

# Österby – Riguldi







## Noarootsi - The Swedish-like peninsula







The *Baltic Coastal Hiking Route* leads you to the unusual *Noarootsi* Peninsula where the Swedish have been linked with shaping the cultural environment. The *Noarootsi* Peninsula is an excellent site for birdwatching in Estonia. The itinerary leads you through *Österby*, *Pürksi*, *Hosby* and *Hara* villages, in which you will see different kinds of buildings surrounded by fences. In the north of the peninsula, the trail bypasses the overgrown *Vööla meri* Lake that has once separated from the sea as a bay. Near the shallow *Hara* Bay, you can see picturesque landscapes with vast reedy areas, coastal juniper meadows and cattle.



### USEFUL INFORMATION

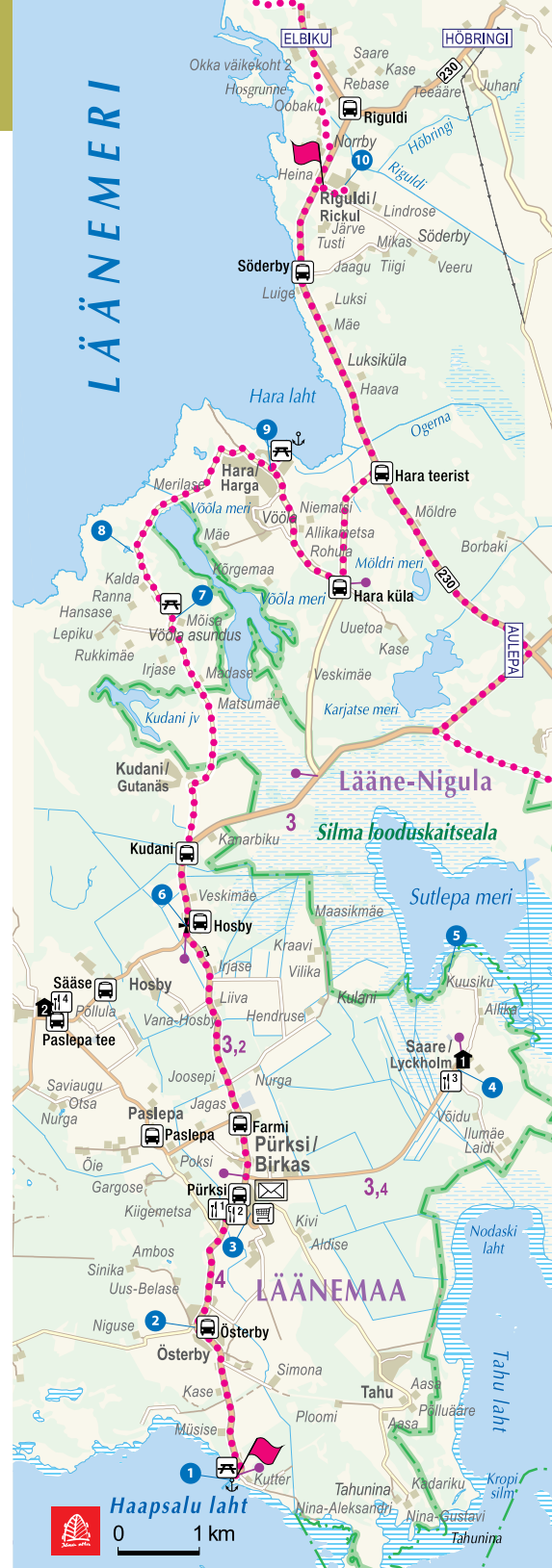
-  23 km
-  8–10 h
-  *Österby* Port, **P**
-  *Riguldi* Manor
-  *Österby – Pürksi – Hosby – Kudani – Hara – Riguldi.*
-  Roads covered in asphalt and gravel.

-  Medium
-  None.
-  Be careful when walking along the small country and village roads, as well as along the motor road and ensure safety.
-  Intercity buses run between *Haapsalu* and *Österby* (timetable: [www.peatus.ee](http://www.peatus.ee), [www.tpilet.ee](http://www.tpilet.ee)). In *Haapsalu*, you can use water taxi services ([www.visithaapsalu.com](http://www.visithaapsalu.com)) to get across to *Österby* Port. There is a shop and a catering

company only in *Pürksi* village. No accommodation is available in *Riguldi* so vigorous walkers can go to *Elbiku* village (another 5 km), the rest can take a bus connecting *Riguldi* and *Elbiku*.






This section can be split into two parts and on the first day you can go to *Saare* (*Lyckholm*) and spend it birdwatching (trails, tower, wetlands) and getting to know *Saare* Manor (accommodation, catering).





**WORTH SEEING!**

- 1 **Österby Port and Pier.** You can see Haapsalu, Vormsi and Hobulaiu island from the 265 meter long pier. A place for swimming. GPS: 58.976775, 23.519993
- 2 **Österby fire station (Österby pritsikuur).** Voluntary fire-fighters used this building to store fire-fighting items. GPS: 58.993321, 23.511867
- 3 **Pürksi Manor and Park.** A manor built in the 19th century. GPS: 59.005961, 23.523241
- 4 **Saare Manor (Saare mõis) and Lyckholmi Museum (Lyckholmi muuseum).** The museum gives you the possibility to get to know the history of Noarootsi. Mainly focusing on the time period of the Republic of Estonia from 1918 to 1940. T: +372 56988440; GPS: 59.022155, 23.567661
- 5 **Saare Study trail (Saare õpperada), 1 km.** This pathway, located on the Silma Nature Reserve (Silma looduskaitseala) between two sightseeing towers, is a great birdwatching place. GPS: 59.032917, 23.565691
- 6 **Noarootsi church, pastorate and cemetery.** The church was built around 1500 in the late Gothic period style. During the summer months the Tourism information centre operates in the pastorate. GPS: 59.037810, 23.509396
- 7 **The location and park of the Vööla Manor School.** A beautiful park with informative signs and a rest area. GPS: 59.07178, 23.50646
- 8 **Kudani boulder (Kudani Järvekivi).** A secular stone. GPS: 59.07908, 23.49725
- 9 **Hara village.** A coastal village founded by Swedish speaking locals. GPS: 59.088317, 23.526542
- 10 **Riguldi Manor.** A one storey wooden estate built at the beginning of the 19th century. GPS: 59.119884, 23.542133

**SERVICES**

-  **Accommodations**
  1. **Guest house Saare mõisa külalistemaja,** T: +372 56988440; GPS: 59.022222, 23.567500
  2. **Accommodation Teeristi Villa,** T: +372 5531097; GPS: 59.028301, 23.477137
-  **Catering**
  1. **Tavern Noarootsi kõrts,** T: +372 5200913; GPS: 59.006667, 23.518889
  2. **Cafe Kohvik Birkas,** T: +372 56917697; GPS: 59.006652, 23.521275
  3. **Cafe Saare mõisa Kohvituba,** T: +372 56988440; GPS: 59.022222, 23.567500
  4. **Cafe Teeristi Kohvik** T: +372 5531097; GPS: 59.028301, 23.477137
-  **Shops**

Pürksi, GPS: 59.005643, 23.524154
-  **Public transport**

Bus traffic at the intersection of Österby–Hara (Österby–Hara teerist): approximately once a day.
-  **Rest areas**
  1. Österby port, GPS: 58.976775, 23.519993
  2. Vööla Manor school park, GPS: 59.07178, 23.50646
  3. Hara port, GPS: 59.0901, 23.52854

**TOURIST INFORMATION**

 **Haapsalu Tourism Information Centre,** Haapsalu, 15 Karja, www.visithaapsalu.com, T: +372 4733248; GPS: 58.946638, 23.536323

