

Virtsu – Kuke

Through Orchid and Juniper Fields



The *Baltic Coastal Hiking Route* snakes through *Virtsu* village after which it goes along a motorway for 3 km and then it takes a 90 degree turn towards the northwest, meandering through a wind farm and a former Soviet military airfield, in the surroundings of which orchids bloom beautifully during the summertime. Next, you will see the *Suur Väin* Strait and beautiful juniper fields. Before reaching the *Jõeja* Brook, for ~ 1 km the road goes along the upper part of the ancient seacoast.




USEFUL INFORMATION


..... 14 km

 5–7 h

 Virtsu Port, paid 


 Kuke village

 Virtsu – Kurevere – Kuke


 Roads covered in asphalt and gravel.


 Easy

 None.

 To cover a section of ~ 3 km from *Virtsu* to *Kurevere*, you will have to walk along the side of a road (No. 10, heavy traffic). It is recommended to cover it by bus from the Port of *Virtsu* (get off at bus stop *Sillukse*). Be careful when walking along the small country and village roads, as

well as along the motor road and ensure safety.

 Catering companies and shops are only available in *Virtsu*.

 ~ 2,5 km before reaching *Kuke* village, an unpaved road branches off towards the NW through juniper fields, which will take you to the seacoast (under 1 km, view of a small outcrop).



WORTH SEEING!

- 1 Virtsu port. A port with a large port building where ferries depart to Saaremaa island. T: +372 5056575; GPS: 58.57244, 23.51163
- 2 Antique Car Museum "Kirsi" – Oldtimer museum expo 1830–2000. The antique car museum allows you to follow the development of vehicles during the last 200 years. T: +372 5165188; GPS: 58.58675, 23.52959
- 3 Virtsu Amateur Museum (Virtsu Harrastusmuuseum). The exhibition tells the history of the Virtsu region. T: +372 5151988; GPS: 58.57092, 23.52233
- 4 Hillfort of Virtsu Vassal (Virtsu vasallilinnuse varemed). In 1460 the coastal hillfort of vassal was built to protect ship traffic. GPS: 58.58884, 23.52435

- 5 Virtsu Sacrificial Stone (Virtsu ohvrikivi). This low medieval cult stone has a deep hollow used for sacrificial ceremonies. GPS: 58.59247, 23.54198
- 6 Uisu precipice (Uisu pank). The almost 3.5 m high coastline allows you to see outcrops with fossils. GPS: 58.65911, 23.50294

SERVICES



Accommodations

1. Holiday home Kõrtsi talu puhkemaja, T: +372 53424313; GPS: 58.663611, 23.518333



Catering

1. Toidutanker, T: +372 57702602; GPS: 58.57177 23.51622



Shops

- Virtsu, GPS: 58.572231, 23.515167



Public transport

Bus traffic Virtsu–Lihula: approximately 10 times a day.



Rest areas

Uisu rest area, GPS: 58.64853, 23.51262

TOURIST INFORMATION



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

