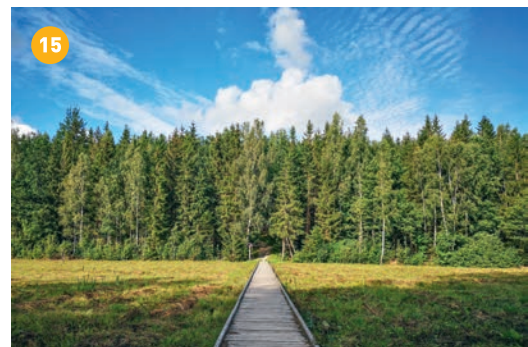




Paplatelė – Plateliai

Around the largest lakes in the Žemaitija National Park

For the first 3.5 km, the Forest Trail leads through beautiful coniferous forests that cover the slopes of the Žemaitija Upland. Up to the Cold War exposition, it coincides with the Plokštinė cognitive trail. From the museum, the Forest Trail for 5 km follows the Plokštinė road, where a pedestrian / bicycle path has been created and, approaching Plateliai lake, descends into the lowland of the lake. At the road No. 3202 (Malūno street), the Forest Trail turns left to the south-east and after 0.3 km turns right to the south-southwest. After about 0.5 km it reaches Ilgio Ežero street. For the next 5.5 km, the Forest Trail forms a wide circle around Ilgis and Beržoras lakes, reaching the Beržoras village. After the village, after 2 km along Plungės street, the Forest Trail reaches the center of Plateliai and throws another circle along Ežero street to the beach and Šeirė educational trail. Then along Ežero, Naujoji and Žemaičių Kalvarijos streets, the Forest Trail returns to the center of the town.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

..... 20 km

⌚ 5 – 7 h

🚩 Paplatelė, Plokštinės street

🚩 Plateliai village center, Didžioji and Žemaitės/Ežero street junction



Paplatelė – Plokščiai – Ilgis lake – Beržoras – Plateliai



Forest roads and trails, asphalt pedestrian / bicycle paths and sidewalks, gravel roads.



Easy



Be careful when walking along the side of the road!



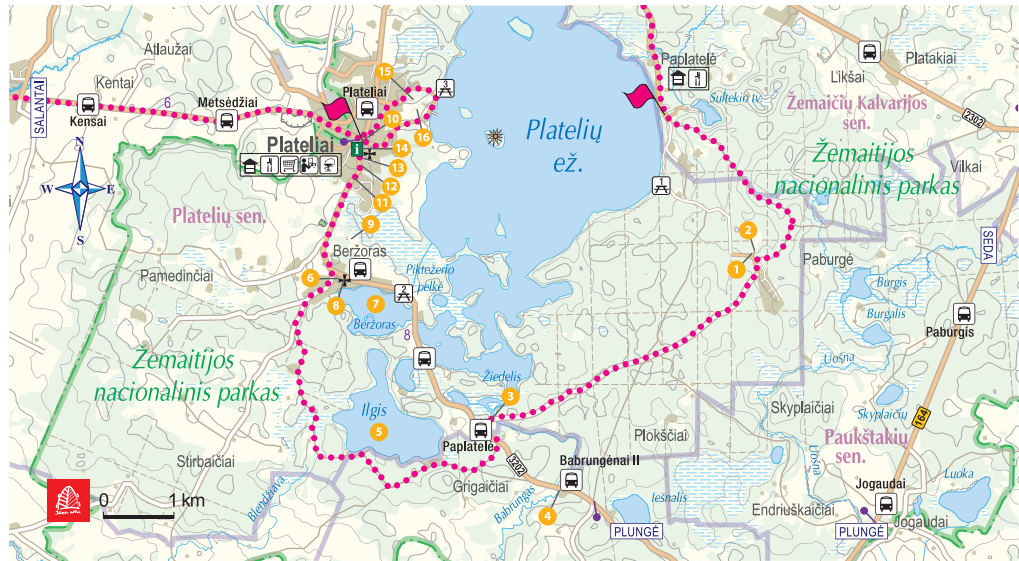
During the summer season, there are many holidaymakers around Plateliai lake, so accommodation must be booked in advance.



It is worth staying in the Žemaitija National Park for at least another day or two and walk along the park's nature trails to get to know the natural and cultural values.

NATURE

In this section the Forest Trail leads to the eastern part of Plateliai Lake, the territory of the Paplatelė recreation area. In the summer, it is one of the most popular places for tourists. Tourists are attracted by a wide range of services: campsites, rural tourism homesteads, water services, catering establishments. The way of the Forest Trail is surrounded by the largest forest massifs in the Žemaitija National Park. Forests cover more than a half of the national park (54%). Pine and spruce forests dominate. Also, in this section of the Forest Trail, the route goes along the edge of the northwestern part of the Plokštinė Nature Reserve (845 ha). Human economic activity is prohibited here. The collection of forest products, hunting, cognitive tourism is prohibited, thus ensuring the natural course of nature processes. Attention to nature, its resources and their preservation is one of the priority areas in the Žemaitija National Park. The route of this Forest Trail section winds around the largest lakes in the Žemaitija National Park – Plateliai, Ilgis, Beržoras lakes.



WORTH SEEING!

- 1 Plokštinė cognitive trail.** GPS: 56.03000, 21.90554
- 2 Cold War exposition.** The only Cold War exposition in Europe, located in the former Soviet Union underground ballistic missile launch complex. +370 67786574; GPS: 56.03045, 21.90593
- 3 Babrungas river.** The right tributary of the Minija river and the only river that flows out of Plateliai lake. GPS: 56.00798, 21.84789
- 4 Leonardas Černiauskas Art Gallery.** Art gallery and creative workshops located in the former water mill of Plateliai manor. +370 68569566; GPS: 55.99924, 21.86345
- 5 Ilgis lake.** The lake is located in Ilgis Botanical and Zoological Reserve. There is a newly installed bird watching area on the lake shore. GPS: 56.00578, 21.82169
- 6 Beržoras village.** The old street village, which has preserved the traditional landscape, is also interesting for its values of sacral architecture. GPS: 56.02536, 21.81175
- 7 Beržoras lake.** The third largest lake in the Žemaitija National Park. The pool area is only 2.4 km². The lake is located in the Beržoras landscape reserve. GPS: 56.02120, 21.82146
- 8 Beržoras Church of St. Stanislaus the Bishop.** Built in 1746, it is one of the most valuable wooden churches in Lithuania, characterized by its exceptional architectural and artistic value. GPS: 56.02523, 21.81297
- 9 Siberija Observation Tower.** From the 15 m tower there is a wonderful panorama

of the surroundings of Plateliai and Beržoras. GPS: 56.03049, 21.81442

- 10 Plateliai.** One of the most beautiful and famous towns in Žemaitija. It has been mentioned since the 15th century, when Plateliai manor, settlement and church were located on the Šventorkalnis peninsula. GPS: 56.04286, 21.81569
- 11 Žemaitija National Park and Shrovetide (Užgavėnės) expositions.** The expositions installed in the barn of Plateliai manor introduce the history of Plateliai manor, the history of the town, the ethnography of Samogitians and the nature of this region. The first Shrovetide exposition in Lithuania has been created next to the former stables. +370 65907918; GPS: 56.03827, 21.81433
- 12 Plateliai manor park.** Trees declared natural monuments grow in the park, and the remains of the burnt wooden foundations of the central palace have survived. GPS: 56.03968, 21.81606
- 13 Plateliai Church of St. Apostles Peter and Paul.** Built in 1744, one of the oldest wooden, sawn log churches in Lithuania. Many ancient paintings, liturgical costumes and accessories have been preserved there. GPS: 56.04067, 21.81599
- 14 Žemaitija National Park Directorate Visitor Center.** Provides information on sightseeing objects and tourism services. There has been created an exposition "Mysteries of the Land of Žemaitija", which introduces the values of the national park. +370 44849231; GPS: 56.04229, 21.81511
- 15 Šeirė educational trail.** GPS: 56.04841, 21.82735
- 16 Plateliai lake viewing area.** GPS: 56.04704, 21.82833

SERVICES

Accommodations

Accommodation places:
www.zemaitijosnp.lt

Catering

Catering places: www.zemaitijosnp.lt/turizmas/maitinimas

Shops

"Čia Market" in Plateliai,
GPS: 56.04270, 21.81648

"Aibė" in Plateliai,
GPS: 56.04332, 21.81536

"Pagunda" in Plateliai,
GPS: 56.04710, 21.81865

Pharmacies

Pharmacy in Plateliai (ambulance nearby),
GPS: 56.04227, 21.81611


ATMs


Bank terminal "Perlas" in Plateliai,
GPS: 56.04332, 21.81536

Public transport

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

Resting areas

1. Plokštinės camping, 
GPS: 56.03843, 21.88443

2. At Beržoras lake, 
GPS: 56.02336, 21.82665

3. Šeirė camping, 
GPS: 56.04950, 21.83356

4. Campings
www.zemaitijosnp.lt/turizmas/stovyklavietes

TOURISM INFORMATION

i Žemaitija National Park Visitor Center,
Didžioji street 8, Plateliai,
www.zemaitijosnp.lt, +370 65907929;
GPS: 56.04245, 21.81533

i Plungė Tourism Information Center,
S. Dariaus ir S. Girėno g. 27, Plungė,
www.visitplunge.lt, +370 64053644;
GPS: 55.91675, 21.85142