



LEFT BANK OF GAUJA

RĀMKALNI – SIGULDA – LĪGATNE – CĒSIS – VESELAVA – VALMIERA



View from Mound Paradizes (Gleznotājkalns)



Ergļu (Erģeļu) Cliffs



Photo: Baltic Pictures and Enter Gauja Brewery "Valmiermuižas alus" and Beer Kitchen



Description

The route (between the left bank of the River Gauja and road A2) crosses the whole Gauja National Park in the direction from southwest to northeast. It covers the most excellent nature monuments, best views, and most scenic spots. To diversify, the route includes also the most significant culture and history monuments, which are often closely related to the nature. For example, Līgatne is not only a village of the paper mill, but also a place where people have made artificial caves in sandstone outcrops, and where interesting and protected habitats are found. The Castle of Livonian Order in Sigulda is a man-made object, while its construction materials – boulders –

have been "brought" by a glacier from Scandinavia.



Route

Leisure Park "Rāmkalni" – Sigulda – Līgatne – Skaļupes – Zvārte Rock – Āraiši – Veselava – Ozolkalns – Cēsis – Liepa – Valmiera – Valmiermuiža.



Distance

~ 150 km.



Duration

2–3 days.



Road pavement

The section Līgatne–Zvārte Rock–Kārļi (up to road P20) is a gravel road. The rest of the route runs on asphalt.



Starting point 24.65910, 57.12462
Leisure Park "Rāmkalni".



Destination 25.43228, 57.55605
Valmiermuiža.



Worth knowing!

Following long rainy periods, the gravel road can be of poor quality at some places. Prior to the trip, check the working hours of museums and other sites. Visit to the local Tourism Information Centres is recommended (for information and local maps). The activity is at one's own risk. Emergency services: 112.

SERVICE

i | **Sigulda Municipality Tourism Information Centre**
Sigulda, Ausekļa Street 6, +371 67971335, info@sigulda.lv,
www.tourism.sigulda.lv

i | **Līgatne Municipality Tourism Information Centre**
Līgatne, Sprinģu Street 2, +371 64153169, +371 29189707,
info@visitligatne.lv, www.visitligatne.lv

i | **Amata Municipality Tourism Information Centre**
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+371 28681083, turisms@and.lv, www.amata.lv

i | **Cēsis Tourism Information Centre**
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i | **Valmiera Tourism Information Centre**
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tic@valmiera.lv, http://visit.valmiera.lv/

i | **Valmiermuiža Tourism Information Point**
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www.valmiermuiža.lv

G | **Baltic Wildlife** +371 28808440, laura@balticwildlife.eu,
www.balticwildlife.eu

🚶🏠🚰 | **Leisure Park "Rāmkalni"**, "Vītiņkalni", Inčukalns rural territory,
Inčukalns Municipality, +371 29100280, info@ramkalni.lv, www.ramkalni.lv

🚶🏠🚰 | **Leisure park & camping "Ozolkalns"**
"Saulkrasti", Drabeši rural territory, Amata Municipality, +371 26400200,
info@ozolkalns.lv, www.ozolkalns.lv

🚶🏠 | **Hotel "Karlmuiza Country Hotel"**,
Kārļi, Drabeši rural territory, Amata Municipality, +371 26165298,
info@karlamuiza.lv, www.karlamuiza.lv (catering to be announced in advance)

🚶🏠 | **Hotel "Melturi"**
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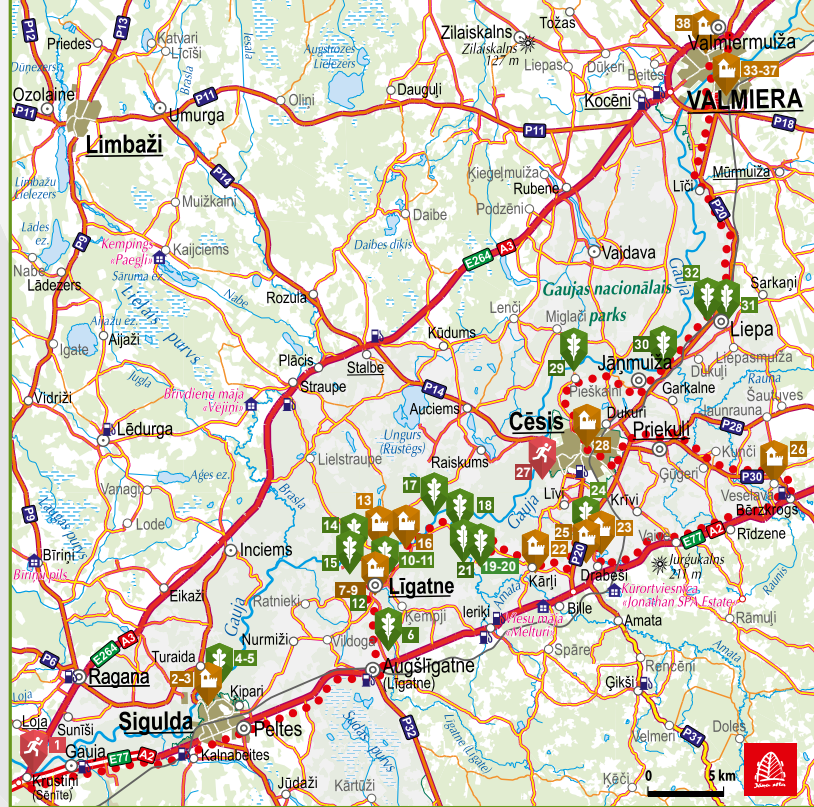
🚶🏠 | **Resort hotel "Jonathan SPA Estate"**
Amatciems, Amata Municipality, +371 25606066,
reception@jonathanhotel.com, www.jonathanspahotel.com

🚶🏠 | **SIA "Aivars K"**, stone processing,
Cēsis, Saulrītu Street 13, +371 64127461, +371 26410255, artiskerlins@inbox.lv,
www.artis-k.lv

🚶🏠 | **Brewery "Valmiermuižas alus" and Beer Kitchen**
Dzirnavu Street 2, Valmiermuiža, Valmiera rural territory, Burtnieki
Municipality, +371 20264269 (tours in the brewery), ciemos@valmiermuiža.lv,
www.valmiermuiža.lv

SIGHTSEEING OBJECTS

- 1 | Leisure Park "Rāmkalni"** 24.65910, 57.12462
- 2 | Sigulda New Castle**
- 3 | Castle of Livonian Order in Sigulda** 24.84896, 57.16681
- 4 | Mound Paradīzes (Gleznotājkalns)** 24.86578, 57.17513
One of the most scenic places in Sigulda, which has been painted (reference to its name as Gleznotājkalns means the Hill of Painters in Latvian) and photo-shoot since long ago!
- 5 | Vējupīte Ravine** 24.87634, 57.17115
The wooden stairs on its steep slopes lead from Mound Paradīzes along the banks of the River Vējupīte to **Kraukļu Ravine**, **Kraukļu Cave**, **Satezele Hillfort**, and **Pētera Cave**.
- 6 | Vienkoču Park**
- 7 | Līgatne Tourism Information Centre** 225.03968, 57.23348
- 8 | Līgatne Village**
- 9 | Līgatne Paper Mill**
- 10 | River Līgatne (Līgate)**
The most rapid tributary of the River Gauja, which forms an explicit valley beneath the road A2 Rīga-Veclaicene with 45–60 m high banks with a lot of sandstone outcrops. A path leading from Ānfabrika Cliff to Lustūzis is a great place to watch the autumn migration of salmon-like fish.
- 11 | Lustūzis or Alu Rock** 25.0411, 57.23341
Very scenic sandstone outcrop on the right bank of the River Līgatne, in the centre of town Līgatne; on the other bank there is a viewing platform for better visibility of the outcrop.
- 12 | Mound Remdenkalns** 25.04315, 57.24285
- 13 | Līgatne Ferry Crossing** 25.04528, 57.25441
- 14 | Jumpravu Rock** 25.02872, 57.24986
Sandstone outcrop on the left bank of the River Gauja. On roadside with a beautiful view over the curves of the River Gauja. Only a small part of the outcrop adjoins to the river. The rest runs deep into the forest as a steep and rocky bank slope.
- 15 | Līgatne Nature Trails** 25.01525, 57.24798
Large areas of fencing have been established on the banks of the primeval valley of the River Gauja and its tributaries, where the conditions are similar to those in wildlife. Here one can see the wild animals of Latvia — stags, roe deer, wild boar, bears, foxes, lynx, and two species of birds.
- 16 | Secret Soviet bunker in Skaļupes**
- 17 | Kūķu Cliffs** 25.10600, 57.27465
The most massive sandstone outcrop from the Devonian Period in Latvia. Length ~500 m, height 43 m.
- 18 | Primeval valley of River Amata**
One of the deepest river valleys. At the deepest it reaches ~50 m, and its width ranges 1–1.5 km. Beautiful and scenic sandstone outcrops are an integral part of the primeval valley of the River Amata.
- 19-20 | Visitor Centre at Zvārte Rock and Raganu Meadow** 25.14617, 57.24622
Facilitated place for leisure, bonfires, and picnic with active attractions. A "xylophone" has been created from planks of various species of timber (each producing a different sound). From here, Zvārte and Migla Rocks are visible.
- 21 | Zvārte Rock** 25.14279, 57.24601
One of the most popular and scenic tourism objects with a classic view towards the rock itself.
- 22 | Hotel "Karlmuiza Country Hotel"** 25.21254, 57.24023
There are **hiking trails** nearby leading along the landscape park and



beautiful banks of the River Amata.

- 23 | Āraiši Lake Fortress**
- 24 | Zviedru Pine** 25.27167, 57.25016
Located 250 m north of Āraiši Windmill on the roadside. Its circumference is close to 2 m.
- 25 | Āraiši Windmill**
- 26 | Veselava Manor**
- 27 | Leisure park & camping "Ozolkalns"** 25.22259, 57.29462
A place offering one of the most beautiful views over the primeval valley of the River Gauja. Nearby Mound Ozolkalns, there are the **Cirulīši Nature Trails**.
- 28 | Cēsis Old Town**
- 29 | Ērģļu (Ērģļu) Cliffs** 25.26032, 57.36058
Most monolith sandstone cliff wall in the Baltics: length ~700 m, maximum height up to 22 m.
- 30 | River Rauna**
Left tributary of the River Gauja. Below the road Rīga-Veclaicene (A2), it flows through a deep and beautiful valley with sandstone outcrops on its banks.
- 31 | Lielā Ellīte Cave** 25.42749, 57.38426
Extraordinary sandstone outcrop for Latvia with several arches, pillars, hollows, and a cave — shaped as a result of suffusion processes. The cave amounts to more than 20 m with a ceiling height up to 3.5 m and width — 5 m. A powerful **spring** flows out of the cave.
- 32 | Lode Clay-pit** 25.27167, 57.25016
The clay-pit became world famous when the geologist V.Kuršs in 1970 first time in the history of the world discovered well preserved fossils of the Upper Devonian armoured fish and Strunius kurshi fish.
- 33 | Valmiera bridge**
- 34-37 | Foundations of Riga Gate, St Simon's Church of Valmiera, Livonian Order Castle Ruins and Old Town of Valmiera**
- 38 | Brewery "Valmiermuižas alus"** 25.43228, 57.55605
Visit to the brewery will reveal how the live beer is made from natural raw materials. Everybody can taste the beer as it has once been done by the masters of manors. Excellent catering.