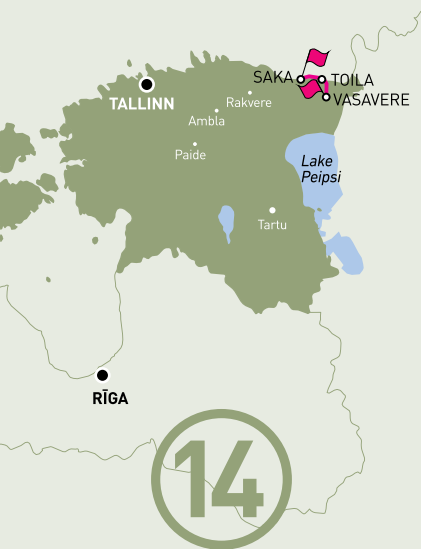
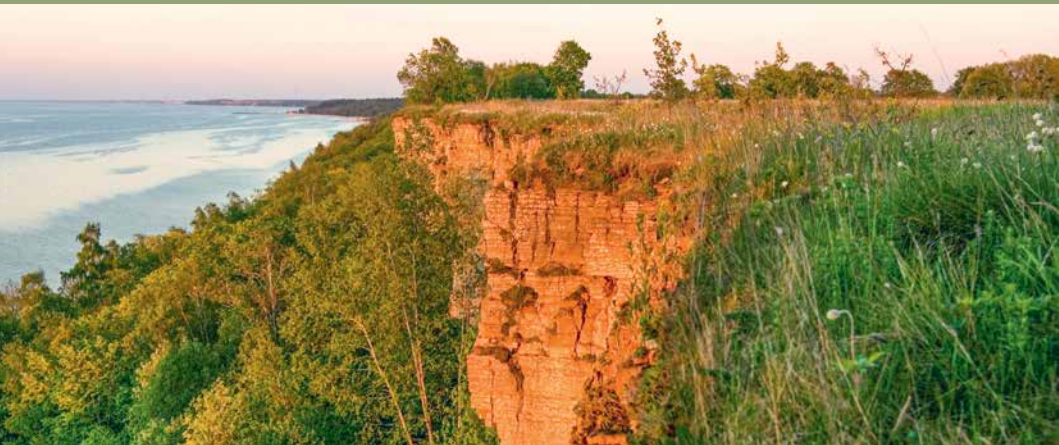


14 CHALLENGES IN THE KURTNA AND ONTIKA LANDSCAPE RESERVES



VASAVERE – TOILA – SAKA Estonia

Itinerary: TOILA – VASAVERE – TOILA – SAKA

Hiking route length:

→ 46 km

Duration: **3 days (hiking 2 days)**

Difficulty level: ●●●

This is the most challenging Forest Trail section, especially on the second day. Here, on the coast of the Gulf of Finland, rises the North-Estonian Klint – a steep, rocky and forest-covered cliff that stretches non-continuously to Tallinn and further to the islands of West-Estonia. The Forest Trail runs on top of the cliff and occasionally descends into valleys. It crosses the deep and vast Pühajõgi valley in Toila-Oru park and comes

to Toila, a popular coastal resort. One of the most unusual sections of the Forest Trail in Northern Estonia, which leads along the foot of the impressive North-Estonian Klint in good weather, then climbs to the top of the klint in the villages of Valaste and Saka, revealing breathtaking views of the Gulf of Finland.

PRACTICAL INFO:



Alutaguse recreation and sports centre in Vasavere.



Saka manor.

DAY 1

Arrive in Toila either from Narva or Tallinn.

Accommodation in Toila.

DAY 2



Private transfer to Vasavere.



Vasavere – Toila

→ 25 km ⌚ 8 – 10 h



Forest roads and paths, park and meadow paths, gravel roads, pavement in populated areas.



Medium



Be careful when crossing the Tallinn-Narva motorway (No. 1) and walking along the road! Do not approach the steep and rocky seashore as it may collapse!



If you take Pargi Street in Voka Village, you can shorten the route by 3 km.

Accommodation in Toila.





DAY 3



Toila – Saka

→ 21 km ⌚ 10 – 14 h



Paved road in Toila, a narrow, rocky, challenging seashore for the rest of the distance.



Medium



Going near the top and bottom part of the North-Estonian klint is dangerous, especially after spring and autumn showers, as it can collapse. The klint has formed several mass slides and mudslides, which together with the vegetation – trees and bushes – make walking difficult.



This section is challenging. Although the distance is not that great, plan for the walk to take two to three times longer than usual. During stronger northerly, north-westerly, or north-easterly winds, the narrow shore (beach) may be completely covered with water in places and thus not suitable for walking. In calm weather, it is advised to split the section into a two-day walk with an overnight stay in Valaste. Shoes with fixed ankle and walking poles will help you keep your balance. Keep in mind that there are only a few places where you can climb up or down the 50 m high klint: near the villages of Martsa (a steep slope), Valaste (stairs), Saka (stairs). The stairs are steep. There are no services at the foot of the klint.



Private transfer back to Toila.



Drive back to Tallinn or Narva or **accommodation** in Toila.

