

## Šilutė – Ventė

Through Nemunas Delta Regional Park



Along Klaipėdos Street and Aukštumalės Street, the Baltic Coastal Hiking Route leaves the town of Šilutė in the direction of Kintai (Road No. 4217), briefly following the top of the polder dike (offering a good view of the Nemunas Delta lowland which floods in springtime), it then snakes along a rural road and returns back on to Aukštumalės Street (Road No. 4217). After less than 6 km, at the intersection in the Village of Rūgailiai the Baltic Coastal Hiking Route loops leftward towards Minija, and after 1.5 km it bears right, returning back on to the Šilutė–Kintai road. The Baltic Coastal Hiking Route crosses the Minija River and the Kintai Carp Lakes over a high and long bridge. From here, you will have one of the most spectacular views of the Lithuanian coastline with an expansive panorama of lowlands and waters. Before reaching the Village of Povilai, the trail turns left, leading through agricultural land for about 5 km where birds can be observed during migration season. Then the Baltic Coastal Hiking Route turns on to a beachside road (Marių Street, Road No. 2201) which leads to the Ventė Cape 5 km away. This scenic section of the route offers expansive views of the Curonian Spit across the Curonian Lagoon (the width of the gulf here is 8–9 km). Hikers can also enjoy the former fishing villages with their colourful, decorated buildings. This section of the trail is part of the Nemunas Delta Regional Park.



### PRACTICAL INFORMATION

..... 27 km

🕒 7–9 h

🚩 Tourist Information Office in the center of Šilutė

🚩 Ventė cape

📍🗺️ Šilutė – Šyšgiriai – Rūgailiai – Povilai – Stankiškiiai – Šturmai – Ventė

●●● Hard (in one day),  
● Easy (in two days)

🌳 Mostly paved roads, also gravel roads

⚠️ Exercise caution when walking on the side of the road!

🗺️ The section can be split in half: reaching the Kintai Carp Lakes (16 km) or the Village of Minija (Mingė) on the first day, and continuing on to the Ventė Cape (11 km) on the next day. Minija village is known for its unique architecture and its main road, dubbed the “Venice of Lithuania”. It is possible to cross the river by boat (only in summer) to reach the other part of the village. The hike along the Baltic Coastal Hiking Route can be resumed on the following day.

## WORTH SEEING!

- 1 Polder dikes.** The polder system of the Nemunas Delta was formed in the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century to prevent flooding of the local settlements. GPS: 55.35157, 21.42359
- 2 Aukštumala Educational Trail.** The 1200-meter-long trail winds through Kūlgrinda (a hidden underwater stony road) dating back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century and connecting several marshland villages. Information stands and observation decks along the trail present interesting information about the raised bog telmological reserve. GPS: 55.38790, 21.35249
- 3 Krokai Observation Tower.** GPS: 55.37768, 21.31097
- 4 Bridge over the Minija.** GPS: 55.39787, 21.28688
- 5 Mingė Village.** This unique village in the Nemunas Delta has been dubbed the "Venice of Lithuania". Since long ago, people have used the river as the main road. Tours across the Nemunas Delta and the Curonian Spit and a ferry to Nida are available during the summer season. GPS: 55.36343, 21.28337
- 6 Kintai Carp Lakes.** The lakes are home to brooding terns and other water birds. White-tailed eagles can also be seen circling above the lakes. GPS: 55.39206, 21.26522
- 7 Ventė Cape Lighthouse and Ornithological Station.** One of the largest bird migration routes goes through Ventė Cape. About 200 thousand birds pass by Ventė every day. The Ornithological Station has bird traps that are the largest in Europe, including zigzag traps of original design. These traps are used to catch birds no matter the weather conditions all year

round. The staff of the Ornithological Station ring about 60 to 80 thousand birds per year.  
GPS: 55.34147, 21.19040

## SERVICES

 Accommodations

- 1. Camping, guest house "Ventainė",**  
T: +370 68670490; GPS: 55.35596, 21.20511
- 2. Suites "Ventės poilsis",**  
T: +370 63372325; GPS: 55.35817, 21.20747
- 3. Villa "Šturmy švityrys",**  
T: +370 65090139; GPS: 55.36384, 21.21278
- 4. Šturmy homestead,**  
T: +370 69453255; GPS: 55.36899, 21.21675
- 5. Guest house "Kintai",**  
T: +370 61672402; GPS: 55.39999, 21.28635

 Catering

- 1. Restaurant "Ventainė",**  
T: +370 68670490; GPS: 55.35596, 21.20511
- 2. Restaurant "Šturmy švityrys",**  
T: +370 65090139; GPS: 55.36384, 21.21278
- 3. Summer Café,**  
T: +370 69453255; GPS: 55.36899, 21.21675
- 4. Restobar "Kintai",**  
T: +370 61672402; GPS: 55.39999, 21.28635

 Shops

"Aibė",  
T: +370 44169067; GPS: 55.34528, 21.19372

 Pharmacies

Only in Šilutė and Klaipėda.

 ATMs

Only in Šilutė and Klaipėda.

 Public transport


No public buses pass by Ventė Cape. However, a bus runs from Kintai to Priekulė twice a day. You can easily reach Klaipėda and Šilutė from Priekulė.

Timetables: [web.trafi.com/lt/klaipeda](http://web.trafi.com/lt/klaipeda)  
Ferries go from Ventė Cape (Ventainė) to Nida during the summer season.

Route and timetables:  
[www.ventaine.lt/en/ferrytonida](http://www.ventaine.lt/en/ferrytonida)  
Ferries also go from Minija Village to Nida and Rusnė Island during the summer season.

Timetable: [www.mingeskaimas.lt/en](http://www.mingeskaimas.lt/en)

## TOURIST INFORMATION

 Šilutė Tourist Information Center,  
Lietuvininkų st. 4, Šilutė,  
[www.siluteinfo.lt](http://www.siluteinfo.lt), T: +370 44177785;  
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