



Šaukėnai – Gaulėnai

In the heart of the Žemaitija Upland



From the center of Šaukėnai small town along Laisvės street, the Forest Trail reaches Kelmė Road (No. 2103), turns right to the north, and after 2.2 km on Road No. 215 turns left and continue on the Ramučiai–Užvenčio road (No. 159). After 3.5 km, the Forest Trail turns right to Beržėnai village, where it continues along Liepų and Degsnės streets. Behind Beržėnai, it winds for more than 14 km through the surrounding fields and forests until it reaches the Ramučiai–Luokė road (No. 2111). Walking quietly, there is a great opportunity to see wildlife at this section. After 3.6 km, the Forest Trail reaches the end of the section.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

..... 25 km

⌚ 6 – 8 h

🚩 Šaukėnai center nearby the library

🚩 Gaulėnai center nearby the bus stop

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🌲 Small forest or country roads with gravel or natural surface, asphalt between Šaukėnai and Beržėnai.

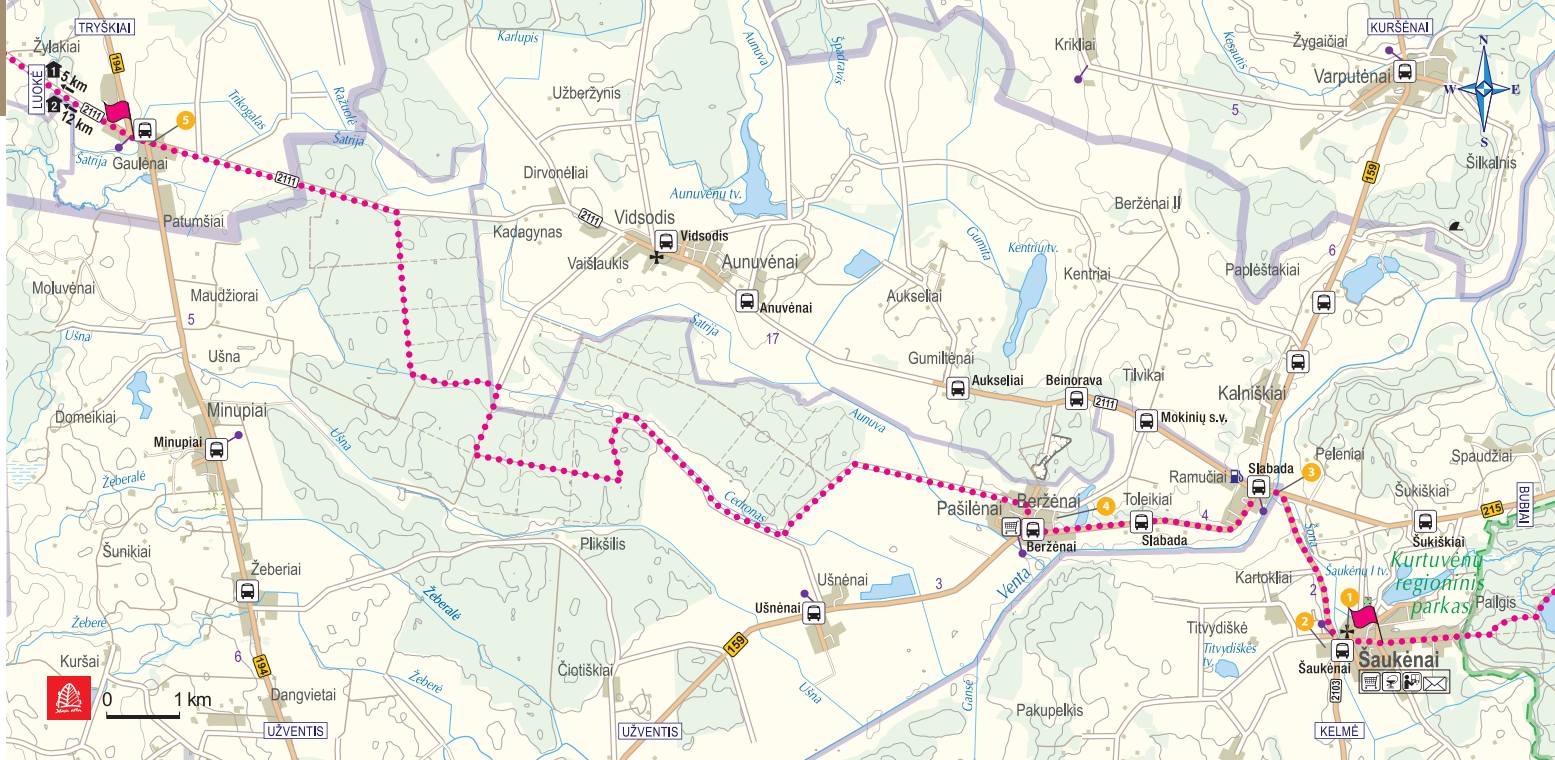
🟡 Medium



On the Šaukėnai – Beržėnai section, be careful when walking along the side of the road!



There are no accommodations at the destination of the route and there are no catering establishments throughout the section. Shops are available only in Šaukėnai and Pašilėnai.



NATURE

In this section the Forest Trail crosses one of the largest rivers in Lithuania – the Venta river, only the Nemunas and the Neris rivers are ahead of the Venta in their length. The Venta is a river in north-western Lithuania and western Latvia. The length of the Venta river is 343,3 km. Further, turning towards Beržėnai manor, more than 14 km the trail winds through the surrounding fields and larger forest massifs – Barboravas, Užventis, Patumšiai. The area of Patumšiai forest is 629.6 ha. In this forest deciduous, mixed deciduous trees and conifers account for 41.5% of the total forest area. Hiking through this section it is possible to see wild animals. After passing the most forested part of this section, in the open cultivated fields white storks (*Ciconia ciconia*) can be found during the warm season. In Latvia and Lithuania, the white stork is common and an integral part of the rural landscape, but in many parts of Europe the white stork is either rare or even extinct.

WORTH SEEING!

- 1 **Šaukėnai St. Trinity Church.** A brick church was newly built in 1989, replacing the former wooden church. The courtyard of the church is surrounded by a fence with a baroque gate, the cemetery has a bell tower, which has survived since the 18th century. GPS: 55.81213, 22.87840
- 2 **Šaukėnai manor park.** It has been mentioned in written sources as early as the 15th century. For some time there was an agricultural school, later Šaukėnai tuberculosis sanatorium, and after a while, a psychiatric hospital. Most of the park is located outside the hospital, with a mixed layout and the dominant elements of a landscape park. GPS: 55.81029, 22.87337

- 3 **The Venta river.** River in Lithuania and Latvia. One of the largest rivers flowing through the territory of Lithuania – the third longest river in Lithuania after the Nemunas and the Neris. GPS: 55.82931, 22.86233
- 4 **Beržėnai manor.** On the road Užventis – Ramučiai you can find Beržėnai manor. 2. The manor house, built in the second half of the 19th century, belonged to the counts Čapskis. At one time, the luxurious manor with a neo-Gothic style building is now abandoned. Not suitable for visiting. GPS: 55.82582, 22.81407
- 5 **J. Andriusevičius Museum in Gaulėnai.** There are archaeological materials from the earliest times (Neolithic), as well as later times, reminiscent of the historical evidence of Šatrija, Gaulėnai, Maudžiorai, Luokė areas. +370 68249806 (call in advance); GPS: 55.86979, 22.61331

SERVICES

Accommodations

None in this section. Nearest available accommodation:

1. **A community house in Luokė,** +370 65509253 (zvaniet iepriekš); GPS: 55.89411, 22.52508
2. **The house of the Vieķnaliai community “Šatrijos vingis”,** +370 68600429 (call in advance); GPS: 55.84049, 22.51597

Catering

None in this section.

Shops

- Shop in Šaukėnai,**
GPS: 55.81090, 22.88159
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GPS: 55.81140, 22.87932

“Aibė” in Šaukėnai,
GPS: 55.81180, 22.87855

Gas station Ramučos,
GPS: 55.83032, 22.85343

Food shop in Pašilėnai,
GPS: 55.82370, 22.80628

Pharmacies

“Camelia vaistinė” in Šaukėnai,
GPS: 55.81013, 22.88560

ATMs


Bank terminal “Perlas” in Šaukėnai,
GPS: 55.81140, 22.87932


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GPS: 55.81180, 22.87855


Public transport

Current bus routes and timetables:
www.kelmesautobusai.lt,
www.telsiuap.lt,
www.autobusbilietai.lt

TOURISM INFORMATION

 **Kelmė Tourism and Business Information Center,** Birutės street 9, Kelmė,
www.infokelme.lt,
+370 42761430;
GPS: 55.63066, 22.93745

 **Varniai Regional Park Visitor Center,** Dumbrių street 3, Ožtakiai,
<https://varniurp.lrv.lt>,
+370 44447415;
GPS: 55.73229, 22.38420

 **Žemaitija Tourism Information Center,** Turgaus square 21, Telšiai,
www.visit.telsiai.lt,
+370 61863448;
GPS: 55.98364, 22.25332