



ILGĀJS – MONEY STONE TRAIL



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~2h | ~4.5km

Route

The trail leads through places mentioned in legends and tales – hillocks, valleys, forest trails, meadows and lakes in the Kornetu-Pelji ravine, which was formed as a result of a strong current from melting glaciers at the end of the Ice Age. The inexplicable force of nature made people create the legends about the Devil, who built a bridge over Lake Ilgājs, but numerous war events have left tales about Lake Palpieris, which was drunk up during the Northern War, and the money buried next to it.

Direction of the route

Lake Ilgājs – Vizlu Hill – Sightseeing Platform "Elk" – Money Stone – Lake Palpieris

Road surface

Paths, forest roads and gravel roads

Recommended time

Late April – October

Length

~4.5km

Duration

~2h

Level of difficulty

Moderately strenuous trail with steep slopes

Start point

Parking place before the homestead "Mežavizlas"

GPS: 57.5864, 26.8740

Marking

A circular trail marked clockwise with blue rings

Worth to know!

Suitable trail running shoes are required to complete the route. Depending on meteorological and other conditions, there may be slippery trails, stairs and footbridges on certain sections of the route.

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

Follow the principle "# Walking in nature. Leave no trace of your visit!"

A part of the trail partly overlaps the 1050 km long Forest Trail (marking: white-orange-white)

Service

Car and trailer parking place "Korneti"

Self-service tourist information point

Bez maksas dzeramā ūdens uzpildes punkts

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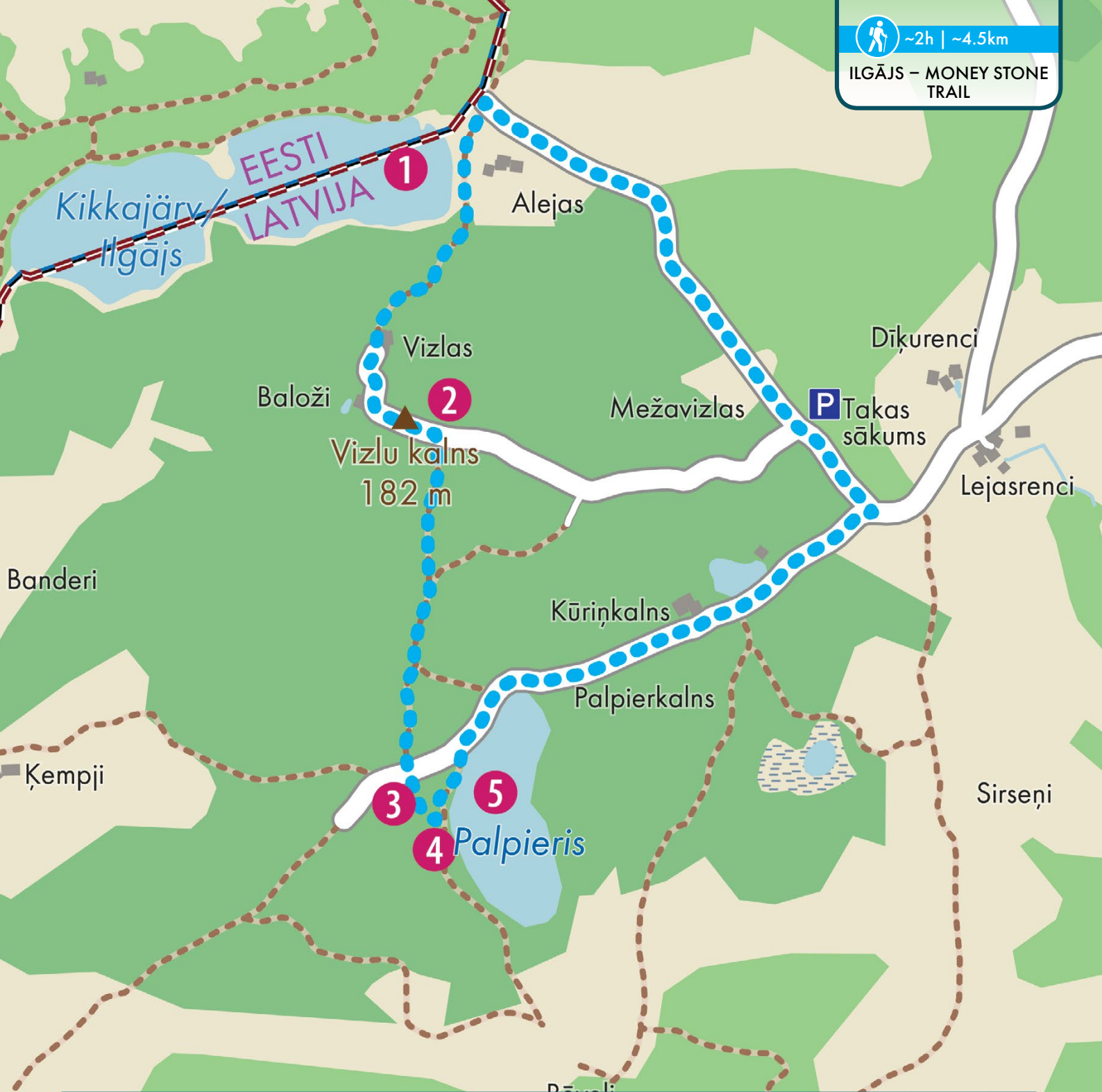
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1 Lake Ilgājs

Lake Ilgājs (Estonian: *Kikkajärv* – Rooster's Lake) is about 1 km long and resembles the digit 8 in shape. In the part of the lake which is in the territory of Latvia, there is a small island. The deepest place in the lake is 22.5 m. Legend has it that one night the Devil decided to build a bridge across the lake. He had already brought two armfuls of stones and it would have been enough with the third one, but a rooster sang and the Devil dropped the stones. The two armfuls of stones are still visible in the lake.

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2 Vizlu Hill

Vizlu Hill (182 m) is one of the hillocks which make the relief of the protected landscape area more beautiful. It offers a wide view of the Latvian–Estonian border landscape. There is also a historical Swedish war road, the embankment ramparts of which are best preserved in Vizla Hills.

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3 Sightseeing platform in a shape of an elk

Near Lake Palpieris 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.

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4 Money Stone

On the shore of Lake Palpieris, there is the legendary Money Stone. Legend has it that Swedish soldiers hid their money – the army treasury under it. During the Great Northern War (the beginning of 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. The stone is 3.6 m long, 3 m wide and 2.3 m high.

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5 Lake Palpieris

Lake Palpieris, 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.

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