



LATVIA VECLAICENE FORESTLAND



TRAPENE – APE, 19 km

Towards Ape, where witches used to reside on the banks of Vaidava River

The first 6 kilometres of the Forest Trail lead along P44 until it turns North on the Ādams–Ape road. 4 km before the Riga–Pskov motorway (A2), the Forest Trail passes through a magnificent, dense forest, which is a popular spot for foraging berries and mushrooms in Autumn. After the Riga–Pskov highway, the Forest Trail runs through agricultural lands until it reaches the centre of Ape, one of the smallest towns in Latvia, after crossing the former Ape–Valka narrow-gauge railway line.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

..... 19 km

⌚ 6 – 8 h

🚩 Trapene

🚩 Ape

📍🚶 Trapene – Ādams – Ape

🌳 Mainly gravel roads, Paved road in Trapene and Ape



Easy

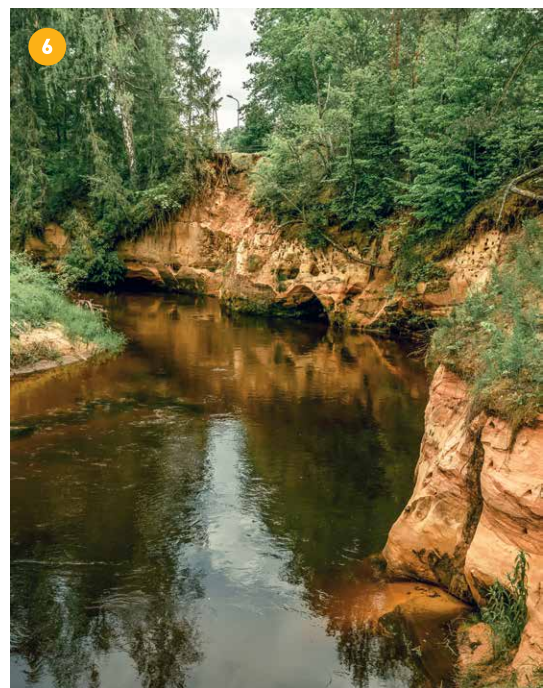


Watch out for cars on winding roads. Be careful when crossing Riga–Pskov motorway!



The only shops are located at the start and finish points. The working hours of café “Krodziņš” in Ape is 12:00–16:00 and it is closed on weekends.

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FORESTS

The path from Trapene winds through a mosaic landscape, where fields alternate with clusters of forests and massifs. During the summer, the lesser spotted eagle can be seen here. This species of bird prefers places where fields alternate with forests. The bird prefers to nest in trees at the edges of mixed and deciduous woods, but prefers to hunt in meadows and fallow lands, less often forests and fields. As you walk through the forest, be prepared to meet other travellers, for these parts are popular among foragers and people who practice orienteering sports. The forests in this hilly terrain are mostly dry forest with the pine tree as the dominant species.

WORTH SEENING!

- 1 Historical Centre of Ape.**
Dolomite buildings and cobblestone road on Pasta street.
GPS: 57.53932, 26.69407
- 2 E. Zālīte Memorial House.**
The exhibition features personal items of the writer.
+371 2649325; GPS: 57.54103, 26.68622
- 3 Miniature pine tree.**
May be the smallest pine tree in Latvia with specifically shaped branches.
GPS: 57.54189, 26.69801
- 4 Monument to writer Elīna Zālīte.**
The Bronze sculpture was restored in 2016 using donations.
GPS: 57.54076, 26.70621
- 5 Vaidava Nature Trail.**
1.5 km long trail along Vaidava River.
GPS: 57.54026, 26.70708
- 6 Raganu Cliffs.**
8–10 m tall and up to 100 m wide cliffs on the banks of Vaidava River.
GPS: 57.53994, 26.70764
- 7 Dzenīši Willow Tree.**
The largest white willow in the Baltic States, its trunk diameter reaching 10 m.
GPS: 57.54306, 26.71618

SERVICES

Accommodations

- 1. Holiday House "Jaunvosi",**
+371 64355346, 26.116845;
GPS: 57.51246, 26.67812
- 2. Accommodation House "Kalpakī",**
+371 29160419;
GPS: 57.51563, 26.68708

Catering

- 1. Café "Krodziņš",**
+371 26594554;
GPS: 57.53746, 26.69592



Shops

In Trapene,
GPS: 57.45059, 26.59204

Shops in the centre of Ape:
GPS: 57.53929, 26.69412



Pharmacy

In Ape,
GPS: 57.53985, 26.69570



Public transport

The bus between Trapene and Ape on the A2 runs once a day, except Saturdays and Sundays. The bus between Lizespasts and Ape on the A2 runs 5–7 times a day. Route timetables: www.1188.lv



Rest areas

In Ape
+371 26595683 (call before arrival);
GPS: 57.53911, 26.71589

TOURIST INFORMATION:



Gaujiena TIC,
Gaujiena, "Pilskalni",
www.apesnovads.lv/turisms-apesnovads/,
+371 64381601 or +371 28386923;
GPS: 57.51490, 26.39924



Self-service Tourist Information Point in Ape, Ape, Skolas street 4,
www.apesnovads.lv/turisms-apesnovads/, +371 29131404;
GPS: 57.53756, 26.69277