

# ① SURROUNDINGS OF RĪGA



## VANGAŽI – RĀMKALNI

Latvia

Itinerary: RĪGA – VANGAŽI – RĀMKALNI – RĪGA

Hiking route length:

→ 15 km

⌚ 5 – 7 h

Duration: 1 day

Difficulty level: ●

*The Forest Trail leads through smaller paths, arching around Vangaži Lutheran Church and the Werewolf Pine. On its way to the Hunting Palace, it goes along the so-called Katrīna Road, disappears into the forest for a while and after the Hunting Castle continues along the Hunting trail. This is where you will see the first ravines with the strongly articulated relief of the ancient valley of the River Gauja. One of them can be found by Inčukalns Velnala (Devil's Cave), surrounded by small oxbows of the old Gauja. From there, the Forest Trail continues through*

*meadows and crosses the Murjāņi–Valmiera motorway, where the recreation park “Rāmkalni” is located. In this park, there is a café, shop and active leisure centre with a sledge track.*

*On this route you will mainly see pine forests of various ages, as well as a botanical plantation with 80 tree and 120 shrub species. By the end of the section, the landscape features sandstone outcrops – Devonian sedimentary rocks and nationally protected habitats.*

### PRACTICAL INFO:



Gravel roads, forest roads and paths.



Bring your own lunch. After the tour, you can also go to Sigulda by bus, stay in a hotel there and enjoy sightseeing in Sigulda. Or you can stay overnight near Inčukalns and continue hiking to Sigulda on the next day (20 km). It is possible to organise transfer/luggage transfers to Sigulda/Rīga.



**Vangaži Centre, Gaujas Street** (bus from Rīga 4-5 times per hour).



**Rāmkalni recreation park** (bus stop “Sēnīte” ~1 km, buses to Rīga).

**Accommodation:** in Rīga.

