

THE HIGHEST POINT IN THE BALTIC STATES ⑧



HAANJA – TSIISTRE Estonia

Itinerary: VÕRU – HAANJA – TSIISTRE – VÕRU

Hiking route length:

→ 12 km Ⓐ 4 – 6 h

Duration: 1 day Difficulty level: ●

The Forest Trail leads down from the highest point of the Haanja Upland. The most important sight on this route is the Suur Munamägi Hill – 318 m above sea level. The highest point of the Baltics with its observation tower provides its visitors with a splendid 50 km range view of the Estonian nature. The 150 year-old western taiga spruce forests grow on the slopes of Suur-Munamägi. Further on the trail circles around the southern part of Lake Vaskna, and continues down small country roads surrounded by solitary homesteads and small clusters of farms. The route ends in a small village, Tsiistre, where the Linen Museum is located. The museum has a collection of folk linen. Flax is one of the oldest cultural plants in Estonia and a few decades ago, blue flax fields were a common sight in southern Estonia.

PRACTICAL INFO:



Paved road for the first 3 km, rural gravel roads for the remaining distance.



Be careful on the smaller and winding rural roads!



There are no shops or places to eat in this section, so it is necessary to take lunch boxes.



Haanja Village by Suur Munamägi (buses from Võru to Haanja go twice per day, or leave the car in Haanja).



Tsiistre village house (bus to Võru or Haanja goes 2x day or private transfer).

Accommodation: in Võru or in Tsiistre surroundings.

