



ESTONIA LAKE PEIPUS SHORE



LÄÄNISTE - KAVASTU, 20 km

Crossing the Emajõgi River by the only cable ferry in Estonia

Most of this section of the Forest Trail passes through an uninhabited forest area to the west of the Emajõe-Suursoo wetland, which is protected by the Peipsiveere nature reserve. At the village of Kastre, the Forest Trail returns to civilisation, and hikers have to cross the Emajõgi River by the local cable ferry to get to the Kavastu village. The Peipsiveere visitor centre and nature trails are located at a 3.5 km distance from Kavastu.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

..... 20 km

🕒 7 - 9 h

🚩 Lääniste village by the bridge over Ahja River

🚩 Kavastu village centre

📍 Lääniste - Aruaia - Kastre - Kavastu

🌳 Mainly gravel roads and forest roads, paved road for ~4 km

🟢 Easy



The Emajõgi River is crossed by the Kavastu Ferry. It operates all year round, except when the river is frozen over.

Opening hours:
Monday-Friday
06:30-09:30; 13:30-15:00;
16:00-19:00;
Saturday-Sunday
09:00-10:00; 14:00-15:00;
18:00-19:00.
Fee: EUR 1 (in cash).
Contacts: +371 53302611.



There are no shops or caterers between Mehikoorma and Kavastu (two-day walk)!



You can stay in Kavastu for a day to explore the visitor centre and the nature trail.

FORESTS

From Lääniste to Kavastu, the road alternates between open terrain and mixed forests. To the east of it, the wetland around the Ahja River, the downstream part of the Emajõgi River and the Koosa River up to Piirissaar in Lake Peipus have been united into Estonia's largest nature reserve named Peipsiveere.

WORTH SEEING!

- 1 Kastre manor park.**
Knight manor, which was founded after the fortress was destroyed and named after it.
GPS: 58.37686, 27.07071
- 2 Kavastu raft.**
The river crossing by ferry is the only one of its kind in Estonia today.
GPS: 58.37694, 27.04520
- 3 Emajõe-Suursoo nature centre.**
The Nature Centre is located on the banks of the beautiful Emajõgi River.
GPS: 58.38218, 27.10583

SERVICES

Accommodations

- 1. Guest house "Varastatud parve hotell",**
+372 5226185;
GPS: 58.37895, 27.04533
- 2. Tourism house "Kuu Turismitalu",**
+372 5093759;
GPS: 58.38240, 27.10125

Catering

There is no catering service in this area.

Shops

Kavastu "Väino pood",
GPS: 58.38207, 27.04318

Public transport

Bus connection Lääniste–Kastre once a day.

Rest areas

- 1. Kastre manor park, ▲**
GPS: 58.37686, 27.07071
- 2. Kavastu park, ▲**
(up to 4 tents are allowed) 🔥
GPS: 58.38037, 27.04388
- 3. RMK Kantsi campsite, ▲ 🔥**
GPS: 58.38198, 27.10471

TOURIST INFORMATION:

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

