



## Aizpute – Snēpele

### In the footsteps of baron von Manteuffel

The Forest Trail along Atmodas and Jelgavas streets winds through Aizpute, after the Laža water reservoir turns right, and approaches the Kazdanga manor park with a large circle from the south. As a small path, it leads along Dzirnava lake through the manor park, around the manor and Zēnu pond, for 0.7 km continues along the Kazdanga–Cildi road (V1200) and then turns right onto the Snēpele–Kazdanga road (V1296). Up to the country house “Zemturi”, the Forest Trail gradually rises in the Bandava hills of the Rietumkurša Upland, revealing beautiful views in both directions. The height of the relief here reaches a maximum of about 81 m above sea level. From “Zemturi”, for about 12 km, the Forest Trail leads through a sparsely populated forest massif and only in the last 3 km comes out again in an open area with agricultural lands and farmsteads, reaching Snēpele.



#### NATURE

Kazdanga Park by area (196 ha) is one of the largest and dendrologically richest manor parks in Latvia, with more than 200 different species of trees and shrubs. 127 species plants have been brought from other lands and reared here. The park around Kazdanga palace was established in the early 19th century as a landscape park. There are many ponds in the park, as Kazdanga was the first place in all of tsarist Russia, where pond farming was started around 1870. This was thanks to baron Karl Wilhelm von Manteuffel, who was very fascinated by the ideas of liberalism and carried out democratic reorganizations of the manor's property. The baron gladly supported the artists, in the summers the Latvian painters Jānis Valters and Vilhelms Purvītis, as well as the Lithuanian painter Petrs Kalpakas lived in the palace and enjoyed his hospitality. A 9 km long network of pedestrian routes has been created in the park. The park with its surroundings is a good place to watch birds and get to know trees, shrubs, etc.

### PRACTICAL INFORMATION

..... 34 km

🕒 9 – 12 h

🚩 Aizpute TIC

🚩 Snēpele Palace

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🌳 Gravel roads, asphalt in Snēpele. In Kazdanga – paths and park trails.



Hard, if in one day,



Easy, if in two days.



Be careful when walking along the side of the road!

Be especially careful at the turn of the Aizpute–Kazdanga road (Jelgavas street) behind the Laža water reservoir!



There are no shops or catering sites from Kazdanga to Snēpele. The house “Skabuļi” (56.70846, 21.68058) has a dog that often meets hikers outside

the yard. To get past the dog, you can contact the dog owner Aiga, +371 26516640. In this house, travellers are offered to buy organic forest and meadow honey, in the autumn season – apples, in summer – currants, cherries, blackcurrants.

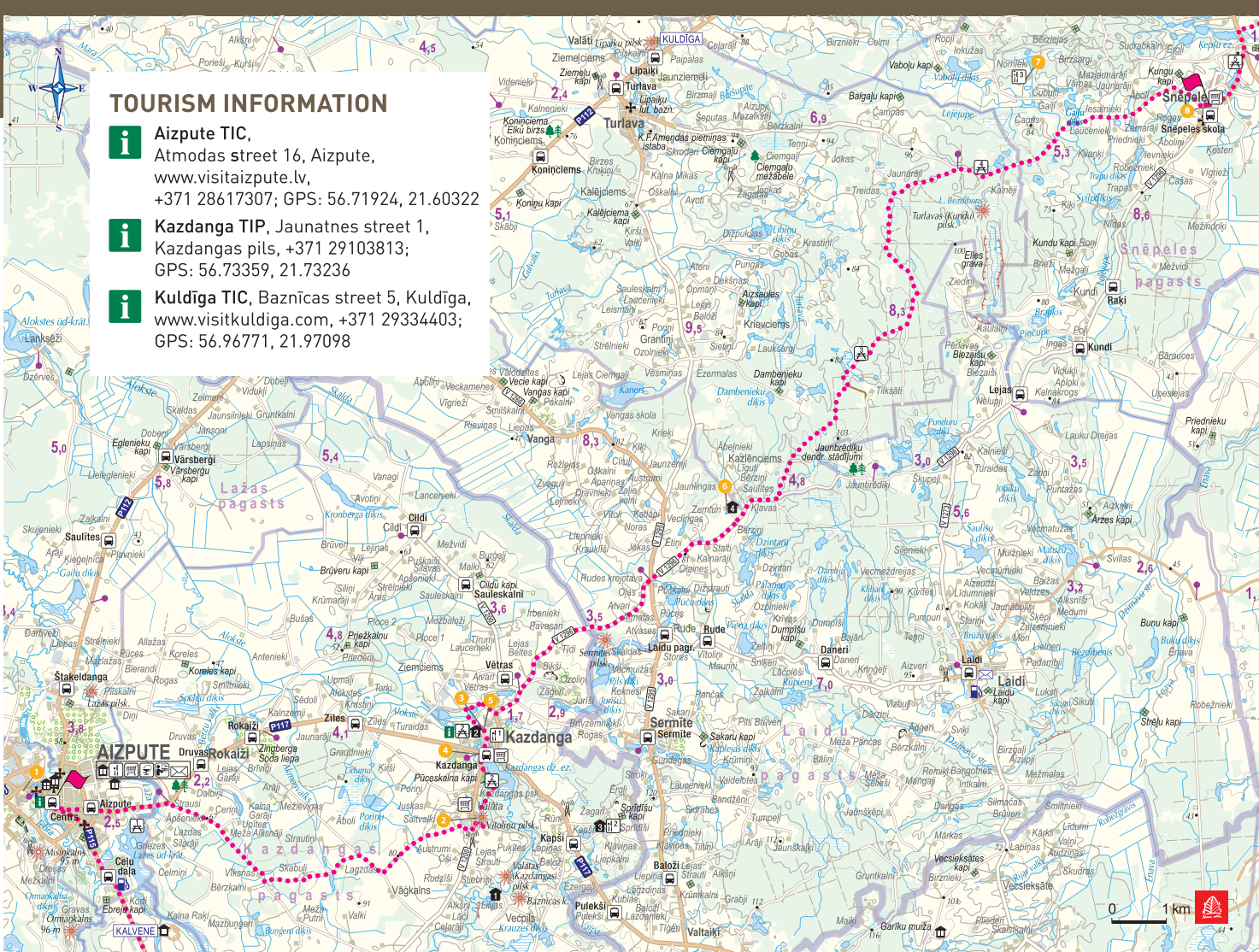


It is recommended to divide the section into two days, spending the night in the farmstead “Zemturi” (19 km), and go to Snēpele (15 km) the next day.



## TOURISM INFORMATION

- i** Aizpute TIC, Atmodas street 16, Aizpute, [www.visitaizpute.lv](http://www.visitaizpute.lv), +371 28617307; GPS: 56.71924, 21.60322
- i** Kazdanga TIP, Jaunatnes street 1, Kazdangas pils, +371 29103813; GPS: 56.73359, 21.73236
- i** Kuldīga TIC, Baznīcas street 5, Kuldīga, [www.visitkuldiga.com](http://www.visitkuldiga.com), +371 29334403; GPS: 56.96771, 21.97098



## WORTH SEEING!

- 1** Aizpute. One of the oldest cities in Latvia. The authentic wood architecture of Aizpute from the 19th century is a European cultural heritage. Ruins of a castle of the Livonian Order, a stone bridge over the Tebra river, water mills, estates. GPS: 56.72102, 21.59550
- 2** Kazdanga dairy plant "Elpa". The dairy plant produces milk, cream, kefir, cottage cheese, yoghurt and fresh unripe cheese. Available in local shops and elsewhere in Latvia. +371 29135940; GPS: 56.71869, 21.73130
- 3** Kazdanga manor park and observation tower. Walking trail, bicycle path network, lake footbridge with the observation tower over the lake, beautiful landscapes with wooden sculptures, a boulder grotto. GPS: 56.73409, 21.73286
- 4** Kazdanga manor pub building and mill. The main values of the pub building are the facade, authentic semi-circular arched windows and doors, and two iron-forged wind indicators from 1667. The mill was built in 1840. GPS: 56.72967, 21.73173
- 5** Kazdanga palace manor complex. The manor house was built around 1800 and belonged to Kurzeme barons von Mantuffels. The castle houses the Kazdanga local history museum and the exposition of "Bojas" Forestry Museum. +371 28616717; GPS: 56.73409, 21.73286
- 6** Farm – zoo "Zemturi". The farm has two themed trails, one for pets and poultry and the other for big trees and flowers. +371 28787683; GPS: 56.77118, 21.80378

- 7** Ostrich farm "Nornieki". Largest ostrich farm in Latvia displays both large and small birds, the process of incubation of ostrich eggs, and goats. Ostrich meat product tasting and master classes. +371 29282032. GPS: 56.843908, 21.889540
- 8** Snēpele manor. Snēpele manor was built in the 19th century and was the property of baron von Hahn family. Evidence of history can be seen in the manor, as well as the weavers' workshop "Vēveri" and memorial room of the painter Indriķis Zuberiņš (painter, graphic artist, book illustrator and cartoonist). +371 28311151; GPS: 56.84025, 21.94515

## SERVICES

### Accommodations

- 1.** Guest house "Lilijas", +371 29100175; GPS: 56.70614, 21.73798
- 2.** Kazdanga apartments and "Kazdangas saieta nams", +371 26421640; GPS: 56.73307, 21.73277
- 3.** Guest house "Lauku kūrotrs", +371 26446670; GPS: 56.71800, 21.77045
- 4.** Farm – zoo "Zemturi", +371 28787683; GPS: 56.77118, 21.80378

### Catering

- 1.** Canteen "Juna – 1", +371 29157615; GPS: 56.73243, 21.73548
- 2.** Cafe "BeFest Bar", +371 26446670; GPS: 56.71800, 21.77045
- 3.** Restaurant "[ar putniem]", +371 29123501; GPS: 56.843908, 21.889540

### Shops

- "mini Top!" in Kazdanga, +371 63448125; GPS: 56.72933, 21.73272
- "LaTS" in Kazdanga, +371 28325843; GPS: 56.72102, 21.72951
- "Saldo" in Snēpele, +371 20360750; GPS: 56.84140, 21.94567



### Pharmacies

- "Apotheka" in Aizpute, GPS: 56.71538, 21.61320
- "Mana aptieka" in Aizpute, GPS: 56.71835, 21.60485
- "Mēness aptieka" in Aizpute, GPS: 56.71973, 21.60719

### ATMs

- "SEB" in Aizpute, GPS: 56.71901, 21.60707

### Resting areas

- 1.** Laža water reservoir,  GPS: 56.71587, 21.62926
- 2.** Kazdanga manor park,  GPS: 56.73409, 21.73286
- 3.** "Ušņas",  GPS: 56.79765, 21.84133
- 4.** "Vārpas",  GPS: 56.82881, 21.87653
- 5.** "Pagastmāja", GPS: 56.84685, 21.95337

### Public transport

- Buses do not run on the route Aizpute–Snēpele.