



Kuldīga – Renda

Venta valley and Riežupe Nature Park

After the Old Brick Bridge across the Venta river, the Forest Trail continues for a short time on the right bank of the Venta, notched by ravines, then, along Krasta street and Vetklīnika–Paleja road, it crosses Kalnmuīža forest and Riežupe and further up to Mazrenda continues along the roads of the vast Renda forest massif. The terrain is flat here, because this section is part of the Pieventa plain of the Kursa Lowland. In Mazrenda, the Forest Trail crosses a sand-gravel quarry and takes you to the center of Renda along Kuldīgas street. The section belongs to the territory of the nature reserve “Ventas ieleja” and the nature park “Riežupe”.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

..... 32 km

(L) 8 – 11 h

旗帜 The Old Brick Bridge across the Venta river

旗帜 Renda nearby the Lutheran Church

地点旗帜 Kuldīga – Pārventa – Kalnmuīža – Mazrenda – Renda



Gravel roads, in a small section – trails and dirt roads, in Kuldīga and Renda – asphalt.



Hard



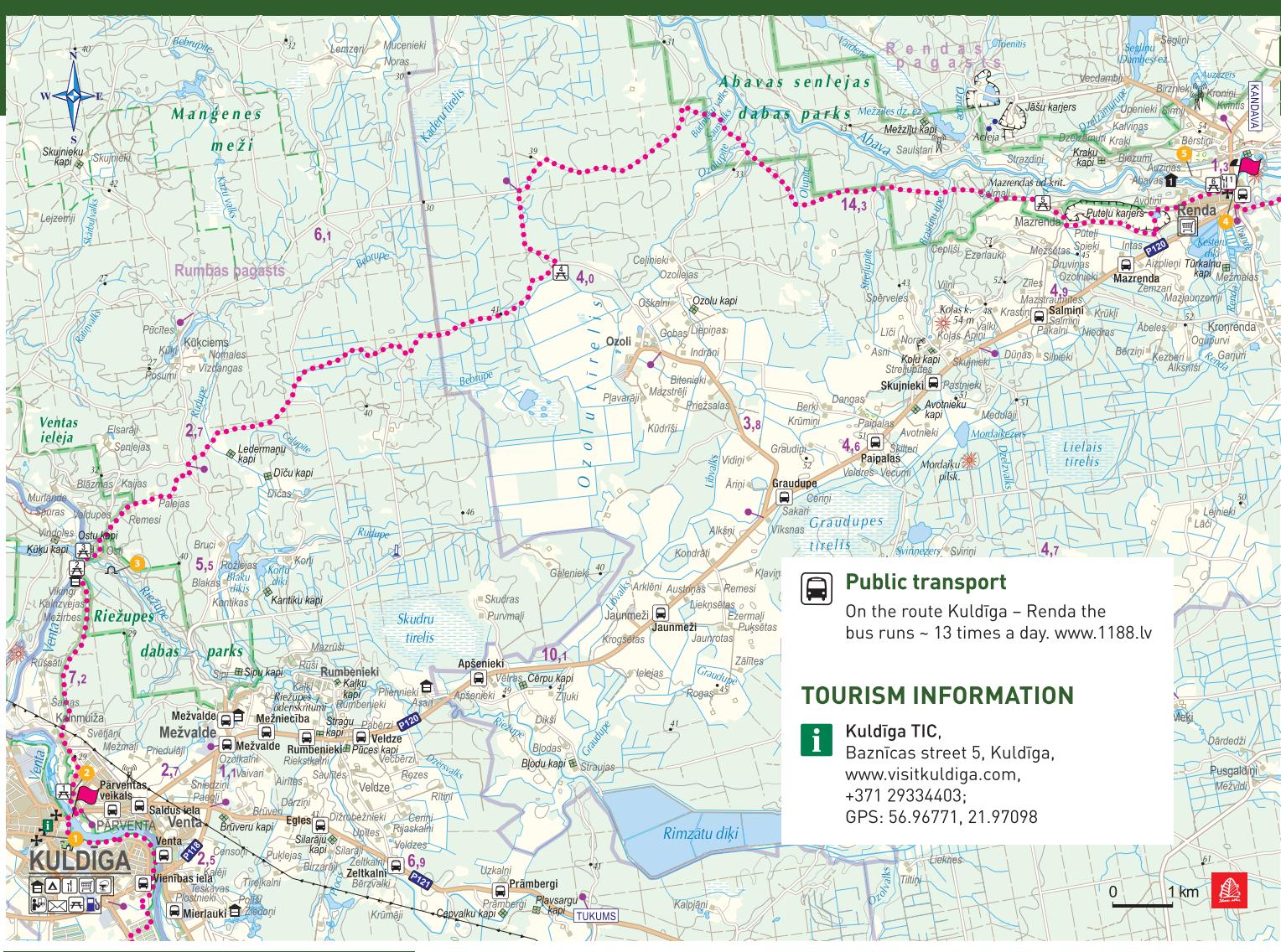
Be careful when walking along the side of the road!



There are no catering sites, shops, and accommodation between Kuldīga and Renda.



There is a bus between Kuldīga and Renda, but in the middle of the route any stops are about 10 km from the Forest Trail. If the route seems too long for one day, then it is necessary to agree with the hosts of the tourist accommodation on transport services.



NATURE

The Forest Trail at the Riežupe estuary to the Venta crosses the nature park "Riežupe". It is created to protect the impressive natural values characteristic of Riežupe valley: its slopes and ravine forests and its geological natural monuments, such as sandstone outcrops, caves, waterfalls, river streams, as well as species, forest massifs and landscape. Riežupe caves are artificially excavated in the sandstone layers of the Amata suite. These layers were formed in the Devonian period about 365 million years ago, when the present territory of Latvia was located near the equator and was covered by a shallow sea. Iron oxides, clay particles and sand cemented, forming a sediment known as sandstone. Its colour (yellow, red, white) and hardness depend on the iron content and the degree of cementation. Plant and animal fossils are often found in sandstone layers. Fossils of the most primitive quadruped, *Ventastega curonica*, which lived 365 million years ago, have been found on the banks of the Ciecere river. Self-extraction of fossils by damaging sandstone outcrops is not allowed!

WORTH SEEING!

- Kuldīga.** One of the most attractive cities of Kurzeme with architectural heritage of 17th and 18th century buildings. GPS: 56.96751, 21.97060

- A field of cultural potatoes.** The field honors Imants Ziedonis' literary work "Kurzemīte". In the field, "Potato Field Radio" plays the thoughts of great people, good music and cultural news. Environmental installation – stage "Even bigger table above my table". GPS: 56.97361, 21.97702
- Riežupe sand caves.** The longest underground cave maze in Latvia – 2 km. 460 m available for viewing. 8 species of bats winter in the caves. +371 29555042; GPS: 57.00657, 21.98636
- Renda Evangelic Lutheran Church.** +371 26429570; GPS: 57.06814, 22.29195
- Vini Curlandia.** The winery offers tours and tastings. +371 29704932, 25611809; GPS: 57.07082, 22.28066

SERVICES

Accommodations

Accommodation in Kuldīga:

www.visitkuldiga.com

- Holiday house "Abavas",** +371 29286489; GPS: 57.06981, 22.27457

Catering

Catering in Kuldīga:

www.visitkuldiga.com

- Cafe "Abavas pagrabiņš",** +371 26493871; GPS: 57.06977, 22.29265

Shops

Several in Kuldīga; closest to the route: "Saldo", GPS: 56.96870, 21.97117;

Public transport

On the route Kuldīga – Renda the bus runs ~ 13 times a day. www.1188.lv

TOURISM INFORMATION

i **Kuldīga TIC,**
Baznīcas street 5, Kuldīga,
www.visitkuldiga.com,
+371 29334403;
GPS: 56.96771, 21.97098

"top!", GPS: 56.97121, 21.98730
"Citro" in Renda, +371 28559048;
GPS: 57.06861, 22.29389

Pharmacies

"BENU" in Kuldīga,
GPS: 56.96818, 21.97115
"Mēness aptieka" in Kuldīga,
GPS: 56.96854, 21.96314;
GPS: 56.96766, 21.95350
"a.Apotheke" in Kuldīga,
GPS: 56.96713, 21.95840;
GPS: 56.97117, 21.95950

ATMs

In Kuldīga: GPS: 56.96850, 21.97066;
GPS: 56.97342, 21.95803;
GPS: 56.96840, 21.96084;
GPS: 56.96714, 21.95896;
GPS: 56.95744, 21.99107;
GPS: 56.96915, 21.96007

Resting areas

- "Kartupeļu lauks",** GPS: 56.97361, 21.97702
- "Riežupes alas",** GPS: 57.00685, 21.97848
- "Riežupes ieteka",** 🔥, Δ, GPS: 57.00932, 21.97918
- "Ozolu kūdras purvs",** GPS: 57.05495, 22.10737
- "Kopsaimnieki",** GPS: 57.06609, 22.23918
- "Renda",** 🔥, Δ, GPS: 57.06963, 22.29188