



## VALMIERA – STRENČI

Latvia

Itinerary: VALMIERA – “JAUNARĀJI” – BRENGUĻI – STRENČI – VALMIERA

Hiking route length:

→ 29 km

Duration: 2 days

Difficulty level: ●●

*This part of the Forest Trail passes through the historical centre of Valmiera. In Valmiera you can visit St. Simon's Church, the Ruins of the Livonian Order Castle and Valmiera Museum. We also suggest walking the barefoot trail in “Sajūtu Parks” (Park of Senses). After sightseeing in Valmiera, the Forest Trail goes through Atpūtas (Recreation) park, the beautiful pine forest and Baiļi winter ski centre. Further on you will walk along the River Abuls Trail, curving along the*

*banks of the river until reaching the Brenguļi brewery built in an old Hydroelectric power plant. You can enjoy unfiltered and unpasteurised beer here. Further down you will enter unpopulated forest areas and the Northern Gauja protected landscape area.*

*The forests in Northern Gauja (“Ziemeļgauja”) are very diverse. There are old or natural boreal (northern) forests and marsh forests, oak forests, alluvial forests (formed on river sediments which periodically flood) and mixed oak, wych elm and ash forests along the river. The tour will end in Strenči Town.*

### PRACTICAL INFO:



Valmiera, Cēsu Street.

The River Gauja bridge next to Strenči (buses at regular intervals to Valmiera, train twice a day).

### DAY 1

Arrival in Valmiera.

Sightseeing in Valmiera in the morning.



Valmiera – camping “Jaunarāji”

→ 6 km



Forest trails and small forest roads, gravel roads, paved roads and pavements in populated areas.



It is possible to organise a transfer back to Valmiera after hiking.

**Accommodation:** in camping “Jaunarāji” or Baiļi, or in Valmiera.

### DAY 2



“Jaunarāji” – Brenguļi – Strenči

→ 23 km



Forest trails and small forest roads, gravel roads, paved roads and pavements in populated areas.



The banks of the River Abuls may be slippery in wet weather. Slopes tend to be extremely steep on the Abuls Nature Trail.



It is possible to organise a private transfer from the end point to Valmiera.

**Accommodation:** in Valmiera.

