

THE BĀNĪTIS (NARROW GAUGE TRAIN) LAND

FROM STĀMERIENA TO LITENE BY BICYCLE



GPX file



Nr. 165 | 30 km

Route

The route connects the Gulbene–Alūksne narrow gauge railway line with the historic Ieriķi–Pitalova standard gauge line. During the trip, you will enjoy the rural landscapes of the Bānītis Land, get acquainted with architectural gems and find out where the local craftsmen get their inspiration. In Litene you will see the Litene Manor and park on the winding shores of the River Pededze. You will have an active section at the place where the train on the route Ieriķi–Gulbene–Sīta once ran. Enjoy the charm of the Stāmeriena Palace and travel along the scenic Lake Stāmeriena, in the reflection of which you will see the stately St. Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Church of Stāmeriena.

Direction of the route

Stāmeriena Station and Observation Platform – Musta Inn – Litene Manor – Ltd “Latvian Semi-Precious Stones” – Gunārs Cigliis’ Antiques Depository – Latvian Army Camp Site – Railway Line Ieriķi–Abrene – Stāmeriena Palace – St. Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Church of Stāmeriena – “Stancmuiža”

Road surface

22% asphalt, 78% gravel/dirt roads

Recommended time

May – October

Length

30 km

Duration

~ 4 hours

Level of difficulty

Average

Start and finish point

Stāmeriena Station

GPS: 57.2359, 26.8830

Marking

In nature are marked

Public transport

The “Gulbene–Alūksne Bānītis” runs along the section Gulbene–Alūksne/Alūksne–Gulbene twice a day. The narrow gauge train schedule – www.banitis.lv.

Worth to know!

Depending on meteorological and other conditions, there may be bad road condition, sand, mud. The route goes along private houses, where there may be unattended dogs. 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!”

Bicycle rent and services

Ltd “Alirem”
Gulbene, Stāmeriena

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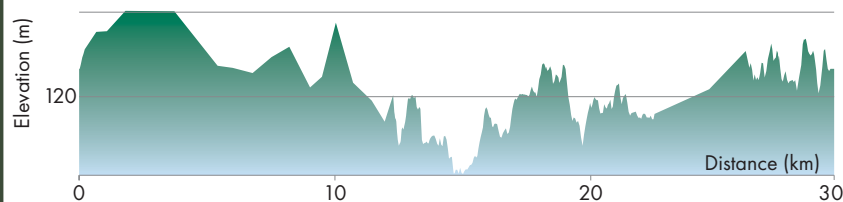


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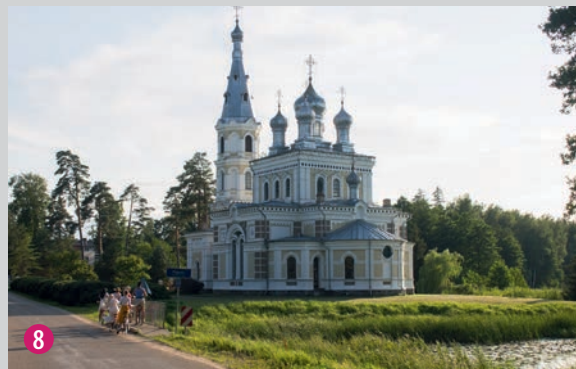


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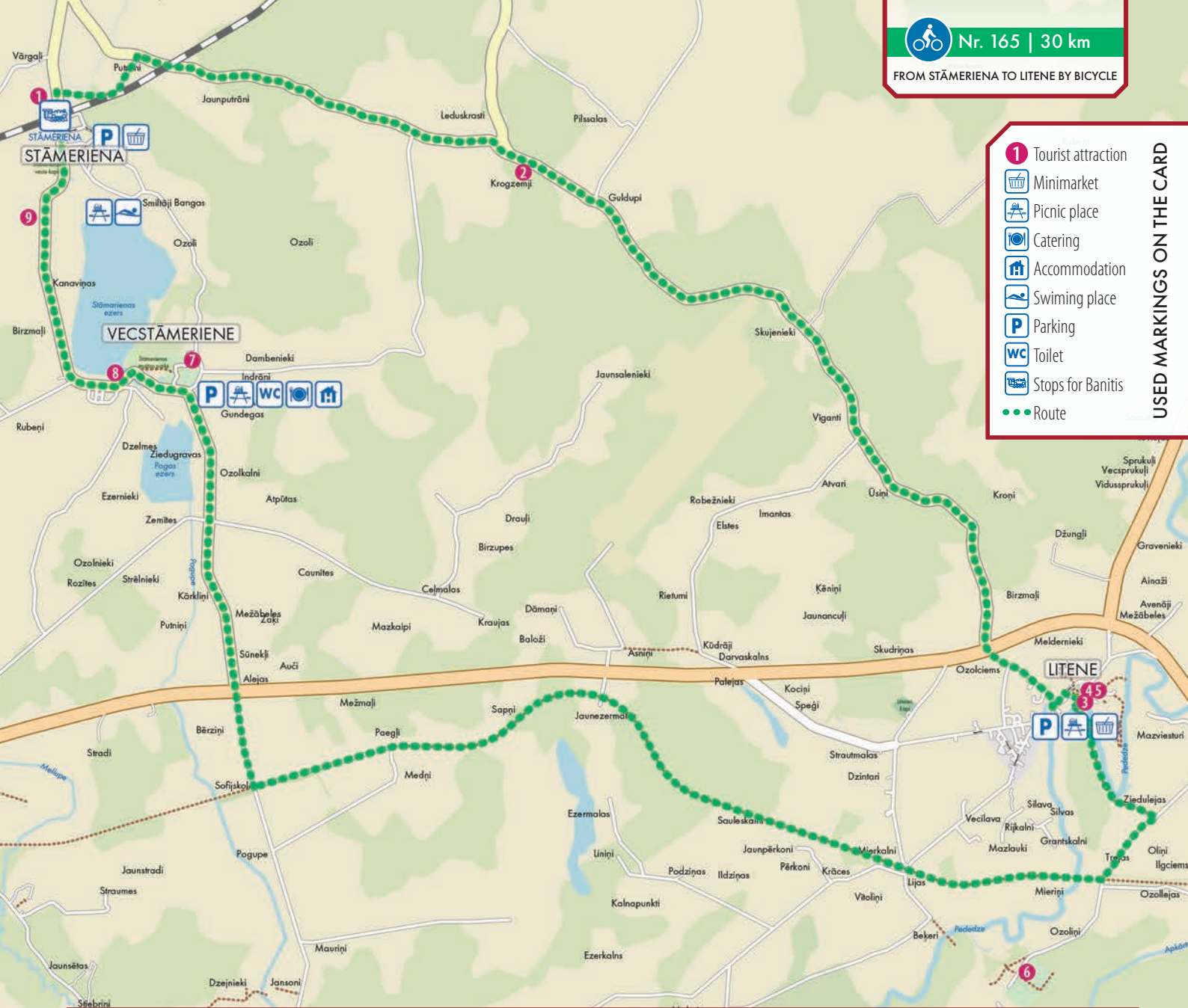
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USED MARKINGS ON THE CARD

-  Tourist attraction
-  Minimarket
-  Picnic place
-  Catering
-  Accommodation
-  Swimming place
-  Parking
-  Toilet
-  Stops for Banitis
-  Route



1 Stāmeriena Station, Bridge across the Ludzupite and Observation Platform

The passenger building of the station was constructed simultaneously with the railway line Pļaviņas-Valka, and architecturally it is made in the style characteristic of the beginning of the 20th century. Initially the name of the station was Stāmere, but, to match the names of the stations with the new place names, it was renamed as Stāmeriena in 1927. The Ludzupite bridge was also built at the same time as the railway in 1901-1902. Egg whites were used for its construction. There is an observation platform next to the station with a well-maintained picnic area, from which the Bānītis can be observed four times a day.
GPS: 57.2359, 26.8830

2 Musta Inn

The pub was located at the crossroads of the Kalnamuiža, Litene and Stāmeriena manors. The name translated from Estonian means the Black or Dark Pub. In the interwar period, the building housed the poor people of the parish. The pub building has been partially preserved, and has been rebuilt into a residential house.
GPS: 57.2318, 26.9521

3 Litene Manor

The Litene Manor stands on the banks of the meandering river Pēdēde. The majestic manor, built in the 19th century, is the pet of Baron Otto von Wolff. Here you can go for a walk full of surprises. Have a rest in the romantic Tea House of the Litene manor, enjoying the flow of the river, where pearls in the size of a pea were once fished.
T.: +371 29204507
GPS: 57.1908, 27.0291

4 Ltd "Latvian Semi-Precious Stones"

In the territory of the Litene Manor, in its historical stable, there is a collection of Latvian gems! Here you can see precious and semi-precious stones found in Latvia: jasper, graphic pegmatite, pyrite, granite porphyry with blue quartz. Jewellery and souvenirs are made from these semi-precious stones in the workshop in Litene.
T.: +371 26684985
GPS: 57.1916, 27.0294

5 Gunārs Cigliš' Antiques Depository

An impressive collection of antiques can be seen in the household building of the Litene Manor. Accompanied by the owner, you will study household items, agricultural machinery and ancient vehicles.
T.: +371 26467087
GPS: 57.1916, 27.0294

6 Latvian Army Camp Site

In the late 1930s, the Latvian Army summer camp was located here. In the summer of 1941, the Stalinism terror was directed against Latvian officers at the camp site. Almost half a thousand Latvian officers were sent to Norilsk in Siberia, some were shot and secretly buried in the nearby forest. The information stands will help to explore the historical place. There is a flagpole with a viewing platform and a place to make a fire.
GPS: 57.1693, 27.0202

7 Stāmeriena Palace

The construction of manor house of Barons von Wolffs in Stāmeriena began in the first half of the 19th century, but it was burned down in the 1905 revolution. In 1908, it was restored in the style of historicism combining several historical styles. The restoration of the roof and facade was completed in 2019. In the 1920s and 1930s, the Italian writer Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa, the husband of the last baroness of the Stāmeriena Manor, Alexandra von Wolff, visited the palace several times. After World War II, an agricultural technical school was established in the building, later the palace was managed by the executive committee of the village council and the state farm "Stāmeriena". The palace is open for visitors.
T.: +371 25755784
GPS: 57.2164, 26.8998

8 St. Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Church of Stāmeriena

The construction of the stone church was completed in 1904. Its tower crosses are decorated with mountain crystals donated by brothers Boris and Paul von Wolffs. The building was completely renovated in 2004. Apply in advance to see the interior of the church.
T.: +371 29178536
GPS: 57.2157, 26.8925

9 "Stancmuiža"

The place name has originated from the former name of the place – Constance's Half-Manor. Over time, the buildings of the manor have been changed and adapted to other needs. In one of the buildings there is an Escape room Xalianse.
T.: +371 29259527
GPS: 57.2270, 26.8811