

Tūja – Svētciems

The Rocky Beach of Vidzeme





One of the most beautiful sections of the *Baltic Coastal Hiking Route*, which begins by crossing the *Zaķupīte* River. Up to the *Ķurmragi* Lighthouse, there are mostly sandy beaches with small sections of stones. Further on, the Rocky Seashore of *Vidzeme* starts: capes alternate with small coves, while 4 m high sandstone outcrops emerge on the coast. Sandy beaches continue to prevail after passing *Cape Meleki*, while before the mouth of the *Svētupe* River the beach is thickly overgrown and reedy, so it must be bypassed via a forest trail.





USEFUL INFORMATION

..... 24 km Ⓒ 8–10 h


 *Tūja* before the estuary of the *Zaķupīte* River, next to **P**


 *Svētciems* village next to the estuary of the *Svētupe* River, opposite the campsite *Vējavas* (paid **P**)

 *Tūja – Ķurmragi – Meleki – Vitrupe – Šķīsterciems – Lāņi – Svētciems*


 Rocky beaches, grassy/reedy coastal sections (before reaching the *Svētupe* River), gravel roads, asphalt, forest trails, occasionally algae washed ashore (algae scum).


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 You can wade across the estuary of the small *Zaķupīte* River during low water (detour via *Jūras* and *Liedaga iela* in *Tūja*, a bridge 0,8 km away). The *Vitrupe* River can be bypassed via a bridge (0,5 km from the sea). During flood season, the water level may be high in the *Kurlīņupe* River (bridge 0,9 km from the sea). The *Reisa* reeds start before the estuary of the *Svētupe* River.

 The sandstone outcrops are composed of an unconsolidated and unstable material, which is why it is not safe to approach them from

the top and the bottom or to crawl into the caves washed out by the waves.

 The stones overgrown with algae are slippery. A lot of stones “move”. You will need suitable (closed) footwear and walking poles for support.

 *Tūja* and *Meleki* are connected by a forest trail stretching across the upper part of the coast with some interruptions, which can be used in case of strong winds. It is more comfortable for walking than the rocky beach. The forest trail also links *Šķīsterciems* village and *Svētciems* village (watch out for roaming dogs on the roadsides).



WORTH SEEING!

- 1** **O. Kiršteins landscape garden.** A fascinating collection of conifers, thought-out flower-beds, decorative stones, a cascade of waterfalls and a gully that looks like a mountain river when there is strong rain. T: +371 26417757, GPS: 57.4971880, 24.3837290
- 2** **Ķurmragi, the Ķurmragi Lighthouse.** The most prominent cape on the coast of the Gulf of Riga on the Vidzeme side. Nowadays the lighthouse has slid down to sea level where its slanting silhouette rises from the sea. GPS: 57.5416615, 24.3624531
- 3** **The Rocky Seashore of Vidzeme.** GPS: 57.545402, 24.364566
- 4** **Veczemju Cliffs.** The most astounding and splendid red sandstone cliffs on the coast of Vidzeme. GPS: 57.589653, 24.371023
- 5** **The Svētupe River lamprey weir.** A unique opportunity to not only taste grilled lamprey, but also to participate in lamprey fishing. T: +371 29417413; +371 29417933; GPS: 57.6867256, 24.3610242

SERVICES

Accommodations

- 1. Campsite Jūrasdzeņi,** T: +371 26550574; GPS: 57.490860, 24.381409
- 2. Miera osta,** T: +371 29237379 GPS: 57.494225, 24.383690
- 3. Campsite Krimalnīeki,** T: +371 29403119; GPS: 57.503059, 24.382439
- 4. Guest house Vecmuiža,** T: +371 26477996, +371 29297338; GPS: 57.514862, 24.437326
- 5. Holiday home Klintskalni,** T: +371 29268792, +371 2924265; GPS: 57.5164486, 24.3811542
- 6. Guest house Mežupes,** T: +371 29216888, +371 29167638; GPS: 57.566200, 24.422737
- 7. Campsite Klintis,** T: +371 27852476; GPS: 57.579079, 24.366240
- 8. Guest house Bērziņi,** T: +371 29425352; GPS: 57.5939287, 24.3747299

- 9. Guest house Karle,** T: +371 25904598; GPS: 57.6215296, 24.3893096
- 10. Country house Korķi,** T: +371 29239788; GPS: 57.6415064, 24.3786982
- 11. Recreation complex Rakari,** T: +371 26664447; GPS: 57.686905, 24.367075
- 12. Holiday home Vējavas,** T: +371 64071667, +371 26463252; GPS: 57.687485, 24.363771
- 13. Holiday homes Kosiši,** T: +371 29 479 426; GPS: 57.6965895, 24.3524464
- 14. Country house Kraujas,** T: +371 26520939; GPS: 57.71876, 24.34498



Catering

- 1. Café Liedags L,** T: +371 29777295; GPS: 57.4892063, 24.3898211
- 2. Bakery Tūjas beķereja,** T: +371 29777295; GPS: 57.4891780, 24.3902711
- 3. Restaurant Rankuļrags,** T: +371 25701610; GPS: 57.5797093, 24.3692083
- 4. Café Karle,** T: +371 25904598; GPS: 57.6215296, 24.3893096
- 5. Restaurant Rakari,** T: +371 26664447; GPS: 57.686905, 24.366903



Shops

In Tūja and Svētciems village.



Public transport

Bus transport connects Tūja (turn to Tūja – 3 km to the European route E67 to Tallinn) and Svētciems village (~ 11 times per day on the Riga – Ainaži route). A bus runs from the center of Tūja to Svētciems village ~ once a day.



Rest areas

Vasas, GPS: 57.52004, 24.37881

TOURIST INFORMATION

i **Salacgrīva TIC, Salacgrīva, Rīgas iela 10A,** www.visitsalacgriva.lv, T: +371 26463025, +371 64041254; GPS: 57.751807, 24.355783

The application **Vidzeme Coast** is available on Google Play Store (Android).