

Alūksne  
Apdzīme



VECLAICENE

Inspiration Travel Guide  
around the Protected  
Landscape Area

“VECLAICENE”



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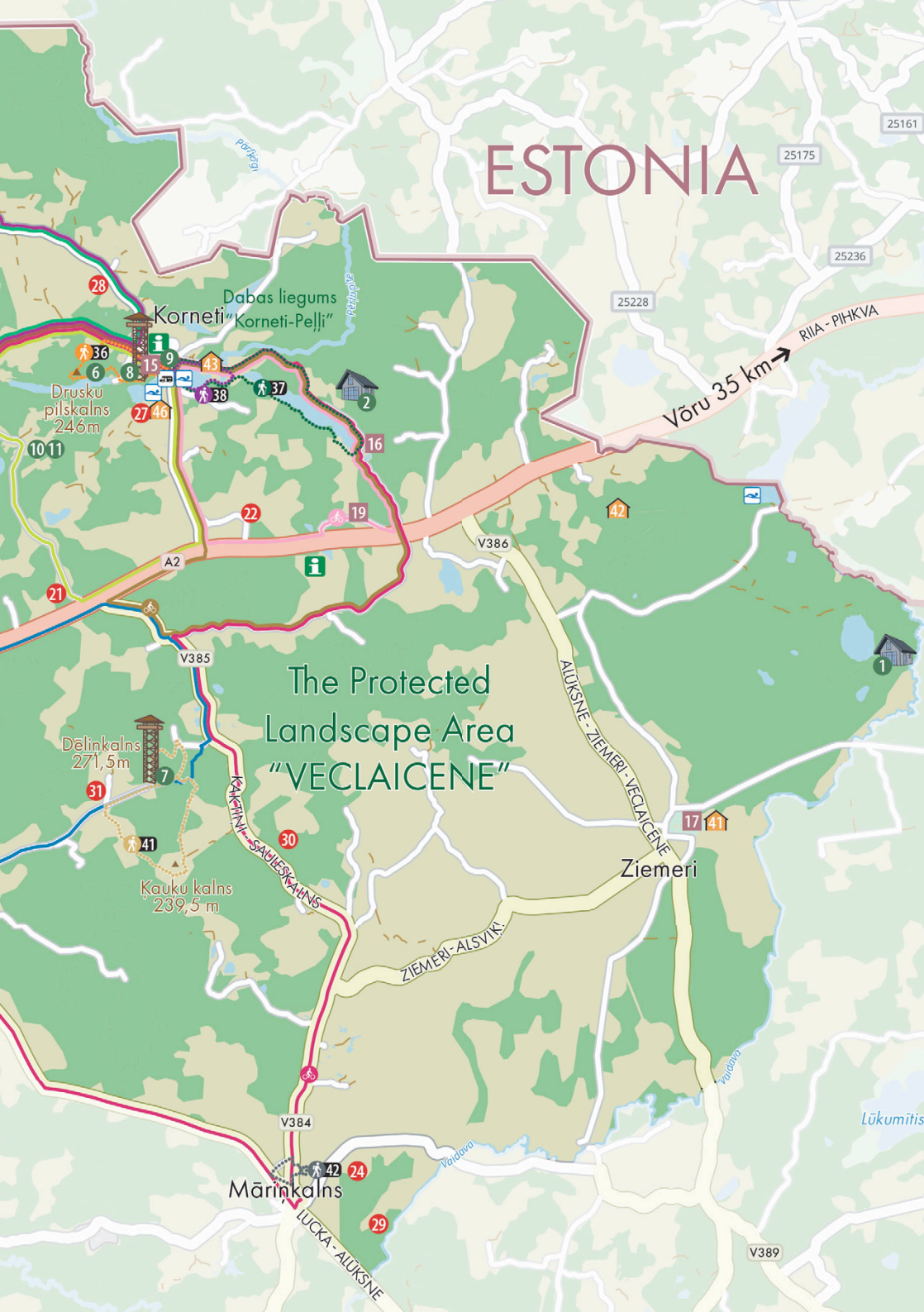
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### Symbols used on the map

- Cycle routes
- Nature trails
- Lodging
- Swimming place
- Trailer parking lot
- Self-service tourist information points



# ESTONIA



Enjoy the hilly Veclaicene landscape climbing the steep Drusku castle mound to admire the beautiful view of Munamāgi Hill or watch the Baltic hillocks from the sightseeing towers on Dzērvēs Hill or Dēliņkalns while walking along the Korneti hiking trails or staying in the newly built Nature Houses.

The protected landscape area is one of the nine exclusive territories in Latvia. It is located in the Veclaicene, Jaunlaicene, Ziemera, Mārkalne rural districts of the Alūksne region and in the Ape region. It includes three nature reserves – “Dēliņkalns”, “Korneti-Peļi” and “Avotu mežs” with the total area of 20 892 hectares.

## FOR NATURE AND RECREATION LOVERS

For those who love the symbolic landscape of Latvia, five recreation and information places – the Nature Houses – have been constructed in the territory of the protected landscape area “Veclaicene”. The Nature Houses are located at five beautiful lakes and each house provides information on a specific topic – waters, fishes, wild animals, birds and nature.



### 1 Nature House at Lake Vaidava

GPS: 57.5552, 27.1105

### 2 Nature House at Lake Raipals

GPS: 57.5824, 26.9913

### 3 Nature House at Lake Palpiers

GPS: 57.5791, 26.8613

### 4 Nature House at Lake Ilgājs

GPS: 57.5904, 26.8616

### 5 Nature House at Lake Eniķis

GPS: 57.5746, 26.8317

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### 6 Drusku Castle Mound

One of the highest and steepest castle mounds in Latvia. It reaches the height of 247 meters above the sea level revealing beautiful landscape views of the Alūksne Highland and the highest hill in Estonia – Munamāgi.

Korneti, Veclaicene rural district

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GPS: 57.5902, 26.9273

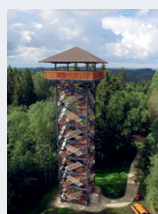
### 7 Dēliņkalns Sightseeing Tower

To reach the highest hill of the Alūksne Highland, leave the Vidzeme Highway and turn into the local road V385 “Kaktiņi–Sauleskalns”, or drive from Alūksne through Māriņkalns following signs “Dēliņkalns”. The sight from the hill reveals picturesque mosaic landscape of meadows and wood-covered hillocks.

The height of Dēliņkalns is 271.5 m above the sea level. On the top of it, there is the 27-metre-high sightseeing tower, which is open for the visitors 24 hours a day.

Tel. +371 25442335

GPS: 57.5431, 26.9434



### 8 Korneti Sightseeing Tower

In the territory of the nature reserve “Korneti-Peļi”, on the top of Dzērvēs Hill, there is the 27-metre-high Korneti sightseeing tower. From its upper platform everybody can enjoy the beautiful views both of the Alūksne Highland and the Haanja Highland in Estonia, the picturesque nature, lakes, hillocks and farmsteads. The top of Dzērvēs Hill is 203.5 m above the sea level. Korneti, Veclaicene rural district

Tel. +371 29347398

GPS: 57.5902, 26.9395

### 9 Korneti-Peļi Glacial Valley

The valley is rich with 15 narrow and deep steep-slope lakes. It stretches in the length of 25 kilometres, and more than half of it (14 km) are in the territory of Latvia.

GPS: 57.5898, 26.9480



### 10 God's Hill

The hill rises 50 metres above the surrounding area. It is one of the few sacred hills on the top of which there are mysterious stones of culture and historical value which have been mentioned in several legends.

GPS: 57.5780, 26.9177



### 11 Māra's Footprint Stone

It is a 2.7-metre-long, 2.3-metre-wide and 0.7-metre-high stone with traces of fire on its surface. The stone is considered to have been an ancient pagan cult site.

GPS: 57.5780, 26.9177

### 12 Money Stone

3.6-metre-long, 3-metre-wide and 2.3-metre-high stone at Lake Palpiers. There are several legends about the stone and its location.

GPS: 57.5780, 26.8613

### 13 Grūbe Dolomite Rock Outcrop

Its total length is 115 m, and it is located on the 10-metre-high right bank of the river Vaidava below the Grūbe hydroelectric power station sluice. One of the highest waterfalls in Latvia has formed here crossing the layers of the dolomite rock and springs. The height of its two-level drop is 4.3 metres, but its width is 12 metres.

GPS: 57.5262, 26.7788

## FOR CULTURE AUTHENTICITY SEARCHERS

### 14 Jaunlaicene Manor Museum\*



In the 18th and 19th centuries the owners of the Jaunlaicene Manor were the family of the German Barons von Wolffs. Nowadays the dwelling house of the manor manager is the museum, where one can find information about the buildings in the Jaunlaicene Manor, the management of and the everyday life in the manors of Vidzeme, about the barons and the local inhabitants – the Malēnieši. “Draņnieki”, Jaunlaicene, Jaunlaicene rural district

Tel. +371 29356277

GPS: 57.5276, 26.8725

### 15 Veclaicene History Depository\*

The History Depository is located in Korneti – the starting point of two nature trails – and it can be a relaxation place between walks in nature. It provides information on the nature and people in Veclaicene – their lives, their housekeeping traditions and their school years. Interactive games have been made there emphasising the historic Latvia-Estonia border as well as everyday life and language related to it. “Vainagi”, Korneti, Veclaicenes pagasts

Tel. +371 29347398

GPS: 57.5894, 26.9476

### 16 Mišu Honey Museum\*

The privately owned apiculture museum that collects and renovates ancient beekeeping equipment and photographs, and studies historical evidences about beekeeping traditions in Latvia.

“Mišas”, Veclaicene rural district

Tel. +371 26699005

GPS: 57.5802, 26.9920

### 17 Ziemeru Manor\*



First mentioned in recorded history in 1550, but since the 18th century the property of the Barons von Wolffs. The manor park was developed in the



beginning of the 19th century. Today the manor is a private property, but it is possible to get acquainted with its architecture, park and history if the visit is reserved in advance.

**Tel.** +371 26003578

**GPS:** 57.53455, 27.0657

## 18 Opekālns Evangelical Lutheran Church\*

The church located the highest above the sea level in Latvia (235 m above the sea level).

The divine services are still held there, so it is possible to see the interior of the church, climb its tower and get the information about its history.

**Tel.** +371 28388894

**GPS:** 57.5497, 26.9037

## 19 Shelter of Our Most Holy Lady Orthodox Church in Vedāicene \*

The building made of boulders and bricks was built between 1893 and 1895 and has been preserved through the wars up to nowadays. The divine services are still held there.

**Tel.** +371 26138592

**GPS:** 57.5719, 26.9942

## 20 Jaunlaicene Barons' Cemetery and Chapel\*

In 1814 the family cemetery was made for the Barons von Wolffs in Jaunlaicene. The chapel resembling a small gothic church was constructed between 1859 and 1865 according to the project of the architect Paul von Hardenak.

**Tel.** +371 29356277

**GPS:** 57.5317, 26.8551

## FOR SEARCHERS OF SENSES

If you want to see an everyday life in a farmstead in Vedāicene vicinity or to relax and enjoy the beauty of a countryside, plan and book your visit, and come!



## 21 Anda's Workshop\*

It produces organic textile, interior objects, accessories and souvenirs, as well as pillows and cushions filled with natural plants.

**Tel.** +371 26323341

**GPS:** 57.5626, 26.9248

## 22 Craftsmen Workshop "Aguce"\*

There is a possibility to purchase hand-made, creative and original souvenirs, which will remind you about the trip in the protected landscape area "Vedāicene".

**Tel.** +371 22413373

**GPS:** 57.5718, 26.9653

## 23 Beekeeping Farm "Augulī"\*

The farmers collect and process healthy and ecologically clean bee honey products. You will have an opportunity to purchase honey, creamy honey, bee bread, pollen, propolis and wax candles here.

**Tel.** +371 29161393

**GPS:** 57.5248, 26.8745

## 24 Health Sauna "Jaunozoli"\*

Improve your well-being and health with cosmetic massages and rituals under the guidance of the sauna expert. There is also a possibility to buy home-made syrups.

**Tel.** +371 29194805

**GPS:** 57.4915, 26.9854



## 25 Sauna Procedures at "Upītes"\*

The processes when a person blends with nature and oneself in the guidance of a professional sauna expert. A massage with wickers, volcanic or river stones.

**Tel.** +371 26302291

**GPS:** 57.5555, 26.9055

## 26 Farm "Kalekauri"

Near the Jaunlaicene manor pond, the owners offer organically grown garlic, garlic paste and pesto made from garlic flowers.

**Tel.** +371 28342623

**GPS:** 57.530381, 26.867344

## 27 Farm "Mucenieki"\*

On the picturesque shore of Lake Dzērves, there is an opportunity to get acquainted with the surrounding landscape together with a pony.

**Tel.** +371 26391443

**GPS:** 57.5861, 26.9441

## 28 Farm "Pauguri" at "Katiņkalns"\*

The craftsman offers to enjoy a rural idyll, which is formed by the interaction of the beauty of nature, rural lifestyle and creativity. Decorative and practical wooden crafts are created here. At any season can be enjoyed relaxation in Katiņkalns – created by artisan with

swings, environmental objects and a viewing platform. Campfire and tent sites are available. In the winter season in the offer is tube sliding.

**Tel.** +371 26027823

**GPS:** 57.6001, 26.9336



## 29 Celebration place "RE-TE-NES"\*

Will create a festive atmosphere by conjuring a beautiful mood, decorating your holiday beautifully, tastefully and memorably

**Tālr.:** +371 28829999

**GPS:** 57.488085, 26.996487



## 30 Farm "Saltupji"\*

The owners of the farm offers various kinds of delicious pastry: tarts, cakes, rolls and pies.

**Tel.** +371 29241904

**GPS:** 57.5343, 26.9767

## 31 Organic Farm "Tortuži"\*

The owners offer organic vegetables – potatoes, red beets, carrots, onions and eggs laid by "happy" hens.

**Tel.** +371 29443544

**GPS:** 57.5383, 26.9342

## 32 Farm "Jankas"\*

Next to the historic Korņeti highway, in the farm potatoes are grown for sale. It is also possible to buy fire wood there.

**Tel.** +371 29117130

**GPS:** 57.5491, 26.7425

## 33 Farm "Griezes"\*

In the hilly Estonia borderland territory, various old sorts of apple trees and berry bushes as well as vegetables are grown: potatoes, onions, carrots, courgettes, pumpkins and beans.

**Tel.** +371 28362469

**GPS:** 57.5537, 26.7477

*\* The visit must be reserved in advance*



## FOR ADVENTURERS

Challenge yourself and take your family and friends with you in any of the five nature trails! Get acquainted with the rich and marvellous Veclaicene nature actively!

### **36 Drusku Castle Mound Trail (3.5 km)**

The shades of the Kometi forest, ancient valleys with lakes, hillocks, the Kometi sightseeing tower and the nature of the bordering country – Estonia. Walking might be difficult when the weather is rainy. The trail is marked in orange.

GPS: 57.5899, 26.9480

### **37 Lake Raipals Trail (7.5 km)**

The trail winds along the picturesque shores of Lake Ievas, Lake Raipals, and Lake Trumultits, visiting the Mišu Honey Museum on its way. The trail is marked in green.

GPS: 57.5901, 26.9480

### **38 Health Route (2.5 km)**

The trail with 10 specific exercises to make the hiker feel good. It is the short route of the Lake Raipals Trail, and it crosses the junction river Pērļupite of Lake Raipals and Lake Trumultits. The trail is marked in violet.

GPS: 57.5901, 26.9480

### **39 Pelji Trail (7.0 km)**

A real challenge that starts at the Mežvīzlas homestead, leads into the Pelji glacial valley providing an opportunity to have a look at seven picturesque lakes and to visit the Pagan (Devils) land in Estonia. It is also possible to have a look at the Vorotka ancient stone pile burial site, the magnificence of the valleys and enjoy the refreshment of Lake Smīļšājs. The trail is marked in red.

GPS: 57.5870, 26.8730

### **40 Ilgājs-Money Stone Trail (4.5 km)**

Made in the Pelji valley, it gives an opportunity to have a look at the only island in Lake Ilgājs, enjoy the sight of the borderland landscape from Vizlu Hill and admire the historic Money Stone on the shore of Lake Palpiers.

The trail is marked in blue.

GPS: 57.5865, 26.8740

### **41 Two Hill Nature Trail (7.3 km)**

The trail leads through the most hilly terrain in all of Latvia – the highest hills of the Alūksne highlands – Delīnkaln and Kaķu Hill, allowing you to receive postcard-worthy nature views, regardless of the season.

GPS: 57.5307, 26.9514

### **42 Race Walker Ādolfs Liepaskalns health route (1.5 km)**

A walking trail of more than one kilometer long, which has been created, inspired by the life and achievements of the famous athlete. Tasks for promoting health and learning basic walking skills are placed on the trail.

GPS: 57.4911, 26.9761

## CYCLE ROUTES

Veclaicene is a great place for cyclists and those who enjoy the beauty of nature. Get acquainted with the surroundings of Veclaicene and challenge yourself in any of the seven cycle routes.



### **Cycle Route No. 150**

**Length:** 15.5 km

**Surface:** 34% asphalt, 60% gravel, 6% meadows, forest paths

**Level of difficulty:** average

GPS: 57.5278, 26.8705

### **Cycle Route No. 151**

**Length:** 12.6 km

**Surface:** 50% asphalt, 50% gravel

**Level of difficulty:** average

GPS: 57.5897, 26.9486

### **Cycle Route No. 152**

**Length:** 10.6 km

**Surface:** 53% asphalt, 20% gravel, 27% meadows, forest paths

**Level of difficulty:** average

GPS: 57.5897, 26.9486

### **Cycle Route No. 153**

**Length:** 14.5 km

**Surface:** 29% asphalt, 51% gravel, 20% meadows, forest paths

**Level of difficulty:** average

GPS: 57.5897, 26.9486

### **Cycle Route No. 154**

**Length:** 12.6 km

**Surface:** 14% asphalt, 71% gravel, 15% meadows, forest paths

**Level of difficulty:** average

GPS: 57.5897, 26.9486

### **Cycle Route No. 155**

**Length:** 21.8 km

**Surface:** 19% asphalt, 70% gravel, 11% meadows, forest paths

**Level of difficulty:** average

GPS: 57.5897, 26.9486

### **Cycle Route No. 6 (Tour de LatEst)**

**Length:** 18.5 km

**Surface:** 16% asphalt, 62% gravel, 22% meadows, forest paths

**Level of difficulty:** average

GPS: 57.5897, 26.9486

### **Cycle Route No. 156**

**Length:** 40 km

**Surface:** 38% asphalt, 51% gravel, 11% meadows, forest paths

**Level of difficulty:** difficult

GPS: 57.5897, 26.9486

## FOR RECREATION AND HEALTHY SLEEP

### **B@B “4 Rozes un vilks”**

in Ziemei manor

**8, Tel.** +371 26003578

GPS: 57.5344, 27.0656

### **Holiday House “Saliņš”**

**6, Tel.** +371 29443544

GPS: 57.5701, 27.0450

### **Holiday House “Ezerlīči”**

**10, Tel.** +371 26186570

GPS: 57.5906, 26.9555

### **Guest House “Kalnarušķi”**

**60, Tel.** +371 26594554

GPS: 57.5322, 26.8167

### **Holiday House “Melderī”**

**50, Tel.** +371 20379986, +371 26152011

GPS: 57.5266, 26.7759

### **Holiday House “Dzērves ezers”**

**4, Tel.** +371 26391443

GPS: 57.5871, 26.9438

### **Muuski glamping**

**6, Tel.** +371 29151501

GPS: 57.6100, 26.9044



**—** number of places in the lodging

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*Provided GPS – starting points of the nature trails.*

*In the borderland area an identity document is a must.*

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