# The Impact of the Accessible Hiking project in the Context of Accessibility Improvement

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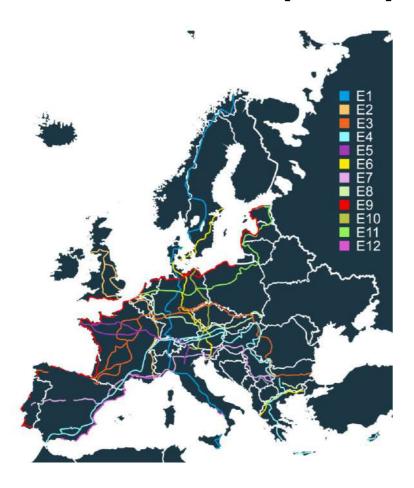
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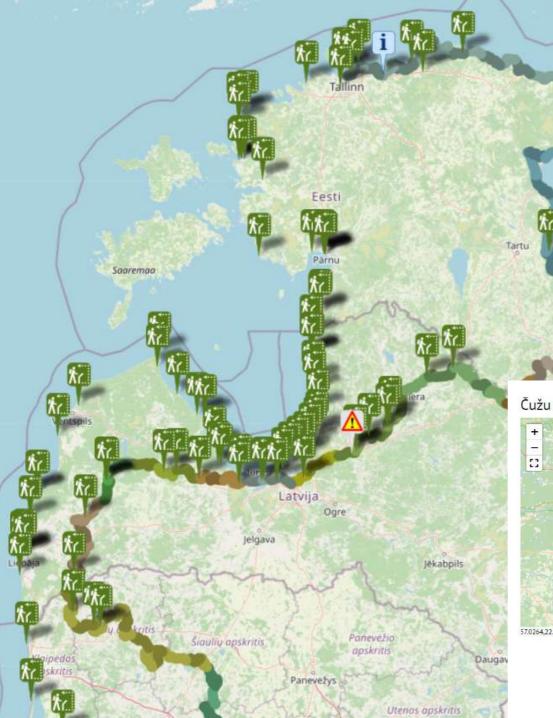




# **Baltic Coastal trail (E9) 2017 Forest trail (E11) 2019**







### **Accessible short trails**



#### Čužu Marsh Nature Trail



The circular trail in Čužu Marsh introduces visitors to the unique wild occurrence of the bush cranberry, a calcareous swamp, and a former mineral water resort. A wooden boardwalk section, approximately 1 kilometer long with edging, is adapted for people in wheelchairs. The boardwalk connects to a 0.5-kilometer gravel path with a specially designed parking lot (GPS: 57.026431, 22.785473) and adapted restrooms. Due to the slope in some areas, assistance may be needed. The trail is located about 0.8 kilometers from the Mežtaka trail.



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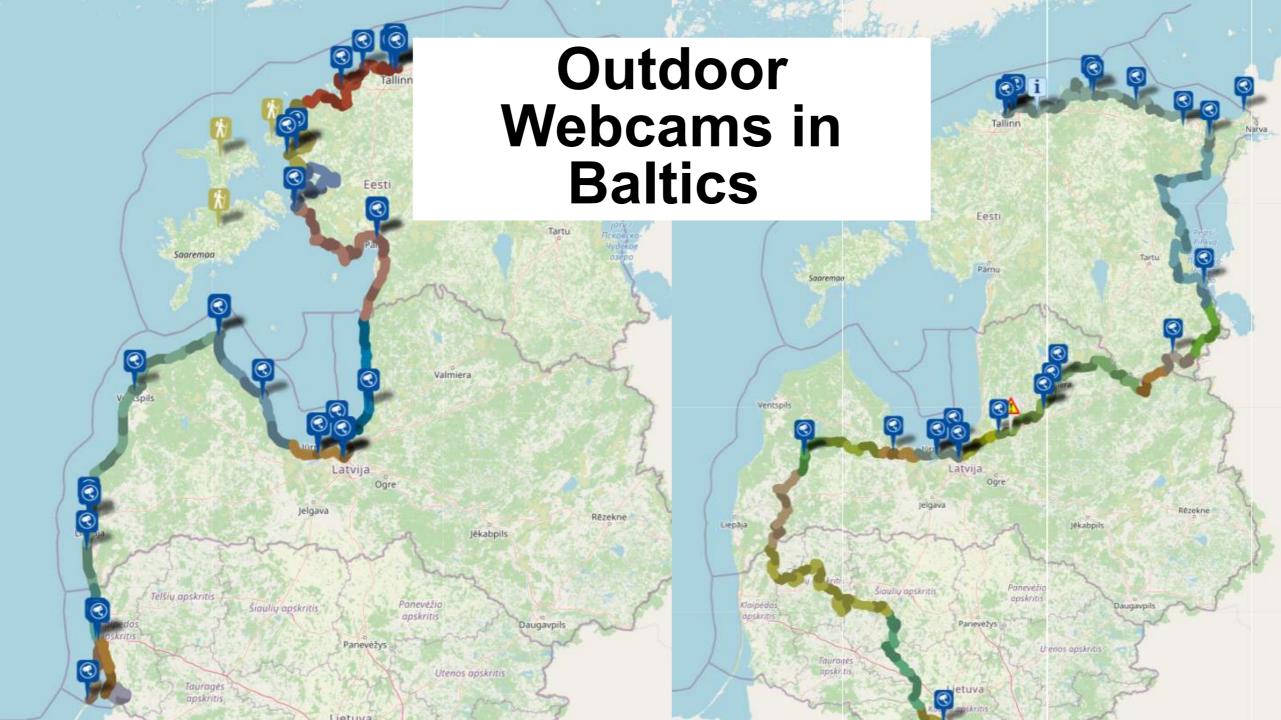














### New hiking map: Hikig routes & Practical info



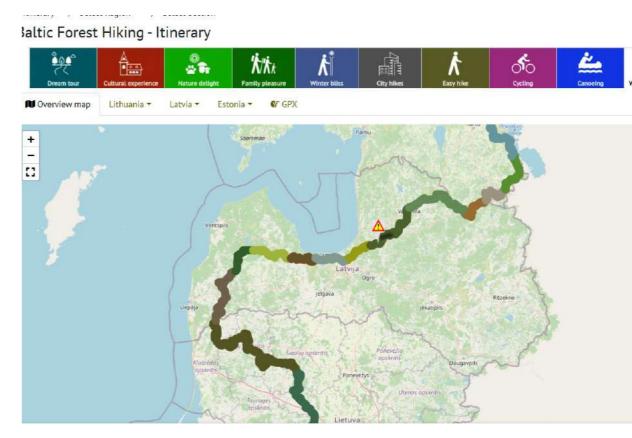
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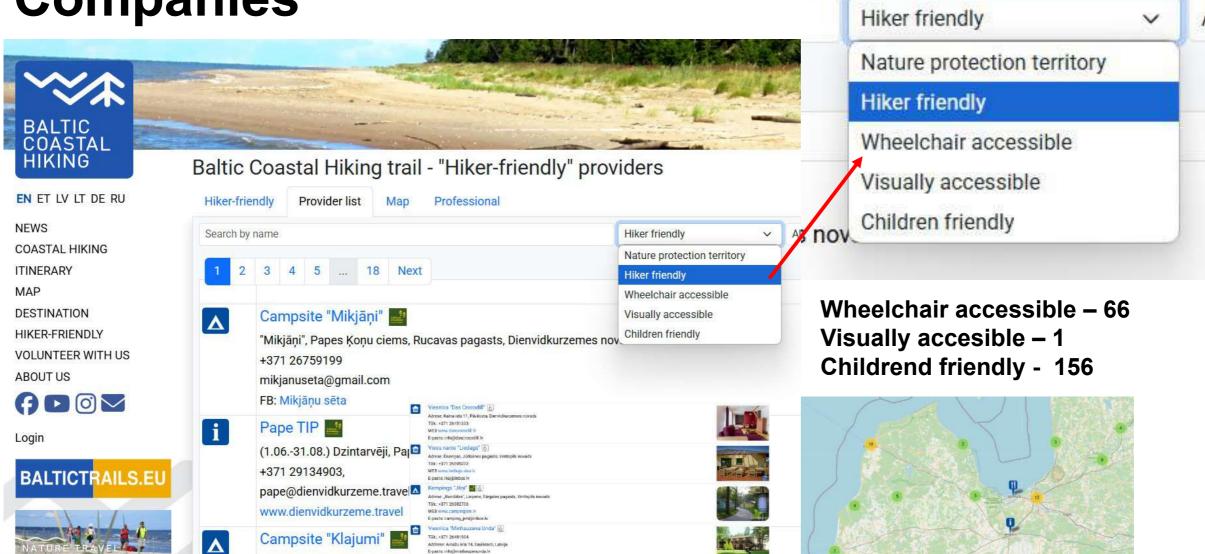


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# Guidelines and Solutions for All Accessibility Groups













# Frequently Asked Questions













Hello,

My son and I want to hike part of the forest trail in May of this year. We are planning to start at Lazdijai in Lithuania and then hike for 8 days.

We want to pre book accommodation at guesthouses along the route but are having difficulty finding out how to do that. Are you able to help us book accommodation, or do you have any suggestions as to how we can book it?

Regards

Trevor Wynn



#### Germany

Dear Juris,

arrived in Riga today and my feedback of the E9 in Latvia (Ainazi to Riga) is absolutely positive! I loved walking at the beach and the few parts of stoned beach are not to strenuous. Very nice hiking! The last few kilometers I took the bus to Riga to avoid the road walking in the city.

I really wonder why all the beautiful beaches are almost empty while the beaches in Italy or Spain etc are overcrowded??? Mysterious....

Now I'm in Riga till Monday.

Thank you again for your kind help!

Kind regards and a nice weekend Iris



#### Italy

#### Labdien!

My name Is Giulia and I am contacting you from Italy.

During this Summer (August) I would love to walk along your marvellous beaches, from Nida to Jurmala.

I've been in Latvia several times and I heard about It and I think this Summer Is the right One to do It.

I would like to know if you can support me in the <u>organisation</u> (stages, itinerary, hotel <u>etc</u>). I travel alone, I would Also love to know if It Is possible to join a group to walk

Thank you very much! Giulia



#### New Jersey (USA)

Is there really any need to bring any safety measures against bears? like bear spray or is it okay to just mark your presence by singing, talking and to keep food outside of the tent

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#### Canada







# Australian Tourists Explore Gauja National Park

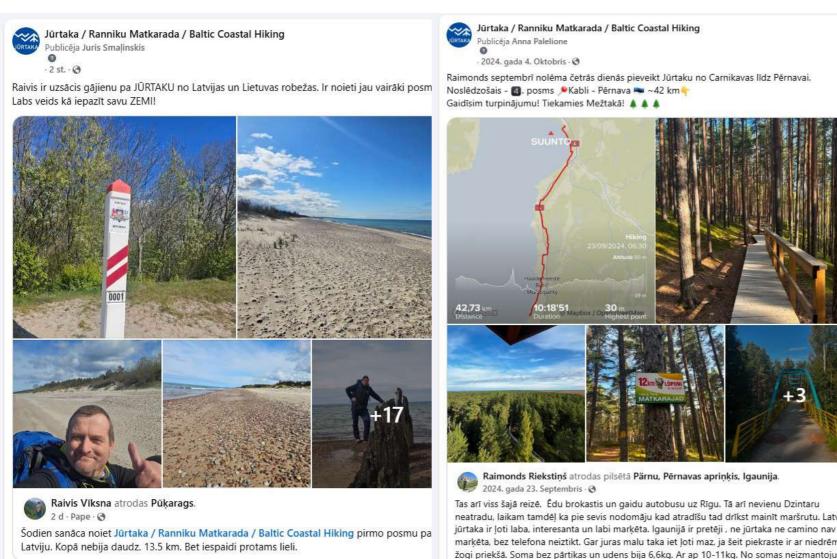
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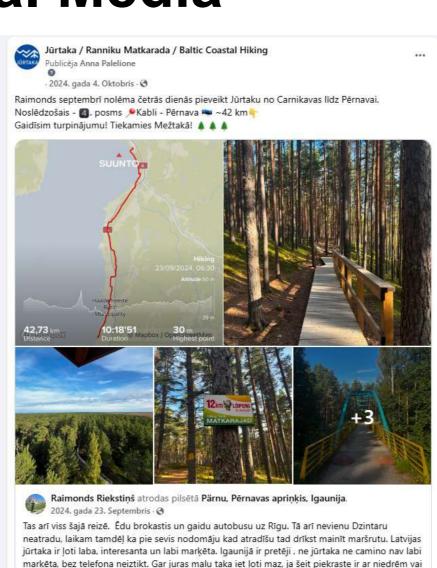
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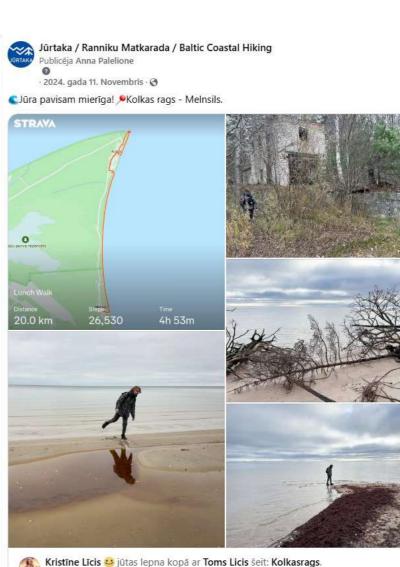




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Tagad arī atvace var lenoties, ka ir nostaigājis lūrtaka no Ainažiem līdz Kolkai, #nārgājiens

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alē ar īpašu ratiņkrēslu var izbraukt loku pa jūru. Tāda iespēja būs arī Carnikavā un Apšuciemā.





Tikai līdz 11. maijam!

# Inspiring More People to Hike

#### Sēļtaka

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Seļiem sava Seļtaka! Pirms trim gadiem uzsākām darbus pie gara pārgājiena takas veidošanas. Darbs ir rezultējies ar 70 kilometru garu maršrutu no Subates līdz Neretai. Pa osu mugurām, meža ceļiem un dabiskām iebrauktuvēm, caur mazpilsētām un gar skrajciemiem, pļavām, purvu malām un Dienvidsusējas krastu. Lielākā daļa posmu ir izbraucami arī ar velo.











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