



Gramzda – Priekule

To Priekule, rich in stories

After Gramzda the Forest Trail as a small path swirls along sand and gravel quarries and along a straight path through the agricultural landscape moves northeast. At the Lejasbunči house, it turns to Mazgramzda. Before Mazgramzda, the Forest Trail crosses the deep and shady Ruņupe valley. After Mazgramzda, it runs along the Gramzda–Priekule road (P 114), from which there open up beautiful landscapes of the Vārtāja undulating plain of the Rietumkursa Upland. After crossing this road, it runs along the former airfield, crosses the Priekule–Purmsāti–Kalēti road (V 1211) and throws a circle through a small wooded area. Along the banks of the winding Virga river, the Forest Trail leads through the forest park “Priekules Priediens”, from which there is visible the destination of this section.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

..... 18 km

🕒 5 – 6 h

🚩 Gramzda, parking lot nearby the Lutheran church

🚩 Priekule Lutheran Church

📍🗺️ Gramzda – Mazgramzda – Priekule



Gravel roads, in a small section – trails, in Priekule – asphalt.



Easy



Be careful when walking along the side of the road!



There are no catering sites between Gramzda and Priekule.

NATURE

The Ruņupe is considered to be one of the fastest rivers in Latvia, as its drop is ~ 3.8 m / km. The winding, small river flows through a deep valley with steep banks. In order to protect its most important natural values – sloping and ravine forests and oak groves, in 1977 there was founded a nature reserve “Ruņupe Valley”, which is located between Mazgramzda and Vaiņode. There are mixed forests on the slopes and ravines, in which there grow lindens, maples, oaks, white elms, willows and ashes. In some places, springs flow from the steep slopes, and there are small outcrops of conglomerates (cemented gravel), as well as protected habitats. The riverbed is richly covered with boulders of various sizes, creating streams. This nature reserve has protected habitats and great natural diversity. In 2021, fast-flowing rivers and natural sections of rivers were announced “Latvian habitat of 2021”. In the nature reserves, making campfires and putting up tents is allowed only in places designated and equipped for that purpose.

WORTH SEEING!

- Quarries.** Since 1963, the gravel has been obtained here for road construction and asphalt production. The depth of the quarry reaches 10 m and reservoirs are formed; the residents use them as bathing places and fishing places. GPS: 56.36697, 21.61693
- Ruņupe valley.** Nature reserve in the area of 607 ha. Ruņupe near Mazgramzda, Priekule region, is characterized by surprisingly high shores, which resemble a canyon. GPS: 56.39416, 21.65640
- Priekule memorial ensemble of Warrior's Cemetery.** The largest Brethren Cemetery in the Baltics. There are buried more than 23,000 Soviet soldiers who died in World War II during the 5th battle of the Courland Pocket in Priekule and the Priekule area in the spring of 1945. GPS: 56.43172, 21.59877
- Priekule pine forest (“Priekules Priediens”).** A small forest, a popular place for walks and active recreation. GPS: 56.43819, 21.57148
- Priekule.** Priekule is the first of the largest populated areas on the way from the Lithuanian border. The town can be explored with a guide.
- Swedish Gate in Priekule.** Priekule manor gate, which is also depicted in the coat of arms of Priekule town. GPS: 56.44622, 21.59227
- Priekule manor house and guard tower (viewing tower).** Priekule manor house of Korff barons was built in the second half of the 18th century. Today, this building houses Priekule Secondary School. The observation tower with the Latvian flag

on the mast has become a symbol of the restoration of the country's independence. GPS: 56.43893, 21.58135

- Priekule Evangelical Lutheran Church and Icarus.** Legend has it that the blacksmith of Priekule manor made wings and descended with them from the church tower. The flight was a success, but the blacksmith was punished for daring – he was burned at the stake. Now this man is called Priekule Icarus and he is depicted in the coat of arms of Priekule region. +371 26576197; GPS: 56.44192, 21.58492

SERVICES

Accommodations

- Tent site “Gramzdas Mežaparks”,** GPS: 56.36661, 21.60649
- Guest house “Parka namiņš”,** +371 29159097; GPS: 56.44667, 21.59976

Catering

- Pizzeria “Lauku pica”** with delivery in Gramzda and 30 km surroundings, +371 24603440; GPS: 56.36902, 21.58880
- Canteen “Liepu aleja”,** +371 63461304; GPS: 56.43846, 21.58847
- Cafe “Ikars”,** +371 27188788; GPS: 56.43863, 21.57963

Shops

- “Aibe” in Gramzda, +371 29107441; GPS: 56.36904, 21.60378
 “top!” in Priekule, +371 63461000; GPS: 56.44735, 21.58530

Pharmacies

- “Priekules aptieka” in Priekule, GPS: 56.44194, 21.58365
 “Mēness aptieka” in Priekule, GPS: 56.44734, 21.58521

ATMs

- “Swedbank” in Priekule, GPS: 56.44622, 21.59227

Public transport

The bus runs ~ 4 times a day on the route Gramzda–Priekule.

Resting areas

- “Gramzdas Mežaparks”,** GPS: 56.36762, 21.60732

TOURISM INFORMATION

- Priekule TIC,**
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