



# LEFT BANK OF GAUJA. FROM “RĀMKALNI” TO LAKE BALTEZERS



Tourist settlement



Bicycle tourists



River Gauja

**i Description.** Suitable for cyclists interested in the vicinity of Riga, nature and historic places, since the route links two old roads: Riga–Dorpat (now Tartu), and Riga–Pärnu.

**🌞 Best time to go.** End of April–September. Particularly beautiful during the blooming of dandelions and bird-cherry trees.

**☰ Route:** Leisure Park “Rāmkalni” – Alderi – Garkalne – Āņi – Baltezers Railway Station.

**➔ Distance.** ~ 40 km.

**🕒 Duration.** Full day, including sightseeing.

**🚶 Difficulty level.** Easy.

**🛣 Road pavement.** Asphalt, gravel roads, forest roads and farm tracks.

**📍 Starting point** 57.12462, 24.65910  
Leisure Park “Rāmkalni” located next to road Inčukalns–Valka (A3), on the left bank of the River Gauja, near the bridge.

**📍 Destination** 57.01977, 24.32847  
Baltezers Railway Station.

**📍 Way marking.** The route is marked in the section to Inčukalns Hunting Lodge and Vangaži Lutheran Church.

**📏 Distance to Riga.** Starting point: 40 km, destination: 30 km.

**🚆 Getting there and away.** Linear route with convenient train traffic. To get to “Rāmkalni” step out at Inčukalns Railway Station (railway line Riga–Valga), around 4.5 km long journey. The route ends in the Baltezers Railway Station (railway line Riga–Valga).

**! Worth knowing!** Some route sections might be sandy, and muddy during wet weather. Local map is recommended. Prior to heading off one should visit the information point in “Rāmkalni”. Respect the placed information signs! Hiking outdoors is at one’s own risk. Emergency services: 112.

**! Recommendation.** The tour can be continued to Riga or Ādaži, and further on to Carnikava, where there is a railway station and trains running to Riga.

**📱 Enter Gauja mobile application**



GooglePlay



AppStore

## SERVICE

**🏠 | Leisure Park “Rāmkalni”**  
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**🍴 | Restaurant “Fazenda Bazars”**  
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**G | AdventureRide**  
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**🛀 | Ziedlejas Bath House**  
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## SIGHTSEEING OBJECTS

- 1 | Leisure Park "Rāmkalni"** 57.12462, 24.65910  
Wide range of activities. On the steep banks of Gauja, one shall find the longest summer toboggan track (400 m) in the Baltic States.
- 2 | Primeval Valley of the River Gauja**  
One of the most impressive Baltic terrain forms, which accommodates Gauja National Park to protect and preserve it. Although its maximum depth (85 m) is reached near Sigulda, views of the primeval valley of Gauja are impressive near "Rāmkalni" as well. Sandstone outcrops dating back to the Devonian Period are among the key natural and landscape values on the banks of the River Gauja and its tributaries. A small sandstone outcrop is seen also opposite of the "Rāmkalni" summer toboggan track.
- 3 | Velnala Cave in Inčukalns** 57.12694, 24.63865  
Sandstone outcrop on the slope of left bank of the River Gauja, where a 16 m long and up to 4 m high cave has a narrow crack-like entrance. A **spring** is coming out of the cave. Two secular trees grow next to the cave — an **oak** (circumference — 5 m) and a **fir-tree** (circumference — 3.1 m).  
**Pay attention!** Oxbow lakes are seen near Velnala Cave in Inčukalns. Oxbow lakes are the former riverbeds of the River Gauja. Where the current has made shortcuts, the old riverbeds no longer expect regular flow of water. Usually the exchange of water in some of the younger oxbow lakes takes place during the spring floods, bringing fresh water. Due to the specific hydrologic conditions, special communities of flora and fauna have developed in the oxbow lakes, which is why these are often in the status of protected habitats interesting to nature watchers. Oxbow lakes are often "controlled" by beavers leaving their traces on the banks thereof.
- 4 | Inčukalns Hunting Lodge**
- 5 | Līgotņu Arboretum** 57.1325, 24.5842  
Establishing an arboretum was initiated in 1964 by the opera singer Anna Ludiņa together with other culture and art experts of Latvia, and more than 80 tree and 130 bush species were planted.
- 6 | Vangaži Lutheran Church**
- 7 | Settlement Āņi**
- 8 | Garkalne Lutheran Church**
- 9 | AdventureRide horse stable** 57.01977, 24.32847  
Horse-back riding, training, tours on horses, and rides in a cart or sledge, as well as guides and adventure tours outdoors.
- 10 | Vicinity of Baltezers Railway Station** 57.12462, 24.65910  
Area between Baltezers Railway Station and Garkalne demonstrates broad sand fields covered with a beautiful pine forest. A pleasant drop in the landscape is Lake Sidrabezers, Lake Sekšu, and Lake Venču. Presence of sand layers and vertical drop towards the sea is the reason why drinking water for the inhabitants of the capital city is extracted especially in this area.