



LATVIA  
RIGA AND RIGA REGION



## BALTEZERS – VANGAŽI, 22 km

The historic Tērbata road along the banks of Gauja River and lakes

The Forest Trail crosses the VIA Baltica motorway via a tunnel and goes on through a private housing along the Lake Mazais Baltezers. Then it turns east, following the Gauja-Baltezers Canal. In the Garkalne-Āņi section, beautiful meadows stretch on both sides of the Forest Trail, drowning in heaps of blossoming red catchflies, white daisies and yellow buttercups during the summer. Since days of old, medieval roads have ran along the banks of Gauja River, and travellers used the ferry crossing at Iļķene to get across. Beyond Āņi, the Forest Trail passes through forested areas and a populated country area, and finally reaches Vangaži via Gaujas street.

### PRACTICAL INFORMATION

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⌚ 7 – 9 h

🚩 Baltezers, by the hotel "Baltvilla"

🚩 Vangaži Centre, Gaujas street

📍 Baltezers (Senču avenue – Mētru street – Alderu street – Kanāla street) – Alderi – Garkalne – Āņi – Romantika – Vangaži



Paved road up to Āņi, gravel roads from Āņi to Vangaži, paved road from Romantika to Vangaži



Easy



Cross highways and motorways only in designated areas! Follow safety rules when walking on the side of the road!



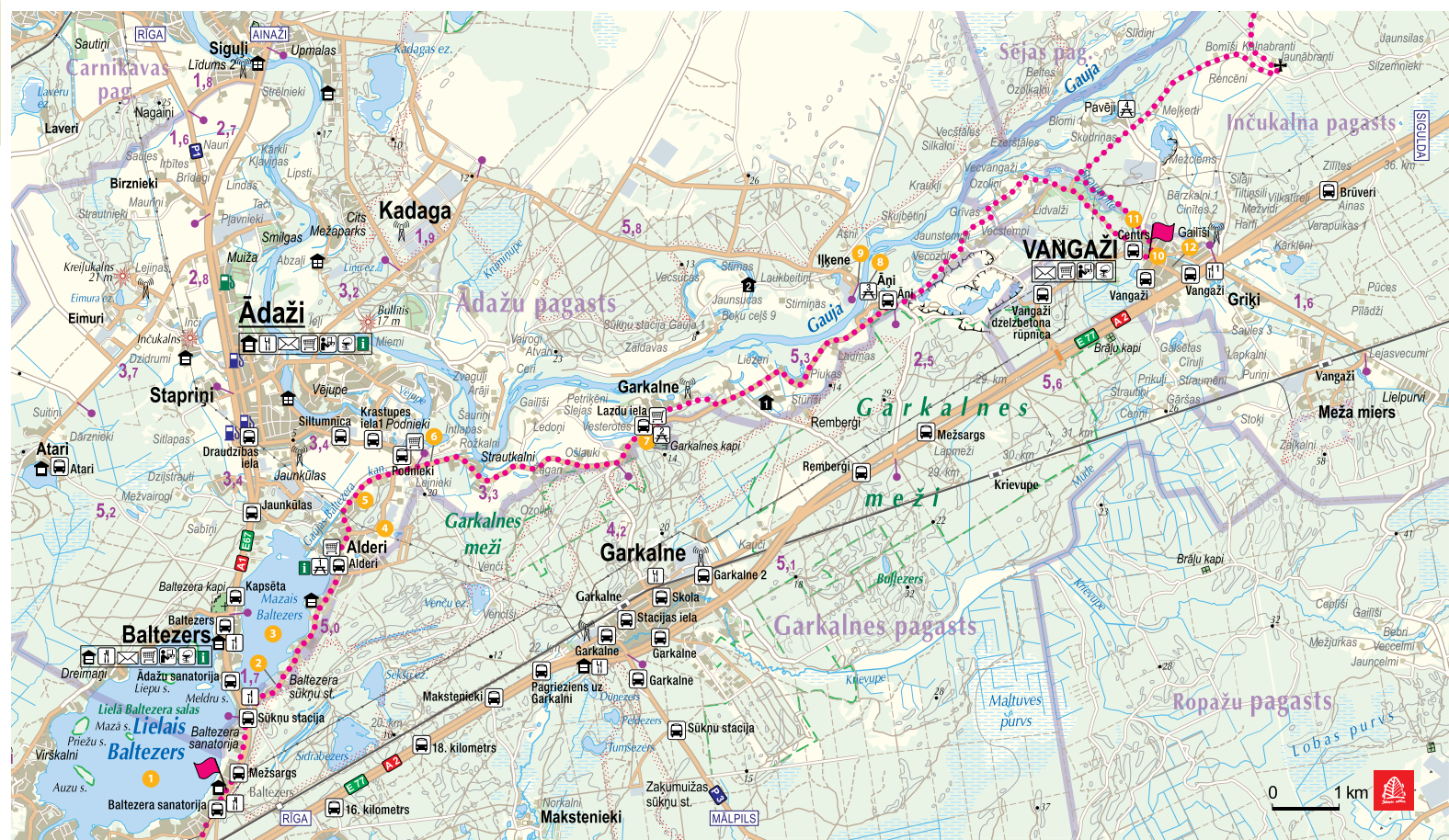
A large portion of the route runs along the road (there is no heavy traffic, but there are no sidewalks either), so

travellers must take care, especially where the road makes a curve. Garkalne is connected to Riga via minibuses.



You can also walk along the opposite (right) bank of Gauja River to measure the distance from Baltezers through Ādaži (crossing Gauja River over Kadagas Bridge) to Rāmkalni. The recommended time is two days, spending the night in the camping "Leiputrija".





## FORESTS

The Forest Trail leads through forested dunes and continues along Lake Mazais Baltezers, which is a nutrient-rich and, therefore, overgrown lake. Specially protected old or natural boreal (dry coniferous) forests can be observed in certain places. This section of the Forest Trail leads along the nature reserve “Garkalnes meži”, which is the largest nesting place of the European rollers in Latvia. It is home to the protected sand lizard, which lives in dry and sparse pine forests.

## WORTH SEEING!

- Lake Lielais Baltezers.** A relict of the Baltic Ice Age, all its isles are part of a nature reserve. The neighbourhood has developed into an area of exclusive mansions. GPS: 57.02467, 24.29904
- Riga Water Supply Museum.** Although the area is said to have been established in 1988, it has been populated since the mid-17th century. +371 67088326; GPS: 57.03623, 24.32756
- Lake Mazais Baltezers.** Since 1904, the lake serves as the source of Riga's drinking water supply. GPS: 57.047123, 24.328337
- Alderī.** The name of the village comes from a brewery that used to operate here. In early 20th century, rafters who used to transport timber via the Gauja-Daugava canal began settling here. GPS: 57.05709, 24.35401
- Utaīnkalns.** A dune with a great view. GPS: 57.06176, 24.34874
- Gauja-Baltezers Canal.** A fragment of the Gauja-Daugava waterway, built in 1903 to transport timber between Gauja and Vecmīlgrāvis. GPS: 57.06629, 24.36659

- Garkalne Lutheran Church.** Built in 1848. GPS: 57.06889, 24.41989
- Ilķene ferry crossing.** Operated until 1940s. Named after the estate of David Hilchen, the secretary of King of Poland. GPS: 57.08963, 24.47497
- Historic Road.** Since 13th century a road passed through here, which went on to become the most important postal route of Vidzeme, connecting Riga with Tartu and St. Petersburg. GPS: 57.09001, 24.47265
- Vangaži.** First mentioned in the 17th century. After World War II, rich sand and gravel deposits were discovered and a reinforced concrete factory and a workers' village were established here. GPS: 57.09286, 24.54680

- Vangaži Christian Parish Church.** GPS: 57.09444, 24.5406
- Vangaži Town Museum.** GPS: 57.09188, 24.55057

## SERVICES



### Accommodations

- Guest house “Mazpipari”.** +371 29 667 472; GPS: 57.07281, 24.44875
  - Camping “Leiputrija”.** +371 29267705; GPS: 57.08960, 24.44514
- Staying in Ādaži:** [www.adazi.lv/turisms/](http://www.adazi.lv/turisms/)



### Catering

- In Ādaži:** [www.adazi.lv/turisms/](http://www.adazi.lv/turisms/)
- “Pie Brāļa”.** +371 67995015; GPS: 57.09138, 24.56016



### Shops

- „Lats”, Alderī,** GPS: 57.05408, 24.34232  
**„Lats”, Ādaži,** GPS: 57.06837, 24.36214  
**„Aibe”, Garkalne,** GPS: 57.07140, 24.42168

**Shop in Vangaži,**  
 GPS: 57.09055, 24.54338

**Shop in Vangaži - 2,**  
 GPS: 57.09276, 24.54430

**Shop in Vangaži - 3,**  
 GPS: 57.09251, 24.54685



### Pharmacies

**Pharmacy in Vangaži,**  
 GPS: 57.09563, 24.54315

**Pharmacy in Vangaži - 2,**  
 GPS: 57.09093, 24.54478



### ATM

**In Vangaži:** GPS: 57.09246, 24.54675



### Public transport

Buses run from Vangaži to Riga or Sigulda up to several times an hour.  
 Route timetables: [www.1188.lv](http://www.1188.lv) and [www.sabiedriskaisautobuss.lv](http://www.sabiedriskaisautobuss.lv). Vangaži railway station is located 3–4 km from the centre of Vangaži (Riga and Sigulda directions).



### Rest areas

- Mazais Baltezers (Alderī) beach,** GPS: 57.05311, 24.34220
- By Garkalne Lutheran Church,** GPS: 57.06889, 24.41989
- In Ānī by Gauja (former Ilķene ferry crossing),** GPS: 57.08955, 24.47516

## TOURIST INFORMATION:



**Ādaži Municipality Council,**  
 Gaujas street 33A, Ādaži; +371 67997350;  
 GPS: 57.08005, 24.33212



**Tourist information stand on Alderī beach,** GPS: 57.05311, 24.34220