

# BORDERLAND CIRCLE



Nr. 155 | 21,8 km

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## Route

The route crosses the Latvia-Estonia border several times and goes through the area, which has the status of the protected territory in both countries. In the territory of Estonia the area is called Paganamaa or Devil's Land, and has a lot of legends and tales related to it. In the territory of Latvia it has long been called the "Switzerland of Maliena", where you can enjoy the most beautiful landscapes of Northern Latvia.

## Direction of the route

Korneti - Farm "Pauguri" - Līčupe - Krabi - Paganamaa Sightseeing Tower - Latvia-Estonia Border - Sightseeing Platform - Lake Palpiers - Money Stone

## Road surface

19% asphalt, 70% gravel, 11% forest paths

## Recommended time

May - October

## Length

~ 21,8 km

## Duration

~ 3 hours

## Level of difficulty

Medium (ascending hills can be a challenge for an inexperienced cyclist)

## Start point, finish point

Parking place in the centre of Korneti

GPS: 57.5894, 26.9476

## Marking

No marking in nature

## Worth to know!

Meteorological and other conditions can have an effect on certain sections of the route: poor road quality, sand, mud. The route leads along private properties, where there may be unchained dogs. Follow the principle "#Walking in nature. Leave no trace of your visit!"

Everyone is responsible for their own safety during the route. Rescue services: 112

## Service

### Self-service tourist information point

### Free drinking water refill point

### Car and trailer parking place "Korneti"

"Vaiņagi", Korneti, Veclaicene Rural District, Alūksne Region

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### Nature House at Lake Palpiers

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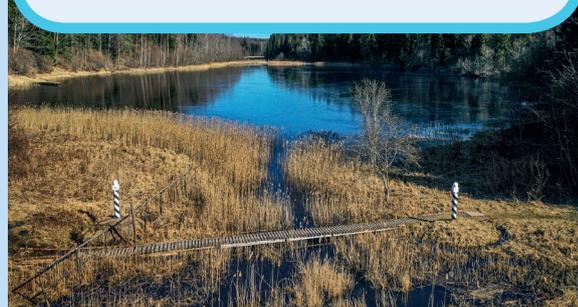
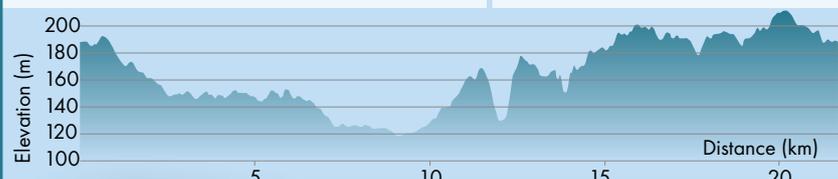


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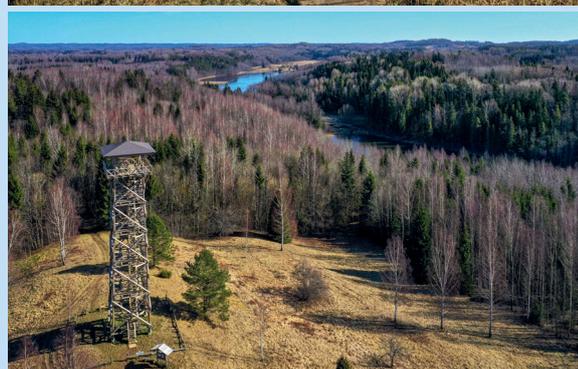


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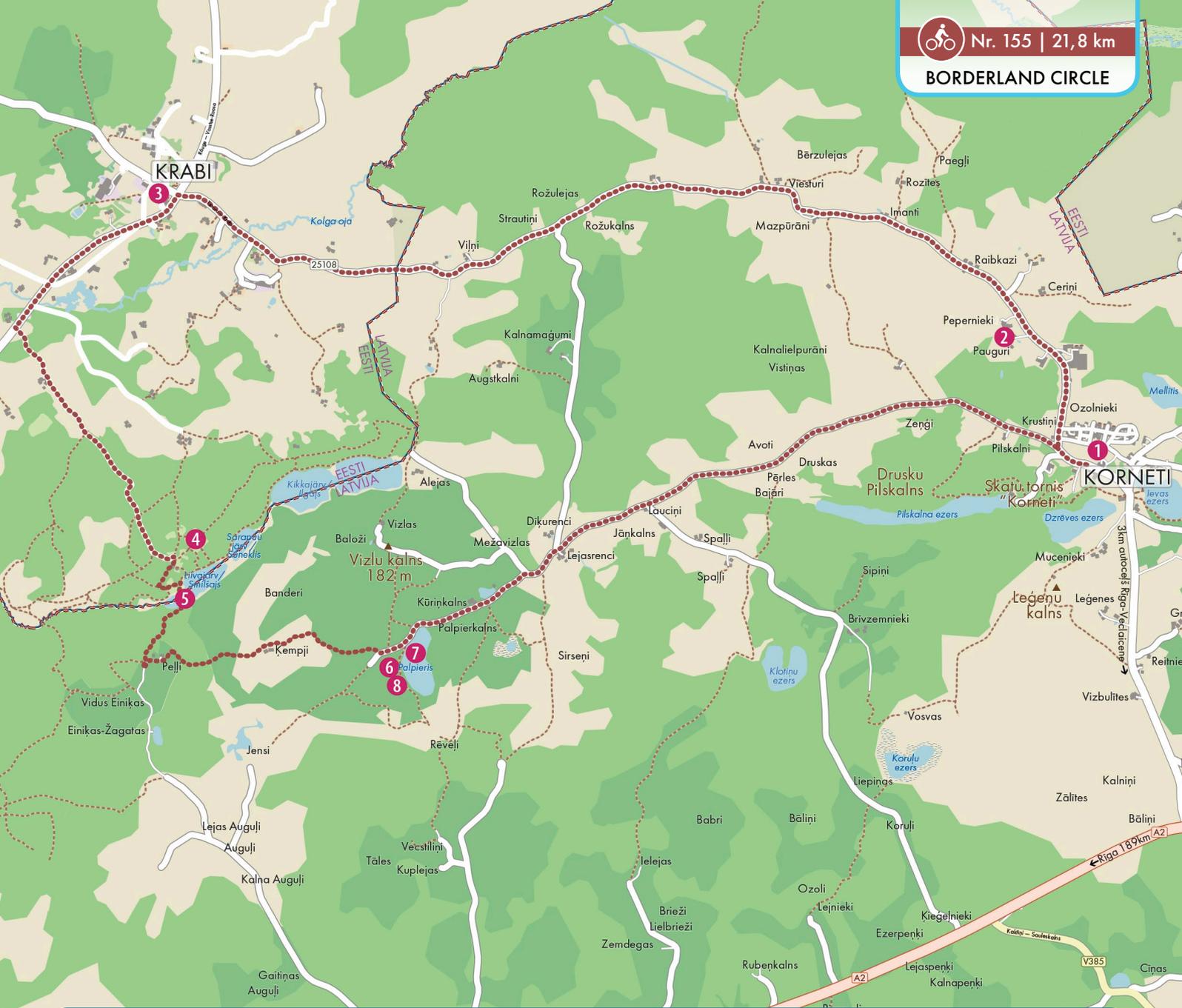


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Protected landscape area  
VECLAICENE





### 1 Korneti

Korneti is the administrative centre of the Veclaicene rural district. Travellers usually use the names "Korneti" and "Veclaicene" as synonyms. Several cycle routes and walking trails start here. Ascend the sightseeing tower on Dzērves Hill and climb up the steepest castle mound in Latvia – Drusku Castle Mound to enjoy the wonderful landscape of Korneti and the protected landscape area "Veclaicene" with its hillocks and lakes!

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### 2 Farm "Pauguri"\*

A recreation place and a sightseeing platform have been made for tourists in a picturesque and enchanting environment. Different shapes made from stone or wood show the skills of the farm owner. The place is worth visiting to purchase decorative and practical wooden things made on a lathe in a turning process. Small wooden boxes, clocks, pens, games, swings and other useful things have preserved the natural tints, structure and smell of a tree.

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### 3 Krabi

A village in the Rōuge rural district, Vōru County, Estonia, where the Krabi Manor used to be (German: Schönangern; alternately Grabbenhof). The manor belonged to the German-Baltic von Rozen family. The village has a library, a pub and several shops, one of which is located in the former manor barn.

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### 4 Paganamaa Sightseeing Tower

To the south of the Krabi village, next to the border of Latvia, there is a protected landscape area Paganamaa (Devil's Land) with beautiful views and well-preserved cultural landscape. A 24-metre-high sightseeing tower on Raadi Hill provides a wonderful sight over the Pelji ravine and the row of the four lakes, as well as over the Latvian hillocks on the other side of the lakes.

GPS: 57.5869, 26.8372

### 5 Latvia-Estonia Border

Four lakes – Lake Pelju, Lake Smilšajis, Lake Sūneklis and Lake Ilgajis form natural Latvia-Estonia border. Several border posts are visible in the vicinity of the lakes.

The border can be crossed along a small footbridge over the flow between Lake Smilšajis and Lake Pelju. The footbridge is made next to the historical iron border barriers and the existing border markers of both the countries.

### 6 Sightseeing Platform

Near Lake Palpiers there is a sightseeing platform in a shape of an elk. The elk is the biggest animal in Latvia, which can often be met in the protected landscape area. Climbing up the platform and watching the surroundings for a longer time, it is possible to hear how loud nature is and how many living beings it has..

GPS: 57.5791, 26.8613

### 7 Lake Palpiers

Lake Palpiers, also called Lake Rēveļa, is famous for its floating islands – they are grassy lumps of earth, which have separated from the shores and are changing their location in the lake according to the direction of the wind. On the shore of the lake there is a Nature House, which apart from lodging and recreation provides information on the animals living in the protected landscape area.

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### 8 Money Stone

On the shore of Lake Palpiers, there is the legendary Money Stone. The legend tells that Swedish soldiers had hidden their money – the army treasury under it. During the Great Northern War (the 18th century) when Swedish soldiers were taking the army treasury to Alūksne they were attacked by Russian soldiers. The Swedish soldiers buried the chest with the money in the ground and placed a big stone over it.

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\* the visit must be booked in advance