

LAKE RAIPALS NATURE TRAIL



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~3 h | ~7.5 km

Route

The nature and cultural history trail leads along three lakes of the Korneti-Pelji lake row. One of them is the most picturesque and deepest lake of the row – Lake Raipals. The beauty of nature observed along the way is complemented by the Mišu Honey Museum and by the Laknu Mill, which has been partially preserved. The trail also includes a 2.5 km long health route with 10 information stands. Hiking can be combined with swimming in Lake Ievas and Lake Raipals, and spending the night in the guest house "Ezerliči" on the shore of Lake Ievas or in the Nature House near Lake Raipals.

Direction of the route

Lake Ievas – Lake Trumulītis – Lake Raipals – Auliņš – Mišu Honey Museum – Laknu Mill – River Pērļupīte – Veclaicene History Depository

Road surface

Gravel roads, forest roads and paths

Recommended time

Late April – October

Length

~7.5 km

Duration

~3 h

Level of difficulty

Easy

Start point

The shore of Lake Ievas opposite the parking place in the centre of Korneti

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Marking

White plates with green 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!"

Service

Car and trailer parking place "Korneti"**Self-service tourist information point****Bez maksas dzēramā ūdens uzpildes punkts**

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1 Lake Ievas

Lake Ievas in the centre of Korneti is one of the eight lakes of the Korneti lake row. Its average depth is 5.2 m, but the deepest place – 12.5 m. On the shore of the lake, there is a swimming and recreation place, and a barbecue house, where you can cook your meals.

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2 Lake Trumulītis

The smallest and also the shallowest lake from the Korneti lake row is Lake Trumulītis (also Mazais, Mazais Šķaunacītis). Its average depth is 2.4 m, but the deepest place is 4.5 m. It is an overgrowing lake resembling a small bowl.

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3 Lake Raipals

Lake Raipals is the deepest lake of the Alūksne Highland. Its maximum depth is 35 m, but the average depth – 11.9 m. Till 1938, it was considered to be the deepest lake in Latvia. The shores of the lake are surrounded by really steep slopes, which reach a height of 40 meters in some places and have a special charm in every season. Rare and protected species of dragonflies fly over the lake in summer – the dark whiteface (*Leucorrhinia albifrons*) and the scarce chaser (*Libellula fulva*). About 300 m from the lake there is a **Nature House** for lodging and recreation. There you can also find more information about the brown bear, which sometimes visits the surroundings.

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4 Auliņš

Auliņš (locals also call it *ķurzulis*) is a bee house for catching a swarm of bees. Traditionally, beekeepers put them in trees from May to July to provide a place for new bee colonies to settle. In the past, bees settled in tree hollows, but as the forest management traditions changed, beekeepers use the *ķurzulis*.

5 Mišu Honey Museum

At the Mišu farmstead next to Lake Raipals, there is the private Mišu Honey Museum, where you can get acquainted with the beekeeping traditions and the necessary equipment for honey collection from different times, find out about bee venom and other interesting facts about bees and honey. In the training apiary of the museum it is possible to watch the life of bees in their real environment.

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6 Laknu Watermill

About 1 km below the source of the River Pērļupīte, in the first half of the 20th century, there was the Laknu Watermill, where it was possible to grind grain and process wool. Even people from Pechori (Russia) took cartfuls of wool to the Laknu Watermill. Nowadays, fragments of boulder walls and the remains of the dam have been preserved.

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7 The River Pērļupīte

Lake Trumulītis is the source of the River Pērļupīte (also called the Lakna, the Sveķupīte, or the River Slokas, Estonian: *Pärlijõgi*). The name suggests that in former times it was possible to find the freshwater pearl mussel (*Margaritifera margaritifera*) there. The length of the river in the territory of Latvia is only 4 km, for 2 km it is the border river of the Latvia-Estonia border, but in total it is the 41-kilometre-long tributary of the River Mustjegi (the River Gauja basin) with a high average decrease in height: 2.37 m/km.

8 Vēclācene History Depository

The historical Defenders' House (Latvian: *Aizsargi* – a paramilitary organisation in Latvia during the period between 1918 and 1939) houses the Vēclācene History Depository, which provides information about the history of Korneti and its surroundings, life on the Latvian-Estonian border and language peculiarities.

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