

Rusnė Island

Rusnė Island — excellent location
for wildlife observation




The Baltic Coastal Hiking Route starts in the village of Rusnė on Rusnė Island. The trail leads through Neringos Street and K. Jukštaičio Street out into Rusnė Village beachside walkway extending along the Pakalnė River — one of the biggest distributaries of the Nemunas Delta. The Baltic Coastal Hiking Route further leads through the small port of Rusnė snaking through the polder dikes of Rusnė over to the village of Pakalnė, providing wonderful views along the way of the colourful architecture of the island and the willow trees overhanging the Pakalnė waters. After the Village of Pakalnė, up until Uostadvaris Lighthouse, the route mostly follows the Rusnė polder dikes, which enclose and interweave the low island (there is a spot on the island that is below sea level) to protect it from flooding. From the lighthouse to the village of Rusnė, the Baltic Coastal Hiking Route goes along the side of a paved road (except in the village of Uostadvaris, where the trail follows the polder dike on the bank of the Atmata River). In the village of Rusnė, the trail follows Kuršmarių Street and Taikos Street back to its starting point. Rusnė Island is located inside the Nemunas Delta Regional Park. The polder dikes are excellent for observing wildlife in the low flatlands — roe deer, elk and birds during spring and autumn migration can be seen here.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

..... 23 km

 5–8 h

 Rusnė Evangelical Lutheran Church

 Rusnė – Pakalnė –
Uostadvaris – Šyškrantė –
Rusnė



Medium



Gravel roads and footpaths
over the Rusnė polders.
Approximately 10 km of paved
road between the Villages of
Uostadvaris and Rusnė.



Exercise caution when walking
on the side of the road!



Observe the wildlife, but do not
disturb it!



The route can be done in either
direction. It is worth walk-
ing through the tiny streets of
Rusnė Village to see its beauti-
ful two-storey wooden buildings
with tile roofs and elaborate
ornaments. It is possible to
travel from Uostadvaris to Nida
on the Curonian Spit by boat:
www.mingeskaimas.lt/en/

WORTH SEEING!

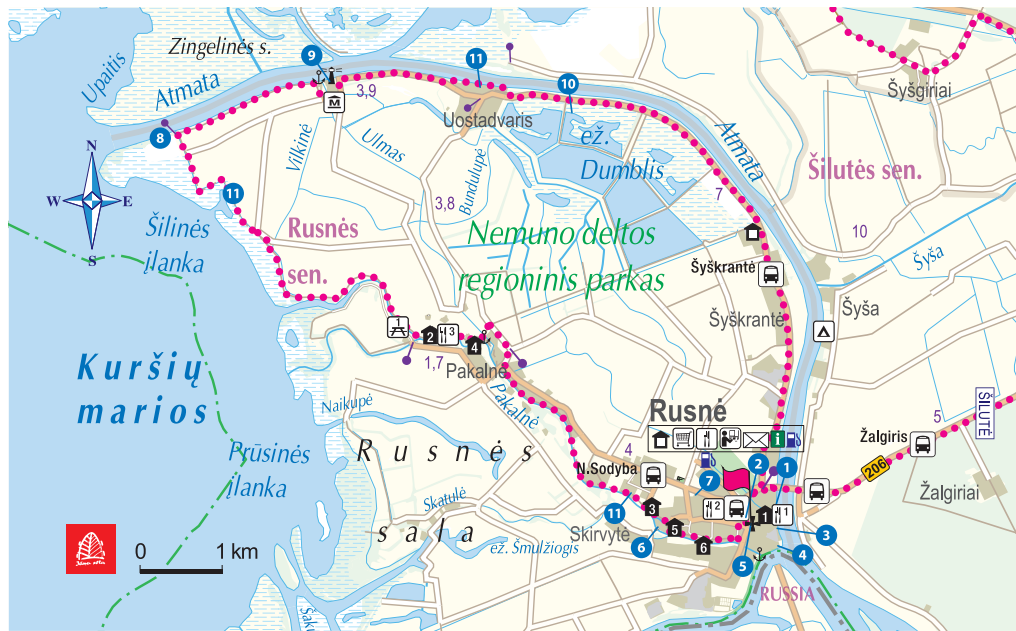
- 1** **Rusnė.** The Atmata and the Skirvytė are two arms of the Nemunas that surround Rusnė Island, where wildlife and migrating birds are abundant. Rusnė Town, established in the 15th century, is one of the oldest settlements in the Nemunas Delta. It is also the only Lithuanian town built on an island. GPS: 55.29805, 21.37457
- 2** **Rusnė Old Bridge and Pier Spot.** GPS: 55.29831, 21.38023
- 3** **Monument to Mahatma Gandhi and Hermann Kallenbach.** Hermann Kallenbach, born to a Jewish family living in Rusnė, was a loyal friend and comrade of Mahatma Gandhi. GPS: 55.29718, 21.38058
- 4** **The Panorama of the Russian Federation.** The Skirvytė is the arm of the Nemunas and also the border between Lithuania and Kaliningrad belonging to the Russian Federation. The other shore of the river is the territory of Russia. GPS: 55.29532, 21.38108
- 5** **Rusnė Evangelical Lutheran Church.** GPS: 55.29759, 21.37541
- 6** **Rusnė Hanging Bridge.** GPS: 55.29660, 21.35747
- 7** **Nemunas Delta Regional Park Visitor Center.** The Nemunas Delta is known for its spring floods, which attract many bird watchers and nature lovers. The Visitor Center presents the unique nature of this area. GPS: 55.30049, 21.36484
- 8** **Rusnė Observation Tower.** This 30-meter-high tower is built in 2022. GPS: 55.33704, 21.25949
- 9** **Uostadvaris Lighthouse.** The red brick lighthouse was built in the second half of the 19th century. GPS: 55.34411, 21.29146
- 10** **Aquaculture ponds.** This spot is a favorite of all water birds and a home to one of the largest colonies of white herons and cormorants in Lithuania. GPS: 55.34184, 21.33828
- 11** **Polder dikes.** The polder system of the Nemunas Delta was formed in the beginning of the 20th century to prevent flooding of the local settlements. GPS: 55.30046, 21.35245; GPS: 55.34423, 21.32082; GPS: 55.33120, 21.27357

SERVICES



Accommodations

- 1. Guest house "Prie Peterso tilto",** T: +370 61886260; GPS: 55.29810, 21.37940
- 2. "Rusne villa",** T: +370 65297333; GPS: 55.31667, 21.31319
- 3. Homestead "Rusnietis",** T: +370 69934193; GPS: 55.29867, 21.35662
- 4. Homestead "Pakalnės vingis",** T: +370 68630530; GPS: 55.31582, 21.32137
- 5. Homestead "Žvejo sodyba Rusnėje",** T: +370 69838245; GPS: 55.29659, 21.36092
- 6. Homestead "Skirvytėlė",** T: +370 65230980; GPS: 55.29460, 21.36689



Catering

- 1. Restaurant "Prie Peterso tilto",** T: +370 61886260; GPS: 55.29810, 21.37940
- 2. Tavern "Rusnės užkandinė",** T: +370 67248659; GPS: 55.29918, 21.37369
- 3. Restaurant "Rusne villa",** T: +370 65297333; GPS: 55.31667, 21.31319



Shops

- "Grizlis", GPS: 55.29898, 21.37357
 "Rusnelė", GPS: 55.29806, 21.37406



Pharmacies

Only in Šilutė.



ATMs

Rusnė has no ATM but visitors can get cash at the local store "Grizlis".
 GPS: 55.29898, 21.37357



Public transport

The buses connecting Šilutė, Rusnė and Uostadvaris run several times a day.
 Timetable: www.silutesautobusai.lt
 The bus connecting Klaipėda, Šilutė and Rusnė runs once per day.
 Timetable: web.trafi.com/lt/klaipeda
 A ferry is available from Uostadvaris to Nida during the summer season.
 Ferry tickets and timetable:
www.mingeskaimas.lt/en



Rest areas

- 1. Rest area,** GPS: 55.31772, 21.30631

TOURIST INFORMATION



Nemunas Delta Regional Park Visitor Center, Kuršmarių st. 13, Rusnė,
www.nemunodelta.lt, T: +370 44175050;
 GPS: 55.30056, 21.36513



Island Ethnic Culture and Information Center, Neringos st. 7, Rusnė,
 T: +370 44150010;
 GPS: 55.29623, 21.37756

