



⑤ FROM TUKUMS TO THE COAST THROUGH THE ĶEMERI NATIONAL PARK




Itinerary: JAUNMOKAS - TUKUMS - MILZKALNE - LAKE VALGUMA - ĶEMERI - BIGAUŅCIEMS

Hiking route length:  **57 km / 50 km**

Duration: **3 days** Difficulty level: 

 **Jaunmokas** (there are 4 buses per day from Rīga)
 **Bigauņciems or Ķemeri** (there are regular buses/trains going to Rīga)

 It is possible to arrive one day earlier in Jaunmokas and overnight in the Jaunmoku Castle. It is recommended to spend at least half a day visiting Tukums.

The tour starts at Jaunmokas Castle estate, where you will also find the Forest Museum. The pride of the castle is its unique painted tile stove (beginning of the 20th century) made of 130 painted tiles featuring 50 different views of the cities Rīga and Jūrmala. The Forest Trails runs along smaller tracks through the Austrumkursā Uplands, the valley of the river Slocene, along Lake Sekļa and Lake Jumprava to finally reach the town of Tukums. Well, the town takes pride in its pots, planters and flower beds with blooming roses along its streets. Next, the route meanders through forests to the demanding hillock of Milzkalns and Lake Valguma, where you will find the barefoot trail and a secluded art space within the woods. The Forest Trail continues to make a stopover at the Ķemeri National Park. The park is dedicated to protection of wetlands, since it is home to one of the largest marshlands of Latvia – the Great Ķemeri bog. As to the town – Ķemeri – it is the former balneological and sulphur springs resort. The tour ends in the village of Bigauņciems, where the Forest Trail joins with the Baltic Coastal Hiking Route (E9 European long distance path). Optionally, one can take a detour along the Lake Sloka trail with its bird-watching tower or pay a visit to the “Forest House” – the visitor’s centre of the Ķemeri National Park.

DAY 1

Arrival in Jaunmokas by bus/train. You can take a train to the station “Tukums I” and then take a taxi to Jaunmokas. Possible to have an excursion in Jaunmoku Castle, there is also a restaurant and accommodation.



Jaunmokas - Tukums

 **14 km**  **4 - 5 h**



To Lake Sekļa – gravel roads, between Lake Sekļa and Ozoliņi cemetery – forest trails, in Tukums – pedestrian sidewalks.

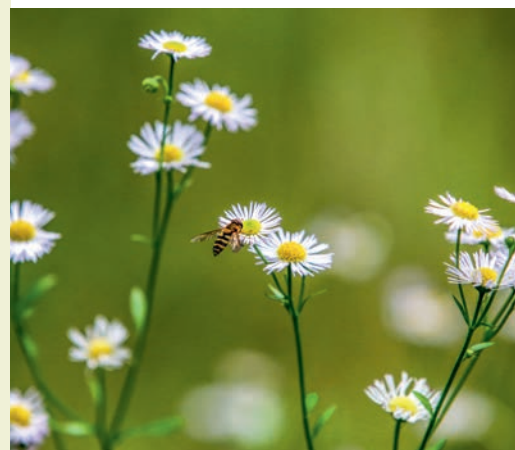


Easy



Be careful when walking along the side of the road and crossing the road!

Accommodation: in Tukums.





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DAY 2



Tukums - Lake Valguma

→ 15 km ⌚ 4 – 5 h



Small forest trails, gravel and dirt roads, asphalt in Tukums and Milzkalne.



Easy



There may be damp places on the trails. Be careful when walking along the side of the road and crossing the road!



There is an interesting barefoot trail in the leisure complex “Valguma Pasaule”.

Accommodation: in the leisure complex “Valguma Pasaule”.



DAY 3



Lake Valguma - Ķemeri - Bigauņciems

→ 28 km ⌚ 6 – 8 h



Gravel roads, in Ķemeri – asphalt, pavement, park paths, forest trails with natural pavement, wooden footbridges.



Hard



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It is also possible to have a shorter hike only till Ķemeri (21 km) and go by train to Rīga.

Accommodation: in Bigauņciems and surroundings or in Rīga.

