



Kirkšnovė – Kaulakiai

Through Dubysa Regional Park

About 0.5 km after Kirkšnovė the Forest Trail turns left from the Ariogala–Betygala road (No. 3504) and then up to the destination at the Raseiniai–Baisogala road (No. 225) winds along the bends of the Dubysa river, where floodplain meadows alternate with small forest massifs and little villages. In some places there are vast views of the high banks of the Dubysa valley and the castle mounds. There is a pronounced land relief in this section – the Forest Trail winds up and down the steep slopes of the shores, ensuring a memorable hiking experience. This is a section for hikers – “gourmets”!



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

..... 25 km

⌚ 6 – 9 h

🚩 Kirkšnovė pond

🚩 Kaulakiai village by Dubysa Regional Park Administration (located 0.7 km from the main route)

📍 Vandžiai – Smulkiškė – Pakalniškiai – Maslauskiškiai – Kybartėliai – Kaulakiai

🌳 Very small country gravel or natural roads, trails.

⬤⬤⬤ Hard

🚧 In some places the trail may be overgrown.



Some places have steep slopes, a coastal erosion has occurred in one.



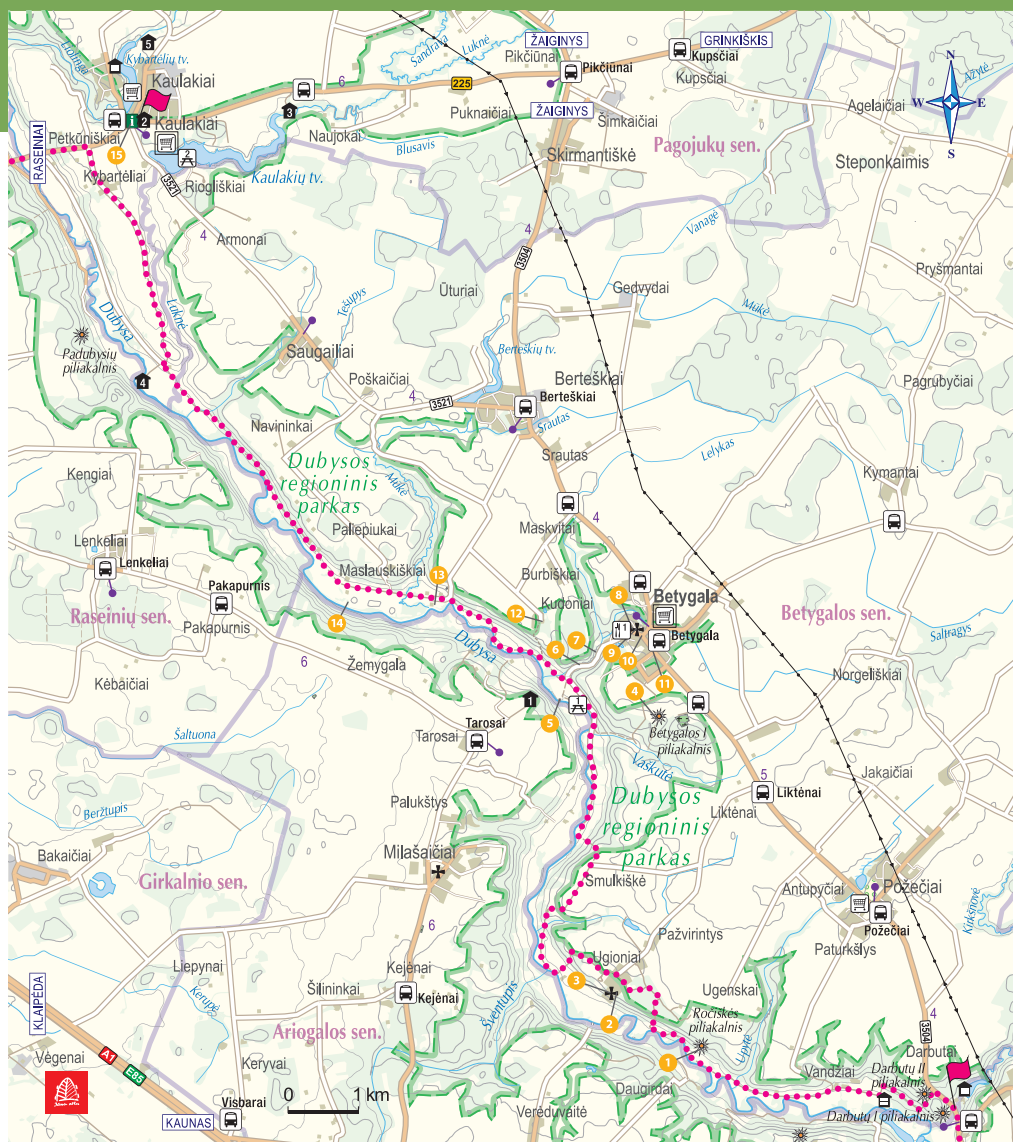
Shops are only in Betygala village, located just over a kilometre from the main route, and in Kaulakiai village. At this section, the Forest Trail crosses the yard of the farm (GPS: 55.32639, 23.34747).

NATURE

Dubysa Regional Park was founded in 1992. It covers the impressive Dubysa valley, which is up to 40 m deep and 0.5 km wide. The beautiful slopes of the valley are crossed by deep ravines of lateral tributaries. Important habitats that are protected at European level are found here, such as dry grasslands in calcareous soils, species-rich pastures and pasture meadows dominated by local cattle, moderately moist meadows, old natural boreal (northern) forests, sloping and ravine forests and oak groves. A total of 805 plant species and 922 animal species have been found here, many of which are protected and rarely found in Lithuania and Baltic States. The unusual beauty of this place has influenced the ancient pagan traditions – Betygala was home to the last pagan priest Gintautas, who was called Krivių Krivaitis. This was the name of the chief priests of the Baltic nations. An ethnographic museum was established in the homestead of the birthplace of the famous Lithuanian poet Maironis (1862–1932). The park visitor center is located in Kaulakiai village.

WORTH SEEING!

- 1** **Ročiškė mound.** It is speculated that the Voruta castle of the famous King Mindaugas may have been here. GPS: 55.30889, 23.38236
- 2** **Ugioniai chapel.** It is built above a spring considered sacred. Spring water is believed to have healing powers. GPS: 55.31600, 23.36319
- 3** **St. Virgin Mary's Assumption church in Ugioniai.** A stone church with the features of folk classicism was built in 1836, using the stones of the Dubysa–Venta canal. GPS: 55.31597, 23.36165
- 4** **Betygala I mound.** There are paths, viewing area, a chapel. GPS: 55.35096, 23.37151
- 5** **Monkey Bridge.** Built on the site of a former bridge for strollers and other vehicles. During the Soviet years, it was destroyed by an icebreaker. GPS: 55.35329, 23.34976
- 6** **The spring of St. John.** According to people, its bubbling water is real, alive and provides energy. GPS: 55.35773, 23.35441
- 7** **Lelyko river outcrop.** GPS: 55.35949, 23.35773
- 8** **Betygala community house.** Educational programs "Bread Path", "Tea Path" are being implemented. There is a tea garden where you can get acquainted with the types of herbs and their cultivation. GPS: 55.36227, 23.36562
- 9** **Church of St. Nicholas, Betygala.** GPS: 55.36246, 23.36685
- 10** **Monument to Vytautas the Great.** The monument is dedicated to Vytautas, the Grand Duke of Lithuania. GPS: 55.36154, 23.36802
- 11** **Betygala Museum.** The exposition of the history of Betygala honors its compatriots. The geological exposition includes miner-



als, rocks, fossils, shells from all over the world. GPS: 55.35960, 23.37054

- 12** **Burbiškės Manor.** The manor house and fragments of the park have survived. GPS: 55.36318, 23.34563
- 13** **Maslauskiškiai water mill.** Built in 1895, made of brick and stone, it belonged to the former manor here. It suffered during World War II but was rebuilt. Visiting by prior arrangement. GPS: 55.36535, 23.32142
- 14** **Paliepiukai multi-stem linden.** On the bank of Dubysa, about 30 m from the bank, grows an impressive multi-stem linden. GPS: 55.36546, 23.30208
- 15** **Dubysa Regional Park Directorate.** There is an exposition on the topic "Sung Dubysa"; information is provided to travellers. GPS: 55.42664, 23.25235

SERVICES



Accommodations

- 1. Camping place "Griežynė",** +370 65603603; GPS: 55.35303, 23.34288
- 2. Dubysa Regional Park Directorate,** +370 42870330; GPS: 55.42666, 23.25235
- 3. Homestead "Fliorencija",** +370 61112469; GPS: 55.42830, 23.28819
- 4. Camping "Dvarviečių",** +370 68774147; GPS: 55.39303, 23.25499
- 5. Homestead "Liolingos",** +370 64683110; GPS: 55.43673, 23.25604



Catering

- 1. Betygala community house,** +370 61834611; GPS: 55.36227, 23.36562



Shops

- Food shop in Betygala,** +370 68579702; GPS: 55.36188, 23.36531
Shop in Kaulakiai, +370 61221418; GPS: 55.42918, 23.25336



Pharmacies

None in this section.



ATMs

None in this section.



Public transport

Kaulakiai can be reached by bus from Ariogala to Raseiniai. Possible routes and lists: www.autobusbilietai.lt and <https://raseiniuautobusuparkas.lt>



Resting areas

- 1. Betygala rest area,** 🏕️ 🚰, GPS: 55.35237, 23.35498
- 2. Luknė camping,** 🏕️, GPS: 55.42155, 23.26544

TOURISM INFORMATION



Public Institution "Atrask Raseinius", Vytauto Didžiojo street 17, Raseiniai, www.atraskraseinius.lt, +370 61834611; GPS: 55.38233, 23.11731



Dubysa Regional Park Visitor Center, Dubysos street 2a, Kaulakiai village, Raseiniai district, www.dubysa.info, GPS: 55.42665, 23.25241