

## Vecāķi – Carnikava






Between The Estuaries Of Two Rivers:  
The Daugava River And The Gauja River








This sections of the *Baltic Coastal Hiking Route* is a comparatively short hike across a beautiful sandy beach, the coastal side of which is bounded by brightly colored pine forests with spectacular dunes and dams of dunes. To get from the beach to *Carnikava*, the *Baltic Coastal Hiking Route* will take you through a forest via a promenade. Then it takes a stroll around the Old *Gauja* River via a levee and reaches the pedestrian bridge over the *Gauja* River. Both as you start and end the hike, it is nice to sit in one of the pubs and summer cafés located on *Vecāķi* beach and in *Carnikava*.




### USEFUL INFORMATION

- ..... 14 km
-  5–6 h
-  *Vecāķi* beach opposite *Pludmales iela*
-  Next to the *Carnikava* pedestrian bridge across the *Gauja* River 
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-  Mainly sandy beach, a forest trail connecting the seacoast and *Laivu iela* (a promenade is planned), the *Gauja* River levee (gravel road).
-  Medium
-  The mouth of the *Eimura* Canal can be bypassed via a bridge (~ 100 m from the sea).
-  None.

 In *Vecāķi*, catering companies are only open in the summer. After passing *Vecāķi*, you will find a nudist beach. It is recommended to devote a couple of hours to visit *Carnikava*. The lamprey fishing season takes place from 1.08.- 01.02.

 Forest roads and trails connecting the villages are located behind and between the dunes. The estuary of the *Gauja* River next to the sea can be crossed by raft (12 people) that has to be booked in advance by calling +371 29214438, for an additional fee.





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## WORTH SEEING!

- 1 **Nature Park Piejūra (Seaside).** There are important protected habitats from Carnikava to the Inčupe River: embryonic dunes, foredunes, water caltrop (*Trapa natans L.*) in Lake Ummis and coastal dunes covered in old forests. GPS: 57.151073, 24.252958
- 2 **The Carnikava Local History Center.** Made as a copy of the fisherman's and ferryman's house Cēlāji built in 1851 in the estuary of the Gauja River. An exhibition and an equipped rest area are available to visitors. GPS: 57.135495, 24.271367
- 3 **The pedestrian bridge across the Gauja River.** 18 November 2014 marks the inauguration of the longest pedestrian and cyclist bridge in Latvia that is a significant section of the EuroVelo 13 Iron Curtain Trail. GPS: 57.134194, 24.283184
- 4 **The Carnikava Manor capital.** The only remnant of the once most splendid manor in Vidzeme. GPS: 57.130457, 24.274082

- 5 **The estuary of the Gauja River where it meets the sea.** The estuary of the Gauja River has still maintained its natural appearance with the reciprocity of the river and the sea. The estuarine landscape has been included in the electronic repository of the most precious landscapes in Latvia. GPS: 57.159648, 24.265892
- 6 **The sculpture Remembering.** The sculpture, created by V. Titāns, symbolizes never giving up, always getting back up and keeping on going. GPS: 57.132677, 24.281304

## SERVICES



### Accommodations

1. **Hotel Porto Resort**, T: +371 22722258; GPS: 57.185164, 24.346336



### Catering

1. **Pizzeria** (in summer), T: +371 20865000; GPS: 57.1287839, 24.2792399
2. **Arita A**, T: +371 67903044; GPS: 57.08204, 24.15929
3. **Tīne**, T: +371 29684818; GPS: 57.128824, 24.278446

4. **The Bakery**, T: +371 67993454; GPS: 57.1290892, 24.2785814
5. **Priedes IT**, T: +371 29232048; GPS: 57.1054977, 24.1994377
6. **Lila Mare** (in summer), T: +371 29810089; GPS: 57.1878533, 24.3286332
7. **Porto Resort**, T: +371 22722258; GPS: 57.185164, 24.346336



### Shops

In Kalngale village, Garciems village and Carnikava.



### Public transport

Regular train transport connects Kalngale and Lilaste (~ 14 times per day). Bus transport connects Kalngale and Lilaste (~ 6 times per day).



### Rest areas

The Eimura Canal, GPS: 57.11312, 24.19015, Local History Center, GPS: 57.1354098, 24.2715979 At the end of Atpūtas iela, GPS: 57.133487, 24.278380

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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