



LEFT BANK OF GAUJA

RĀMKALNI – SIGULDA – LĪGATNE – CĒSIS – VESELAVA – VALMIERĀ



Sightseeing terrace by the River Gauja



Ergļu (Ergēļu) Cliffs



Valmiermuiža barn building and the tower

i 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 paper mill village, but it is also a place where, for many years, residents have created cave systems and cellars for domestic and industrial purposes, which are nowadays fascinating places of interest. 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 57.12462, 24.65910 Leisure Park “Rāmkalni”.

📍 Destination 57.55605, 25.43228 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.

📱 Enter Gauja mobile application



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SERVICE

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i | Cēsis Tourism Information Centre, Cēsis, Baznīcas Square 1, +371 28318318, info@cesis.lv, www.visit.cesis.lv

i | Valmiera Tourism Information Centre
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🏕️ | Leisure park & camping “Ozolkalns”
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🏨 | Hotel “Karlmuiza Country Hotel”
Kārļi, Drabeši rural territory, Amata Municipality, +371 26165298, info@karlmuiza.lv, www.karlmuiza.lv (catering to be announced in advance)

🍷 | Līgatne Winery
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🏨 | Hotel “Tigra”, Priekuļi, Eduarda Veidenbauma street 2, +371 64174040, info@hoteltigra.lv, www.hoteltigra.lv

🏠 | Guest house “Liepas muiža” (Lindenhoff)
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🍺 | Valmiermuiža Craft Brewery and Beer Kitchen
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SIGHTSEEING OBJECTS

1 | Leisure Park "Rāmkalni"

57.12462, 24.65910

2 | Sigulda New Castle and Castle Quarter

3 | Castle of Livonian Order in Sigulda

57.16681, 24.84896

4 | Mound Paradīzes (Gleznotājkalns)

57.17513, 24.86578

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

57.17115, 24.87634

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

57.23348, 25.03968

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

57.23341, 25.0411

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

57.24285, 25.04315

13 | Līgatne Ferry Crossing

57.25441, 25.04528

14 | Jumpravu Rock

57.24986, 25.02872

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

57.24798, 25.01525

In the Gauja valley, in an area rich in forested ravines, nature trails and enclosures are set up to observe animals and birds characteristic of Latvian fauna. They are home to red deer, roe deer, wild boar, bears, foxes, lynx, two bird species and other wildlife. Entrance to the Līgatne nature trails is subject to a charge.

16 | Secret Soviet bunker in Skaļupes

17 | Kūku Cliffs

57.27465, 25.10600

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

57.24622, 25.14617

Facilitated place for leisure, bonfires, and picnic with active attractions. From here, Zvārte and Migla Rocks are visible.

21 | Zvārte Rock

57.24601, 25.14279

One of the most popular and scenic tourism objects with a classic view towards the rock itself.

22 | Hotel "Karlmuiza Country Hotel"

57.24023, 25.21254

There are **hiking trails** nearby leading along the landscape park and beautiful banks of the River Amata.

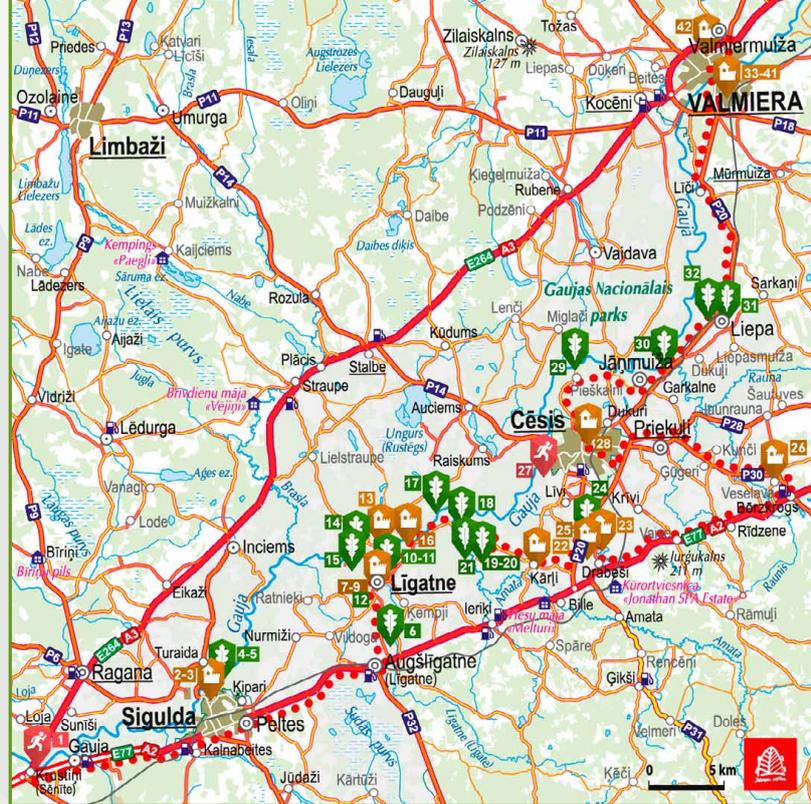
23 | Āraiši Lake Fortress

24 | Zviedru Pine

57.25016, 25.27167

Located 250 m north of Āraiši Windmill on the roadside. Its circumference is close to 2 m.

25 | Āraiši Windmill



26 | Veselava Manor

57.29001, 25.47715

It is a manor house built in the 1940s that delights its visitors with colorful interior and a unique chimney system.

27 | Leisure park & camping "Ozolkalns"

57.29462, 25.22259

A place offering one of the most beautiful views over the primeval valley of the River Gauja. Nearby Mound Ozolkalns, there are the **Cīruļi Nature Trails.**

28 | Cēsis Old Town

29 | Ērgļu (Ērģeļu) Cliffs

57.36058, 25.26032

Most monolith sandstone cliff wall in the Baltics: length ~700 m, maximum height up to 22 m.

30 | River Rauna and Railway Bridge over River Rauna

57.360051, 25.3737935

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

57.38426, 25.42749

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

57.39115, 25.40695

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. The pit is located next to Līču-Laņģu cliffs which is Around 1 km long rocky cliff on the left side of the primeval valley wall of the River Gauja, which cannot be seen from the river.

33 | Iron Bridge

57.52835, 25.40849

Industrial heritage object, steel structure iron bridge over the River Gauja built in 1911. It connected the 114 km long Ainazi-Valmiera-Smilene route, which was completed in 1971. "Green Railway" cycle route section.

34 | Valmiera Bridge over the River Gauja

57.53605, 25.42419

35 | Valmiera Old Town

57.53915, 25.42826

36 | Goat (Kazu) Rapids

57.53616, 25.43425

37 | Sightseeing terrace by the River Gauja

57.53415, 25.44421

38-41 | Foundations of Riga Gate, St Simon's Church of Valmiera, Livonian Order Castle Ruins and Old Town of Valmiera

42 | Valmiermuiza Craft Brewery

57.55605, 25.43228

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.

Nature Conservation Agency maintaining most of infrastructure in Gauja NP. If you see something wrong, tell the Agency at **+37164107230; +37167509545** or **vidzeme@daba.gov.lv**