

## Pivarootsi – Virtsu

### The Gate to the Estonian Islands



In this section, an ~ 3,7 km stretch of the *Baltic Coastal Hiking Route* goes along the former *Virtsu-Rapla* narrow-gauge railway. The most fascinating place in this section is the *Puhtulaiu* Peninsula: it is an island that has nowadays merged with the continent. It is covered by a broad-leaved forest with interesting plant and mushroom species, giant trees and memorial sites in honour of important people. Ferries go from the Port of *Virtsu* to *Muhu* Island which is connected to *Saaremaa* Island via a dam.

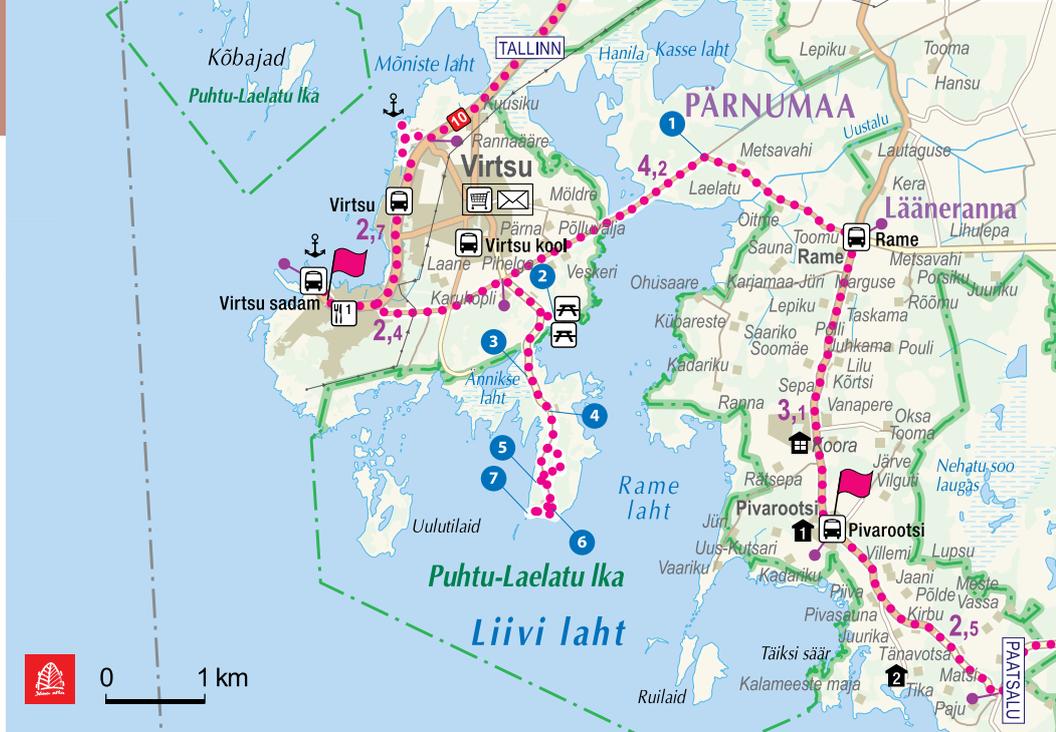


### USEFUL INFORMATION

-  16 km
-  5–7 h
-  Pivarootsi village
-  Virtsu Port, paid 
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-  Roads covered in asphalt and gravel.
-  Easy
-  None.
-  Be careful when walking along the small country and village roads, as well as along the motor road and ensure safety.

-  The closest catering companies and shops are only located in *Virtsu*.
-  You can go from the Port of *Virtsu* to *Muhu* Island (Port of *Kuivastu*) by ferry and then continue to *Saaremaa* Island connected to *Muhu* via a 3,5 km long dam. Ferry timetable: <https://www.praamid.ee/>, <http://www.veeted.com/>. It is worth devoting at least a couple of days to visiting both islands by bus (timetable: [www.peatus.ee](http://www.peatus.ee), [www.tpilet.ee](http://www.tpilet.ee)).



**WORTH SEEING!**

- 1 **Laelatu Forest Meadow (Laelatu puisniit)** has served as hay land and a pasture for many centuries. Here you can find nearly the richest flora habitat in Northern Europe.  
GPS: 58.58591, 23.57726
- 2 **Vanaluubi Recreational Park Sightseeing Platform (Vanaluubi puhkeplatsi vaateplatvorm)**. Coastal recreational park with a sightseeing tower.  
GPS: 58.57045, 23.55173
- 3 **Puhtu-Laelatu Nature Reserve** is an important recreational park for migrating birds and many protected species of orchids grow in this territory.  
GPS: 58.56577, 23.54690
- 4 **Puhtu walking trail (Puhtu matkarada)**. A 1.4 km long gravel road leads up to the sightseeing tower on the beach.  
GPS: 58.56248, 23.55051
- 5 **A commemorative sign for Friedrich Schiller**, Puhtu island has one of the first monuments in the world for this renowned poet. GPS: 58.55598, 23.54849
- 6 **A commemorative stone for the nature scientist Erik Kumari**.  
GPS: 58.55365, 23.55112
- 7 **Puhtu Bird Watching Tower (Puhtu linnuvaatlustorn)** is an interesting place to watch the spring migration of birds.  
GPS: 58.55308, 23.54703

**SERVICES**

- Accommodations**
1. Guest house *Pivarootsi mõisa küülistemaja*, T: +372 5092050; GPS: 58.551807, 23.599206
  2. Holiday centre *Pivarootsi õppe ja puhkekeskus*, T: +372 5076021; GPS: 58.538337, 23.611022

- Catering**
1. Fast food cafe *Toidutanker*, T: +372 57702602; GPS: 58.571177 23.51622

- Shops**  
*Virtsu*, GPS: 58.572231, 23.515167

- Public transport**  
Bus traffic Pivarotsi-Lihula: approximately twice a day.

- Rest areas**
1. Puhtu rest area, GPS: 58.57034, 23.55165
  2. Vanaluubi rest area, GPS: 58.57045, 23.55173

**TOURIST INFORMATION**

- Pärnu Visitor Centre**, Pärnu, Uus 4, www.visitPärnu.com, T: +372 53304134; GPS: 58.385303, 24.49909

