

# Smiltene and it's surroundings

Points of interest,  
Accommodation, Catering, Maps

## Tourist map 2021

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8777

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Smiltene

Free Wi-Fi is available at the  
most beloved recreation  
sites in Smiltene

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## Points of Interest in Smiltene

✔ Tours available by booking in advance!

### Culture and History

#### 1 Smiltene Evangelical Lutheran Church

The church as it looks now was rebuilt during its last reconstruction in 1859. It is built by strictly following a cross-shaped technique, with Gothic-style windows, decorated with wood carvings and Latvian ornaments in the interior design. When on a tour, one must visit the church, the memorial room of great pastor Kārlis Kundziņš, listen to organ sounds, and gaze upon Smiltene from the heights of the bells.

✔ Baznīcas laukums 1, Smiltene  
+371 26587167



#### 2 Smiltene Manor Complex and Medieval Order Castle Ruins

Within the territory of Kalnmuiza, there are maintained several historic buildings: manor, steward's house, ice basement, hunters' lodge, stable, barn, 14th century German order castle ruins with a cheese house (cheese-making lodge). The area is available for free; however, historic stories you will learn only when accompanied by a tour guide.

Kalnamuiza 3,  
Smiltene pagasts,  
+371 25960449, 27887933



#### 3 Smiltene St Joseph's Roman Catholic Parish House

The latest religious building in Smiltene; made public in 2002.  
✔ Valņu iela 17, Smiltene  
+371 29127456

#### 4 Smiltene St Nikolay's Orthodox Church

Nobleman P. Lieven donated a parcel of land to the parish for building a church, and the first cornerstone was laid there in 1895. This is the largest Orthodox Church in Smiltene and the surrounding area.  
✔ Dārza iela 6a, Smiltene  
+371 28358337

#### 5 Smiltene Red Cross Hospital

Everyone has a chance to visit a hospital donated to the city in 1903 by P. Lieven, the owner of the Smiltene Manor. The nobleman himself drew the project, managed construction works and paid for all expenses.  
Dakteru iela 14, Smiltene

#### 6 Smiltene Hydroelectric Power Plant

In 1901, it was nobleman Paul Lieven, the owner of the Smiltene Manor, who turned powerful waters of River Abula into electricity by installing in the former manor building on the bank of Lake Vidus a water wheel with a generator. In 1913, Lieven built the most modern

hydroelectric power plant in the Baltics. The historic building is now reconstructed, but standing right next to it on the very historic location there is a new and private hydroelectric power plant, built in 1999.

Abulas iela 5, Smiltene

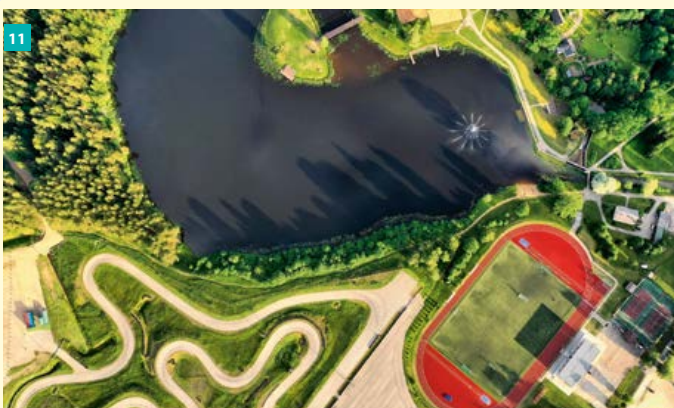
#### 10 Monument of Jakob Lange

Jakob Lange was a Baltic-German pastor, linguist, translator and publicist. He served as a pastor in Smiltene and took a part in preparing the Latvian edition of Bible. He was the author of the first Latvian-German dictionary, founded schools and stood up for education for Latvians.  
GPS 57.416409, 25.889649

### Active Recreation and Leisure

#### 11 Recreation and Sports Complex "Teperis"

Well-maintained swimming places and recreational sites, beach volleyball courts, athletics and football stadium, kart and auto racing tracks, open-air ice rink, tennis courts and open-air exercise equipment.  
+371 26130440  
GPS 57.431086, 25.919725



#### 11 Recreation Complex "Slipi"

Number of locations: 13 + 20  
Slipi, Smiltene pagasts  
+371 28830522  
[www.slipi.lv](http://www.slipi.lv)



#### 12 Holiday cottage "Kalnāres"

Number of locations: 6  
"Kalnāres", Blomes pagasts  
+371 26357959



#### 13 Guest house "Lejas Zauskas"

Number of locations: 6 + 6  
Lejas Zauskas, Smiltene pagasts  
+371 26496178



#### 14 Guest house "Purgaili"

Number of locations: 36 + 64  
Purgaili, Grundzāles pagasts  
+371 29467037  
[www.purgaili.lv](http://www.purgaili.lv)



#### 15 Guest house "Aumeisteri"

Number of locations: 19 + 4  
Aumeisteri, Grundzāles pagasts  
+371 29239247, 29275347  
[www.aumeisteri.lv](http://www.aumeisteri.lv)



#### 16 Holiday cottage "Rūnēni"

Number of locations: 4+10  
"Rūnēni", Brantu pagasts  
+371 29491191, 26180543



of Latvian folksongs, who visited Smiltene in 1859 on his way by foot from Tartu to Dundaga. The memorial stone was opened for public in 1985. Sculptor O. Feldbergs.  
GPS 57.42537, 25.90677

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#### 12 Go-kart rental

We offer rides with powerful go-karts for children, youngsters and adults. Driving takes place on an outdoor go-kart track from spring to autumn. Reservations must be made in advance.

✔ Sporta kompleks "Teperis",  
Smiltene pagasts,  
+371 29125512  
[www.teperis.lv](http://www.teperis.lv)

#### 13 Anne's Boats

Rental of active recreation equipment on the promenade of lake Teper: SUP boards, boats, go-karts, roller skates and other equipment for active recreation.

Dakteru iela 2, Smiltene  
+371 26413038, 26364135  
[www.anneslaivas.lv](http://www.anneslaivas.lv)



#### 14 SUP House

Rental of leisure equipment near Lake Teperis: SUP boards, gyro scooters, stilts crossminton, spike ball, volleyball equipment, etc.  
✔ Dakteru iela 2, Smiltene  
+371 26601823  
[facebook.com/suphousesmiltene](https://facebook.com/suphousesmiltene)

#### 15 Smiltene Bowling

Baznīcas laukums 2,  
Smiltene  
+371 64707445

#### 16 Smiltene Cinema

Popular and beloved movies both for adults and children in 3D and 2D on the big screen.  
Gaujas iela 1, Smiltene  
+371 28343415

## Catering

### Smiltene

#### 1 Restaurant

**"Park hotel Brūzis"**  
Number of locations: 20  
Brūža iela 2, Smiltene  
+371 64773708, 28630180

#### 2 Café / Bistro

**"Pasēdnica"**  
Number of locations: 50  
Baznīcas laukums 2, Smiltene  
+371 64707445



#### 3 Café / Bistro

**"Trīs pipari un kūkas"**  
Number of locations: 40  
Baznīcas laukums 5, Smiltene  
+371 29451734

#### 4 Café "Pauze"

Number of locations: 16  
Pils iela 6, Smiltene  
+371 64772701

#### 5 Kebab house "Re Kebabs"

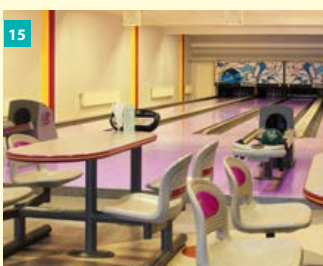
Number of locations: 16  
Baznīcas laukums 4, Smiltene  
+371 22323830

#### 6 Café / Bar "Silvans"

Number of locations: 60  
Silva 16, Launkalnes pagasts  
+371 64774630, 29428283

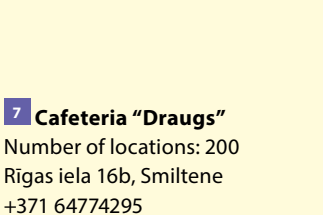
#### 17 Children's Playground and Skate Park

In the children's playground there are slides, swings and other attractions so that children could have fun during their spare time. Nearby there are recreational sites for parents and skate park for youngsters.  
GPS 57.423356, 25.90154



#### 18 Extreme Ride across the Certene Castle Mound

Breath-taking, slightly extreme and thrilling ride in an army car through the area of the Certene Castle Mound for small groups and private events.  
✔ Drandu iela, Smiltene  
+371 29577078  
GPS 57.413804, 25.895708

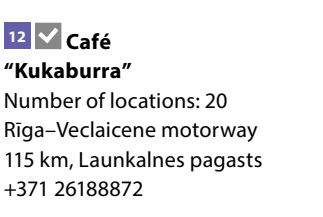
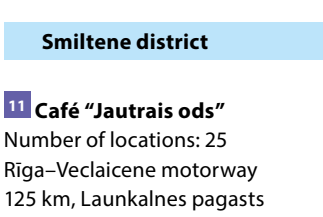


#### 8 Cafeteria

**"Kalnamuiza"**  
Number of locations: 200  
Kalnamuiza, Smiltene pagasts  
+371 26674429

#### 9 Café "Oāze"

Number of locations: 35  
Ābeļu iela 4, Smiltene  
+371 29619602



### Nature

#### 19 Ancient Park and Lake Vidus

The ancient park, full with different trees and bushes, is a well-maintained area on the bank of Lake Vidus where there are recreational sites with benches, water elements with fountains and asphalted pathways. This park is beloved by locals and visitors not only for peaceful strolls and magnificent nature, but also for active recreation, like Nordic walking and cycling.  
GPS 57.42630, 25.90800

#### 20 Lake Teperis Promenade and Fountain

One can gaze upon the Lake Teperis promenade, dam and floating fountain which is lit during the night-time.  
GPS 57.429502, 25.921674

#### 21 Certene Castle Mound

The Certene Castle Mound is an archaeological monument



of national importance, the most ancient historic artefact in Smiltene. The spacious area is suitable for active recreation, peaceful strolls and savoring nature. The mysteries of the castle mound will reveal themselves during tours with a tour guide.  
+371 29577078  
GPS 57.410305, 25.901179

#### 22 Guest house "Oāze" and the ornamental garden

The ornamental garden is available during summer season. An opportunity to observe the squirrels.

✔ Ābeļu iela 4, Smiltene  
+371 29619602



#### 23 Mountain Jāņu, Open-air Stage

One of the hills in Smiltene giving home in its natural cavity for an open-air stage which holds various cultural events.  
GPS 57.42450, 25.89622

#### 24 Meteorite Crater

People are highly interested about the meteorite crater because this object is still an unsolved mystery. Is it a result of a meteorite explosion or a natural formation?  
GPS 57.41659, 25.903246

### Crafts and Home Production

#### 25 Delicacies of the Nobleman's Madam

In the Hall of Nobleman Lieven one can taste the refined delicacies of the nobleman's madam and the nobleman's childhood treats, prepared by students of the Smiltene Technical School, as well as to purchase these products.

✔ Kalnamuiza,  
Smiltene pagasts,  
+371 25960449, 27887933

#### 26 Folk Applied Arts Studio "Smiltene"

Everyone has a chance to take a look at the display of works by the studio craftsmen and to try to make these pieces of art themselves. In the exhibition hall it is possible to view and purchase the final works.  
Atmodas iela 2, Smiltene  
+371 25455507

#### 27 "River of Milk at the Pancake Shores"

A chance to explore the long road that milk takes from a cow

to a dinner table. Participate in milk turning and butter churning, as well as to join in baking pancakes and eat them with a filling of your own choice. The farm has an playgrounds and a campfire.  
✔ "Kalbakas",  
Smiltene pagasts,  
+371 29257467, 29465018

#### 28 Madam Prince's Modiste

When visiting the workshop of the Madam Prince's modiste (dressmaker), you will be able to: cut out cloth with old costumer scissors, sew a gift pouch with the old Singer's sewing machine and do ironing with an original, old goose-iron, buy a linen shirt or any other linen outfit or product that was created in the dressmaker's shop, discover the history behind the goose-iron and the sewing machine.  
✔ Kalna iela 2, Smiltene  
+371 29138044



#### 29 "Honey Room" in the Bee Farm of Valdis Paeglis

A tour through the farm with conversations about beekeeping, tasting of honey made from different flowers and pancake baking. A chance to purchase bee products.  
✔ Raiņa iela 69, Smiltene  
+371 29975297





Points of Interest in Smiltene district

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Culture and History

Mēru Manor and Smiltene district Museum

A chance to visit the manor castle built in 1905 by following the trends of romantic eclecticism with small



towers which make the manor look ancient. The manor is especially beautiful thanks to the surrounding park giving home to the largest oak in the Baltics (when measured by the crown). In the premises of the manor one can visit an exhibition of the Smiltene District Museum.

Mēri, Bilskas pagasts, +371 25776631

Palsmane Evangelical Lutheran Church

One of the most unusual and beautiful classical churches in Latvia. Built in 1817 in the form of an octagon with a bell tower on one side.

Palsmanes pagasts, +371 26305264

SUPing in "Trissaliņas" Rental of SUP board and paddle boat. "Trissaliņas", Grundzāles pagasts, +371 29477124, 26536637 www.trissalinās.lv



Take a Ride on an Inflatable Raft, Pulled by a Speedboat across the Spicieris Lake Daredēvils can take a ride on an inflatable raft, behind a speedboat, while other supporters will have a place in the boat. The raft supports one or two people, while the boat a maximum of 4 people.

Spiciera ezers, Launkalnes pagasts, +371 26572038 +371 29477124, 25.87594

Farmhouse "Lejas Varīcēni"

The open permaculture farm invites you to experience an alternative way farming. Rocket stove, hobbit lodge, sun dryer, mound planting beds and other alternative methods, how to live effectively in the countryside and be more nature-friendly.

"Lejas Varīcēni", Smiltēnes pagasts, +371 26555539, 26406687

Horse stable "Jaunlūres"

Offers horseback riding, trips in a horse-drawn carriage, horse-drawn carriage rides for weddings or other

Palsmane, Palsmanes pagasts, +371 29198755 GPS 57.3884, 26.1856

Flight above Smiltene, Farm "Rožkalni"

In the company of a pilot you can go for an exciting flight above Smiltene and experience tours through a farm that grows seeds for rape, rye,



Ringī Meeting House of the Brotherhood

Ringī Meeting House was built in the late 19th century when the movement of the Hermhut Brothers was active and widespread. The log house surrounded by large trees was not only a spiritual culture centre at the time, but also greatly shaped the surrounding area.

Blomes pagasts, +371 26667196

barley, wheat, cumin and clover.

"Rožkalni", Smiltēnes pagasts, +371 27331128

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Strante Windmill

Each and every traveller is attracted to the Strande Windmill standing in the middle of the field and shaping a great part of the landscape.

Brantu pagasts, GPS 57.4009, 25.7537

Memorial Stone of Kikulu Jēkabs

A chance to take look at the memorial stone of Kikulu Jēkabs, a brave and talented farmer who is believed to be the first Latvian poet. Jēkabs was also a weaver and active hernhutian who was brave enough to take a part in the farmers' rebellion and express his pain through letters.

Blomes pagasts, GPS 57.433260, 25.755243

Open-air Stage "Jēberleja"

It was built in the late 20th century as a threshing barn; in nowadays it serves as a well-maintained location for recreation and events.

Blomes pagasts, GPS 57.44110, 25.73662

Active Recreation and Leisure

Mini Zoo "Ezerlejas"

In the farm you can see pheasants, South African ostriches, miniature goats, fallow deers, sheep pigs and other unusual animals. Well-maintained fish ponds, recreation sites, playground, camping site.



celebrations, as well as other types of recreation with horses for groups and collectives.

"Jaunlūres", Brantu pagasts, +371 29950731

Nature

Latvia State Forests Recreational Area "Reed Bed Lake and Surrounding Area"

On the bank of Reed Bed Lake there are several well-maintained swimming places and recreational sites, but the surrounding area holds several marked tracks for active recreation and physical activities – Nordic walking, jogging, skiing and cycling.

Launkalnes pagasts, GPS 57.43123, 25.97488

Nature Trail "Forest Friends' Birch Grove", Observation Tower

The trail stretches next to the recreation complex "Trissaliņas" (Three Islands). There are more than 30 wooden animals placed throughout the trail (400 m). A special map will be given for each visitor of the trail which will help to locate these animals and checkpoints of the trail.

Lake Bilskas and nature trail Only the upper part of the rock covering the area of 25 m² is visible above the ground. It is hard to estimate the overall volume because the rock has never been extracted from earth; however, it could very well be one of the largest grand stones in Latvia. It is included in the list of natural monuments of conservation.

Bilska, Bilskas pagasts, GPS 57.492576, 25.998016

"Ezerlejas", Launkalnes pagasts, +371 26357959 www.ezerlejas.lv

Recreation Complex "Slipi"

Various leisure possibilities: you can experience and enjoy both activities in water and on land – SUP board, boat and water bike rental. It is possible to apply for team-building events, led by professional instructors. In these events you can learn new skills, get to know each other better and strengthen the team bond.

"Slipi", Smiltēnes pagasts, +371 28830522 www.slipi.lv



Recreation Complex "Silmaci"

Recreation complex with sports fields and rental of equipment; swimming in the lake; fishing; boat or hydrobike rides; water amusement features.

"Silmaci", Launkalnes pagasts, +371 26555910, 26586113 www.silmaci.mozello.lv

Smiltene Plant Nursery

Get to know day-to-day operations of the Smiltene Plant Nursery owned by JSC "Latvia State Forests" and find out how the best birch and pine tree seedlings are grown for regenerating forests, along with lilacs and decorative seedlings. Exposition and purchase of seedlings.

Silva 13, Launkalnes pagasts, +371 26664995

Lavender garden

Come visit a small lavender garden in Blome, gather your own lavender bouquets when they're flowering, in the flower garden cherished by Sanda Sokolovska.

Dārza iela 3, Blome, +371 26112998

Ērika Trifanova's Garden of Phloxes

A chance to gaze upon more than 150 types of phloxes in different colours right around the time when they are blossoming (middle of summer from July to August). Major portion of these types are bred by the owner. A chance to purchase seedlings.

"Lejas Brūži", Grundzāles pagasts, +371 25455791

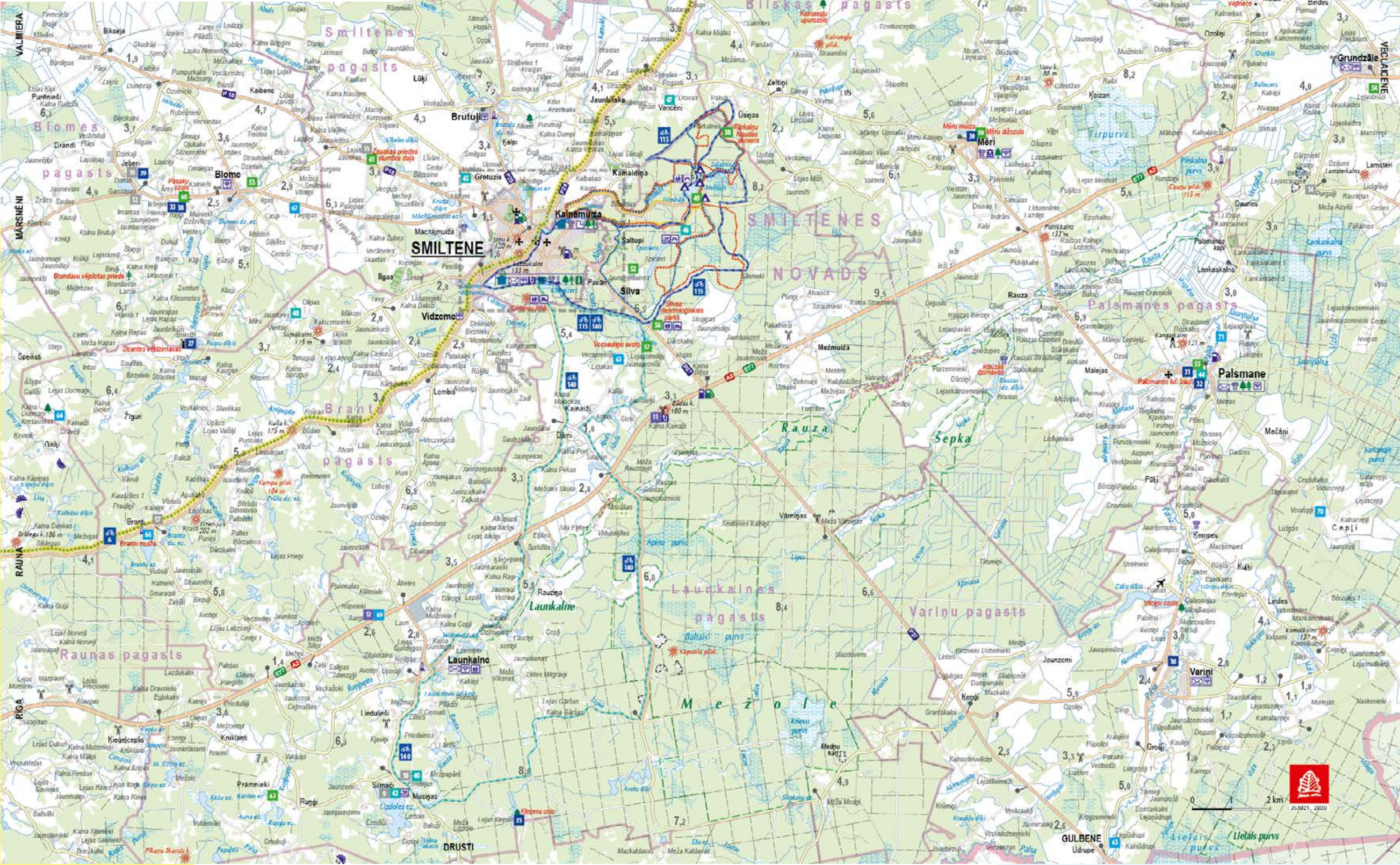


Legend

- Paved roads
- Gravel roads
- Cycling route "Around Smiltene lakes" No. 115
- Cycling route "Cycle Across Dienvidkalne" No. 140
- Cycling route "Tour de LatEst" No. 6
- Smiltene cycling trails

Smiltene district

- Church - Cemetery
- Monument - Museum
- Campsite - Notable stone
- Open-air stage - Resting place
- Nature trail - Bicycle track
- Post office
- Catering - Accommodation



to the contrasting nature of the effervescent, white sand areas and dark, peat-like ground of the basin. Geologic nature object of conservation.

GPS 57.39913, 25.95027

Pārkalni Money Rock

A chance to relax by the lake, swim, go fishing and just have a good time.

Launkalnes pagasts, +796 29999912 GPS 57.2977467, 25.7847555

Mēri Great Oak Oak with the largest crown in the Baltics (30 x 30 m). Mēri, Bilskas pagasts, GPS 57.444822, 26.093701

Oak of Tales The oak is rather small but thanks to its fabulous beauty it has become a symbol of Blome municipality and now greets everybody who is passing by. Blomes pagasts, GPS 57.43581, 25.75659

Zauska Pine Tree Up until 1951 it was believed that the Zauska pine tree is the largest pine tree in Latvia. Its circumference reached 4.63 m. Later on, the tree withered, but in 1958 it was cut down and divided into several pieces. Experts believe that the tree was 370 years old. Smiltēnes pagasts, GPS 57.44261, 25.83535

Bācīte Lake A chance to relax by the lake, swim, go fishing and just have a good time.

Launkalnes pagasts, +796 29999912 GPS 57.2977467, 25.7847555

Crafts and Home Production



Cider factory "Abuls" Come visit a small "craft" cider factory and try out homemade apple cider from both local and wild apple strains. "Vecspreniši", Launkalnes pagasts, +371 29754016 www.abuls.lv

Factory of Sparkling Birch Sap "Birzi"

Over the years many new recipes have been crafted so that it would be possible to store birch sap refreshing and valuable for a long time. A chance to visit the factory,

taste several types of sparkling birch sap and maple, birch and apple syrups. "Kainaizi", Brantu pagasts, +371 29199982 www.birzi.lv

AmberFarm Excursion type educational activities in a sea buckthorn orchard, including topics covering sea buckthorn cultivating, processing and production nuances. Smiltene Municipality is the golden nugget of Vidzeme.

"Liepdrūpi", Vārnu pagasts, +371 20175175, 22021166

Branti Manor An opportunity to get to know the history of Branti manor, try a Latvian meal, take part in various workshops, see the Sundial, which shows the time and number of years, and visit the wooden sculpture "Sun Pillar". Brantu pagasts, +371 26425426, 26335578

Workshop of metalworker Jānis Keiselišs

A chance to visit the metalworker's workshop, to see how metal is minted and to try it yourself. Everybody will have a

chance to see and purchase the final products.

"Kauliņi", Blomes pagasts, +371 29275420

Country Cake Baking Workshop

Country cake baking workshop with Jolanta (+371 29298709) or big pretzel, pie and cookie baking workshop with Daiga (+371 26301055).

"Slipi", Smiltēnes pagasts



Bread Museum at the Café "Kukaburra"

The visitors will have a chance to see how the owner of the museum bakes rye bread, to witness how dough is kneaded and how loafs are shaped, but then thrown in the bread furnace by using a bread peel. Owner has gathered many ancient ethnographic items characterising Latvian farmsteads in the late 19th century and at the beginning of 20th century. Open V-IX.

Rīga-Veclaicene motorway 115 km, Launkalnes pagasts, +371 26188872

"From an Apple Blossom to a Finished Product"

The farm "Veccepli" offer excursions for groups around their 7.26 ha apple orchard. During spring, visitors can enjoy the magnificent apple blossom scent, alongside which you can hear the buzzing and bustling of bees. During autumn, the orchard opens up to the experience of the glorious ripe apple scent, and the opportunity to witness the processing of apples in the household.

"Veccepli", Palsmanes pagasts, +371 29346399, 26290785

Rural diversity in "Kalnagrivas"

The farm has beautiful poultry, greenhouses. Delicious candies and a variety of juices are available.

"Kalnagrivas", Palsmanes pagasts, +371 29473695