



GPX file



Nr. 169 | 34 km

Route

The hilliest route of the Bānītis Land leads along the picturesque hillocks of Nēkene and promises new surprises behind every bend. During the trip you will discover the only Devil's Horn in Latvia, Uģis Puzulis and Kristaps Braslis will tell you the secrets of the pottery trade, but if you are especially careful, you will notice the paved country road that once connected the Buliņi and the Gaigalene half-manors. Don't be afraid if you get tired, because you can perfectly shorten the route when returning to Alūksne from the Umernieki Station by narrow gauge train.

Direction of the route

Alūksne Station Quarter — Level Crossing at Dudas — Artist of ceramics, Kristaps Braslis — Anna Village — Umernieki Station — Kantor Inn — Devil's Horn of Bunguleja — Fish Farm "Cerkazi" — River Papparze — Nēkene Manor — Lake Indzeris and Peninsula — Buliņš Half-Manor Buildings — Paved Country Road — Master of ceramics, Uģis Puzulis — River Racupīte — Alūksne Station Quarter

Road surface

11% asphalt, 89% gravel/dirt roads

Recommended time

May — October

Length

34 km

Duration

~ 4 hours

Level of difficulty

Average

Start and finish point

Alūksne Railway Station

GPS: 57.4119, 27.0453

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!"

Serviss

Bicycle transportation, maintenance and repair

Ltd "Vidzemes velomeistars"
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Ltd IG "Bicycles"
24 Helēnas Street, Alūksne
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Self-service bicycle maintenance stands

25A Pils Street, Alūksne

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52 Jāņkalna Street, Alūksne

GPS: 57.4126, 27.0453

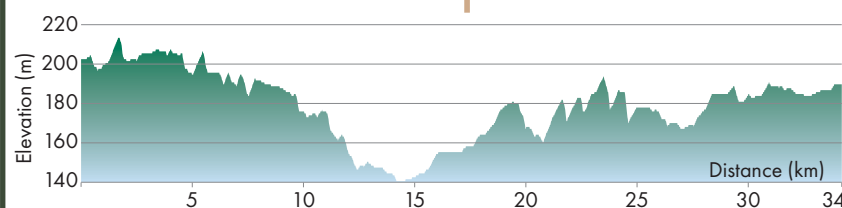


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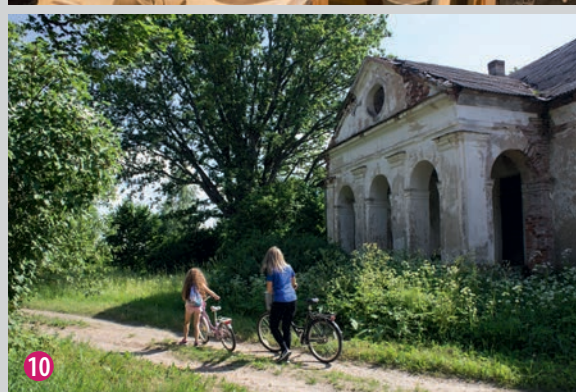


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HILLOCKS OF NĒKENE

1 Alūksne Station Quarter

It is part of Alūksne, which was formed due to the construction of the Stukmaņi (Pļaviņas)–Valka railway line in 1903. Here you can see the red brick railway station building, which now houses the burger cafe “Ivāks x Ogle”. Next to the station there is a historical luggage shed with the multimedia exposition “Alūksne Bānītis Station”, but a little further there is the grain elevator built in 1939 and the train station hotel, which was opened in 1912, but today it is the Bahnhofs Hotel.

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2 Level Crossing at Dudas

It is a good place to watch the narrow gauge train. The train is at Dudas 7 minutes before arriving at the Alūksne Station and 7 minutes after leaving it. Here you can also see the railway bridge made of boulders, which has survived from the construction of the railway line Pļaviņa–Valka in 1901.

GPS: 57.3841, 27.0488

3 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

4 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

5 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.

GPS: 57.3370, 27.0170

6 Kantorkrogs (Kantor Inn)

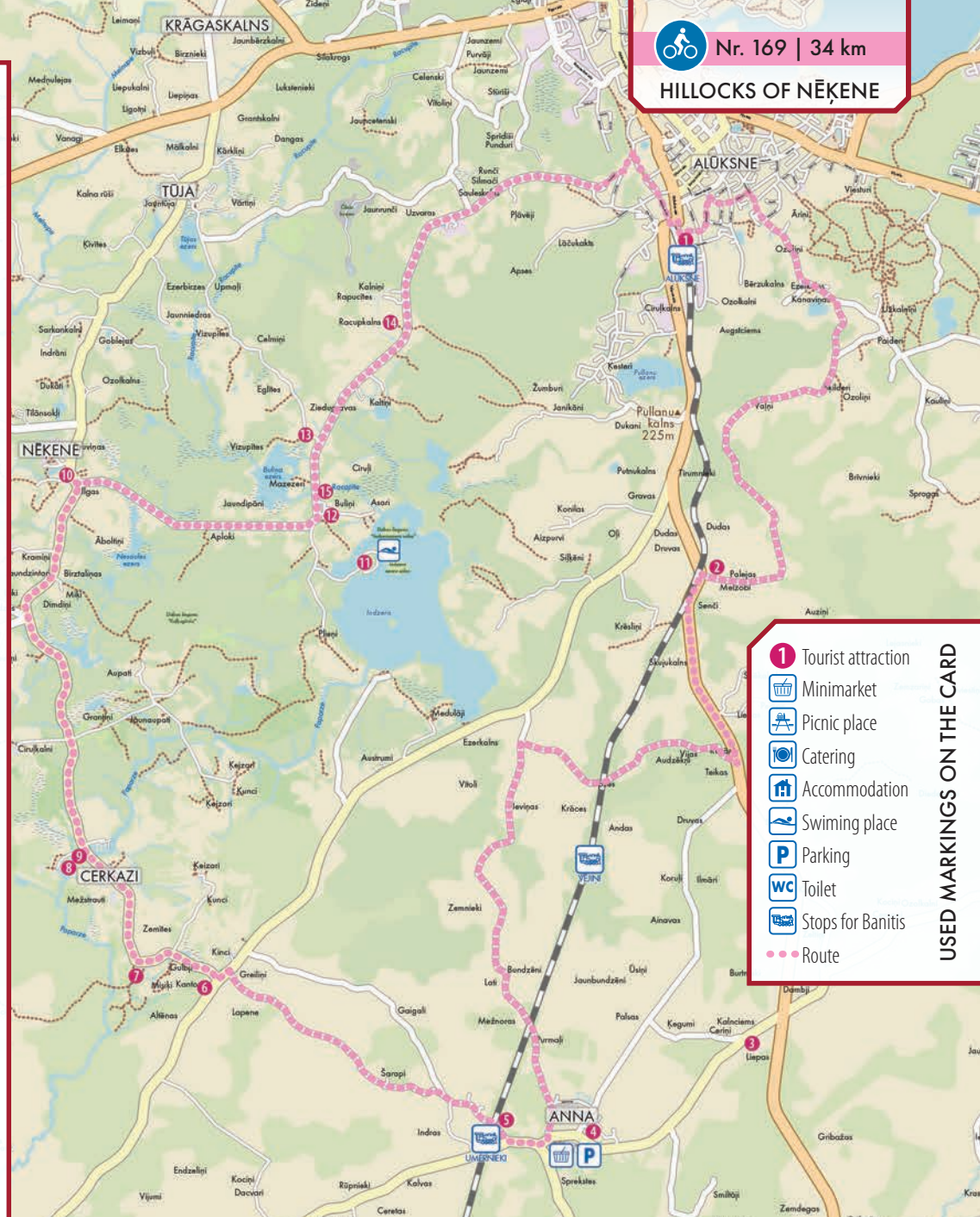
Once upon a time, Kantorkrogs was a cluster of several houses owned by the Otte Manor. A school operated in one of the buildings from 1869 to 1931. Other buildings were a pub and a shelter for the disabled. Already at the end of the 19th century, a shop was built here, and every year in March there was a special day, when masters hired new servants here. Today, only one building has survived under the name of Kantorkrogs.

GPS: 57.3483, 26.9716

7 Devil's Horn of Bunguleja

The Devil's Horn of Bunguleja is the only stone known with the name “Devil's Horn” in Latvia. The stone is unique with its type of position – it has been standing at an angle of 60° for thousands of years. At the beginning of the 20th century, the height of the stone was at least 2 metres, but the sand deposited during the floods reduces the height of the stone above the surface every year.

GPS: 57.3485, 26.9558

**8 Fish Farm “Cerkazi”**

The farm has fish ponds for fishing, where the visitor can catch sturgeon, carp and trout. Smoked and fresh produce can also be purchased. The visit must be booked in advance.

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GPS: 57.3610, 26.9541

9 River Paporze

The Paporze, also called the Paporze, is a tributary of the right bank of the River Pededze. The 27 km long river flows out of Lake Indzeris and flows into the Pededze near Jaunanna. By the end of the 1950s, several sections of the river were blocked up that caused great damage to agricultural land, so the river was regulated in some places.

GPS: 57.3597, 26.9517

10 Nēkene Manor

The Nēkene Manor (Notkenshoff) was first mentioned in documents in 1464. The manor got its name from the surname of its owner – watermill in the half-manor. The residential Notken. There are still several buildings in the buildings and the three-storey granary manor complex – a beautiful barn, a granary with majestic columns have survived to the present day.

GPS: 57.3916, 26.9487

11 Lake Indzeris and Peninsula

It is one of the largest and most beautiful lakes in the Alūksne Region. There are three islands in the lake – Liepu Island, Strazdu Island and Cepurīte. The territory of all three islands of the lake is the third oldest nature protection area in Latvia (since 1926). The islands are covered with old natural forests. Once there was a wooden building on the peninsula of the lake. It was a summer palace – a gift from Rudolf von Transehe to his bride. The palace burned down in 1926, therefore only the foundations and the basement with a brick arch have remained.

GPS: 57.3835, 26.9937

12 Bulina Half-Manor Buildings

The Bulina Half-Manor was subjected to the Nēkene Manor, as an autonomous farm belonging to the manor with its land, buildings and inhabitants. At one time, there were several granaries, barns and even a watermill in the half-manor. The residential buildings and the three-storey granary

GPS: 57.3894, 26.9896

13 Paved Country Road

The Nēkene Manor owned two half-manors – Gaigalene and Buliņa. The road between the two half-manors, which is covered with boulder in three sections, testifies to the times of the manor in the area. You can still see it just a few meters away from the route.

GPS: 57.3957, 26.9867

14 Master of ceramics, Uģis Puzulis

The master of ceramics creates the typical pottery forms of Vidzeme with the color range of Latgale. In the workshop it is possible to participate in the creation, painting and burning of clay, and to purchase the works of the master.

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GPS: 57.4047, 27.0020

15 River Racupīte

The Racupīte, also called the River Buliņi, the Buliņupīte, the Racupe, flowing through Lake Buliņi, connects Lake Pullāns with Lake Indzeris. A concrete culvert was installed in the 1960s at the place where the Racupīte crosses the road. Going down in the ravine, it is possible to see the flow of Racupīte better, and the bravest can pass through the culvert in summer.

GPS: 57.4075, 27.0019

1 Tourist attraction

Minimarket

Picnic place

Catering

Accommodation

Swimming place

Parking

Toilet

Stops for Banītis

Route

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