

# Trikojis - Didžiasalis

Forests rich in forest goods - mushrooms and berries

From Trikojis lake and Bertašiūnai village, the Forest Trail goes south along the road No. 2517, crosses the Leipalingis-Kapčiamiestis road (No. 2505) and Viktarinas village. Further on, the trail turns around Stirtos lake and winds its way through wide forest massifs, where in some places you can see fields and small villages. In summer, the forest is rich in blueberries and mushrooms. Then, the Forest Trail crosses the canal connecting the Baltajis Bilsas and Juodajis Bilsas lakes, rises on the steep shore of the lake and turns south. From here you can see Didžiasalis village. The section from Trikojis lake to Viktarinas village belongs to the Veisiejai Regional Park.



# PRACTICAL INFORMATION



19 km



5 – 7 h



Trikojis lake



Didžiasalis by the farm "Augų ūkis"



Trikojis lake – Bertašiūnai – Viktarinas – Dulgininkai – Vilkanastrai – Didžiasalis



Gravel roads and forest roads. In larger populated areas – asphalt.



Easy



Be careful when walking along the side of the road!



Shops are only available in Viktarinas and Didžiasalis villages.

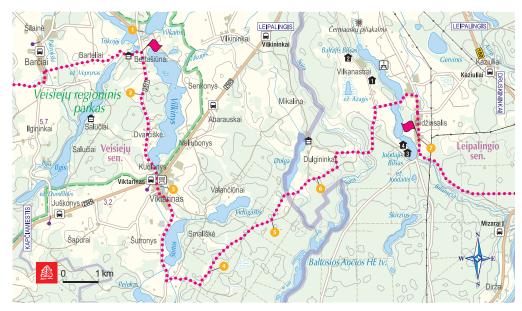


# **NATURE**

The Latin name for the dwarf everlast or immortelle (Helichrysum arenarium), means golden sun growing in sandy places. The Latvian name (dzeltenā kaķpēdiņa) comes from the fact that the flower cluster of the plant resembles a cat's foot. The dwarf everlast grows in dry, sunny meadows, where there are distinctly sandy soils, therefore it is an integral part of the landscape of Dzūkija dry meadows and open places. In Latvia, the plant is mainly found in the south-eastern part. The dwarf everlast is known as a medicinal plant. It is used against colds, skin and intestinal diseases, depression and anxiety. In dried form, it is also a popular ornamental plant. Although the dwarf everlast is not a protected plant, the number of these plants diminishes as natural habitats wane and open spaces become overgrown.

## **WORTH SEEING!**

- Taikūnai pine. Protected botanical natural heritage object by Vilkaitis lake. A roof pillar was erected next to the pine, commemorating the partisans of the Mindaugas homeland squadron of the Dainava district's Šarūnas team who died in the former bunker (about 3 m from the pine). GPS: 54.06786, 23.77377
- French Mountain. The locals still remember the legends told by their ancestors that Napoleon Bonaparte had stopped here for a short time to rest. GPS: 54.05169, 23.77296
- Viktarinas. A village between two lakes -Vilkinis and Stirtos – in Veisiejai Regional Park. The Vilkine river meanders through the village, connecting both lakes. This old village is located in a beautiful place near the Leipalingis pine forest. GPS: 54.02831, 23.78095
- Cross of Remembrance. Built in 1948 in memory of the fallen partisans of Puščia A. Radžiukynas, J. Leščinskas and A. Ramanavičius. GPS: 54.00665, 23.80261
- Commemorative cross. To honor World War I soldiers. GPS: 54.01965, 23.82936
- Castle mound. GPS: 54.03051, 23.84898
- Farm "Augu ūkis". Produces and sells various types of cheese: sweet milk, mould, fermented and matured. There are tastings of these cheeses taking place, where guests are told about the cheese path "from the meadow to the table", showing the cheese farm and mould cheese maturing cellar. During the educational program "How cheese is born", guests can make their own sweet milk cheese. +370 61477838, GPS: 54.04078, 23.89340



## **SERVICES**



# Accommodations

- 1. Homestead "Bilso sodyba" +370 68726807; GPS: 54.05517, 23.87210
- 2. Homestead "Vilkanastru dvaras". +370 61222206, 62011330; GPS: 54.06094, 23.86222
- 3. Homestead "Ami Residence forest". +370 68798019: GPS: 54.03676, 23.88805
- 4. Homestead "Ami Residence", +370 68798019; GPS: 54.03865, 23.88648



# Catering

None in this section.



#### Shops

Viktarinas food shop, GPS: 54.02965, 23.77908

"Augų sūrinė" in Didžiasalis, +370 61477838; GPS: 54.04078, 23.89340



#### **Pharmacies**

None in this section.



#### **ATMs**

None in this section.



#### Public transport

Bus stop in Viktarinas, GPS: 54.03004, 23.77789. Current schedules: www.lazdijuautobusai.lt



#### Resting areas

1. "Barbora", +370 68554410; GPS: 54.05898, 23.87679

# **TOURISM INFORMATION**

- Druskininkai Tourism and Business Information Center, M. K. Čiurlionio street 65, Druskininkai, https://druskininkai.lt, +370 31351777; GPS: 54.01546, 23.97713
- Lazdijai Tourism Information Center, Janaslavo villlage 10, Lazdijai district, www.lazdijai-turizmas.lt, +370 31851881; GPS: 54.17632, 23.48113



