



Pavandenė – Biržuvėnai

Through Varniai Regional Park

From Pavandenė village, the Forest Trail continues in a north-western direction along the road no. 4609 and after 7.5 km turns right and then makes about 4 km long circle around a small wooded area, in which there hides Baltežeris lake. Near Kuršiai, it crosses the Luokė-Janapolės road (No. 4611), descends in the valley of the Virvytė river, passes through the Baltininkai village and crosses once more the Virvytė river, which is popular with water tourists. After about 5 km, winding along the right bank of the Virvytė river, the Forest Trail reaches Biržuvėnai village on the shore of the mill lake. While traveling this section of the Forest Trail, you can admire the hilly landscape of Varniai Regional Park.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

..... 20 km

⌚ 5 – 7 h

🚩 Pavandenė center by the shop

🚩 Biržuvėnai, at the Biržuvėnai manor

📍🚩 Pavandenė – Lingėnai –
Kuršiai – Baltininkai –
Rapaliai – Biržuvėnai

🌳 Gravel roads, asphalt.

🟩 Easy

⚠️ Be careful when walking along
the side of the road!



NATURE

Founded in 1992, the Varniai Regional Park covers the highest part of the Žemaitija Upland. On the territory of the park, there is the highest hill of the Žemaitija, Medvėgalis (234 m above sea level) and the queen of the Lithuanian hills – Šatrija (228 m above sea level). Exclusive lakes also give the landscape of the Varniai Regional Park its uniqueness. One of them is Lūkstas - the only lake in Lithuania which washes out the amber on the shore and the largest natural lake in Žemaitija. Moreover, there are many wetlands with high biodiversity. The lakes and wetlands in the Varniai waterhole are one of the most valuable areas for birds in Lithuania. The Biržulis Botanical-Zoological Reserve with habitats of rare and endangered plant and animal species is distinguished for its ornithological value. It is a part of the European network of protected areas Natura 2000. Detailed information about the natural and cultural values of the park is available in the Varniai Regional Park Visitor Center.

WORTH SEEING!

- 1 Varniai Regional Park.** The most prominent part of hilly Žemaitija (Samogitia) with the highest hills and lowlands of Lūkstas and Biržulis lakes. The Varniai Regional Park Visitor Center has an exposition "Seven Roads from Varniai", which provides detailed information on natural and cultural values in the regional park. GPS: 55.75285, 22.39287
- 2 Sprūdė mound.** A mound of impressive beauty, surrounded by 3 dykes and ditches between them. The mound covered with legends commemorates the times of the first Lithuanian ruler, King Mindaugas. GPS: 55.78434, 22.48587
- 3 Žasūgala mound.** Prior to the baptism of Samogitians, this hill was called Baltininkai mound. In ancient times, the territory of the castle mound belonged to the Curonian land, its purpose was protection and it was used as a guard hill. GPS: 55.85475, 22.39790
- 4 Virvytė river.** The largest river in Varniai Regional Park. There are archaeological, historical and cultural values on its banks. The winding and fast-flowing river is popular with water tourists. GPS: 55.85919, 22.41523
- 5 Museum of antique motorcycles.** It exhibits pre-war and post-war motorcycle models manufactured in 1901–1945. Motorcycles were brought to the museum from around the world. The antique motorcycle museum, established in the homestead "Aukšinio elnio dvaras", is the largest museum in the Baltic States, with more than 40 rare antique motorcycle models, as well as several unique modern models. +370 61649253; GPS: 55.88450, 22.45312

6 Biržuvėnai mound. The mound is located on the right bank of the Virvytė, its history dates back to the 9th–12th centuries. It is believed that this mound served as a pier. GPS: 55.89073, 22.46063

7 Homestead of Biržuvėnai manor. Valuable example of the large wooden manors of 18th–19th centuries. The manor suffered greatly during the Soviet era, when the center of the Soviet economy was located on its territory, many buildings were used for other purposes. The manor house burned down in 2004, but at the end of 2011 it was renovated. The house is decorated with antique style furniture, it has authentic fireplaces with 18th century tiles, chimney, floor tiles. Various events take place in the yard of Biržuvėnai manor. +370 6998829; GPS: 55.89404, 22.45971

SERVICES



Accommodations

- 1. Non-traditional accommodation** (in wooden houses), +370 65574447; GPS: 55.84800, 22.41077
- 2. Homestead "Angelių malūnas",** +370 65574447; GPS: 55.84801, 22.41076
- 3. Homestead "Aukšinio elnio dvaras",** +370 64032163; GPS: 55.88441, 22.45310
- 4. Homestead "Gusčių sodyba",** +370 60611560; GPS: 55.89081, 22.46380



Catering

- 1. Restaurant "Aukšinio elnio dvaras",** +370 64032163; GPS: 55.88441, 22.45310



Shops

- Shop in Kūlio Dauba,**
GPS: 55.84404, 22.42316
- Shop in Baltininkai,**
GPS: 55.85874, 22.41036



Public transport

Current bus routes and timetables:
www.telsiup.lt,
www.autobusubilietai.lt



Resting areas

- 1. Tent site,** +370 65574447; GPS: 55.84801, 22.41063

TOURISM INFORMATION



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



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

