



Kaulakiai – Šiluva

Dubysa valley and the highest railway bridge in Lithuania

Moving along the Raseiniai–Baisogala road (No. 225) and along its pedestrian sidewalk, the Forest Trail crosses the deep Dubysa valley and turns right at the village of Ginčaičiai. After throwing a wide circle through the surrounding countryside, after 6 km it leads to the Raseiniai–Šiluva road (No. 148) and after about 3 km, crossing the Dubysa valley again, it reaches the Kušeliškė village. For the next 5.5 km, the Forest Trail runs along the Kušeliškė–Lyduvėnai (No. 3516) road, where the famous and scenic Lyduvėnai railway bridge can be seen in the distance. On the bend of the road before the Dubysa motorway bridge, the Forest Trail turns right to the northeast and along the road No. 3544 after 9 km reaches Šiluva and after another 0.8 km – the center of the town. In this section, the terrain is gradually becoming more pronounced, as it leads to the area where the Dubysa valley alternates with the southern part of the East Žemaitija Upland. The section of the route to Lyduvėnai leads along or nearby the Dubysa Regional Park, but Šiluva is part of the next section – Tytuvėnai Regional Park.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

..... 28 km

🕒 7 – 9 h

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

🚩 Šiluva, by the Basilica of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Kaulakiai – Ginčaičiai – Bedančiai – Kušeliškė – Lyduvėnai – Naudvaris – Ribukai – Šiluva



Asphalt and gravel roads.



Hard



Be careful when walking along the side of the road!



The shop is only in Šiluva.



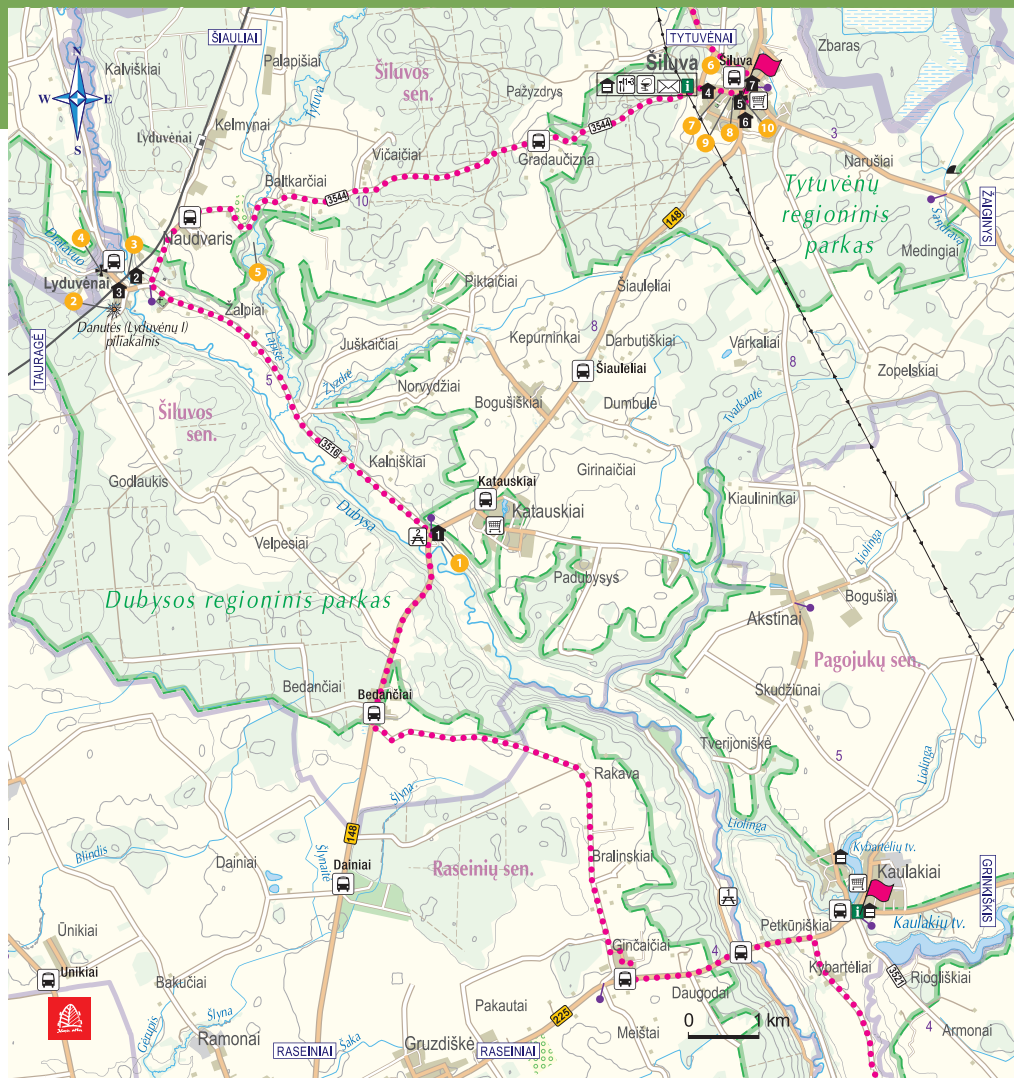
The route can also be divided into two days with an overnight stay in the middle.

NATURE

In the countryside around Šiluva, during spring and autumn migrations, you can see cranes feeding and resting. The common crane (*Grus grus*) is a common nesting bird in the bogs of the Baltic States. Cranes are social birds that gather in large migratory flocks of up to 400 or more birds. Young birds and non-nesting adult birds are the first to migrate south. The cranberry is mostly a herbivore, but it also eats a variety of invertebrates during feeding. What is special is the voice of the crane, which can be heard when the birds are flying or when the birds are anxious. When we see cranes, let us be responsible and not disturb them during their rest!

WORTH SEEING!

- 1 Adventure hill.** You can try sliding with a special tyre along two special paths. +370 687 74147; GPS: 55.47297, 23.15866
- 2 Danutė Hill (Lyduvėnai I).** GPS: 55.50210, 23.08452
- 3 Lyduvėnai Bridge.** The longest and highest railway bridge not only in Lithuania, but also in the Baltic States. The height of the bridge is 42 m, the length is 599 m. It is not possible to visit the bridge at the moment, but it is planned to install a viewing area in the near future. GPS: 55.50632, 23.08729
- 4 Lyduvėnai Church of St. Apostles Peter and Paul.** If you are interested in late baroque style, then it is definitely worth visiting here. GPS: 55.50710, 23.08137
- 5 Žalpiai stone.** State-protected boulder. The legend has it that God and the Devil once sat on this stone together, thus creating footprints on the stone. GPS: 55.51081, 23.11560
- 6 Šiluva** – a town surrounded by forests where in 1608 St. Virgin Mary appeared. The annual feast is celebrated on September 8–15, and Mary's Day is celebrated on the 13th of each month. The apparition was officially recognized by the Vatican, and in 1993 Pope John Paul II was here. GPS: 55.53082, 23.22502
- 7 Chapel of the Apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Šiluva.** The chapel is famous for the legendary stone on which the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared. GPS: 55.53062, 23.21993
- 8 Šiluva Square.** It connects the chapel and the basilica, and there is a monument to Pope St. John Paul II and sculpture of the Virgin Mary. During the Feast, thousands of believers gather here and Holy Mass is held. GPS: 55.53040, 23.22271
- 9 Šiluva Pilgrim Information Center Museum.** The exhibits stored here help to preserve, nurture and spread the echoes of the life of Šiluva and the Church. +370 6181170; GPS: 55.53009, 23.22224
- 10 Basilica of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Šiluva.** The large altar of the church has a painting of Mary, famous for its miracles. GPS: 55.53024, 23.22460



SERVICES

Accommodations

- 1. Homestead "Pakalnė",** +370 68774147; GPS: 55.47402, 23.15659
- 2. Camping "Lyduvėnų baidarės",** +370 68242584; GPS: 55.50634, 23.08751
- 3. Homestead "Prie tilto",** +370 61414091; GPS: 55.50440, 23.08652
- 4. Rasa and Juozas Šlepai rural tourism homestead,** +370 61540956; GPS: 55.53102, 23.21759
- 5. House of John Paul II,** +370 68787124; GPS: 55.52949, 23.22446
- 6. Šiluva Parish House,** +370 69855030; GPS: 55.52735, 23.22408
- 7. Hotel "Šiluvos Karūna",** +370 61835888; GPS: 55.53086, 23.22509

Catering

- 1. House of John Paul II,** +370 68787124; GPS: 55.52949, 23.22446
- 2. Restaurant "Šiluvos Karūna",** +370 61835888; GPS: 55.53086, 23.22509
- 3. Cafe,** +370 68416172; GPS: 55.53196, 23.22581

Shops

- Shop in Šiluva,** +370 42843195; GPS: 55.52956, 23.22584

Pharmacies

None in this section.

ATMs

None in this section.

Public transport

On the route Raseiniai – Lyduvėnai – Šiluva – Raseiniai there runs a bus, stop nearby homestead "Pakalnė". Possible routes and lists: www.autobusubilietai.lt

Resting areas

- 1. Bralinskių Camping,** GPS: 55.42829, 23.22472
- 2. Kušeliškės Camping,** GPS: 55.47335, 23.15315

TOURISM INFORMATION

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

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

i Šiluva Pilgrim Information Center, M. Jurgaičio street 17, www.siluva.lt, +370 61811701; GPS: 55.53011, 23.22205