



ESTONIA SETOMAA

VÄRSKA - RISTIPALO, 25 km

Värska – historical resort



After leaving Värska, the Forest Trail turns northwest towards Värska Gulf of Lake Pskov. Having circled around in the forest, the trail leads to Laossina village, where the visitors have the opportunity to learn more about the religious traditions of the Seto people. This section of the Forest Trail passes through the Lake Peipus lowlands, so the terrain is flat. The land is mainly used for agriculture. After crossing the Võhandu River near Võõpsu village, the Forest Trail turns towards Räpina.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

..... 25 km

🕒 8 – 10 h

🚩 Värska by Setomaa Tourist Information Point

🚩 Ristipalo by the Estonian State Forest Management (RMK) Office

📍🗺️ Värska - Laossina - Toomasmäe - Varesmäe - Võõpsu - Ristipalo



Paved road in Värska and the last 4 km of the distance; forest roads and trails, gravel roads.



Medium



The only cafés are located in Värska and Räpina.



If you have travelled a long way, it is advised to take a day off and enjoy the Värska SPA and pool to give your body a break. The more active hikers can take a walk around the historical resort and the various trails in the vicinity of Väike-Rõsna.



FORESTS

It is a peculiar area of Setomaa, where both pine and heath pine forests grow on predominantly sandy land. The forests alternate with the small Seto villages and fields. Forests are of different ages because the forests are actively managed here. There are a couple of cross pines near Ristipalo. Cutting a cross into a tree is still a part of the funeral tradition of South-East Estonia and trees with cross marks in our nature are unique features of the regional burial culture.

WORTH SEENIG!

- 1 **Värška church.** The church has an original iconostasis or icon wall and numerous beautiful handcrafted sacred items. GPS: 57.96028, 27.62971
- 2 **Suure-Rõсна village chapel.** GPS: 57.996383, 27.609117
- 3 **Laossina beach.** GPS: 58.030879, 27.585912
- 4 **Laossina village chapel.** Laossina village chapel is located in a medieval village cemetery that is still in use. Several medieval crosses stand behind the chapel. GPS: 58.029615, 27.579956
- 5 **Võõpsu village chapel.** This is the largest wooden chapel of Setomaa (on the Estonian side). Most likely, it originally served as a barn. GPS: 58.07917, 27.54432
- 6 **Võõpsu harbour.** GPS: 58.081965, 27.545221
- 7 **Võõpsu Orthodox church.** GPS: 58.08182, 27.53749
- 8 **Võõpsu fire station.** In 1928 a fire station was built on the Võõpsu market square. The station was used for storing fire equipment, and fire hoses were dried in the station's tower. Nowadays the station is used for exhibitions as well as community and open-air events. GPS: 58.08191, 27.5383

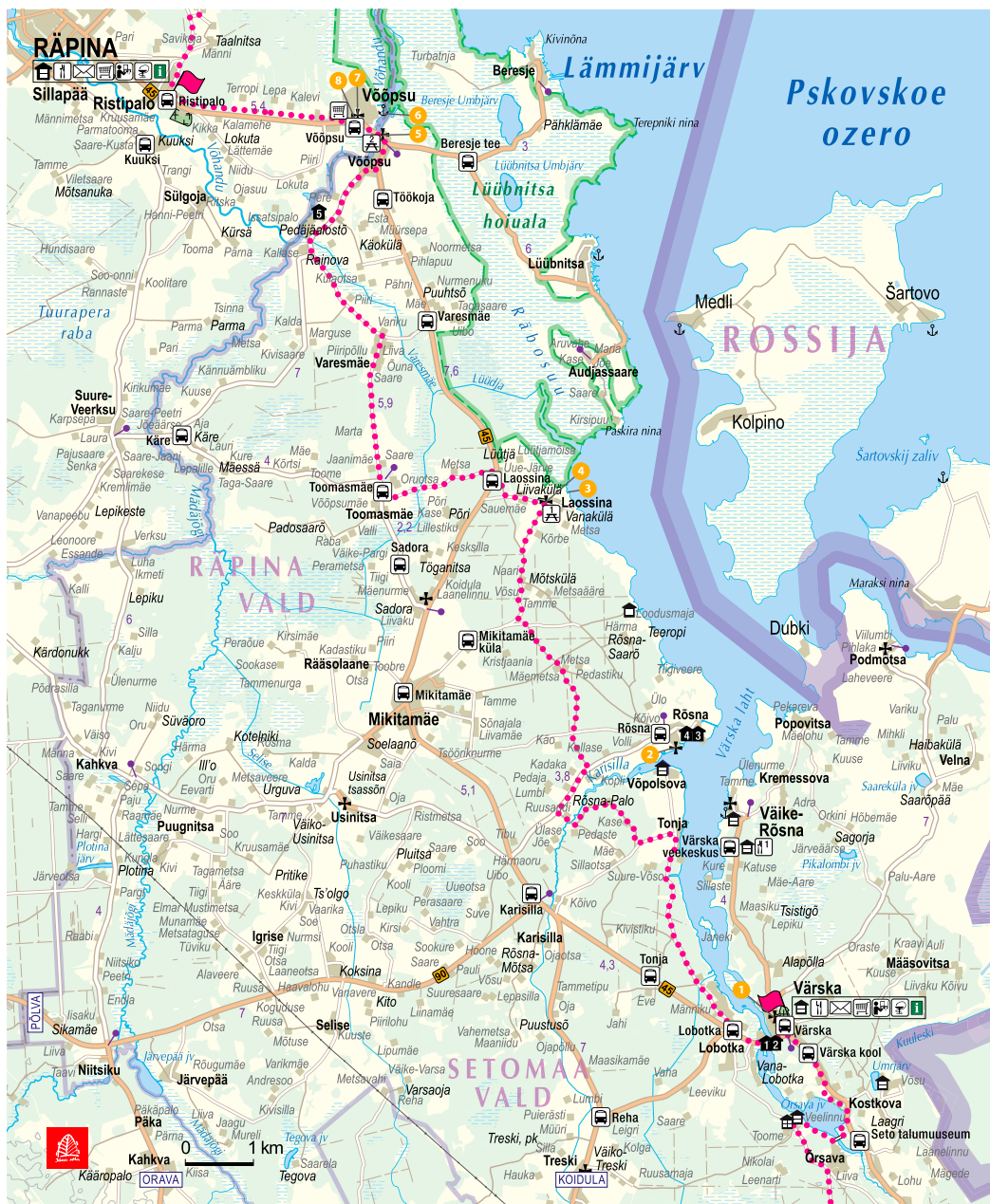
SERVICES

Accommodations

1. Guesthouse "Hirvemäe Recreational centre", +372 7976105; GPS: 57.95583, 27.62962
2. Värška Guesthouse, +372 5239697; GPS: 57.95666, 27.62978
3. Country house "Rõсна Holiday Home", +372 58190203; GPS: 57.99771, 27.61294
4. Guesthouse "Sadama Recreation Area", +372 5063301; GPS: 57.99762, 27.61469
5. Guesthouse "Eve Holiday Home", +372 56651353; GPS: 58.06891, 27.52771

Catering

1. Näki café in Värška Water Park, +372 7999335; GPS: 57.98282, 27.62356



Shops

Võõpsu shop,
GPS: 58.08111, 27.53707

Public transport

Bus traffic between Koidula and Ristipalo goes ~7 times a day.

Rest areas

1. **Laossina,**
▲ (up to 4 tents are allowed) 🏕️
GPS: 58.02941, 27.57941
2. **At Võõpsu chapel,**
GPS: 58.07917, 27.54432

TOURIST INFORMATION:

i Setomaa Tourist Information Point in Värška,
www.visitsetomaa.ee,
+372 56821268;
GPS: 57.95786, 27.63356

