



ESTONIA LAKE PEIPUS SHORE



MEHIKOORMA - LÄÄNISTE, 26 km

Around the Emajõe-Suursoo wetland

The stage fully justifies the name of the Forest Trail, as the next three days lead through one of Estonia's largest wetlands, the Emajõe-Suursoo wetland, which is surrounded by extensive forest areas. The only settlement area between Jõepera and Ahja River is Järvelja, enclosed by forests. The terrain is flat, since the Forest Trail still runs through the Lake Peipus lowlands. The destination is located by the Ahja River, which is known for its scenic Devonian sandstone outcrops and a popular boat route.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

..... 26 km

⌚ 8 – 10 h

🚩 Mehikoorma village centre

🚩 Lääniste village by the bridge over Ahja River

📍🚶 Mehikoorma - Jõepera - Järvelja - Lääniste



Gravel roads, paved road for 2 km



Medium



Be careful when walking along small and winding rural roads!



There are no shops or caterers between Mehikoorma and Kavastu (two-day walk)! No places of accommodation near Lääniste. Buses run between

Järvelja and Lääniste a few times a day (about 15 min drive), so you can go back from the destination to Järvelja, stay the night and return to the starting point the following morning. If you are leaning towards this option, make sure to look at the bus schedules: www.peatus.ee. You can also ask the host whether he can pick you up with a car.



FORESTS

Järvelja is home to Estonia's oldest forest conservation area, the so-called "primeval forest quarter" (under protection since 1924). Several generations of Estonian forest scientists and forest managers have gained knowledge and practice in the surrounding forests. Forestry tests and research are still ongoing in Järvelja. The forests here are of different types due to different soil moisture.

WORTH SEENIG!

- 1 Mehikoorma lighthouse.**
The tallest of the three lighthouses on Lake Peipus.
GPS: 58.23334, 27.47657
- 2 Järvelja nature study trail.**
Part of the hiking trail is boardwalks, two outdoor classes and two houses.
GPS: 58.27833, 27.32508
- 3 Järvelja king's pine.**
The age of the king pine has been measured to be nearly 360 years.
GPS: 58.27245, 27.32243
- 4 Järvelja study and testing forest district.**
It is possible to get acquainted with collection plants and take a walk in the parks. +372 7411334;
GPS: 58.268457, 27.312392

SERVICES



Accommodations

- 1. Guest house "Mehikoorma Külastemaja",**
+372 5237240; GPS: 58.23302, 27.47577
- 2. Hostel "Järvelja Õppe- ja Katsemetsakond",**
+372 7411334; GPS: 58.26751, 27.31371
- 3. Castle "Järvelja Jahiloss",**
+372 53813661; GPS: 58.26920, 27.30612
- 4. Guest house "Peramaa Puhkekeskus",**
+372 55687026; GPS: 58.25892, 27.26546



Shops

Mehikoorma "A & O",
GPS: 58.23560, 27.46988



Catering

There is no eatery in this area.



Public transport

Bus connection Mehikoorma-Lääniste 2 times a day.



Rest areas

- 1. Riipalu outdoor study class by the study trail,**
▲ (up to 4 tents are allowed) 🏕️
GPS: 58.26971, 27.32808
- 2. Järvelja LKA,**
GPS: 58.27833, 27.32508

TOURIST INFORMATION:



Tartu Tourist Information Centre,

Tartu, Town Hall Square,
www.visittartu.com,
+372 7442111;
GPS: 58.37989, 26.72200

