaušas, +370 61474185, info@nardymoakademija.lt

Sudeikiai Campsite – tent places, camper parking areas with electricity supply, sports areas and playgrounds, and fire places, +370 61627551

Eight-hour entertainment fishing tour together with professionals. The price includes boat rental with equipment, bait, and warm and refreshing drinks, +370 68789819, www.fishmaster.lt

Fishing at Lake Alaušas. Pike, whitefish, perch, catfish, and other fish can be caught here

23 Lake Dusynas



Location: Utena District, Utena County
GPS: 55.57124, 25.464269

Lake Dusynas is located in eastern Lithuania. Its shoreline is indented and stretches for 5.4 km. Homesteads and campsites are available for both quiet relaxation and active recreation.

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Bijeikiai Mound

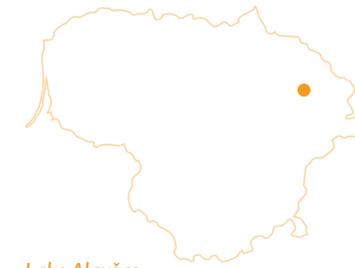
Bijeikiai Watchtower (15 m) – is located in the Bijeikiai Village at Lake Rubikiai. The 15-m-high tower is located on the mountain 163 m above sea level

A kayak trip along the River Jara that twists through Šimonys Forest, +370 69874916, www.zvejosapnas.lt

ACTIVE LEISURE

Dusynas Campsite – a wooden plank pathway, resting places with tents, a beach, WC and fire place. Access to the site is free

Homestead and Campsite "Žvejo Sapnas" – accommodation, campsite on the peninsula. There is an opportunity to rent a boat, kayak, canoe, or yacht. Place for fishing as well as tent places. Hiking and bathing enthusiasts will love the wooden plank pathway leading to



Lake Alaušas



Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Wooden bridge to one of two islands in Lake Alaušas

Maneikiai Mound – 100 m from the eastern coastline

Bikuškis Manor – a surviving Classicist-style residential house, a 19th-century wooden barn, a blacksmith's workshop, and the ruins of a former distillery and manor park



Lake Dusynas



Photo: Homestead "Ramuma"

the peninsula beach on the lakeshore +370 69874916, www.zvejosapnas.lt

Homestead "Ramuma" – accommodation options, boat, fishing, wooden plank pathway, and a volleyball court, +370 6781120, ryzenokiene@gmail.com

24 Lake Dauniškis



Location: Utena, Utena County
GPS: 55.5046, 25.60621

Lake Dauniškis, located in the centre of the city, is the heart of Utena. It is surrounded by walking paths, benches, and carefully maintained greenery and lawns, and the entire area is well lit. In summer, an illuminated musical fountain operates on the lake, featuring laser projections onto the sky and water.



Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas



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ACTIVE LEISURE

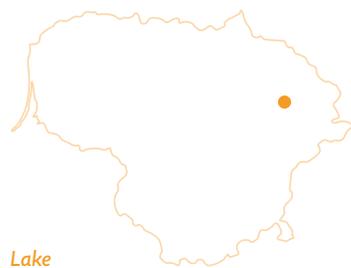
Utena Wake Zone – wake board, hydro suit, paddle board and pedal boating rental, +370 38952709, www.wakezone-utena.lt

Lake Dauniškis Beach – a great swimming area with well-developed infrastructure

Musical Fountain – operates in summer and is illuminated in the evenings

Lake Dauniškis Bridge – a scenic spot to admire the lake and its surroundings

Fishing – pike, carp, roach, tench, and other fish can be caught



Lake Dauniškis

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

The bridge over Lake Dauniškis is a hiking place

The cemetery of Utena's partisans and resistance movement on the shore of Lake Dauniškis

Chapel of St. Virgin Mary, Queen of Martyrs in Utena, located on the eastern shore of the lake

"Vaiko ola" Playground with a sensory room, +370 60383938

Utena Culture Centre – cultural activities and events, +370 61873976, www.utenoskc.lt



Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas

25 Lake Vyžuonaitis



Location: Utena, Utena County
GPS: 55.492746, 25.589476

Lake Vyžuonaitis is located in the southern part of Utena. A scenic trail winds around the lake, with comfortable benches, playgrounds, and peaceful recreation areas along the way. In the eastern part of the lake, terraces with a breathtaking view of the lake have been installed.



Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas

ACTIVE LEISURE

Vyžuonaitis Beach in the very centre of the city – a sandy coastline, clear water and comfortable infrastructure

Hiking – the pontoon wooden plank pathway in Vyžuonaitis Lake Park, installed on 19 pontoons

ATTENTION!

The lake is located in the territory of Utena; a lifeguard station operates there

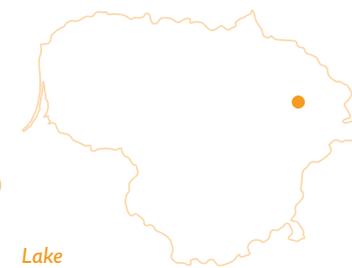
DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Panoramic trail (1.4 km) around the lake

Utena Local History Museum, +370 38961637, www.utenosmuziejus.lt

Utena Local History Museum, Branch of the Museum of Freedom Fight, +370 67079217

Church of the Ascension of Christ in Utena, www.paneveziovyskupija.lt



Lake Vyžuonaitis



Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas

26 Lake Aisetas



Location: Utena and Molėtai Districts, Utena County
GPS: 55.30723, 25.75039

Lake Aisetas is a long, narrow, and winding lake in eastern Lithuania, where visitors can stay overnight in tents and enjoy active leisure.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Campsite "Aiseto Baidarės" at Lake Aisetas – canoe and boat rental, route development for canoe trips, fishing boats, +370 61100992, nuoma@aisetobaidares.lt

Campsite "Aisetele" – tourism and sport inventory rental: tents, canoe, boats, bikes, fishing equipment (with an echo sounder), +370 69882001

Fishing – pike, perch, carp, silver bream, and other fish can be caught here



Lake Aisetas



Photo: Utena TIC archive



Photo: Utena TIC archive

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Wooden plank pathway trail around the lake

ATTENTION!

Lake Aisetas is located in the territory of Aukštaitija National Park, where enhanced nature protection regulations apply

27 Lake Stirniai



Location: Molėtai District, Utena County
GPS: 55.25996, 25.60165

Lake Stirniai is located about 9 km northeast of Molėtai. Its shoreline is highly indented, stretching 33.7 km and featuring numerous coves and a peninsula. The lake has seven islands, the largest of which are Vaniukas, Bakosa, and Vieštautas. Homesteads or campsites can be chosen for both quiet and active recreation.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Boat, kayak, paddle board rental, +370 61496512, moletubaidares@gmail.com



Lake Stirniai

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Hiking at Labanoras Regional Park, +370 68507116

Lake Fishing Museum – the only museum of this type in Lithuania. The oldest items are picked from the lakebed, made in the 15th century, +370 60995025, www.moletumuziejus.lt/ezeru-zvejybos-muziejus/



Photo: Molėtai Tourism and Business Information Centre archive

Stirniai Campsite – recreation places, fire places, access to the lake, swimming area with changing cabins. Tent places at the campsite

Homestead "Stirneles Viensėdis" – tandem kayak rental with an opportunity to boat along the winding Stirniai brook that flows into Lake Stirniai. Accommodation at the rural homestead, +370 68507116

Fishing alone or with a guide, +370 68235940, +370 67424688

ATTENTION!

Lake Stirniai is located in Labanoras Regional Park

28 Lake Baltieji Lakajai



Location: Molėtai District, Utena County
GPS: 55.211850, 25.653889



Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas

Lake Baltieji Lakajai is located in the eastern part of Lithuania in Labanoras Regional Park. The Rudesas Watchtower stands on the western shore, while the Mindūnai Watchtower is on the northern shore. The southeastern shore borders with Švenčionys District.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Approx. one-hour long-catamaran trip, +370 60611317, info@ignaturas.lt

Boat and pedal boating, +370 68634294, as well as **paddle board rental,** +370 60611317, info@ignaturas.lt

Fishing at the Lake Baltieji Lakajai – pike, perch, catfish, carp, bream, roach, and other fish can be caught

Fishing with a guide, +370 67424688, +370 62719782



Lake Baltieji Lakajai

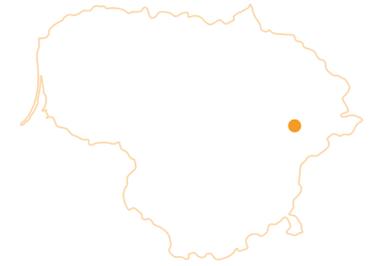


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Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

On the western shore of the lake – **Rudesas Watchtower** (35 m high, the height of the viewpoint is 15 m), and on the northern coast – **Mindūnai Watchtower** (36 m high)

Ščiurio Ragas educational nature trail (7 km) with interactive stands

Lake Fishing Museum – the only museum of this type in Lithuania. The oldest items are picked from the lakebed, made in the 15th century, +370 60995025, www.moletumuziejus.lt/ezeru-zvejybos-muziejus/

ATTENTION!

Lake Baltieji Lakajai is located in the territory of Labanoras Regional Park, where enhanced nature protection regulations apply

Rudesas and Kamučė Resting Places – equipped with tents, outdoor furniture, outdoor WCs, wooden plank pathways, fire places, changing cabins, tent places

Mindūnai Campsite on the lake-shore – a beach with a swimming area and a wooden plank pathway. A special launch point is available for those who arrive with their own boats, www.ignaturas.lt

29 Lake Juodieji Lakajai



Location: Molėtai District, Utena County
GPS: 55.19898, 25.63802

Lake Juodieji Lakajai is a picturesque lake in the eastern part of Lithuania, on the outskirts of Švenčionys District in the heart of Labanoras Regional Park. Both homesteads for peaceful relaxation in nature and campsites suitable for active holiday enthusiasts are available.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Six-hour kayak route starting at Juodieji Lakajai – the route is not difficult, suitable for both beginners and families with children, +370 68743985, +370 60066880, info@baidares.lt

Two-day kayak trip along the River Lakaja, +370 60314521, +370 67343452, info.baidares@gmail.com

Educational diving in the lakes of Molėtai. An opportunity to arrange for individual or group diving for beginners and professionals, +370 62508237

English Island (5 ha) on Lake Juodieji Lakajai with a quiet tent place

Fishing alone or with a guide, +370 68235940, +370 60324183, +370 67424688

30 Lake Šlavinas



Location: Molėtai District, Utena County
GPS: 55.136544, 25.721998



Photo: Homestead "Prie Labanoro"

Lake Šlavinas is located in the scenic hollow of glacial origin. At the Homestead "Prie Labanoro", tent and camper places are available, as well as cosy cabins for comfortable accommodation and recreation in nature.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Homestead "Prie Labanoro" – boat, swimming area, fishing place, tent places, accommodation in small houses, +370 68713366, prielabanoro@gmail.com

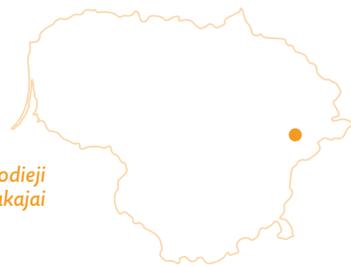


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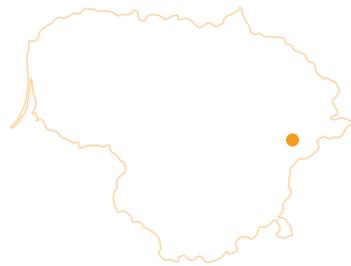
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DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Ščiurio Ragas educational nature trail (7 km), www.aparkai.lt

Cibaragis – a peninsula on a peninsula. A unique double pine tree grows at its tip

A 22-m-high small-leaved linden can be observed in Jonišké Village



DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Ožkos or Goat Stone in Baranavas Forest, Švenčionys District

ATTENTION!

Lake Šlavinas is located in the territory of Labanoras Regional Park, where enhanced nature protection regulations apply

31 Lake Spalis



Location: Molėtai District, Utena County
GPS: 55.10779, 25.19260

Lake Spalis is located about 5 km northwest of Giedraičiai. The southern shore is covered with forest, while meadows and cultivated fields line the other shores. Homestead "Spalio Krantas" offers all the facilities needed for recreation by the lake.

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Forests and meadows – a perfect place for walking and picking mushrooms and berries



Homestead "Spalio krantas"

32 Lake Asveja



Location: Molėtai, Vilnius and Švenčionys Districts, Utena and Vilnius Counties
GPS: 55.02555, 25.54672

Lake Asveja is the longest lake in Lithuania, stretching 22.1 km from northwest to southeast. Including its branches, its total length reaches 30.5 km. The lake offers a variety of resting spots and campsites. Dubingiai Mound is located near the town of Dubingiai, with an educational trail created around the castle site. A wooden bridge crosses Lake Asveja near Dubingiai.



Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas

ACTIVE LEISURE

Canoe, raft and boat rental, +370 64112211, info@asvejosbaidariucentras.lt

Canoe rental for trips across Lake Asveja and adjacent rivers, +370 65713113, info@asvejossodyba.lt

ATTENTION!

Lake Asveja is located in Asveja National Park, where enhanced nature protection regulations apply



ACTIVE LEISURE

"Spalio Krantas" Resting Place – a boat, paddle board, pedal boating rental. For hiking enthusiasts – a wooden plank pathway. Sports areas, playgrounds and accommodation are also available, +370 60811188, www.spaliokrantas.lt

Kayak, paddle board and boat rental, +370 61496512, moletubaidares@gmail.com

Fishing! Pike, bream, perch, and other fish can be caught here

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

The first wooden bridge (76.4 m) over a lake in Lithuania – near Dubingiai in Molėtai District

Dubingiai Mound Educational Trail – goes along the Radziwill Family Cemetery. There are resting places and information stands

Ludgardas slope educational trail with educational elements and resting places

Valley of Jurkiškis Stream with an **educational trail (1,5 km)**

Lake Asveja Viewpoint – convenient access for water enthusiasts, with wooden steps installed

33 Lake Galuonai



Lake Galuonai

Location: Molėtai District, Utena County
GPS: 55.15734, 25.51130

Lake Galuonai is located approx. 3 km to the west of Inturkė Village. On its shores, residents of Molėtai and guests can enjoy free beach wheelchairs for disabled people. To use them, please contact the responsible centres and agree upon an acceptable time.

Educational boat trip across Lake Galuonai. The offer is only provided to groups consisting of 12 persons, +370 68568523

Fishing alone or with a guide, +370 65691755, +370 60324183



Photo: Recreation area "Ežero krantas"

ACTIVE LEISURE

Recreation area "Ežero krantas" – kayak, boat, motorboat, jet ski, rubber chamber, and banana boat rental. A boat launch point and a resting place on a large sand beach with a volleyball court. Tent and camper places. Additional services: jacuzzi, sauna. The campsite is illuminated at night. Unusual experience: flights with the Flyride, Flyboard and Jetpack jet boats, +370 69822810, www.moletukempingas.lt

Homestead "Šamo Uostas" – boat, kayak, pedal boating and raft rental, playground, sports area, accommodation, +370 68694458, www.samouostas.lt

Homestead "Marga Pieva" – paddle board and boat rental, tent places and accommodation, +370 60800884, www.pievamarga.lt

The beach of Lake Galuonai in Inturkė Village. Visitors can bathe here using a special bathing wheelchair. Wheelchairs can be used free of charge; however, the centres that make them available must be contacted to agree upon a time, +370 67900451



Photo: Recreation area "Ežero krantas"



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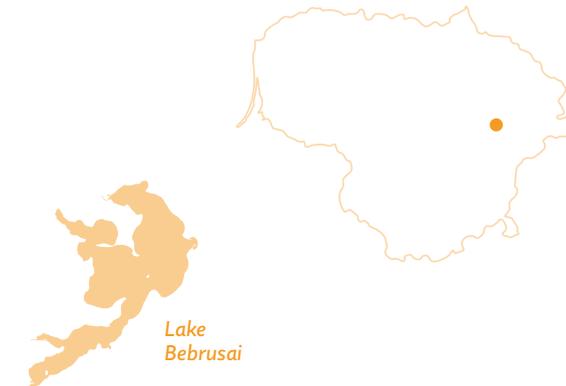
DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Homestead "Šamo Uostas" – three guided tour routes (for hiking, cycling or driving, within a 10-km radius around Šamo Uostas), +370 68694458, www.samouostas.lt



Photo: Recreation area "Ežero krantas"

34 Lake Bebrusai



Lake Bebrusai

Location: Molėtai District, Utena County
GPS: 55.179203, 25.441441

Lake Bebrusai is located approx. 5 km to the southeast of Molėtai. There is Robinson Island in the middle of the lake, promising complete privacy and natural surroundings. Both quiet and active recreation are possible here.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Paddle board and pedal boating rental, +370 68638019, ilankossodyba@gmail.com

Kayak, paddle board and boat rental, +370 61496512, moletubaidares@gmail.com

Raft rental for fishing, entertainment or recreation on the water, +370 68638019

Swimming area on sandy shores

Robinson Island in the middle of the lake. There is a house, a fire place, swings, a grill, tables, and a raft for fishing. The island is accessible from Šaukšteliškiai Village, +370 68638019, ilankossodyba@gmail.com

Basketball, football, volleyball, tennis, and table tennis courts

Campsite with a tent, fish smoker, hammock, fire place, swings, WC, and illumination. Tent places. Recreation with pets is allowed, +370 68638019, ilankossodyba@gmail.com



Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas

Educational diving in the lakes of Molėtai. Instructions and the required equipment are provided, +370 62508237

The lake is suitable for fishing. Bream, tench, roach, pike, perch, and other fish can be caught here

Fishing with a guide, +370 68235940, +370 60324183, +370 67424688

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

The more than 600-year-old oak of Šaukšteliškiai is the sixth greatest oak in Lithuania

"Meniškas Kaimas" Traditional Craft Centre, hosting craftsmanship education events, +370 68627048, meniskaskaimas@gmail.com

A wooden sculpture route leads along the lake

Visitors can cycle or hike around the lake

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS NEAR THE LAKE:

Holiday House Complex on the shore of Lake Bebrusai – sandy beach on the lakeshore, sauna, boating, fishing, www.bebrusai.lt

ATTENTION!

Lake Bebrusai is located in the territory of Labanoras Regional Park, where enhanced nature protection regulations apply

35 Lake Siesartis



Location: Molėtai District, Utena County
GPS: 55.21965, 25.48732

Lake Siesartis is located approx. 2.5 km to the east of Molėtai in Labanoras Regional Park. To enjoy activities on the water, kayaks, boats and paddle boards can be rented.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Kayak, pedal boating, boat, rowboat rental, +370 61545974, astavor@gmail.com

Kayak, pedal boating and boat rental, +370 61496512, moletubaidares@gmail.com

Paddleboard rental, +370 63391412, siesartiesirklentes@gmail.com

Siesartis Campsite – boat, paddle board rental, and both a separate resting place and tent places are available for rent. There are fire places, as well as volleyball and basketball courts, and playgrounds. Additionally: hot tub, +370 61455054, www.siesartis.lt

Ažuolas Recreation Centre – boat and pedal boating rental, basketball, tennis court, and accommodation, +370 61404620, +370 69817019



Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas

The garden beach on Lake Siesartis is suitable for families with children

Fishing alone or with a guide, +370 62719782, +370 62947074, +370 60324183

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Lake Fishing Museum – the only museum of this type in Lithuania. The oldest items are picked from the lakebed, made in the 15th century, +370 60995025, www.moletumuziejus.lt/ezeru-zvejybos-muziejus/

Mindūnai Watchtower (36 m augsts)

Mindūnai Hiking Trail (9,6 km)



Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas



Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas

36 Lake Virintai



Location: Molėtai District, Utena County
GPS: 55.29642, 25.46387

Lake Virintai is located in a picturesque valley and has an irregular shape with a lot of branches. In its southern part, there are two bays that make the lake especially picturesque. It is possible to not just enjoy active leisure in nature but also participate in the educational programmes that enrich the recreation experience.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Kayak, paddle board and boat rental, +370 61496512, moletubaidares@gmail.com

Fishing – perch, bream, pike, as well as roach, tench, and other fish

Fishing with a guide, +370 60324183, +370 65691755, +370 62719782

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Lithuanian Museum of Ethnocosmology – an opportunity to observe celestial bodies using telescopes of various diameters. A breathtaking view of the surroundings of Molėtai from the museum's watchtower, +370 61520688, +370 38345424, www.etnokosmomuziejus.lt

Labanoras Regional Park – one of the woodiest regions of Lithuania with a lot of lakes in the surroundings, +370 65973078, info@aparkai.lt



Photo: Homestead "Virinta"

37 Lake Gilužis



Location: Molėtai District, Utena County
GPS: 55.27816, 25.29337

Lake Gilužis is located 8 km south of Alanta. Its coastline is indented and stretches for 3.25 km. The ethnographic Gilužiai Village is on the northern shore, and in the southern part – the village of Narušiškis. At the Homestead "Gilužis", visitors can not only rest, but also enjoy the quiet spirit of nature and an authentic countryside environment.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Homestead "Gilužis" – a shallow swimming area suitable for families with children. Fishing at the lake or pond is possible. Accommodation options, +370 61260081, Simona@giluziosodyba.lt

ATTENTION!

The water reservoir is private; fishing is only possible with consent from the owners of all its shores



Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas

38 Lake Karališkis



Location: Anykščiai District, Utena County
GPS: 55.31853, 25.08648

Lake Karališkis is located in the southern part of Anykščiai District at the border of Molėtai District. The rural homestead-villa "Karališkis" is located on its shore, offering not just serene recreation but also various exciting water activities.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Homestead-villa "Karališkis" - sandy beach, two moles, a boat, pedal boats, a fishing place, and accommodation, +370 68791582, www.karaliskis.lt



Photo: Homestead - villa "Karališkis"

39 Lake Keršis



Location: Anykščiai District, Utena County
GPS: 55.3518906, 25.0775568

The Keršis is located in Molėtai District, 6.5 km to the northwest of Balninkai at the border with Anykščiai District. Šiaudinės Forest is located on the northern shore, while other coasts are adorned with woods and meadows. Homestead "Svajonių dvaras", located on the very shore of the lake, offers an opportunity to hide from the daily rush and enjoy peaceful rest in nature.



Photo: Titas Valionis

ACTIVE LEISURE

Homestead "Svajonių dvaras" – boat rental, swimming area, fishing place, sports area, accommodation, +370 69988544, www.svajoniudvaras.lt

Fishing!



DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Varguliai Mound is located less than 1 km from the lake

ATTENTION!

Lake Keršis belongs to Baldonas Geomorphological Reserve

40 Lake Duobys



Location: Molėtai District, Utena County
GPS: 55.36638, 25.27414

Lake Duobys is 2 km to the northwest of Alanta, with both forests and cultivated fields along its shores. Homestead "Duobys" offers an opportunity to enjoy active entertainment, fishing, or simply relaxing in the jacuzzi and sauna with a beautiful view of the lake.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Homestead "Duobys" – boat, pedal boating rental, sports area with an opportunity to play basketball, football, volleyball or badminton, playground, and accommodation, +370 60027719, www.sodybaduobys.com

Fishing!

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

The forests and meadows located near the lake are a perfect place for walking and picking mushrooms and berries

41 Lake Lukštas



Location: Molėtai District, Utena County
GPS: 55.378953, 25.271612

Lake Lukštas is a large 27 ha lake in Lithuania at the border of Molėtai and Anykščiai districts, 3 km north of Alanta. The shores are mainly covered in meadows and cultivated fields. Tourist homesteads are offered for recreation.



Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas

ACTIVE LEISURE

Homestead "LAGO" – an opportunity to rent a boat, a mole for walks to the lake, fishing places with regular fish resource delivery, and a volleyball court for sports enthusiasts, +370 65579997, www.sodybalago.lt

Homestead "Lukštas" – boat, paddle board rental, fishing place, wooden plank pathway, +370 67623187

ATTENTION!

The water reservoir is private; fishing is allowed only with the consent of all shoreline owners

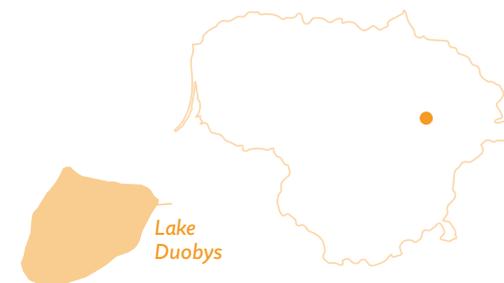


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42 Lake Nevėža



Location: Anykščiai District, Utena County
GPS: 55.44927, 25.17404



Photo: Homestead "Radvilių sodyba"

ACTIVE LEISURE

Canoe and kayak rental, +370 67559545

"Anykštietiškos vandens pramogos" – water games, wakeboard, figure skates. They also offer water sliding tubes suitable for one, two or three people. Parachute flight over the lake, +370 65939029, vandensslides@gmail.com

The lake is suitable for fishing. Pike, bream, roach, tench, and other fish can be caught here

Lake Nevėža has an indented shoreline that forms three branches in its eastern part. Its shores are mostly high and steep. The company "Anykštietiškos vandens pramogos", located nearby, offer opportunities for fun and active recreation.

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Hiking trails and a cycling route go around the lake

Tent place at Lake Nevėža



Photo: Homestead "Radvilių sodyba"



Photo: Homestead "Radvilių sodyba"



Lake Nevėža

43 Lake Rubikiai



Location: Anykščiai District, Utena County
GPS: 55.50058, 25.28728

The lake's most striking feature is its 17 islands, primarily located in the northern and central parts. A panoramic view of the lake can be enjoyed from the 15-metre-high watchtower in Bijeikiai Village. Campsites and resting spots are available nearby, inviting visitors to stay longer and fully enjoy this peaceful and serene environment.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Boat, pedal boating or paddle board rental, +370 65988610

Lake Rubikiai Beach

Guided boat sailing for 24 persons – from spring to autumn, +370 68231839, algimantas@astronautika.lt

Kriokšlio Beach with tent places

Klykunai and Mačioniai Campsites – tent places

Sailing with a motorboat for small groups of up to six persons, +370 65988610

Homestead "Esina" – swimming area, boat, pedal boating, yacht or raft rental, tent places; accommodation options – guest houses and smaller cabins. Additionally: sauna, +370 68629344, www.esina.lt

Fishing at Lake Rubikiai, where pike, roach, bream, perch, and other fish can be caught

Fishing with a guide, +370 62947074, +370 62719782

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Rubikiai Mound on Pertako Island. It can be reached by swimming 60 m from the northern shore of Lake Rubikiai

Bijeikiai Mound, enclosed by Lake Rubikiai from the west to the north

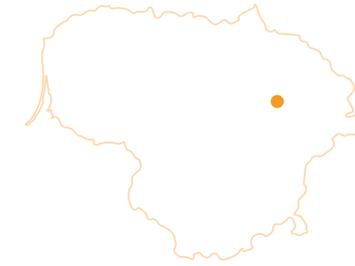
Rubikiai (Bijeikiai) Tower (15 m high) with a viewpoint

ATTENTION!

Lake Rubikiai is located in the territory of Anykščiai Regional Park, where enhanced nature protection regulations apply



Photo: "Turizmas po Lietuvą", www.kaimoturizmas.org



Lake Rubikiai

44 Lake Dviragis



Lake Dviragis

Location: Rokiškis District, Panevėžys County
GPS: 55.80225, 25.38993



Photo: Titas Valionis



Photo: Titas Valionis

Lake Dviragis is located in northeast Lithuania, about 6 km west of Kamajai Town. On the northwestern shore lies a large island (65.9 ha wide with a 3.48 km coastline) where the town of Salos is located. To the east, the lake's shores are connected by a bridge, and to the west by a dam. There is an amazing beach on the island. Visitors can stay in the Homestead "Brazylija" or Campsite "Dviragio Slėnis".

ACTIVE LEISURE

Well-equipped beach at Lake Dviragis in the vicinity of Salos Manor Park. A hiking trail, benches, a changing cabin and outdoor WCs adapted for disabled people. Parking area

Homestead "Brazylija" – kayak and canoe, boat rental, and accommodation in wooden cabins. Additionally: sauna, cold and hot water tubs, +370 69820414, www.sodyba-brazylija.lt

Campsite "Dviragio Slėnis" – boat, kayak rental and raft trips. Well-equipped resting places, +370 62744516

Fishing. Bream, tench, pike, and other fish

Fishing with a guide, +370 61005756

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Salos Watchtower (3 m high)

Island manor building with restored premises and park, +370 60557502, info@saludvaras.lt

Sunflower Park can be observed in August, +370 62346647



Photo: Titas Valionis



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45 Kupiškis Water Reservoir



Kupiškis Water Reservoir

Location: Kupiškis District, Panevėžys County
GPS: 55.850396, 24.976855



Photo: Kupiškis tourism and business information centre archive



Photo: Kupiškis tourism and business information centre archive

Kupiškis Reservoir is the fourth-largest artificial water reservoir in Lithuania. It is famous thanks to its islands with playful names: Uošvės Liežuvis (Mother-in-Law's Tongue) with a dendrological park, and "Žentos Slėptuvė" (Son-in-Law's Shelter). The water reservoir is a popular spot for recreation. Every year, it hosts various sports events: The Kupiškis Reservoir Regatta, international water formula contest and others. Beaches and recreation areas are available along the shores, along with sports facilities, parking, cabins by the water, cabins in the pine forest, and a campsite.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Wake park and water attraction park, "Wake & Jump Kupiškis" – there is a trampoline park on the water in the summer. Boat, paddle board, pedal boating, kayak rental, +370 67964966, mariuterasa@gmail.com

"Jara" Catamaran, +370 61677888, laivasjara@gmail.com

Motorboats, water carousel, paddle board rental, as well as jet skis, a towable water tube, +370 69439888, kupiskenustarkenas@gmail.com

Well-equipped Aukštupėnai Beach

Pontoon bridge to Mother-in-Law's Tongue Island with environmental education trails, a playground, benches, fire place, resting places, sports areas, and infrastructure adapted for disabled people

Bagdonai Resting Area with a hiking plank pathway, a swimming area and a fire place

Fishing with a guide, +370 69439888



46 Lake Širvėna



Lake Širvėna

Location: Biržai District, Panevėžys County
GPS: 56.21358, 24.75501

Lake Širvėna is located approx. 1 km to the north of the centre of Biržai Town. On the northern lakeshore, there is Astrava (a suburb of Biržai). The lake is the oldest artificially created pond in Lithuania. The town's central beach, campsite, boat and pedal boating rental, and many other entertainment opportunities are in the vicinity around the lake.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Electric motorboats, pedal boating, +370 62016047 or paddle board rental, +370 63610603

Swimming from the raft, with space for festivals and grilling. The raft is suitable for 12 people, +370 69873185, www.undzenas.lt

Central Town Beach – convenient swimming pools, tables, benches, and two volleyball courts

Biržai Camping – paddle board and boat rental, resting places, fenced territory, playground, camper places, lots of tent places, and wooden camping cabins, +370 67467882, www.birzaicamping.lt

Fishing. Pike, perch, carp, tench, and other fish live in the lake

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Biržai Castle, +370 45033390, weekends +370 45033397, www.birzumuziejus.lt

The bridge over Lake Širvėna (525 m long) – the longest pedestrian bridge in Lithuania. Astravas Manor is within walking distance

Astravas Manor Park with alleys, sculptures, fountains, and ponds

A new curved bridge to Latvygalos Street. It is especially beautiful at night as it's illuminated



ATTENTION!

Lake Širvėna is located in the territory of Biržai Regional Park, where enhanced nature protection regulations apply

During fish spawning and bird migration (from 1 February to 1 May), it is forbidden to sail in water reservoirs in any vessels (except for special services and waterways, and only when accompanied by a park employee)



Photo: Lithuanian Countryside Tourism Association archive



Photo: Lithuanian Countryside Tourism Association archive

47 Lake Kirkilai



Lake Kirkilai

Location: Biržai District, Panevėžys County
GPS: 55.78419, 23.66645

Lake Kirkilai is located about 8 km northwest of Biržai Lake. On the northwestern outskirts of Kirkilai Village lies the most remarkable lake in the entire karst lake system, shaped by at least 30 interconnected water-filled caves of various sizes. It forms a lake labyrinth covering an area of approximately 3.9–6.0 ha. Karst lakes are the youngest in Europe, formed through karst processes. The Lake Kirkilai Educational Trail features a new, wide wooden plank pathway with bridges over the lake's "eyes." The dark waters stunningly reflect both Kirkilai Watchtower and the surrounding nature and sky.



Photo: Lithuanian Countryside Tourism Association archive

ACTIVE LEISURE

Kirkilai Attraction Park – water attractions, trampolines, resting areas, and other active leisure opportunities, +370 62311410, www.kirkilupramoguparkas.lt

ATTENTION!

Lake Kirkilai is located in the territory of Biržai Regional Park, where enhanced nature protection regulations apply

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Crescent-shaped Kirkilai Watchtower (32 m high)

Kirkilai Recreation Area at the karst lakes in Kirkilai. An educational trail is created nearby. In some places, tables with benches for recreation in nature are installed

Lake Educational Trail – the Kirkilai karst lake system. It is an approx. 3.9 to 6.0 ha labyrinth with a very indented coastline, stretching for more than 2.5 km

Rinkušiai Mound, which can be recognised by the wooden statue of the devil – in Juodeliai Village



Photo: Inga Hartika



Photo: Lithuanian Countryside Tourism Association archive

48 Lake Arimaičiai



Location: Radviliškis District, Šiauliai County
GPS: 55.78419, 23.66645



Photo: Sigitas Mikutis

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Velžiai Mound with a fore castle mound – on the southern lakeshore

Feeling Trail – created based on Sebastian Kneipp's unique health improvement philosophy

Energy labyrinth for reflections and meditation

Verduliai Spring

Fountain at Lake Arimaičiai

Radvilioniai Botanical Reserve – 4.5 km from the lake



Lake Arimaičiai

ACTIVE LEISURE

Lake Arimaičiai Beach

Approx. one-hour catamaran trip. Pre-registration is mandatory, +370 61427461

Boat, pedal boating or paddle board rental, +370 67859491, +370 67244266

"Žarija" Tavern – catering, pedal boating and boat rental, playground and recreation grounds, wooden sculpture and ancient item display, and an opportunity to take a hot air balloon flight, +370 61427461, info@smuklezarija.lt

Fishing in Lake Arimaičiai – pike, bream, roach, and other fish



Photo: Sigitas Mikutis



Photo: Sigitas Mikutis

Samogitia

Where lakes tell stories

Samogitia

Samogitia is the western part of Lithuania, famous for its hilly landscape, forests, lakes, and distinct national identity. The beauty of nature and rich historical legacy meet here: from ancient castle mounds to the Zhemaitian dialect that is still proudly spoken today. This guidebook gives information about 11 lakes in Samogitia and allows one to discover this region's unique water environment and diverse recreation opportunities.

The heart of this region – Samogitia National Park – was created to preserve this region's unique nature and culture. One of the most beautiful lakes in Lithuania – Lake Plateliai – can be found here; it is a special favourite of those who prefer recreation on the water, as they can travel by boats, kayaks, paddle boards, sail, and even dive. In the summer, resting places and campsites with convenient infrastructure operate on the lakeshores.

Various hiking and cycling routes are arranged around Lake Plateliai, as well as water tourism routes are also available. Visitors can follow Šeirė Nature Trail, walk in Plateliai Manor Park, or climb the Siberian Watchtower, which opens up an impressive panorama of the lake and forest. Nature and cultural heritage objects can be observed in the park, such as the secret Cold War Museum arranged in the former ballistic missile silo launching complex.

One more special lake is Lake Lukštas in Telšiai District. This lake is famous because it's the only lake in Lithuania where waves throw amber on the shores. Lake Lukštas is perfect for both active and quiet recreation – visitors can bathe, fish or walk along scenic coasts. Varniai Regional Park is located in the vicinity of the lake.

Samogitia's lakes are where nature and recreation go hand in hand. Visitors can enjoy quiet bathing in the sunset, energetic bathing, and unforgettable hikes along the coastline trails. What about trying sailing or yachting? Everyone in Samogitia can find his or her own lake and go on adventures!

INFORMATION

More information about Samogitia Region: www.lithuania.travel/en/where-to-visit/regions/zemaitija-en

Samogitia National Park: www.zemaitijosnp.lt/en/

TOURIST INFORMATION:

www.klaipedosrajonas.lt



www.aoplankykkretinga.lt



visit.mazeikiai.lt



www.visitplunge.lt



visit.Telšiai.lt



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Lake Plateliai. Photo: Alise Lūse

ŠIAULIAI COUNTY

1 Lake Bridvaišis



Location: Kelmė District, Šiauliai County
GPS: 55.59048, 23.21779



Photo: Tytuvėnai Wake Park archive

Lake Bridvaišis is in the central part of Lithuania, approx. 1 km to the south-east of Tytuvėnai. The lake has two islands – Big and Crows'. A trail in the surroundings of Lake Bridvaišis gives a great opportunity to enjoy the serenity and beauty of nature, climb the legendary Bridvaišis Mound, and catch one's breath at well-equipped rest stops.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Beach of Tytuvėnai City, equipped with a wooden plank pathway with a trampoline, changing cabins, benches, volleyball courts, outdoor WCs, parking area, etc.

"Sedula" Recreation Centre – boat, pedal boating rental, water trampoline park. Additional celebration hall, catering services and accommodation, +370 68246498, www.sedula.lt

"Wakepark Tytuvėnai". Paddle boards can be used, +370 69171717, wakepakape@gmail.com

Kayak rental at the lakes in Tytuvėnai and along the lake routes, +370 60107080

Fishing. Pike, perch, roach, and other fish can be caught here

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Bridvaišis Mound, which was once an island in the lake

The lake has two islands – Big and Crows'. Big Island can be reached by bridge, and if you would like to see Crows' Island, rent a boat or pedal boating

Visitor Centre of Tytuvėnai Regional Park, +370 67707446, tytvenu.rp@saugoma.lt

ATTENTION!

Lake Bridvaišis is located in the territory of Tituvėnai Regional Park, where enhanced nature protection regulations apply



Photo: Kelmė tourist and business information Centre archive



Photo: "Sedula" Recreation Centre

Tytuvėnai Watchtower (15 m high)

Bridvaišis Spring

Recreation trail along Lake Bridvaišis (0,6 km)

2 Lake Gilius



Location: Kelmė District, Šiauliai County
GPS: 55.61105, 23.19551

Lake Gilius – approx. 2 km to the north of Tytuvėnai Regional Park. There are well-equipped beaches for both swimming and recreation. Visitors may rent kayaks or opt for fishing.

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Lake Gilius Educational Trail (3,3 km)

Visitor Centre of Tytuvėnai Regional Park, +370 67707446, tytuvenu.rp@saugoma.lt

Forest Museum – an educational place, +370 42759031, tytuvenu.rp@saugoma.lt

ACTIVE LEISURE

Kayak rental at the lakes in Tytuvėnai and along the lake routes, +370 60107080

Fishing. Pike, perch, carp, and other fish can be caught here

Fishing inventory rental, +370 67765293

Well-equipped beaches for bathing and recreation

3 Lake Rėkyva



Location: Šiauliai District, Šiauliai County
GPS: 55.866442, 23.302634

Fishermen will enjoy Lake Rėkyva, as they can always catch something there, and it's also a paradise for all types of holidaymakers. The sandy beach is very popular in the summer, and the wooden piers with a new viewing platform is an amazing place for a sunset photoshoot or relaxing with a fishing rod.

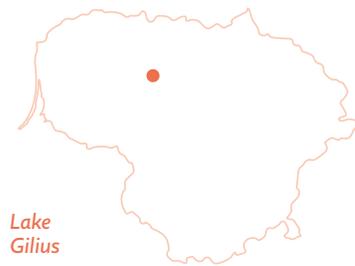


Photo: Šiauliai tourism information centre archive

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Rėkyva Educational Trail leads around the lake

Lithuanian romantic sunsets can be observed from the shores of Lake Rėkyva



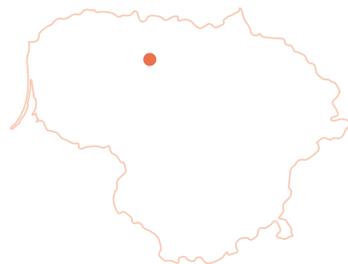
Lake Gilius



Photo: Recreation area "Gilius"

ATTENTION!

Lake Gilius is located in the territory of Tytuvėnai Regional Park, where enhanced nature protection regulations apply



ACTIVE LEISURE

The lake is a favourite of kiteboarders and windsurfers in Šiauliai District

Šiauliai "Žalgiris" Yacht Club, +370 69921811

Rėkyva Water Club, +370 61218965, vandensklubas@gmail.com

Fishing! Perks, pike, bream, roach, and other fish can be caught here

Sandy Rėkyva Beach with a wooden bridge and a beautiful viewing platform for hiking and nature observation enthusiasts

Bačiūnai and Pabalčiai beaches

ACCOMMODATION:

Hotel and restaurant "Žvejų užėiga", www.zvejuuzeiga.lt

4 Lake Kairiai



Location: Šiauliai District, Šiauliai County
GPS: 55.91324, 23.42813

Lake Kairiai is located in northern Lithuania, close to Kairiai Town. It stretches for 1.43 km in the northeast-southern direction, with its width reaching 1.25 km. The lake has a big wooded island called Ragėliai. Pročiūnai Village is located on its southern shore, and a recreation area with a beach is in the northeast.

5 Lake Talkša



Location: Šiauliai, Šiauliai County
GPS: 55.93717, 23.33560

Lake Talkša is in the centre of Šiauliai. There is an energy labyrinth on its shores – the sculpture, Iron Fox – located in the water sports and recreation park, FoxSpot. The lakeshore has a pétanque site that meets international standards. The Talkša Eco-trail starts here and leads to the Museum of Cats, a horse farm and Salduvė Mound, with a breathtaking panoramic view of the city. The shores of Lake Talkša are a favourite among cyclists, fishermen and Nordic walking enthusiasts.

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Iron Fox Sculpture – the largest animal sculpture in Lithuania

Energy labyrinth made of seven boulder circles

ACTIVE LEISURE

"FOX Wake Park" – wakeboard, water trampoline, paddle board, pedal boating, and other inventory rental, +370 60884140

Fishing place

Kairiai Beach with a recreation area. Well-equipped fire place, volleyball court



Photo: "FOX Wake Park" archive



Lake Talkša



Lake Kairiai



Photo: "FOX Wake Park" archive

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Fragments of Kairiai Manor

Kairiai Church of St. Virgin Mary, the Redeemer of Captives

Ragėliai Island can be reached by boat



ACTIVE LEISURE

"Marionette-Wake Park" Šiauliai – wakeboard, paddle board, pedal boating rental, +370 60765363, www.marionette.lt

Talkša Beach

Fishing is permitted

Petankes – the pétanque playground



Photo: Šiauliai tourism information centre

6 Lake Lūkostas



Location: Telšiai District, Telšiai County
GPS: 55.70938, 22.32561

Lake Lūkostas is located in Samogitia, approximately 2 km southwest of Varniai Regional Park. It is the second largest lake in Samogitia and is notable for the amber that can be found there. "Lūkostas Rest Park" is located on the lakeshore, with pedal boat rentals, recreation areas, tent and camper sites, as well as accommodation. The well-equipped beach of Lake Lūkostas invites visitors to enjoy peace and nature, while the campsite offers convenient tent sites and recreation infrastructure.

ACTIVE LEISURE

"Lūkostas Rest Park" – pedal boating rental, recreation areas, tent and camper places, and accommodation. Additionally: a hot tub, sauna and sports area, +370 69850292, www.lukstasrestpark.lt

Lake Lūkostas Beach with a recreation area

Lūkostas Campsite – resting places, as well as an opportunity to play basketball or football. Sports enthusiasts will like the cycling opportunities. The campsite is free



Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas



Lake Lūkostas



Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas



Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas



7 Lake Mastis



Location: Telšiai District, Telšiai County
GPS: 55.96821, 22.25687

Telšiai is very proud of its Lake Mastis, located in its very centre. Well-maintained beach, hiking trails and viewing platforms in its vicinity allow one to marvel at the expanse of water and panoramic view of the town. In the summer, the lake becomes a magnet for residents and guests of Telšiai – here, in the very heart of the town, events, water entertainment, and homely recreation are available.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Wakeboard park "PARKAS wake & cable" – equipment rental, paddle board rental, +370 67633455, www.wakeparkas.lt

"Zakso Kalnas" Beach with changing cabins, benches for rest, and playgrounds

Raft rental to accommodate up to 12 persons, +370 63719900



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Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas



Lake Mastis



Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

The shore of Lake Mastis in Telšiai – recreation and entertainment area adapted for disabled people

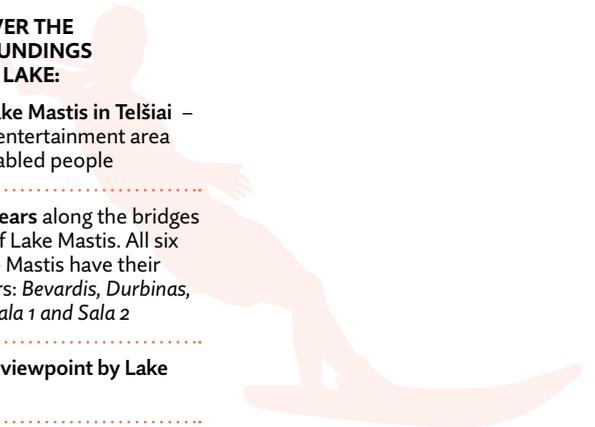
Sculptures of bears along the bridges on the shores of Lake Mastis. All six bridges on Lake Mastis have their names and bears: Bevardis, Durbinas, Telšė 1, Telšė 2, Sala 1 and Sala 2

Fountain at the viewpoint by Lake Mastis

Lift at the shore of Lake Mastis

Telšiai Culture Park or Zaksas Mound

Samogitia Museum "Alka", +370 67294472 and Samogitia Village Museum, +370 60192417, www.muziejusalka.lt



8 Lake Plinkšiai



Location: Mažeikiai District, Telšiai County
GPS: 56.11680, 22.16395

Lake Plinkšiai is located within 5 km of Seda. The lake belongs to Plinkšiai Landscape Reserve. The shores form low, boggy terraces, surrounded by forest, in the northwest, southwest and the east. A beach with a recreation area is located here with tables and benches, and a fire place.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Villa "Dubgiris" – kayak, canoe, paddle board, and pedal boating rental, as well as fishing equipment. Additionally: celebration hall, conference hall, SPA, sauna, accommodation, +370 61822888, www.dubgiris.lt

Plinkšiai Beach with a resting area with tables and benches, and a fire place

Fishing! Pike, bream, sterlet, and other fish can be caught here



Lake Plinkšiai



Photo: Villa "Dubgiris"

ATTENTION!

Lake Plinkšiai is located in Plinkšiai Landscape Reserve



Lake Plateliai

ACTIVE LEISURE

Transparent boats for a daytime or nighttime trip (with underwater lighting). Guided trips are available, +370 61555085, www.transparentboats.lt

Pedal boating, paddl or a yacht trip, +370

Campsite "Šeirė" – 6 fire places, changing platform, playground, parking area

Educational guided nature in handmade canoes – a photosh experience is avail +370 66238238, www.wetweim.com

9 Lake Plateliai



Location: Plungė District, Telšiai County
GPS: 56.046093, 21.831035

Lake Plateliai is located in western Lithuania, approx. 14 km to the north of Plungė in Samogitia National Park. It is the largest and deepest lake in Samogitia.

Photo: Alise Lūse



Photo: Alise Lūse

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Samogitia National Park Visitor Centre, +370 44849337, www.zemaitijosnp.lt

Šeirė Hiking Trail (4,1 km)

Plateliai Watchtower on the northeastern outskirts of Plateliai Town. The place is adapted for disabled and visually impaired people

Siberian Watchtower (15 m high)

Boat or pedal boating trip to Castle Island with a hiking trail (marked with a blue castle symbol)

ATTENTION!

Lake Plateliai is located in the territory of Samogitia National Park, where enhanced nature protection regulations apply

For catching whitefish, an Lo6.1 fisherman's permit is required (permitted from 1 January to 30 September, up to five whitefish on one fishing trip)

More information about Lake Plateliai: www.plateliuezeras.lt

Plateliai Beach – equipped with a swimming pool, wooden plank pathway, children's area, and WCs

Catamaran Trip – the duration of the tour is 1 to 2 hours; the guide will be waiting in the centre of Samogitia National Park. Visitors may book the catamaran in advance: Plateliai Yacht Club, +370 61527350, +370 615 67354, info@plateliuose.lt, or Homestead "Prie Žiedelio", +370 69652752, www.prieziedelio.lt

Educational diving in Lake Plateliai. The activity is supervised by a diving guide-instructor. Equipment rental is also available, +370 62623007, www.oktopusas.lt

Fishing on Lake Plateliai, inhabited by pike, roach, bream, tench, and other fish



Photo: Alise Lūse

10 Lake Beržoras



Lake Beržoras

Location: Plungė District, Telšiai County
GPS: 56.023834, 21.811371

Lake Beržoras is located in western Lithuania, approx. 2 km north of Plateliai in Samogitia National Park. Beržoras Village is located on the northern shore of the lake, famous for its Calvary Chapels. It also offers inventory rentals for active leisure; however, the lake is more suitable for quiet recreation.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Kayak and paddle board rental,
+370 69882700, www.baidare.com

Fishing. In the summer, perch can be caught in the lake; however, it accommodates a lot of roach, bream, pike, and rudd

Although there is no well-equipped beach on the lakeshore, **both bathing and recreation are allowed on its shores**

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Beržoras Village with the St. Stanislav Church complex

Siberian Watchtower (15 m high)

Beržoras Resting Place with a nearby parking area (Plungės Street)

Birškus big beech, which is over 100 years old

ATTENTION!

Lake Beržoras is located in the territory of Samogitia National Park, where enhanced nature protection regulations apply



Photo: Aurimas Barkauskas



11 Lazdininkai Pond



Lazdininkai Pond

Location: Kretinga District, Klaipėda County
GPS: 56.019967, 21.193351

Lazdininkai Pond is located in western Lithuania, in Kretinga District, 2 km to the west of Darbėnai. It was created by damming the River Darba 7.9 km from its estuary. Lazdininkai Recreation Area, the Japanese Garden or Baltic Mythological Park is located nearby. There is a small beach near Lazdininkai Pond, with walking bridges, recreation areas, a playground, and a volleyball court.

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

Japanese Garden – the largest in Europe (16 ha). The garden has an impressive collection of dwarf trees, a stone garden with sakuras and a pond, +370 61618530, www.japangarden.lt

(Educational) trail in the Baltic Mythological Park with wooden sculptures, altars – between Darbėnai and Šventoji

Lazdininkai Windmill,
+370 60480977

ACTIVE LEISURE

A small beach with wooden plank pathways, resting places, a playground, and a volleyball court

playground. Tent and camper places, holiday houses are available,
+370 64497490

Lazdininku Resting Place – paddle board and boat rental, a bathing, fishing, resting place, fire place and

"Kul Pakrantė" Private Recreation Area – pedal boating rental, resting place, camper places, +370 67239490



"Būtingė Surf Farm" arranges **paddle board training** – arrival to the reservoir, provision of theoretical and practical knowledge, and teaching of the correct rowing technique. The training takes two hours, +370 65764313, +370 67696452, balticseaparadise@gmail.com



Photo: Recreation area of Lazdininkai



Lithuania Minor

*Where the water
meets wind and
history*

Lithuania Minor

Lithuania Minor is a unique and historically important region in the southwestern part of Lithuania, stretching across the Nemunas Delta, the Curonian Spit, and the Baltic Sea. This county is distinguished by its unique cultural heritage, ancient Prussian lands, the influence of German architecture, and surviving Lutheran traditions. Agluonėnai Pond is the last Lithuanian body of water mentioned in this guidebook; it symbolically closes the great story of waters in this region and complements the overall landscape with its charm.

The region's gem is the Nemunas Delta Regional Park – an important stop during international bird migration. Each year, it gathers thousands of bird species, making birdwatching a unique feature of nature tourism in Lithuania Minor. Here, the River Nemunas breaks into many oxbow lakes, feeders and channels, creating a special, lively and unaffected landscape.

Water tourism is an integral part of the experience in this region. A dense network of rivers, channels and inlets provides unique opportunities for travelling by small ships, boats and canoes. Visitors can take an educational trip on a ship along the Nemunas Delta to observe birds from the water or explore eco-routes by boat with a guide.

The coastline of the Curonian Spit and Vente Cape is another symbol of Lithuania Minor. One of the most ancient bird ringing stations in Europe operates here, revealing the secrets of nature while attracting visitors from all over the world. Uostadvaris Lighthouse is located nearby, offering an impressive view of the expanse of the spit and delta.

Windy coasts across the Curonian Spit, especially Kintai and Svencelė, attract kiteboarders, offering some of the best conditions for this water sport in the Baltic states. The village of Mingė (called Minija) – the Lithuanian Venice – is the only village in Lithuania with a river (Minija) instead of the main street, and neighbours visit each other by boat.

The coastline of the Curonian Spit is a special part of Lithuania Minor. Neringa's settlements, sandy dunes, pine forests, and seaside architecture create a unique landscape included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. A ferry ride across the Curonian Spit provides a new perspective to appreciate the beauty and diversity of the region.

TOURIST INFORMATION :

www.klaipedosrajonas.lt



www.visitneringa.com



www.siluteinfo.lt



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INFORMATION

More information about
Lithuania Minor Region:
www.lithuania.travel/en/where-to-visit/regions/lithuania-minor
Curonian Spit National Park:
www.nerija.lrv.lt

1 Agluonēnai Pond



Location: Klaipėda District, Klaipėda County
GPS: 55.594468, 21.398932

Agluonėnai Pond is located 6.5 km to the northeast of Priekulė City in Agluonėnai Village. It was created by damming the River Agluona (a feeder of the Minija) 6.5 km from its estuary. There is a beach with changing cabins, benches and rubbish bins, and you can walk along the pontoon bridge.

ACTIVE LEISURE

Beach with changing cabins, benches and rubbish bins

Fishing place

Walking along the Pontoon bridge



DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE LAKE:

The longest fish channel (100 m) in Lithuania

Sculpture of Gediminas – altar

Agluonėnai Park. A Lithuanian oak wood was planted there, and a monument – an ark with a font in the form of an oak leaf – was built in memory of the inhabitants of Lithuania Minor. The fonts were created to commemorate distinguished Lithuanian personalities: K. Donelaitis, M. Mažvydas, L. Rėza, Vydūnas, I. Simonaitytė, I. Kant's great-grandfather, R. Kant.

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Agluonėnai Pond



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PLAN

WWW.RIVERWAYS.EU



YOUR ROUTE, MARK YOUR CAMPING SPOTS



CHECK THE WEATHER FORECAST

LET SOMEONE KNOW

ABOUT YOUR PLANS



BRING ESSENTIALS:

FOOD, WATER AND A FIRST AID KIT



ALWAYS REMEMBER

TO WEAR A LIFE JACKET



DON'T JUST SIT ON IT!



LISTEN TO THE SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

CHECK YOUR EQUIPMENT



KEEP YOUR PHONE SAFE

REMEMBER!

ALCOHOL AND WATER ACTIVITIES DON'T MIX



KNOW YOUR LIMITS AND THE SURROUNDINGS!



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RESPECT

PRIVATE PROPERTY

PROTECTED AREAS



STOP ONLY AT DESIGNATED AREAS

COOK

IN A PROPER AREA AND ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY MANNER



PUT OUT THE CAMPFIRE BEFORE YOU LEAVE!

LEAVE NO TRACE!



NATURE CALLS?

DIG A HOLE

AND COVER IT

DO YOUR BUSINESS

PROTECT

THE NATURE, ANIMALS AND THE ENVIRONMENT



DON'T PICK



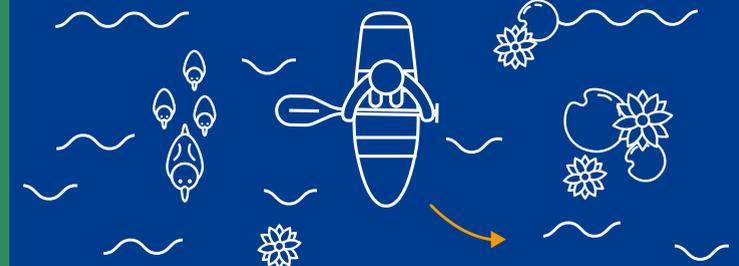
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DON'T CARVE INTO ANYTHING

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