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We invite you to enjoy the nature of Samogitia, visit the Natura 2000 areas of exceptional beauty and relax from everyday worries.

Lithuanian protected areas strive to create conditions for everyone to get to know nature. These may be just the first steps, and there is still a long way to go, but we hope that this publication will make your acquaintance with protected areas smoother, provide all the information you need to enjoy nature and its gifts.

Routes accessible to all

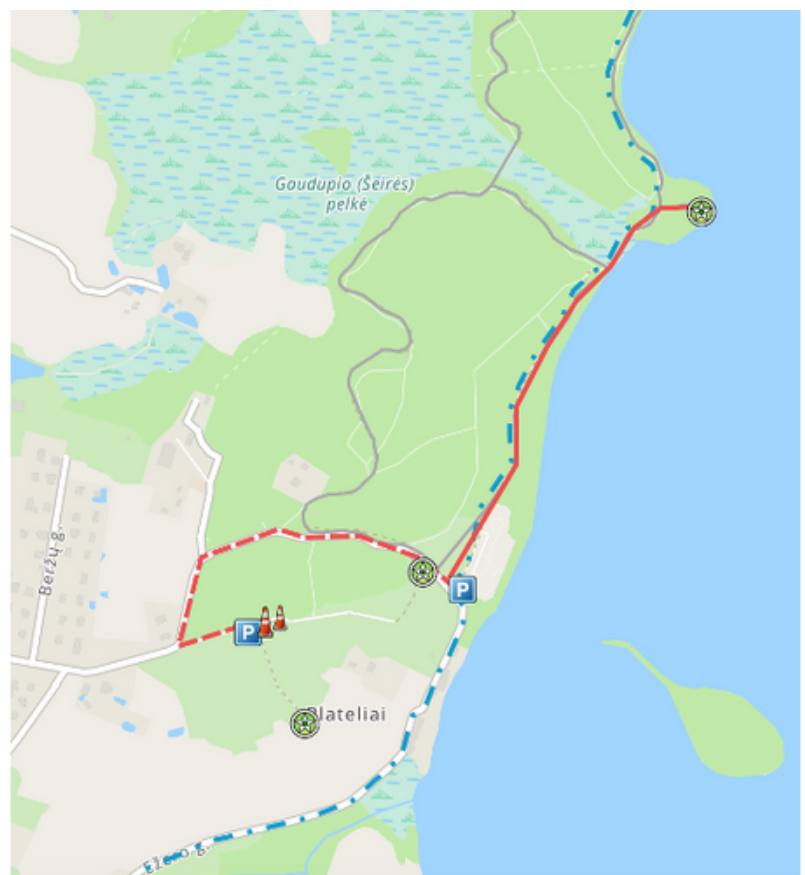
Lunch trip

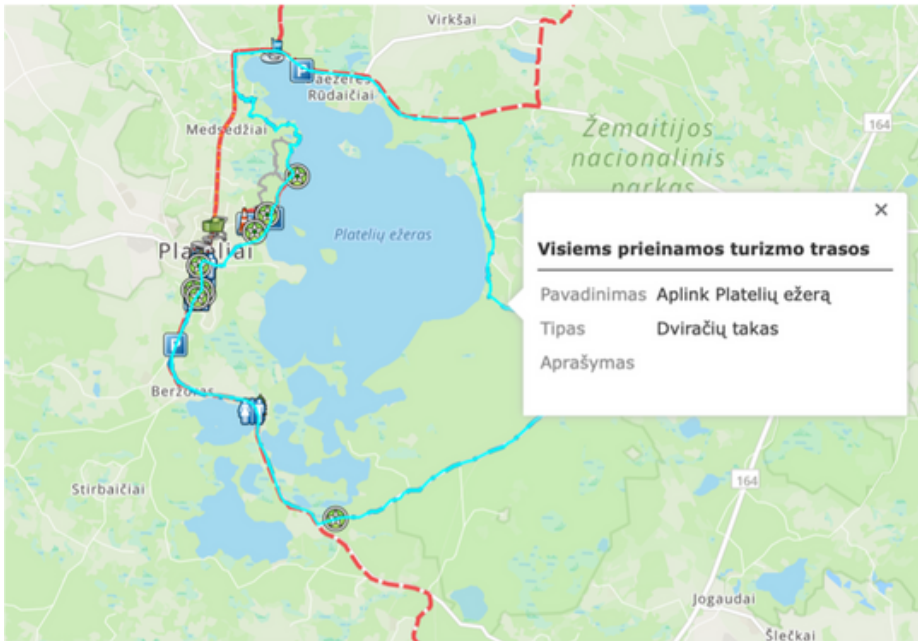
Šeirė Cognitive Trail

Pavement: crushed dolomite chippings.

After visiting the Plateliai observation deck, people with disabilities should return to their cars and drive to another parking lot near the Šeirė campsite at the foot of the hill. If you want to admire the panorama of Plateliai Lake from above, you can climb a suitable track on the hill next to the basketball court. A traditional St. John's Day festival takes place on this hill.

[More about the trail](#)





Day trip

By bicycle around Platelėjų lake

This is another feature of the Žemaitija National Park - a 24 km long circular bike path around the beautiful Platelėjų Lake. If you love bikes, this is definitely a great choice.

Pavement: mainly asphalt, compacted dolomite chippings, in small sections - blocks, gravel.

The route is hilly, like the whole of Samogitia, overcoming the route will be a real challenge. If you want to travel in a wheelchair - we recommend it for those who are experienced.

You can start the journey from any section of the route. It is still most convenient to leave the car in Platelėjų near the visitor center or museum.

While traveling, you will enjoy not only the various panoramas of the lakes, but also visit the cozy town of Platelėjų, the surviving buildings of the manor house, pass the sources of the Babrungas River in the village of Beržoras, the Plokštinė Nature Reserve, pass the Cold War Museum, Recreational areas of Paplatele and Paežerė Rūdaičiai.

A special mobile app can help you travel. On your mobile phone, enter "Žemaitijos nacionalinis parkas" in the parcel store ("Apps store" or "Google Play") and choose the mobile app created by UAB "Hnit-Baltic", which provides 3 car-bicycle routes.

The section of the bike path that meanders along the western shore of the lake on the Šeirė trail can be a real challenge. There are a lot of mountains here, so you can finish the route on the main road to Platelėjų. There is no cycle path on this section, so you will need to travel on the carriageway.

Read below about the objects on the route that are tailored to the needs of all people.

If you need a spec. bicycle, you should bring it yourself, as there are no specialized bicycles at the existing rental points.

Information material about the route around Platelėjų Lake is also provided in Braille, which is available at the Samogitian National Park Visitor Center if possible.

[More about the trail](#)

A few hours - a day trip Plateliai and its surroundings

Plateliai-Beržoras part of the route "By bicycle around Plateliai lake"

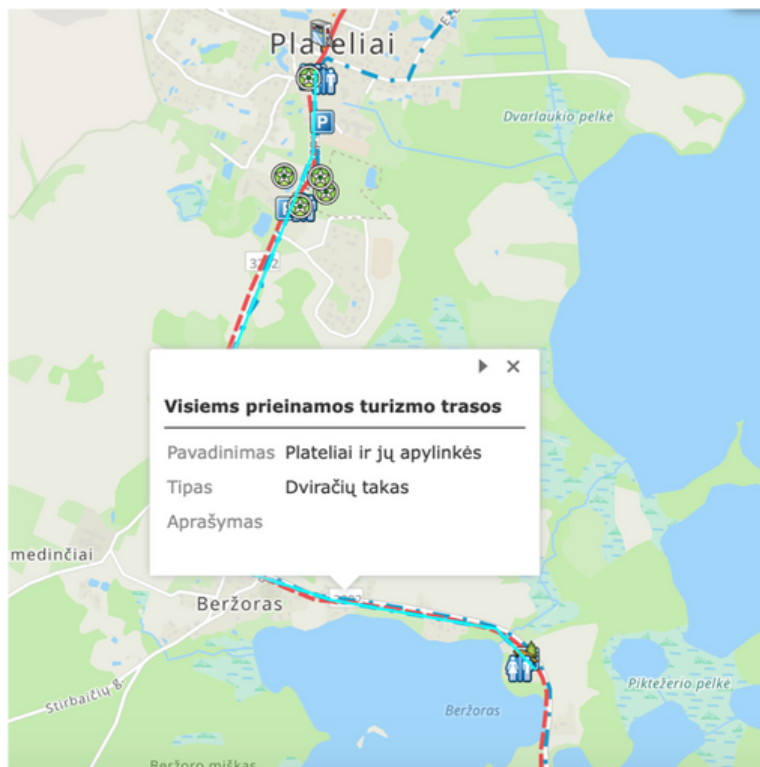
Distance - 4 km one way.

The start of the route is Plateliai Visitor Center.

You can also cycle along the route.

Pavement: paving, asphalt, gravel.

Along the route, you will admire the town of Plateliai, the surviving buildings of the Plateliai manor, beautiful panoramas of the lakes, the old churches of Plateliai and Beržoras, and the village of Beržoras.



Traveling along the route, you can visit the park of Plateliai manor next to the church. Amazing old trees will definitely not leave you indifferent, but the pavement in the park can make it harder to move around, and you may need help traveling with a wheelchair.

The Plateliai Visitor Center (1st floor) has been adapted for everyone, the Plateliai Manor Homestead Traditional Crafts Center has been adapted, the Mardi Gras exposition has been partially adapted, the entire route has been adapted except for the section to the Siberian Observation Tower and the tower itself.

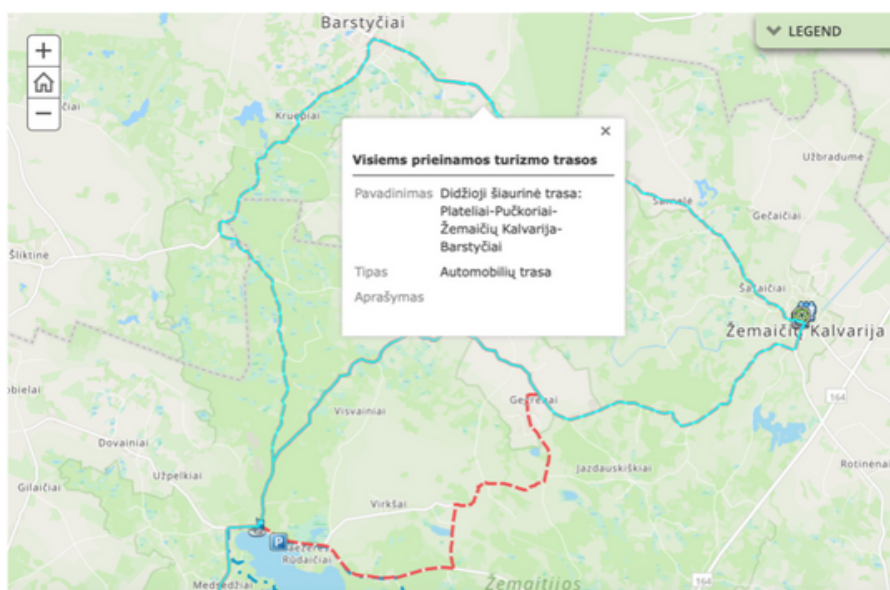
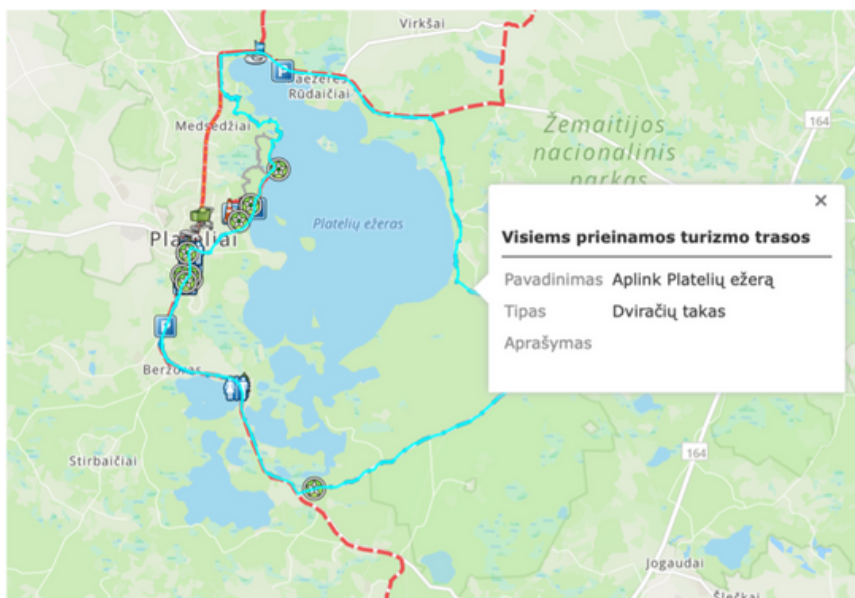
There are convenient parking lots near the visitor center, Plateliai Church or the Traditional Crafts Center.

Read below about the objects on the route that are tailored to the needs of all people.

Car routes

When traveling by car, you can admire the beautifully hilly Samogitian terrain and wonderful landscapes. Recommended routes:

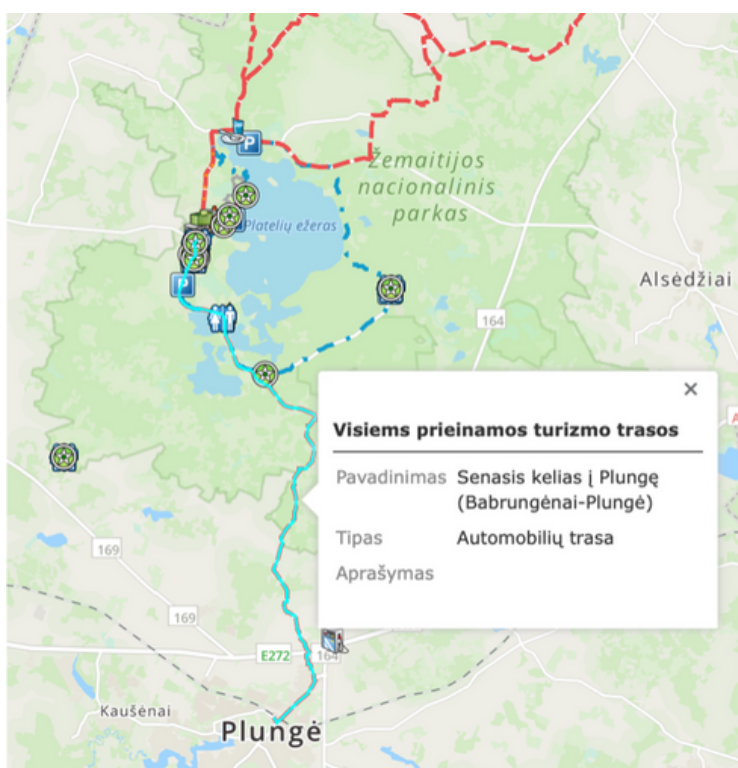
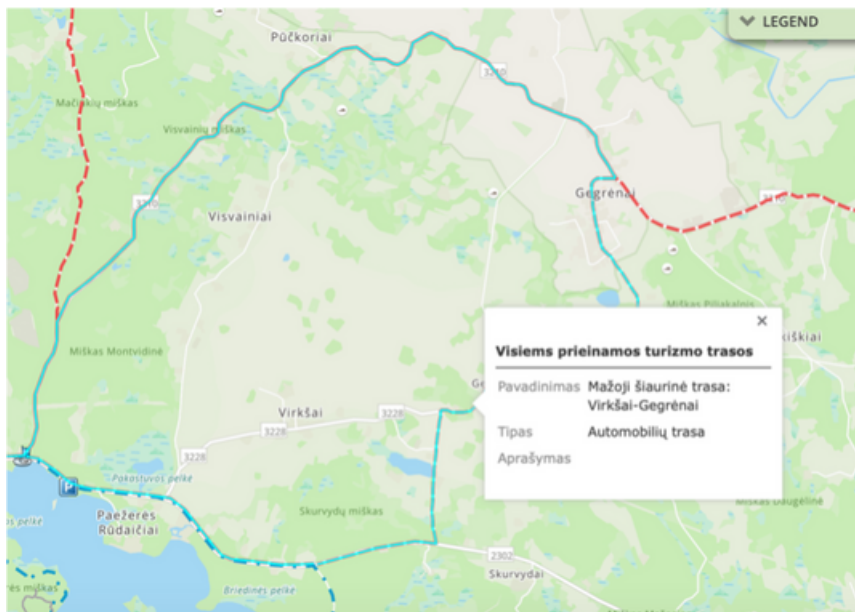
- **Around Plateliai Lake (24 km).** The route can be completed by bicycle (there is a bike path) or by car. Roundabout. While traveling, you will admire the panoramas of Plateliai Lake. The entire route is asphalt, except for a small stretch (about 3 km) of gravel road from the Cold War Museum to the recreation area on the eastern side of the lake (Plokštinės rest areas).



- **Around Plateliai Lake Plateliai-Pučkoriai-Žemaičių Kalvarija-Barstyčiai (35 km) Ring route.** Probably the route revealing the most hilly relief of Samogitia. As you drive, you will enjoy the scenery, the villages nestled between the hills. You will pass the monument of urbanism, an important town for the faithful - the Samogitian Calvary (Žemaičių Kalvarija).

You will see the impressive St. Basilica of the Visitation of the Virgin Mary, built in 1822, with a belfry. The Samogitian Calvary Church has long been famous for its miraculous figure of the Crucified Jesus and the miraculous painting of the Mother of God with the Baby, brought from Rome in the 17th century. Every year in July, the Great Samogitian Calvary Festival is held in the town, characterized by an abundance of people and archaic Samogitian traditions. On the way to Barstyčiai, you will pass the village of Šarnelė, where the poet V. Mačernis was born. Continuing towards the winding road to Barstyčiai, you will admire the panoramic views. In Barstyčiai you can visit the largest boulder in Lithuania - Barstyčiai (Puokė) stone. The 9 km section from Barstyčiai to Plateliai is a gravel road.

- **Virkšai-Gegrėnai.** (18 km)
Ring road. The whole route is asphalt. This is an abbreviated version of the route Plateliai-Pučkoriai-Žemaičių Kalvarija-Barstyčiai. Along the route you will be able to admire the hilly terrain typical of Samogitia, homesteads nestled between forests and hills.



- **The old road to Plungė (Babrunėnai-Plungė)** (11 km). Along this road you will admire the hilly relief, the individual scattered old homesteads. The whole road is a gravel road.

Objects accessible to all

Plateliai Visitor Center and exposition “Mysteries of the Land of Samogitia” (I floor)

Address: Didžioji st. 8, Plateliai, Plungė district, coordinates: 56.042312, 21.815155

Contact: info@zemaitijosnp.lt, +37067786758

To easily reach the visitor center, by parking in the nearby parking lot, take the sidewalk with a high curb on the left (move towards the building of the Samogitian National Park Authority), there will be a more convenient drive on that side.

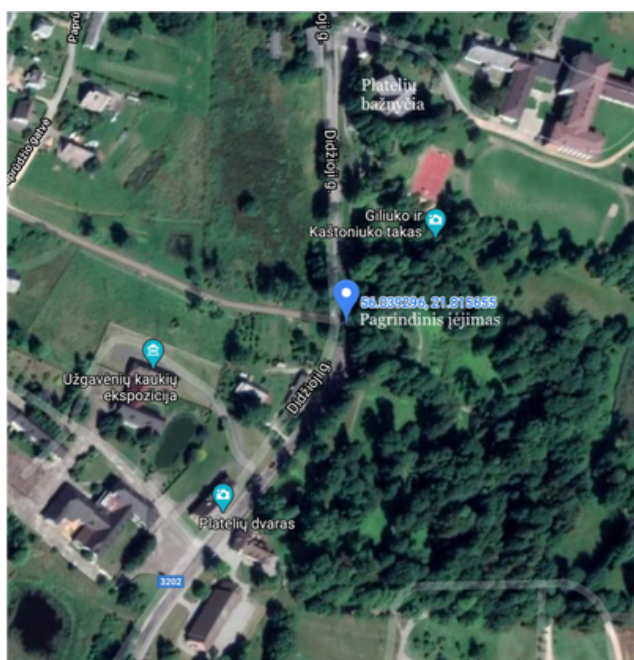
The ground floor of the visitor center is adapted to the needs of all people. As the visitor center is housed in an ancient building, the door extension needs to be opened for easy access through the door. This can be done by the people who are with you, or by the visitors of the visitor center. You can contact them for help by calling +370 448 49 231.

At the visitor center you will not only get all the necessary information, but you will also be able to see the interactive exposition on the ground floor - you will learn everything about Plateliai Lake and fun things about the Samogitian dialect. Here you can also order various types of natural education, which can be adapted for people with disabilities.

The visitor center also has a comfortable toilet. Here you can buy exclusive small souvenirs from local producers. Such souvenirs are marked with the product mark of the Zemaitija National Park - duck.



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Plateliai manor park and Ragana ash

Address: Didžioji st., Plateliai, Plungė district, coordinates: 56.038873, 21.816555

Next to one of the oldest wooden, hewn logs in Lithuania, Plateliai St. the surviving park of the former manor of the Apostles Peter and Paul Church. Here you can admire the old trees, the great environment, see the ruins of the main manor house, visit the thickest ash in Lithuania - Ragana ash. Movement in the park may require assistance as movement may be impeded by the pavement.

Pavement: old tiles with gaps, gravel

The best way to enter the park is through the main entrance. Located on the main road (see map). There is another entrance from Plateliai church, but the slope is enough status - it can be more difficult to enter.

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Plateliai Manor Homestead Traditional Crafts Center

Location: Didžioji st. 19, Plateliai, coordinates 56.038025, 21.814611

Pavement: paving

The center of traditional crafts is located in the former vegetable cellar of the Plateliai manor homestead. Here you can order the education you like and feel the Samogitian heritage with your own hands and ears. You can pour wax candles, make a variety of Samogitian dishes, weave from paper, make from wool. Various thematic educations are also taking place.

Everything must be coordinated with Daiva Vaškiene, the soul of the craft center:

The craft center also has a comfortable toilet. The craft center can be reached by a special lift.

Tel. no. +370 659 58314, daiva.vaskiene@zemaitijosnp.lt

Opportunity to try educational programs with temporary accommodation in the traditional crafts center of Plateliai manor homestead, opportunity to get acquainted with the surroundings without rushing.

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Užgavėnės (Mardi Gras) exposition

Location: Didžioji st. 24, Plateliai, coordinates: 363800, 6213735 (LKS); 56.038255, 21.814255 (WGS); 56 ° 2 ' 17.72 " , 21 ° 48 ' 51.32 " (WGS).

Pavement: gravel

There are two expositions in the other surviving buildings of the manor. The first exposition about the Samogitian National Park, established in the barn of Plateliai manor, has not been adapted for people with mobility impairments, and the second exposition, established in the manor stable, has been partially adapted. Access to the exhibition is possible, but access to the museum is difficult, especially in the palm of your hand.

This is the first Mardi Gras Museum in Lithuania, which presents the famous Mardi Gras celebration in Samogitia, more than 350 different Mardi Gras "slums".

[You can also visit this museum in a virtual 3D tour.](#)

Contact telephone numbers: +370 659 07 918, +370 686 09 874, +370 677 86 518, +370 448 49 231.

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Cold War Museum

Location: Šilinės st. 4, Plokščiai village, Plungė district. coordinates: 369504, 6212682 (LKS); 56.030391, 21.906232 (WGS); 56 ° 1 ' 49.41 " , 21 ° 54 ' 22.44 " (WGS).

Pavement: Historic concrete slabs with holes

Due to the specifics of the object, the museum is poorly adapted for people with reduced mobility. There is a possibility to see a virtual 3D tour in the visitor center and to explore the area with the help. Help will be needed as the historic pavement with gaps and cracks can be difficult to overcome.

The Cold War Museum is the most visited object in the Samogitian National Park, telling the history of the Cold War in the former Soviet Union ballistic missile launch complex. From 1963 to 1978, four medium-range SS-4 ballistic missiles, equipped with 2-megaton thermonuclear warheads, were deployed here. All missiles were aimed at Western European cities. These missiles, together with the nearby ground-based launch sites of analogous missiles, formed a common group of Soviet nuclear weapons in Lithuania that was capable of destroying the whole of Europe.

The museum has comfortable toilets accessible to all.

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el. E-mail: ilona.urnikiene@zemaitijosnp.lt

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Samogitian Calvary (Žemaičių Kalvarija) St. The Little Basilica of the Visitation of Mary

Location: Vienuolyno st. 1, Žemaičių Kalvarija, 90442 Plunge d. coordinates: 56.110010, 22.011173
Contact: +370 674 20 400

Pavement: paving

You can visit the important place for believers - the Samogitian Calvary and its heart - the basilica. The Samogitian Calvary is one of the most visited sacred sites in Lithuania, included in the pilgrimage route of Pope John Paul II, and is home to the famous Samogitian Calvary Mountains, which are traversed by pilgrims every summer, remembering the suffering of Christ. St. The small basilica of the Visitation of the Virgin Mary, standing in the Samogitian Calvary, is characterized by a style transitioning from Baroque to Classicism. In the warm season, the basilica is always open from 08:00 to 20:00, and in the cold from 11:00 to 14:00. There is also a toilet next to the basilica. It is always open. If you have any questions contact the priest vicedek. kan., relig. m. mgr. Jonas Ačas tel. (448) 43 088, mob. +370 687 85991

You can leave your car in the convenient adapted parking lot next to the basilica or in the parking lot next to the nursing home. You can see [360 ° panoramic photos of the Samogitian Calvary Basilica online](#).

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Žemaitė Memorial Museum (Bukante Manor)

Location: Žemaitės st. 24, Godelių village, Plungė district. coordinates: 55.986719, 21.754266

Contact: tel. + 37068444797, + 37068752836, el. p.: zemaitesmuziejus@gmail.com

Pavement: pressed gravel

In the writer's native hut, an exhibition reflecting the way of her life and work is invited. A memorial exposition of Stanislovas Riauba has been opened in the barn of the manor: here you will get acquainted in detail with one of the most outstanding folk masters of Samogitia, his unique work. In the restored barn it is offered to get acquainted with the sacral heritage of Plungė region: traditional Samogitian crosses-suns, sculptures of saints.

This museum is partially adapted for all people. There are no major obstacles to movement, the thresholds are not high, but assistance may be needed in some places. It will only be more difficult to get to the barn, through which a high threshold may need to be moved. With the help of staff or accompanying persons, this is possible.

The museum has toilets accessible to all.

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Services available to all

Accommodation:

The only fully adapted accommodation is the **Center of traditional crafts of Plateliai manor homestead**.

Location: Didžioji st. 19, Plateliai, coordinates 56.038025, 21.814611. Contact: Tel. no. +370 659 58314, daiva.vaskiene@zemaitijosnp.lt

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In other accommodation, access may be difficult and there are no specially adapted toilets and baths.

Catering establishments:

"**Le le terasa**" is the best-served restaurant, serving Italian cuisine with pizza, pasta, stews and more.

Location: Miškų 2, Paežerės Rūdaičiai 90423, Plungė district, coordinates: 56.071603, 21.832128. Tel. no. (8-636) 69713

<https://www.facebook.com/leleterasa>

Check the restaurant's opening hours on the facebook page or by phone before proceeding.

There is a convenient ramp to the terrace on the lake shore, with no thresholds inside. The only difficulty - there may be little space in the toilet, the door to it is narrow (70 cm instead of the required 90 cm). The staff will be happy to help you.

In other catering establishments, access may be more difficult (there are stairs, sills), but with help it is possible.

You can also order tastings of traditional dishes in the **Traditional crafts center of Plateliai manor homestead**. Location: Didžioji st. 19, Plateliai, coordinates 56.038025, 21.814611. Contact: Tel. no. +370 659 58314, daiva.vaskiene@zemaitijosnp.lt

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Toilets:

Toilets suitable for everyone in Žemaitija National Park are more or less scattered throughout the territory.

- Žemaitija National Park Visitor Center (Didžioji St. 8, Plateliai, LT-90420 Plungė District). The most convenient access is on the left side of the Samogitian National Park Authority (Didžioji St. 10, Plateliai). Contact +370 448 49 231 to open the extended visitor center door.
- In the Plateliai outpatient and library building (Didžioji st. 5, Platelių mstl., Platelių sen., Plungė district municipality, LT-90420). In the summer season (from June to October) the toilet is open from 08:00 to 23 : 00 p.m. always open. If it is locked, please contact Plateliai eldership on working days and during working hours +370 448 73166. Access from the parking lot to the visitor center by taking a sloping sidewalk to the crossings on both sides (near the Samogitian National Park Authority or Plateliai eldership).
- Plateliai manor homesteads in the center of traditional crafts (Didžioji st. 19, Plateliai). Open during business hours. There is a convenient drive, but before you go it is better to contact: Tel. no. +370 659 58314, daiva.vaskiene@zemaitijosnp.lt
- Cold War Museum Visitor Center (Šilinės St. 4, Plokščiai village, Plungė district). Toilets are open during museum opening hours. You can check it here: <http://zemaitijosnp.lt/ekspozicijos/> Access to toilets is difficult due to the historical concrete cover - help is needed.
- The campsite in Beržore (coordinates: 56.02329, 21.82785) has a well-maintained infrastructure. Toilets are easy to reach. During the summer season, the toilets are unlocked 24 hours a day. If it is locked, please contact Plateliai eldership on working days and hours +370 448 73166.
- In the nursing home next to the basilica in Samogitian Calvary (56.110867, 22.012847). The toilet-hygiene center is always open, for access to the priest vicedek. kan., relig. m. mgr. Jonas Ačas tel. (448) 43 088, mob. +370 687 85991
- In the Žemaitė Memorial Museum (Žemaitės St. 24, Godelių village, Plungė district) Toilets are always open during the museum's opening hours. If you have any questions, please contact the administration tel. + 37068444797, + 37068752836.

Shops:

There are several small grocery stores in Plateliai. Pagunda is the most suitable for everyone (Žemaičių Kalvarijos str. 28A, Plateliai, LT-90442). There is no special fit, but the easiest to reach, the most spacious.

In Žemaičių Kalvarija there is a shop "Aibė" for all (Gardų a. 6, Žemaičių Kalvarija). It is easily accessible by a special ramp, there is enough space to move around.

Campsites / resorts:

The campsite in Beržore (coordinates: 56.02329, 21.82785) has a well-maintained infrastructure. There are special tables, fireplaces and gazebos adapted for people with reduced mobility, tracks - thrombic rubble.

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You can enrich your trip around Dzūkija National Park by listening to the audio book CD "Where Alma Sources".

Routes accessible to all

The facilities included in some of the routes are not specially adapted for people with all needs, but if you travel with an escort, we believe that you will definitely be able to enjoy them.

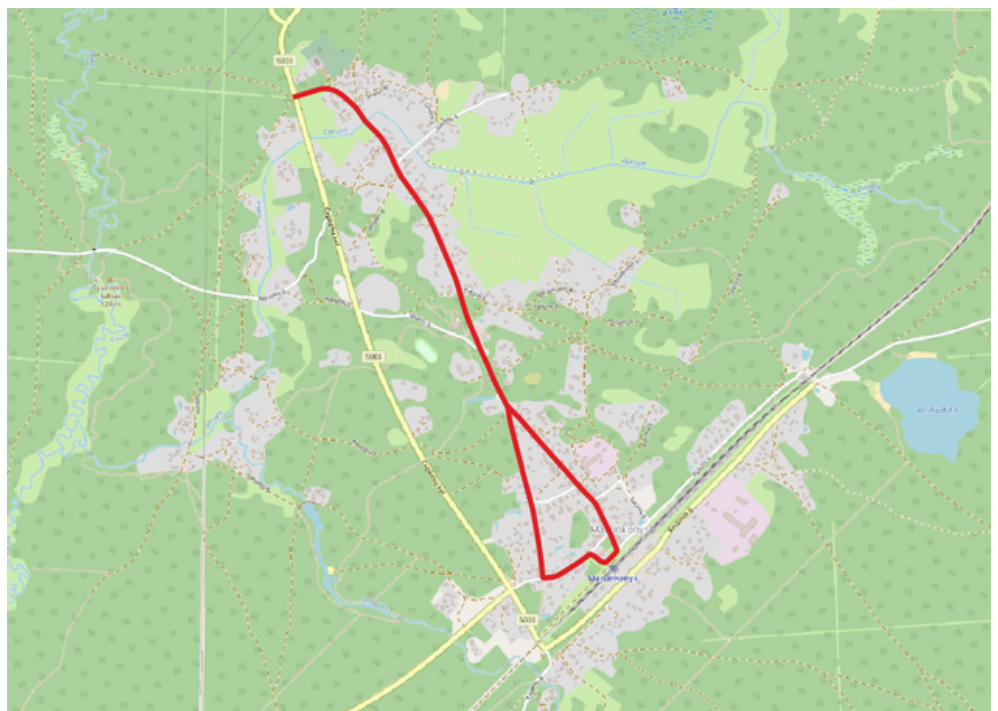
Day trip

Marcinkonys by car

Start coordinates: 526078, 5991639 (LKS), 54.061529, 24.398346 (WGS), 54 ° 3' 41.51", 24 ° 23' 54.04" (WGS)

Pavement: paving, asphalt, grassy pavement, sand.

Distance: 3.5 km



We invite you to take a look around Marcinkonys - one of the largest villages in Lithuania. We invite you to start your trip from the Marcinkonys Visitor Center, which is perfectly adapted for visitors. Here you can visit the exposition, buy souvenirs, book excursions or educations.

If necessary, order a tasting of traditional Dzūkija dishes or lunch. When you go outside, you can sit back and enjoy the sounds of silence and nature in the comfortably furnished gazebo. On the other side of the visitor center is also a well-adapted nature school. It is possible to order educations here, as well as to spend the night, as the premises are perfectly adapted to people with various needs.

After getting acquainted with this part of Marcinkonys, we invite you to get in the car and drive deep into Marcinkonis to visit the ethnographic homestead-museum of Dzūkija National Park. You can, of course, travel on foot, but there are no sidewalks in Marcinkonys, so you would have to move on a paved street. Car traffic is not heavy in this village. If you decide to travel on foot, you may need to return the car to reach the farthest points along the route. In the ethnographic homestead you will be able to get acquainted with the old life of the Dzuks, and the museum also hosts educations.

Later you can stop at Marcinkoniai railway station, admire the beautiful 19th century. built building. Viewing the station up close can be difficult for people with reduced mobility, as there is no convenient access from either side.

Your trip will be crowned by a visit to the Kastinis Lake near Marcinkonys. Here you can have a picnic and enjoy the great views. We recommend choosing a place by the lake according to your needs - if you want to approach the water, choose the 1st point, if you want to admire the panorama from the hill - choose the 2nd point.

Although both places are not specially adapted, you may need help, but enjoying nature is possible.

Kastinis Lake's 1st point: When you park your car in a gravel park, you should get to the water with the harder tracks in the wilderness of your loved ones or friends.

Point II of Kastinis Lake: After parking your car in a convenient place, descend to the grass somewhere 50 meters away, covered with pine needles. Here is a wonderful view.

More about each custom object is described below.

Coordinates:

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Garden area 54.061738, 24.398229 (WGS)

School of Nature: coordinates: 526078, 5991639 (LKS), 54.061529, 24.398346 (WGS), 54 ° 3 '41.51 ", 24 ° 23' 54.04" (WGS)

Ethno homestead: coordinates: 526078, 5991639 (LKS), 54.061529, 24.398346 (WGS), 54 ° 3 '41.51 ", 24 ° 23' 54.04" (WGS)

Railway station parking lot

Kastinis 1 point - where the water

Kastinis 2 point - where the cliff and the view

Lunch-day trip

Merkinė

Starting coordinates: 54.19208818747451, 24.19283057659965

"Pasaulio puodai" Coordinates: 512083, 6002324 (LKS), 54.158058, 24.185004 (WGS)

Merkinė mound site: 511850, 6002372 (LKS)

54.158491, 24.181428 (WGS).

Pavement: pads, gravel, grass cover

Distance: 2 km

Start your acquaintance with Merkinė at the Merkinė Visitor Center. It is fully adapted to all people. Here you can see the exposition, which presents the history of the Merkinė area. It is also possible to book tours and buy souvenirs.

Then you can walk to the Merkinė Museum of Local Lore and Genocide. Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. You should be able to easily cross the entire route on all-inclusive sidewalks. When you return to the Merkinė Visitor Center, get in the car and go to the beautiful place of Merkinė near the "Pasaulio puodai", which offers a panoramic view of the Nemunas and a view of the island, where sheep and goats work. Park your car in the gravel parking lot next to the street food summer yard "Pasaulio puodai" and walk through the slightly grassy surface to the wonderful view.

Then you can go to another place with an exceptional landscape - Merkinė mound. It is not suitable for all people, but you can enjoy a panoramic view from the car park. Drive to the car park next to the bridge over the Nemunas and walk around.



Lunch trip

Musteika village by car

Start coordinates: 512158, 6002921 (LKS), 54.163423, 24.186175 (WGS)

Museum: 524197, 5980108 (LKS), 53.957996, 24.368704 (WGS)

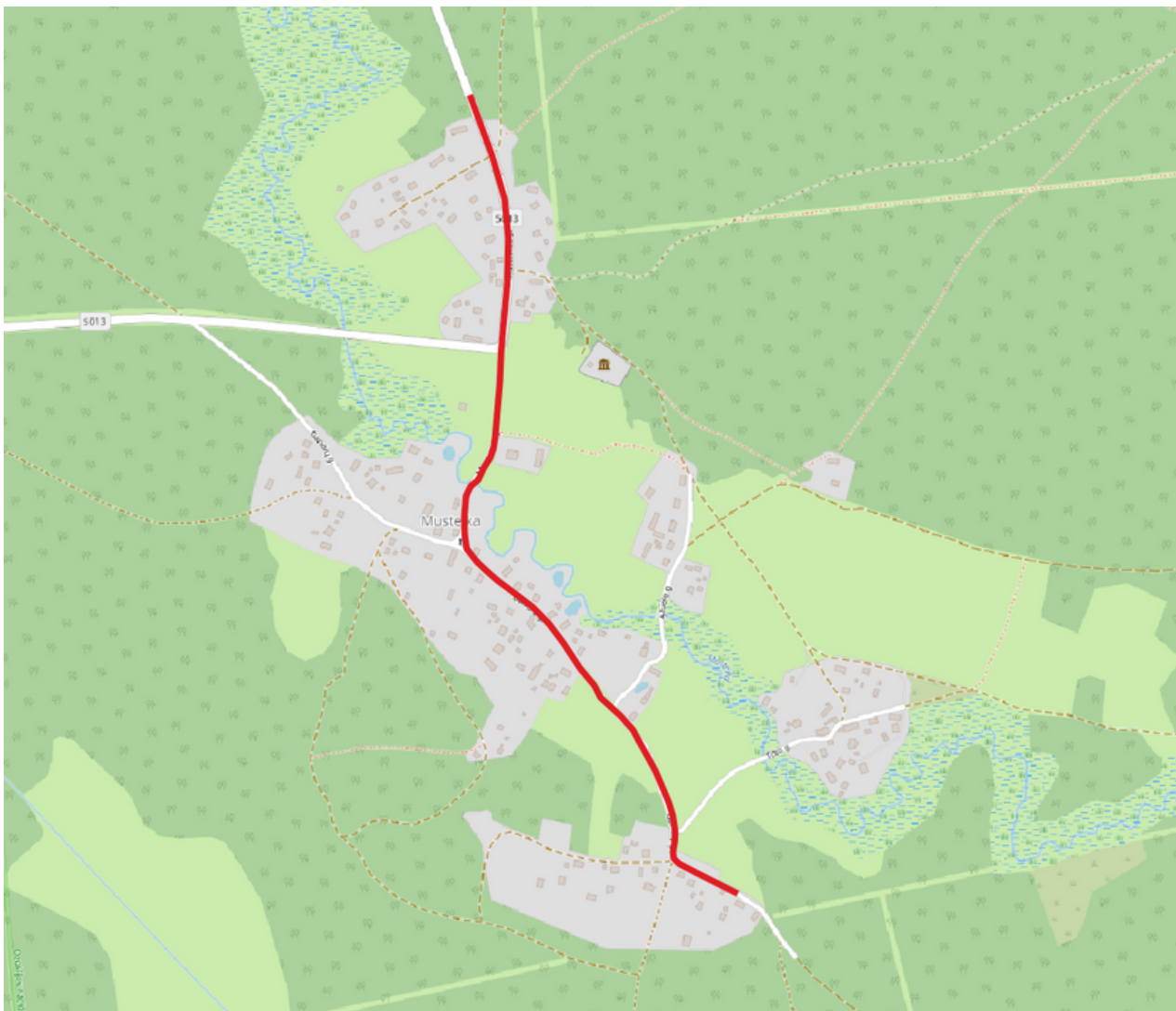
Coating: sand

Distance: 1.5 km

Musteika village is a very cozy ethnographic village that has preserved the old Dzūk architecture. Although it can be difficult to travel on foot or by bike due to the sandy surface, you can drive out all the streets of the village by car and admire the village as if it were an open museum.

Be sure to stop by the Lithuanian crosses decorated with traditional aprons and the Lithuanian school founded by Tadas Ivanauskas.

The trip can be completed at the Drevinė beekeeping exposition in Musteika village, which is suitable for all people. Here you will be able to learn all about ancient beekeeping, as well as participate in various educations. Many activities take place outdoors.



Objects accessible to all

Marcinkonys Visitor Center

Location: Miškininkų st. 61, Marcinkonių village, Varėna district, coordinates: 526078, 5991639 (LKS), 54.061529, 24.398346 (WGS), 54 ° 3 '41.51 " , 24 ° 23' 54.04" (WGS)

Contact: +370 672 46388, info@dzukijosparkas.lt

Coating: blocks, tiles

The visitor center has an excellent exposition introducing the natural and cultural values of Dzūkija National Park. The exposition is located on the ground floor, without thresholds. A special elevator also takes you to the second floor, where the meeting room is located, where various events take place.

Various tours and educations can also be booked here. Training in traditional crafts can be booked at the visitor center. During the summer season - candle casting, tying straw gardens. These trainings can take place both in the visitor center itself, in the nearby nature school, and in the ethnographic homestead further afield. All of these activities must be booked in advance.

The visitor center also has a comfortable toilet, as well as a spacious room where traditional food tasting and catering services can be arranged. They can be ordered in advance. Here you can buy exclusive small souvenirs from local producers. Such souvenirs are marked with the product mark of the Dzūkija National Park - duck.



There are even two convenient parking lots next to the visitor center - in front of and next to the visitor center. Both of them provide easy access to the visitor center.

A more convenient parking lot is right next to the visitor center. However, it does not accommodate larger buses. The visitor center and the exposition are accessible by a special elevator next to the main entrance.

There is a special tactile stand near the visitor center, which introduces the Marcinkoniai area. Near the center - a path paved with paths, where you can visit a spacious gazebo.

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School of Nature

Location: Miškininkų st. 62, Marcinkoniai km, Varėna district, coordinates: 526078, 5991639 (LKS), 54.061529, 24.398346 (WGS), 54 ° 3 '41.51 " , 24 ° 23' 54.04" (WGS)

Contact: g.kibirkstis@dzukijosparkas.lt, tel. +370 672 46388

Pavement: blocks, tiles

The nature school offers various lessons for children about nature and natural values. The nature school is fully adapted for people with all needs. Anyone can take part in the educations that take place in it. One lesson "Always green pine" is fully adapted not only in the school premises, but also outdoors. Pre-registration required.

Next to the school you can see the pine forest. It is a monument of traditional Dzūkian beekeeping - a beehive dug in the trunk of a common pine to keep bees.

The nature school is equipped with public toilets and showers, you can stay here for overnight stays and access all floors of the building.

When you arrive at the nature school by light transport, it is best to leave it in a special parking lot behind the nature school building. If you arrive by bus, it is better to leave it in the car park in front of the visitor center. The entrance to the nature school is accessible from the car parks on the sidewalks. A special elevator is available.

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Dzūkija National Park Ethnographic Homestead-Museum

Location: Miškininkų st. 6, Marcinkonys, Varėna district. sav. Coordinates: 526708, 5990844 (LKS) or 24.407903, 54.054351 (WGS).

Contact: +370 616 52623, muziejus@dzukijosparkas.lt

Pavement: asphalt, grassy track

In the very vicinity of the Marcinkonys Visitor Center and Nature School, you will also find an ethnographic homestead-museum. In the homestead - a house and a clown were built in 1905. This object is partially adapted - everyone will easily get to the clone, where they will be able to see ethnographic household exhibits. There are several rooms-expositions in the room. You will have easy access to the main floor. The exposition below can be accessed through the field - through another entrance.

Here you will learn how dzūkai walked to the "mushroom huts", fished, hunted, opened a fire with a splitter and about the lifestyle, customs, traditions, crafts of dzūkai ... You will hear legends and stories about Marcinkonys and their surroundings, lyrical, melodic songs of old dzūkai, you will find out what dishes were produced during the calendar holidays. It is necessary to arrange a visit to the museum in advance.

Meanwhile, access to the house is more difficult - you may need help to cross a number of higher thresholds. Only a standard wheelchair will fit through the door.

Leave the car on the paved parking lot, enter the yard of the homestead through the gate and reach the museum via a grassy path.

The museum has an outdoor toilet for everyone. It is unlocked during museum opening hours. Although it is suitable for all people, access to it can be difficult due to the soft surface, little space inside. For convenience, we recommend better use of the toilet in Marcinkoniai Visitor Center.

A special audio presentation can be listened to on the museum.

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Exposition of special beekeeping in Musteika village

Location: Musteika, Varėna district. sav. coordinates 524197, 5980108 (LKS), 53.957996, 24.368704 (WGS)

Contact: Tel. +370 310 44466, +370 624 15543, etnokultura@dzukijosparkas.lt

Pavement: currently compacted gravel

In the apiary you can see how bees are cared for in stump hives, how honey and wax are handled, how native hives are made, small hives - beetles are used to lure bees. New swarms are released into the hives in early summer. There are many crafts to try in the apiary. Weaving week takes place here, and you can also get acquainted with the ancient village of Musteika and the surrounding environment. Many exhibits and presentations take place outdoors. Major events such as Weaving Week also take place outside. Anyone can participate in such events. There is a small barn in the area, but access to it is limited. Pre-registration is required before arrival.

You can leave your car in the compacted gravel park, and you can reach the museum exhibits by traveling on the compacted gravel path of about 250 meters.

The museum has an outdoor toilet for everyone. It is unlocked during museum opening hours. Access to the toilet will be restored after the reconstruction.

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Source "Ūlos akis"

Location: Trakiškės forest, Mančiagirė, Varėna district, coordinates 528770, 6000793 (LKS), 54.143642, 24.440338 (WGS)

Pavement: compacted gravel, wood

It is the only source in the Dzūkija National Park suitable for visiting. It is partially suitable for all tourists. There is a special observation deck on the cliff, which offers a wonderful view of the Ūla River and the source of the spring.

Leave the car on a compacted gravel site and travel along the gravel path to the viewing point.

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Merkinė Visitor Center

Location: Vilniaus st. 3, Merkinė, Varėna district, coordinates: 512158, 6002921 (LKS), 54.163423, 24.186175 (WGS), 54 ° 9 '48.32 ", 24 ° 11' 10.23" (WGS)

Contact: +370 310 57245, +370 672 46275, merkine@dzukijosparkas.lt

Coating: blocks, tiles

The exhibition can be viewed at the visitor center. This is a modern exposition, presenting the land of rivers, streams and springs, introducing the way of life, traditions and historical development of the Merkinė area. Here is a three-dimensional installation of aquatic fish, walls dedicated to the theme of souls and fishermen, wildlife, and an installation of a source that creates emotion. A variety of excursions can be booked at the visitor center.

Here you can buy exclusive small souvenirs from local producers. Such souvenirs are marked with the product mark of the Dzūkija National Park - duck.



The visitor center also has a comfortable toilet.

A convenient ramp leads to the visitor center, there are no thresholds and it is easy to move around.

Next to the visitor center, on the other side of the street near the eldership, there is a parking lot. The sidewalk provides easy access to the visitor center. There are stands at the entrance, a smart stand, who will provide information to visitors during non-business hours. There is also a special touch tactile stand that introduces the surroundings of Merkinė.

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St. Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Location: V. Sladkevičiaus st. 10, Merkinė, Varėna district, coordinates: 54.16154, 24.184074

Pavement: pads

It is a church of early Baroque Gothic features, which preserves not only the faith, but also eleven art monuments, interesting stories about the founding of the church. The church is not locked during Mass, but you can enter through the wooden door and admire the inside of the church through the bars. The sacristy of the church, whose tel. no. is written at the door.

The most convenient way to get to the church is to leave the car at the Merkinė Visitor Center. You will then be able to reach the church via the sidewalk and convenient access. Meanwhile, if you leave the car near the church, you will have to drive up a cobbled street to

Vincas Krėvė-Mickevičius Memorial Museum-House

Location: Subartoniai village, LT-65332, Merkinė eldership, Varėna district, coordinates: 54.20816, 24.17674

Pavement: asphalt, compacted gravel

Contact: 8 310 57 210, unicorn@gmail.com, grainioliepai@gmail.com

The rural environment of Subartoniai provides a unique opportunity to get to the origins of the writer's work. Linking the history of Lithuania, ethnoculture and the work of V. Krėvė - a picturesque cultural and historical panorama of the Dzūkija region is revealed, understandable and interesting for museum visitors of all ages.

The museum has recently been refurbished in an effort to maintain as much authenticity as possible, so there are not very high thresholds inside, but the museologist will be happy to help you overcome them. You have to go one step to enter the museum. A museologist will also be happy to help you here.

The museum has a warm outdoor toilet available to all. The toilet is easily accessible - there are no stairs, there is a few percent slope access. The toilet is unlocked only during museum hours, i.e. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Access to the museum from the car park (approximately 20 meters) is paved.

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Folk artists from Merkinė area - "Vienaragių šilas"

Location: Kauno str. 29, Merkinė, Varėna district, coordinates: 54.166205, 24.185525

Coating: asphalt, pads, grass cover.

Contact: 8 686 49 360 Džiugas, 8 615 143 43 Laima, merkine@yahoo.com

„Vienaragių šilas” – Folk artists from Merkinė area will be engaged in ceramics. By visiting them, it is possible not only to see and buy their works, but also to try the flowering of pots during various educations. Many of them take place outdoors. Education is adapted for the disabled. There is a toilet for the disabled.

These producers have been awarded the Dzūkija National Park product label for nurturing traditions and harmonious activities.

The homestead of folk artists is adapted for all people in part because it has thresholds that would have to be overcome.

There is a small asphalted car park next to the homestead. From there, a gravel path leads to the homestead.



Services available to all

Accommodation:

Nature School in Marcinkonys. Location: Miškininkų st. 62, Marcinkoniai km, Varėna district, coordinates: 526078, 5991639 (LKS), 54.061529, 24.398346 (WGS), 54 ° 3 '41.51 ", 24 ° 23' 54.04" (WGS)
Contact: g.kibirkstis@dzukijosparkas.lt, tel. +370 672 46388

Catering establishments:

- **Marcinkonys visitor center**

Tastings or other meals of traditional Dzūkija dishes can be ordered here. The visitor center is perfect for people with all needs. Location: Miškininkų st. 61, Marcinkonių village, Varėna district, coordinates: 526078, 5991639 (LKS), 54.061529, 24.398346 (WGS), 54 ° 3 '41.51 ", 24 ° 23' 54.04" Contact: +370 672 46388, info @ dzukijosparkas. lt

- **Restaurant in Merkinė "Dzūkynė"**

In this game restaurant you will taste Dzūkija potato herds baked on a cabbage leaf, organically grown Daniel meat, and various antique dishes. The restaurant is perfectly adapted for the disabled - parking space, ramps at the entrance, wide doors, handrails in the toilets. Location: Kauno str. 1, Merkinė, coordinates: 54.163255, 24.184844
Contact: info@dzukyne.lt, tel.nr. 862065767

- **Cheese place „Varinis puodas“**

By calling tel. (8-676) 02967 It is possible to buy milk cheeses from live, farmed milk among cows produced in Dzūkija heat. Due to the authenticity of the products and the environmental friendliness of the cheeses, the product label of Dzūkija National Park was awarded. Cheese and other buildings are not specially approved. Location: Kabelių st. 12, Cable language Marcinkoniai sen., Varėna district, coordinates: 53.949060, 24.290458. Contact: varinispuodas@gmail.com, (8-676) 02967



Toilets:

Toilets tailored to the needs of all people are located in the most important centers of interest.

- **Marcinkonys Visitor Center** (Miškininkų St. 61, Marcinkonių village, Varėna district). The toilet is always open and screened when the visitor center is open. Working hours
- **Nature school in Marcinkonys** (Miškininkų st. 62, Marcinkonių km, Varėna district) Toilets and showers are open when the nature school is open. For this inquiry: g.kibirkstis@dzukijosparkas.lt, tel. +370 672 46388
- **Merkinė Visitor Center** (Vilniaus St. 3, Merkinė, Varėna District). The toilet is open during business hours. Contact: +370 310 57245, +370 672 46275, merkine@dzukijosparkas.lt
- **Restaurant in Merkinė "Dzūkynė"** (Kauno str. 1, Merkinė). The toilet is open during restaurant opening hours. Contact: info@dzukyne.lt, tel.nr. 862065767

Lauko tualetai:

- **In the ethnographic homestead-museum of Dzūkija National Park** (Miškininkų st. 6, Marcinkonys, Varėna district municipality). The toilet is adapted but not very comfortable. It is open during museum opening hours. Contact: +370 616 52623, muziejus@dzukijosparkas.lt
- **Beekeeping exposition in Musteika village** (Musteika, Varėna district municipality coordinates 524197, 5980108 (LKS), 53.957996, 24.368704 (WGS). Toilet unlocked during museum opening hours. , +370 624 15543, etnokultura@dzukijosparkas.lt
- **Vincas Krėvė-Mickevičius Memorial Museum-house** (Subartoniai village, LT-65332, Merkinė eldership, Varėna district). The toilet is open during the museum's opening hours. Contact: 8 310 57 210, vienaragiui@gmail.com, grainioliepai@gmail.com.

Other services:

Gido paslaugos

The "Travel in Dzūkija" team, which knows all corners, can offer a tour of Dzūkija National Park according to your needs. These excursions have been awarded the Dzūkija National Park product label. Contact: ceļukdzukijoje@gmail.com, +370 686 46 252



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Education and leisure outdoors

Educational activities take place in the rural tourism homestead "Šilas" - casting natural wax candles, tying straw gardens and stars, tying straw toys, cutting paper clippings, getting to know herbs. These educations are conducted in the outdoor space. The place of the homestead buildings is not specially adapted Location: Maksimonių 9, Maksimonių k., Merkinės sen, 65339 Varėna d.

Contact: laimamer@yahoo.com, +370 616 52606

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More customized objects in the near future

In the territory of Dzūkija National Park, a number of reconstructions are currently being planned, the final works will be renovated and important places of interest will be adapted for all people. Reconstructions are planned in the near future in the following objects:

- On the Čepkeliai training trail. This is probably the most popular educational trail in Dzūkija National Park. He introduces the exceptional Čepkeliai horse. The trail is currently in critical condition. After the reconstruction, all people will be able to easily reach the main observation deck, which offers an enchanting panorama of Čepkeliai raisto.
- Vases in a house in Merkinė. This museum is rented to renovate the exhibition and adapt the museum to people with all needs.
- Dzūkija National Park Ornithological Center. There will be a bakery fully adapted for people with all needs, where various educations and excursions will take place:

NATURE AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE IN AUKŠTAITIJA NATIONAL PARK



We invite you to enjoy the nature of Aukštaitija, visit the Natura 2000 areas of exceptional beauty and relax from everyday worries.

Routes accessible to all

The trail along Lūšiai

Pavement: Chippings

Distance: about 2 km

Trail start coordinates: 633599/6134952

There is a convenient car park.

While traveling along the trail, you can admire the panorama of Lake Lūšiai. The adaptation of the trail has already been completed, so it will be possible to test the trail for everyone.

Along this trail, you will be able to visit the well-equipped Palūšė campsite.



Kaltanėnai

Location: Kaltanėnai, Švenčionys district, coordinates 55 ° 15'07.9 "N 25 ° 59'27.2" E

Pavement: asphalt, pavers, compressed / sub-concrete gravel.

In the southern part of the park, at the intersection of roads to Utena, Švenčionis and Molėtai, is the largest settlement in the territory of Aukštaitija National Park - Kaltanėnai.

In the town you can see a peculiar plan of the town, a red masonry church, the surviving manor buildings - a two-storey manor barn. For the time being, access to the church will be hindered by thresholds and stairs, the barn has been rebuilt and adapted for the disabled. Fragments of the manor park have also survived: you can see the old small-leaved lime alley and see the old trees. A newer part of the park has been arranged for the needs of the town community. The pavement of the park tracks is strongly compressed gravel, so the movement will be comfortable. The park is decorated with wooden sculptures. There is a toilet for everyone in the park.

While in Kaltanėnai, it is impossible not to admire one of the cleanest rivers in Lithuania - Žeimena.

It is best to start the route from the car park near Kaltanėnai St. Angelic Church of the Virgin Mary. You can leave your car here. There is also an interactive stand in this place, which will allow you to get acquainted with the surrounding objects and plan a trip.

Continue on the sidewalk towards the town center. After 250 m, cross the street at the pedestrian crossing and take the path towards the river. You can admire the flow of the bridge over the river Žeimena. Continue through the manor park to the barn, the only surviving manor house that has been restored. You can admire various sculptures in the park. From the barn on Railway Street, travel to the main road, then along the sidewalk to the main intersection. After crossing the main road at the pedestrian crossing, turn right over the bridge and you will reach the starting point - Kaltanėnu Švč. Church of the Angelic Mary.





Objects accessible to all

Aukštaitija National Park Visitor Center and exposition

Location: Lūšių st. 16, Palūšės village, Ignalina district, coordinates: 55 ° 19'44.6 "N 26 ° 06'08.4" E

Pavement: pads

Contact: 8 386 47478, info@aparkai.lt

The exposition "People of the Lakes" can be seen at the visitor center. It provides information on both old and current fishing methods, as well as the sailing of souls and cows. The exposition of the Aukštaitija National Park Visitor Center is focused on visitors of all ages. Visiting here will make it easier to choose a route for further acquaintance with the park, book a tour. And while parents plan a route, their children will be able to train by "catching" a fish or "lighting" a signal fire.

There is a convenient car park next to the visitor center. From here you can easily reach the center.

There is also a smart stand at the visitor center. Here you can listen to audio guides and find information about visiting the area.

The visitor center is also equipped with a comfortable toilet, and you can buy exclusive small souvenirs from local producers. Such souvenirs are marked with the product mark of Aukštaitija National Park - duck.

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School of Nature

Location: Meiros st. 10, Meironys village, Ignalina district, coordinates: 55 ° 20'08.0 "N 26 ° 05'33.4" E

Coating: pads

Contact: +370 659 62851, +370 386 47478, info@aparkai.lt

Jei norite ne tik pakeliauti, bet ir atidžiau susipažinti su Aukštaitijos nacionalinio parko gamtos ir kultūros vertybėmis, jau turite galimybę išsirinkti ir užsisakyti labiausiai jums tinkamą edukacinę programą ar visą jų puokštę, dar ir su nakvyne jaukiuose Aukštaitijos nacionalinio parko gamtos mokyklos kambariuose. Puikiai visiems prieinamos kultūrinės edukacijos („Paukštis Rytų Aukštaitijos tautosakoje ir folklore“, „Pro kokį langą žiūri, taip ir matosi“, „Aina žmonįs rugius pjovi, oi/Unt skudučių gražiai groja ojojoi“, „Ką tu, bitute?“

„Senųjų gyventojų kailyje“, „Kvietkeliais išrašysiu“) taip pat yra galimybė bent dalinai adaptuoti ir gamtines edukacijas. Visas edukacijas reikia užsisakyti iš anksto.

Prie gamtos mokyklos įrengta patogi automobilių stovėjimo aikštelė. Iš jos be jokių kliūčių galima patekti į centrą. Yra patogus užvažiavimas. Greta gamtos mokyklos yra liečiamas stendas su brailio raštu. Gamtos mokykloje tiek tualetas, tiek dušas pritaikyti visų poreikių žmonėms.

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Beekeeping Museum and its educations

Location: Pabalių st. 3, Stripeikiai village, Ignalina district, coordinates: 55 ° 24'31.1 "N 25 ° 56'41.3" E

Pavement: grass, limestone with pebbles

Contact: +370 686 12105, danute.indrasiene@aparkai.lt

The idea of Bronius Kazlas, the founder of the Beekeeping Museum, to present the world of bees and beekeeping in the ethnocultural plane with sculptures and spatial objects (sculptures, roof pillars, various hives, information hives, benches) is unique not only in Lithuania, but also in the global context. Distinctiveness is determined by possibilities - three in one! Unique nature and educational programs related to beekeeping and bee products, a new interactive exposition in 5 buildings with an area of 4 ha, adapted for active recreation and communication (there are 3 gazebos). All buildings and spaces are accessible to people with all needs. It is also possible to participate in all 11 educational programs. Perhaps the pavement would need help with movement between objects.

You can also get acquainted with the sound of the museum - an audio stand with a live word of the museum's founder Bronius Kazlas is installed next to the museum gate, audio guides (English, German, Russian and Lithuanian clubs) can be rented at the museum information center.

The premises of the museum are equipped with comfortable toilets adapted to the needs of all people.

There is a convenient car park next to the museum. From there, a gate-wide path leads through it to the museum territory. It is also possible to drive up to the top of the territory (up the hill), get off the passengers and return to the parking lot.

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Ladakalnis - for the blind

There is a stand with Braille in the gazebo, in the marina. And the trees are monuments - Palūšė oak, Varniškieiai oak Trainiškis oak, which can be touched.

Kaukiškės parking lot

Location: Kaukiškės village, Ignalina district, coordinates: 55 ° 20'20.5 "N 26 ° 00'50.6" E

Coating: pads

A place for a short break for those traveling by car, bus or other road vehicle. The site offers a beautiful panorama of Lūšykščiai and Lūšiai lakes. In favorable weather conditions, even the church of Palūšė can be seen from here. Benches and tables for breathing and snacks are provided in the landscaped area. Visitors will be greeted by the sculpture "The Roadman" by the folk artists of Ignalina region Jonas Grunda and Raimundas Žievis.

The park is suitable for people with all needs, it would not be possible to enter the gazebo with a wheelchair, but there are easily accessible benches with tables outside.

There is a toilet for everyone on the site - there are special handles, but the space in the toilet is small.

Ancient observation of celestial lights

Location: Kulionių village, Molėtai district.

Next to the Molėtai Observatory on the picturesque shore of Lake Lenktinis there are the buildings of an old ethnographic homestead - a cellar, a barn and a sauna. In 1996, an ancient observatory-shrine of celestial lights was installed near the homestead. In the middle of the wheel of the ten wooden pillars of the temple with calendar signs is a stone altar of the Sun-Fire. The poles mark the six countries of the world and the azimuths of the flow and show of the Sun on the most important calendar holidays. By visiting here, one can get an impression of how the lights of the sky were observed in ancient times, and calendar time calculations were performed.

You should be within easy reach of the ancient observatory of the lights of heaven. There are no curbs here, but there is some slope, so you may need the help of loved ones. The adjacent Molėtai Observatory is unfortunately not accessible for people with reduced mobility. Leave the car in the adjacent car park.

Services available to all

Accommodation: Aukštaitija National Park Nature School, Homestead "Tundra".

Catering establishments: Palūšė boat-bar (there is an adapted toilet, access for the disabled), restaurant-bakery "Romnesa" (there is an access, statoka), "Žuvėdra" (there is an access for the disabled), "Tuk tuk pizza" pizzeria at Ignalina railway station (adapted access) disabled people).

Toilets:

Toilets for everyone in Aukštaitija National Park:

- Visitor center in Palūšė
- Nature School in Meironys
- At the Beekeeping Museum
- Islands
- There is a toilet for the disabled in Kaltanėnai Park.
- Kaukiškės parking lot. There is a toilet for everyone on the site - there are special handles, but the space in the toilet is small.

Stores: Maxima, Iki, Norfa in Ignalina. In Palūšė, the shop is open only during the season, there is an entrance for the disabled.

Piers:

There are 4 berths in Palūšė, Meironys, Vaišniūnai camping site and near the Ladakalnis archeological complex. The marinas are also accessible to visitors with reduced mobility: universal design (without thresholds) access paths to gazebos and marinas are provided. True, due to natural conditions and very hilly terrain, the assistance of an assistant may be required in several places. The marinas are accessible to larger ships / boats for the disabled. Toilets are installed and adapted in all marinas.

Address of Palūšė pier: Lūšių st. 1, Palūšė, coordinates 633457/6134835, a adapted toilet. Parking is available. There is access from it to the pier.

An information stand in Braille has been set up in Palūšė. Coordinates 633453, 6134836 (LKS), there is a parking lot.

Meironys pier address: Meiros str. 10, Meironys, coordinates 632716/6135226, the toilet is inside the School of Nature. There is a parking lot. There is access from it to the pier.

Meironys runway and pier and information stand in Braille. Coordinates 632734, 6135226 (LKS). The car park is at the top, next to the nature school, with lifts it is possible to land / get to / from the pier.

Address of the pier of Vaišniūnai camping: Vaišniūnai village, coordinates 631917/6140602, there is a toilet. Parking is available. Access from it is.

In Vaišniūnai there are 2 gazebos, a fireplace, a path to the pier, a pier, and an information stand in Braille. Coordinates 631969, 6140604 (LKS). No parking, only meadows and tracks.

Pier address of Ladakalnis archeological complex: coordinates 626404/6138366, toilet available. Parking is available. Access from it is.

Near Ladakalnis Garden furniture, fireplace, toilet adapted for the disabled, path to the pier, pier, information stand in Braille. Coordinates: 626410, 6138376 (LKS). No parking, only meadows and tracks.