



## Haeska – Puise

### Observing Birds and Nature in Matsalu National Park



One of the most beautiful sections of the *Baltic Coastal Hiking Route* in *Matsalu National Park*, which leads through the agricultural lands and coastal meadows located near *Matsalu Bay*, where thousands of migrating cranes and geese gather in autumn. There are excellent birdwatching sites with towers near *Haeska* village (coastal meadows, shallow coves, small islets, cattle pastures) and at *Cape Puise* (coastal meadows with pastures, shoals). The most panoramic views of the sea and strings of islands can be seen in the surroundings of *Põgari-Sassi* and *Puise nina*.



## USEFUL INFORMATION

..... 23 km  8–10 h

 *Haeska* near the birdwatching tower, next to **P**

 *Puise nina*, **P**

 *Haeska – Sinalepa – Tuuru – Põgari-Sassi – Puise – Puise nina*.

 Roads covered in asphalt and gravel.

 Medium

 None.

 Be careful when walking along the small country and village roads, as well as along the motor road and ensure safety.

 The itinerary goes through *Matsalu National Park*. During the migration period, the birds that are resting near the coast and in the nearby fields should be disturbed as little as possible. No shops (the

closest one is in *Panga* village) or catering companies are available in this section.



A trail created by *Matsalu National Park* connects *Kiideva* and *Puise nina*: you can go from *Tuuru* through *Koida* to *Kiideva*, see the birdwatching platform and then take the above-mentioned trail along the coast of the *Matsalu Bay* to reach *Puise nina* (+ ~ 3 – 4 km to the initial itinerary).



## WORTH SEEING!

- 1** **Haeska Birdwatching Tower (*Haeska linnuvaatlustorn*)**. This is one of the most popular migrating birds resting places in the spring. A view of the surrounding coastal meadows and bay. The birdwatching tower and rest area are located on private property, – presence and movement through it is allowed from sunrise to sunset. T: +372 5048950; GPS: 58.779446, 23.659244
- 2** **Haeska Manor (*Haeska mõis*)**. The manor house, which is now private property, was built in 1805. It now provides accommodations. T: +372 53471688; GPS: 58.787786, 23.662977
- 3** **K.G.A. von Kursell chapel**. The chapel of the Sinalepa estate manager's son Karl Gustav Adolph von Kursell. Both the old iron cross and the approximately 80-year-old oak cross have been preserved. GPS: 58.81477, 23.57014
- 4** **Põgari Prayer House (*Põgari palvemaja*)**. The last meeting of the Republic of Estonia's government before the Soviet occupation took place in this building, constructed around 1930, on 22 September 1944. GPS: 58.804112, 23.531795
- 5** **Kiideva village (*Kiideva küla*)**. A traditional fisherman's village on the coast of Matsalu Bay. There is a boat pier and birdwatching tower in the village. GPS: 58.771896, 23.548245
- 6** **Walking trail Kiideva–Puise, 2.6 km**. A walking trail uniting Kiideva and Puise villages. It starts on the Kiideva side and then winds through the deciduous forest to the restored forest meadow until it reaches the Lõpre oak. GPS: 58.776860, 23.526074

- 7** **A commemorative stone to the ornithologist Sven Onno**. The ornithologist studied Matsalu birds from 1957 to 1963. GPS: 58.76870, 23.45679
- 8** **Breti Stones (*Breti kivid*)**. From 1915 until 1969 Breiti lived here and carved his life and unfortunate love into stones. Breiti carved various thoughts important to him into roadside stones. Breiti's "love stone" (*Armastuse kivi*) GPS: 58.79330, 23.48237 and Breiti's "mother's stone" (*Ema kivi*) GPS: 58.82886, 23.58192
- 9** **Puise Cape (*Puise nina*) and Puses Sightseeing Tower-Bookstore** You can borrow books from the small bookstore located on the first floor of the Puses Cape Sightseeing Tower. GPS: 58.766130, 23.453670

## SERVICES

### Accommodations

- 1. Holiday home *Tuulingu Puhkemaja***, T: +372 5048950; GPS: 58.779634, 23.6597702
- 2. Accommodation *Haeska mõisa majutus***, T: +372 53285093; GPS: 58.787778, 23.663056
- 3. Guest house *Altmõisa külalistemaja***, T: +372 53008622; GPS: 58.815230, 23.5538864
- 4. Guest house *Puise Nina külalistemaja***, T: +372 5117246; GPS: 58.764974, 23.452069

### Catering

- 1. Cafe *Altmõisa Kohvik***, T: +372 4724680; GPS: 58.815230, 23.553886
- 2. Pub *Puise Nina külalistemaja Kogre Kõrts***, T: +372 5117246; GPS: 58.764974, 23.452069

### Shops

*Oonga*, GPS: 58.825761, 23.733429  
*Parila*, GPS: 58.868352, 23.622272



### Public transport

Bus traffic: Haeska–Parila once a day (approximately 3x a week), Parila–Puise approximately 3x a day.

## TOURIST INFORMATION



**Haapsalu Tourism Information Centre**, Haapsalu, 15 Karja, [www.visithaapsalu.com](http://www.visithaapsalu.com), T: +372 4733248; GPS: 58.946638, 23.536323

