



GPX file



Nr. 168 | 31 km

Route

The route leads through the peculiar Bānītis Land, the central artery of which is the only regularly running narrow gauge train in the Baltics – the Bānītis, providing an opportunity to combine a cycling adventure with a trip on a train. You can choose to start or finish the route at the Umernieki Station, matching it with the Gulbene–Alūksne train schedule. The route surrounded by forests and meadows winds through three Anna villages – Anna, Vecanna and Jaunanna, as well as along the Ērmani Manor. The trip is perfectly complemented by a walk on the nature trail “Beavers Kingdom”.

Direction of the route

Umernieki Station – Ezeriņi Cemetery – Jaunanna Border Stone – Salu Forest Road – Jaunanna Manor Watermill – Nature Trail “Beavers Kingdom” – Jaunanna Manor Hunting Lodge – Brenci – Ērmani Manor – Vecanna (Anna) Manor – Artist of ceramics, Kristaps Braslis – Anna Village

Road surface

20% asphalt, 80% gravel/dirt roads

Recommended time

May – October

Length

31 km

Duration

~ 4 hours

Level of difficulty

Average

Start and finish point

Umernieki Station

GPS: 57.3370, 27.0170

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!”

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52 Jāņkalna Street, Alūksne

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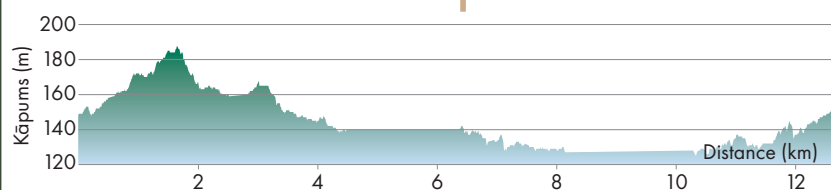


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THREE ANNAS AND ĒRMANIS

1 Tourist attraction

Minimarket

Picnic place

Catering

Accommodation

Swimming place

Parking

Toilet

Stops for Banitis

Route

USED MARKINGS ON THE CARD

7 Jaunanna Hunting Lodge

The Hunting Lodge was built after 1904, when this land property came under the rule of Baron Axel von Delvig. During the Agrarian Reform in 1920, the property was nationalized. Around 1936, the building was managed by the Forest Department, and a fire lookout tower was built on the tower of the lodge. Later, other institutions related to the forest service were located in the beautiful house. Currently, the lodge is the property of the Ministry of Agriculture, and is closed to visitors.

GPS: 57.2700, 27.0897

8 Brenci

The settlement Brenci has developed as the centre of the Mālupe Parish with a parish house and a school. The place underwent territorial reform after World War II, and, in 1945, Brenci became the centre of the newly formed Maliņa Parish. Pay your attention to the folk house, the old and the new school building, where the writer and poet Aleksandrs Pelēcis studied.

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9 Ērmaņi Manor

The manor is one of the most outstanding wooden architectural monuments of the early 19th century in Latvia. The Latvian name of the manor Ērmaņi comes from the German place name *Hermannshof* (the Hermann's Manor). Throughout the years of its existence, the manor has had a lot of owners. The Prauliņš's Family has been managing the manor intermittently since 1913, when Dāvis Prauliņš became the tenant of the Ērmaņi Manor. During the Soviet years, the manor was nationalized and rebuilt, creating several apartments for the families of the collective farm workers. At the beginning of the 2000s, the manor building was recovered by its current owner Uģis Prauliņš. During the summer season, the manor hosts various cultural events.

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GPS: 57.3517, 27.1319

10 Vecanna (Anna) Manor

In the 19th century, the Anna Manor was ruled by Baron Axel von Delvig. The manor house was built in the first half of the 19th century. Only the left wing of the building has been preserved, which is used as a residential house nowadays. The structure of the manor includes the ruins of the manor house, a granary, a barn and a stable (later a pub).

GPS: 57.3482, 27.0684

11 Artist of ceramics, Kristaps Braslis

Both individual visitors and groups are invited to attend the workshop. It is possible to purchase pottery, get involved in creative workshops and even participate in the kiln heating process! Near the workshop there is a photo wall with Kristaps' pottery.

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GPS: 57.3441, 27.0562

12 Anna Village

The current centre of Anna was formed in the 19th century, when the baron of the Anna Manor allocated a plot of land for the needs of the parish and built a self-government house with a school. A granary was built next to it, which was later converted into an assembly place. Nowadays, the Anna Culture House is located in the building. Gradually, with the construction of more and more houses, the centre of Anna became a village, that is still well populated.

GPS: 57.3351, 27.0277

1 Umernieki Station

The flag station on the narrow gauge railway line was established in 1928 at the request of the locals, but in 1937, a station building with a separate household building was constructed here. The Umernieki Station is the only station building on the Gulbene–Valka line built during the years of the first independence.

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2 Monument in Ezeriņi Cemetery

In the cemetery, there is a monument to the soldiers from the Anna Parish who were killed in World War I and the Latvian War of Independence. The money for the monument was collected by the Anna Parish Department of the Defenders (Latvian: *Aizsargi* – a paramilitary organisation in Latvia during the period between 1918 and 1939), and it was inaugurated in 1933. On 18 November 1940, the monument was shot at, and the traces left by bullets are still visible. The cemetery dates back to the year of 1925, and the grave of Minna Āboliņš is considered to be the first burial place there. Oskars Zemnieks, Eduards Meijers and Aleksandrs Elmārs Kēsteris, the holders of the Order of Lāčplēsis (the first and the highest Latvian military award), are also buried in the cemetery.

GPS: 57.3149, 27.0356

3 Jaunanna Border Stone

Stones have long been used to mark property boundaries. The Jaunanna Parish borders several parishes, and large boulders have been erected in four border places. This particular stone marks the border between the Jaunanna Parish and the Anna Parish.

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4 Salu Forest Road

For the transportation of timber around 1910–1912, a 14.4 km long narrow gauge railway branch was built from the Anna (nowadays – Paparde) Station, which led to the River Pededze and forests on the other bank of the river. In later years, a forest road was created on the railway embankment. The locals call it *the Bānītis Road*.

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5 Jaunanna Manor Watermill

The watermill in Jaunanna was already marked on the map drawn by the cartographer Ludwig August Mellin in 1791–1793. In the beginning of the 20th century, Baron Alex von Delvig built a paper mill or cardboard factory to use timber more efficiently. During World War II, Jaunanna was completely destroyed, and only the stone walls had remained from the old mill. Currently, the old mill building houses a small hydroelectric power plant managed by Ltd Energo.

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6 Nature Trail “Beavers Kingdom”

To get to the next sightseeing place, go along the nature trail, which winds along the very bank of the River Pededze. You can ride a bicycle along most of the 3 km long trail, but in some places you may have to push it. The nature trail includes part of the Jaunanna Nature Reserve. It is called the Beavers Trail, because the activities of these animals both good and bad are visible everywhere.

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