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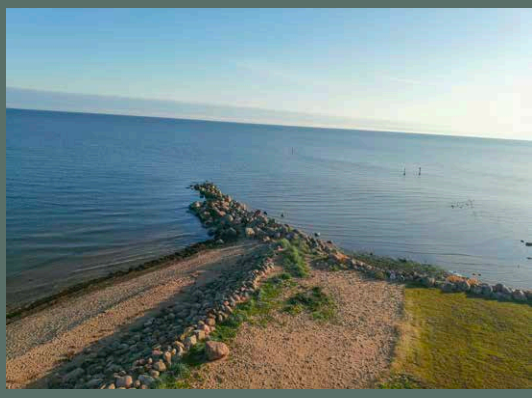


ESTONIA **NORTH ESTONIAN COASTLINE**

SAKA - ASERI, 22 km

Millions of years old fossils on the seashore

At Saka manor, the Forest Trail ventures down a steep staircase to the seashore, where it continues along the beach for less than 6 km. At the villages of Moldova and Jabara, the Forest Trail moves back up the North-Estonian Klint (great scenery from the Viru Rise), passes through the village of Purtse, circles around the Purtse River and moves further down the narrow seacoast to Aseri. Shortly before arriving at the town, it climbs the slope of the klint again. Animal fossils can be observed by the seashore below the North-Estonian Klint, some of them hundreds of millions of years old.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

22 km

8 – 10 h

Saka manor

Aseri municipality house

Saka - Aa - Moldova - Purtse - Liimala - Aseri

Sandy, sandy to rocky beaches, dirt and gravel roads, paved road in Aseri and between Purtse and Liimala

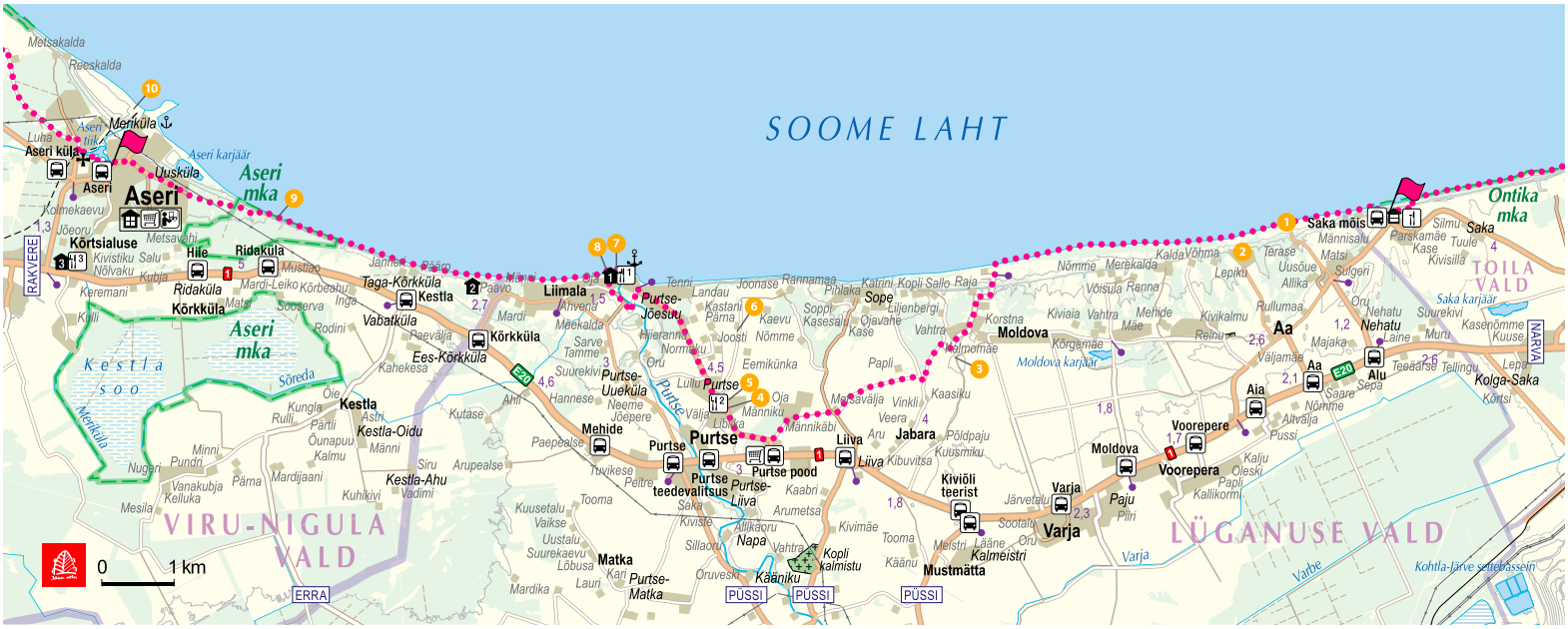
Hard

The Klint has formed several mass slides and mudslides in the section between Liimala and Aseri, which together with the vegetation - trees and bushes - make walking difficult. The Trail may be overgrown before Aseri.

Going near the top and bottom part of the North-Estonian Klint is dangerous, especially after spring and autumn showers, as it can collapse.

During stronger north, northwest, or northeast winds, the narrow shore (beach) may be completely covered with water in places and thus not suitable for walking. Shoes with fixed ankle and walking poles will help you keep balance. Keep in mind that you cannot climb up or down the 50 m high North-Estonian Klint from any place on the beach.

If you cannot walk on the seashore because of the waves, take a bus from Purtse to Aseri that runs on the Tallinn - Narva motorway.



FORESTS

Aa village has an interesting manor park with ponds and a protected pine forest. On the way, one will encounter Purtse River and the sacred Purtse forest hill, where oaks are planted in memory of the victims of communism. Aseri is an industrial city where clay bricks have historically been made, so one can see clay quarries surrounded by mixed forests.

WORTH SEENIG!

1. **Aa beach.**
   GPS: 59.438012, 27.153445
2. **Aa manor.**
   GPS: 59.434462, 27.14229
3. **Jäbara stone barrows.** The largest group of archaeologically investigated older Iron Age stone barrows in North-eastern Estonia. The funeral site covers the period 500 years BC and 500 years AD.
   GPS: 59.423258, 27.07105
4. **Purtse brewery.**
   GPS: 59.418576, 27.014553
5. **Purtse fortress.** The oldest preserved castle in the county can be visited daily from June until the end of August, other times to be booked in advance.
   GPS: 59.419067, 27.01295
6. **Purtse Hiiemägi (Grove Hill), sacrificial linden tree and sacrificial stone.**
   GPS: 59.427763, 27.018463
7. **Tulivee bootlegging tourist centre.**
   The centre introduces and lets you experience true stories related to moonshine that happened almost a century ago.
   GPS: 59.435319, 26.990299
8. **Liimala beach.**
   GPS: 59.435973, 26.987679
9. **Aseri clay outcrop.**
   GPS: 59.444352, 26.907364
10. **Aseri beach and clay quarry.**
    GPS: 59.45876, 26.873689

SERVICES

Accommodations

1. **Tulivee Villa,**
   +372 3340017; +372 53451841;
   GPS: 59.43514, 26.98817
2. **Mereoja Camping,**
   +372 59084196;
   GPS: 59.43451, 26.95447
3. **Kõrtsialuse Guesthouse,**
   +372 5163192;
   GPS: 59.43970, 26.85462

Catering

1. **Tulivee Restaurant,**
   +372 5218046;
   GPS: 59.43514, 26.98817
2. **Purtse caste café/restaurant,**
   +372 53079661;
   GPS: 59.41907, 27.01295
3. **Restaurant Jäägrigrill,**
   +372 5163192;
   GPS: 59.43940, 27.85476

Shops

Purtse pood,
GPS: 59.41226, 27.02556

Aseri "Grossi toidukaubad",
GPS: 59.44970, 26.86690

Public transport

Nearest transport:
Tallinn - Narva highway,
www.peatus.ee.

TOURIST INFORMATION:

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