

# Kandava

# Old Town of Kandava

Kandava is one of the most beautiful provincial towns of Kurzeme where the ancient architecture has been saved. In several places in the Old Town the old cobblestone streets are preserved and special lanterns placed.

The hilly topography and wonderful nature views make particularly romantic mood. The first time Kandava was mentioned in recorded history in 1230. Historians have discovered that the vicinity of Kandava had been inhabited since Early Roman Iron Age (2.-4.c.)

The Crusade went through Kandava. In order to secure movements the building of fortified stone wall castle was begun. In century 13th The Livonia Order built Vogt castle in Kandava. Next to the castle developed town of German craftsmen and traders with local market, workshops and church. Workshops and groceries were located around the Old Market Square. At that time there the main roads, later streets crossed and even today these streets are named Sabiles and Talsu. In 1625 Kandava was granted the rights of small village. After that Kandava bloomed becoming the market center of nearest surrounding area.

The pieces of timber were floated down the river Abava till the port of Ventspils, several small production units developed. The river Abava in times of Duke Jēkabs was used for sailing. Waters lapped present-day castle mound. In the beggining of 18th c. plague took the majority of inhabitants' lifes and Kandava lost the status of center. Juridically the rights of town to Kandava was granted only in 1917.

The planning of the town is divided into two parts — on the left bank of river Abava there is the Old Town with a web of streets directed towards center, on the right bank – NewKandava.

In 20th c.Kandava was outlined against other provincial towns of Kurzeme with the major number of stone buildings. That special feeling of Old Town is formed thanks to closed inner courtyards and two-storied household buildings with galleries. At the end of 19th c. there were 9 hotels and inns in Kandava. Several buildings of hotels and inns with original thoroughfare built in 18th-19th c. are preserved. On street Sabiles still you can find a hotel.

Many buildings in Kandava are built in Neo-Gothic style, including society building, nowadays the House of Culture. Impressive landscape is the North part of street Lielā, called Vējspārns (the Windwing or the Wing of Wind). There many buildings on hillside are built in several levels. The old part of Talsu street still is cobblestone street with stone wall enclosure.

The steepest slope of Lielā street – the Windwing – with its old cobblestone is very popular place for painters.

In Kandava there are 3854 inhabitants. Area 9.5 km<sup>2</sup>. Own coat of arms since 1925.

Regional community of Kandava was made merging a town and 6 local communities during the time from 1996.-2009. Number of inhabitants — 8549. Area 648,55 km<sup>2</sup>. The Regional community has its own coat of arms since 2013. Regional community of Kandava was the first regional community in Latvia.

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Pūzuraravas street, Kandava

Spring is flowing through the ravine-bed. Slopes are boggy with springs and plants typical for the valley of river Abava. In springs gorgeously bloom anemones. From the right side's highest point you can enjoy the view on Boulder bridge and NewKandava.

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#### Family Park of Pēteris Briedis

Raiṇa street 18, Kandava

Pēteris Briedis, a person who endured the repression made his Family Park where appropriate tree for each family member is planted. It was made in 2005. In the memory park grow Canadian spruce, Ashleave maple, Hornbeam, Horse chestnut, Nut-tree, Manchurian nuttree and others. Memory park is made in honor of Pēteris father and his brothers who didn't return from Siberia and who don't have their graves. All brothers were cavaliers of the Three Star Order and owners of other awards. In the territory of the park which is the highest point in Kandava there is a small shed and small observation tower to look at the picturesque valley of the river Abava.

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## The Castle Mound of the Knights or Livonia Order castle ruins

Lielā street 10, Kandava

Here stood one of the fortified Order's castles on the way to Prussia when the Crusade war roads went from Riga through Kurzeme. Castle was located on the cape in order to take general view of the valley of river Abava. The castle was built in times of master Eberhards fon Zeine and master Burhards Hornhüzens from 1253.-1259. The castle as residence of district judge was mentioned in 1312. The castle was enlarged in 1334. Vogts were subordinated to commander of Kuldīga ( the knight of Order who governed the district) and together with Kandava superintended regional community of Sabile and Talsi where vogts had less rights. Vogts monitored collection of duties, administered justice and did other administration tasks. The regional community of Kandava had specific duty — honey, because the vicinity was rich in bee-keepers. The castle had been inhabited till 1750. Years later it was acknowledged as uninhabitable and as time passed it became ruins. There are no evidence about how the castle looked in reality. The castle mound was surrounded by protection stone wall. On the North side place is more sloping and it is believed that there was the entrance of the castle. Ruins of stone walls and faundation let us judge that it was 34,2 X 31,5 m big rectangled building with 1,8 m thick stone walls and 2 m wide faundation. It is supposed there was a chapel too as remains of stairs had been found.

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#### The Powder Tower

Pils Street 4, Kandava

Next to the castle mound stands well preserved Powder Tower which is national monument of arhitecture. It is foursquare building with two floors and almost 2 m thick stone walls. It has been built in the middle of 17th c. as gunpowder factory and storehouse belonging to duke Jēkabs. Around 1790 in the building the prison was constructed for the court of the lord of the manor. According to stories there were secret passages and cellars under



the tower where in the beginning of last century men found bottles of wine that were more then hundred years old.

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#### **Sculpture "Acorn Sailor"** (Lielā street 2, Kandava) and "Acorn Knight" (Pils street 4, Kandava)

Artist of Kandava Zigmunds Piņķis (1950-2012) in 2010 made sculpture "Acorn Sailor". The other sculpture – Acorn Knight – was made in 2011. Now it day and night stands guard over the Powder Tower and the castle ruins in hope that one day castle will rise.

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# Kandava Evangelical Lutheran Church

Baznīcas street 5, Kandava

The first non-german wooden churches were situated on the left bank of Abava. The first known priest around year 1576 was Francisks Burhards. The new church with 500 seats was built in 1736 and serves even today. The spire of the church has been built in 1889. The author of the organ is Kārlis Hermanis. It was a gift. Later the organ was enlarged and a motor was added. Around the church there is cemetery and chapel (the end of 18th c. – the beginning of 19th c.) Heaped stone enclosure. From the street Sabiles to the church leads avenue. The other way with the gate comes from the Market Square on either sides of Plague hill. In the cemetery parents and sisters of linguist K.Milenbahs are buried. There are several barons Grots, Heikings, Korfs, Betihers graves. In congregation there are about 230 members. Every Sunday there is a public worship. In Summer church is open to visitors on other days too.

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# 🏉 Kandava Regional Museum 🦨



Talsu street 11, Kandava

Kandava Regional Museum founded in 1995 due to initiative of historian and Kandava Boarding School teacher Viktors Vītols and his collected materials. The building of the museum was constructed in 1887 as hospital of deaconess. From 1921-1939 in the building was German school. From 20th c. 50ties more than 40 years there was a bank department of USSR. The money safe in the museum is an unique exhibit and it is possible to look at it from inside. There are constant exhibitions in the museum "With a horse to Kandava market", "Memory room", "The red corner", "If I had that money", "Kandava vicinity cinema stories", as well as the Old Town of Kandava model (2 X 2 m) in the middle of 19th c. - 20th c., digital exhibition of the Old Town's history. The model can be transformed to show different times – 16th c., the middle of 19th c.and the beginning of 20th c. There are possibilities to taste acorn coffee and to play table game "Strenght from acorns" by calling in advance. In the premises are Kandava Art Gallery, craftsman union "Pūralāde", Kandava Regional Politically repressed union, union "Kandava partnership". Extra service: WiFi or wireless internet. Tasting of acorn coffee and svilpene porridge.

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## Kandava Kartodroms

Jelgavas street 16, Kandava

Kandava kartodroms is a go-cart race track which is situated in Kandava town. The track was constructed in 1972. In 1987 asphalt covering was renewed. In 2008 the track was completely rebuilt, its configuration was changed and it was made corresponding to international standards. The author of this project is Hermans Tilke and his office Tilke GmbH, that has worked out several Formula 1 race track projects.

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### Kandava Catholic Church

Liepu street 2, Kandava

The church was opened in 2003. Kandava church of Virgin of Guadalupe is very special and unique — it is the only church in Latvia and maybe even in Europe which is built by

members of congregation – pensioners without any reward. The works were begun in 1998 owing to German st. Boniface union by getting the dwelling house. The Building is the 18th c. monument of arhitecture therefore it was forbidden to change the outside look. The tower with bells was built next to the church. From the top you can see beautiful view of the town. Inside there is 19th c. altar with two rotary altar pieces — Resurrection of the Christ and a copy of the Virgin Guadalupe icon from Mexico. The church is adorned with stained-glass windows, balcony which



rests on wooden columns and massive organ. Down in the cellar you can see exhibition of paintings and photografies which is changed 3-4 times a year.

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# Kuršu (the Couronian) Castle Mound

Pūzuraravas street 2. Kandava

During times castle mound has acquired different names. Thanks to the shape it is calles God's bed and Devil's bed. In the place where now is the Couronian castle mound once was Couronian castle, one of the centers of Vanema. The first time castle was mentioned in 1230 agreement where couronians promised to become Christians what make us believe that the castle was inhabited till 13th c. The hight of the hill is 8-10 m, all hill-sides are artificially steeped and the surface is 40X26m wide. Some evidence that had been found about this history time is accessible in the Kandava Regional Museum. Small parking place is next to the castle mound. You can climb up the steps and take a look on valley of river Abava and part of the town which is called NewKandava by locals.

Latvian national legend says that the castle had had cellars. When enemy came the castle was slid down into cellars and then lifted out again. However when the furious enemy came, castle went down and never rose.

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# The Oldest Boulder Bridge over the River Abava

Lielā street/Jelgavas street

In Kandava over the river Abava you can get crossing the oldest boulder bridge in Latvia. It may be called even the oldest brigde that is made of boulders in North Europe. The lenght is 66 m, it has 4 arches. Till the year 1873 small ferry was used to cross the river but pedestrians had plank-way. After the horse of baron Firkss who was the owner of Zemītes manor broke its leg when the plank went to pieces, locals gave to the baron a new horse as a gift. In gratitude he proposed and supported the construction of a bridge. The bridge was built on land. All people who came to the market took boulders with them. When the bridge was ready a new bed was dug and the old one filled up.

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# Sculpture "Whirlpool"

Jelaavas street 1 f, Kandava

Erected in 2012. Located next to the bridge of Kandava and river Abava. Sculpture portrays a fish emerging out of the water and is made in granite. Wooden benches for resting depict branches pulled into a whirlpool.

Fish for Latvians mean wealth, welfare, luck. Be cautious, wishes made near the fish may come true! The author is sculptor Ojars Feldbergs.

Once upon a time land was covered with ice. One day it started to melt and turned into an enormous lake. It became bigger and bigger, went over the banks and started to flow to the sea. Valley and river came into existence. People settled down on river's banks, animals strolled around but in the river were fish.

One of them was very big. It haven't managed to reach the sea. In times of spring floods people threw money into depth and called "Abava, Abava, Abava!" Then fish appeared and helped to cross the river letting people sit on its back. One day people built a bridge and dug a new river-bed but the old one where the fish lived was filled up. Fish became a stone and stayed into depth forever. Noone has seen it since then. However people kept calling Abava and do so up to now. Right before changing to a stone fish said that when it would be found, raised and honoured, fish in return will materialize three wishes if said in silance and only one at time.

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# The Model of the Castle Mound of the Knights

Lielā street 10 a, Kandava

Livonia Order Castle model was made in 2010. The plan of the castle can't be found in history materials. Kandava artist Zigmunds Piņķis (1950.-2012.) made the model by measuring ruins on his own and using knowledge about Livonia Order Castles. Artist was announced Citizen of Honour of Kandava. It is forbidden to step on the model in order to take care of it. 57.035042 22.779715



# Ceramics Kiln in Kandava

Dzenu street 2, Kandava

In Kandava Ceramics Kiln works young artist Linda Romanovska. She has acquired knowledge at famous artist of ceramics. Linda makes black, smoked out ceramics. She makes her works without any mechanical device and glazing. Her masterpieces are handmade, later baked in brick-kiln. Visitors calling in advance can participate in all activities. Works are on sale. Several years artist organizes more than 20 years old tradition Art Workshop in Kandava and annual Christmas Gift Market.

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# Motocross Track "Motoparks Kandava" "Juči", local community of Kandava

Motocross Track was made by professional Spanish track designer together with Latvian champion in MX1 class Mārtinš Aleksandrovičs. It was opened in 2010. The track is for professional motocross drivers as well as amateurs all year long.

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# 🕨 Open-air Stage "Ozolāji"

Kūrorta street 14. Kandava

The stage is located on naturally made slopes of Riebiķu hill, almost as amhitheatre. Old oak tree stand surrounds the stage. In summer concerts, plays, festivals and open-air dances take place there. Park of friendship and the stage was built in 1958 with 1800 seats. In 2015 renewed stage was presented by showing director's Z.Začeste play "Belonging" in which locals as well as many popular artists of Latvia took part.

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# Prominade of Old Town

Ūdens street 1. Kandava

Promenade was opened in 2011. It is cross-cut by a spring on which 7 small bridges are made specially for wedding tradition. There are two playgrounds for children with swings and places for leasure activities. Since 2012 you can find in Promenade the European

countries footpath marked with horseshoes in paving stones. The author of the sculpture "Acorn" is Valtis Barkans. In the center next to the "Acorn" stavs little artist wearing acorn hat. He asks to take a photo and to make a wish by touching his acorn hat. Believe and your wich will come true. 57.037170 22.774803





Rūmene, local community of Kandava

Rumene, its land and manor have very old history more than 600 years. After initiative of current owner the history of Rūmene and the list of manor owners have studied since 1437. Manor since year 1453 was part of Lamini and property of fon Butlars. From 1653-1658 it belonged to the last governor Ditrihs fon Altenbokums of Tobago island. Rūmene Manor master building is built in 1876 in style of neo-gothic. Rūmene Manor is situated on hillock and the side facade is joined with lower park by stairs which is one of the most effective neo-renaissance this kind building in Latvia. After the Second World War in the castle was Rūmene four-year primary school, then sovkhoz office. Rūmene Manor has recieved Latvian award "The Best Reconstruction 2008". Next to the manor is 7,8 ha big park that is included in the list of specially protected nature objects. Rumenes Manor is the country residence of Riga 5-star hotel "Hotel Bergs". Visitors are welcomed to the Manor since 2009. Restaurant, accomodation, bath-house next to the pond, golf course and other leasure activities, venue place for different occasions.

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#### The Most Stately Wild Pear-tree in Latvia

Sabiles street 8, Kandava

The biggest wild pear-tree in Latvia (tree – Latvian record-holder). The hight 12.5 m, girth of trunk 2,95 m. In Kandava grows the thickest of rare occurrence in Latvia wild pear-tree (Pyrus pyraster), which has reached such a size. Usually it grows in deciduous forests, in bushes, along roadsides, on banks of rivers and lakes.

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# Sculpture "Wild Boar"

Lielā street 11, Kandava

Stone sculpture placed in 2013 when regional community of Kandava got its coat of arms. Author - Aivars Kerlinš. Wild boar represents strenght, courage, persistence and untouched nature. Till now such a heraldic image hasn't been used in any other coat of arms of Latvian city or regional community.

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# Exhibition of Hunting Trophies

"Rītiṇi", local community of Kandava.

Sightworthy around 150 different hunting trophies hunted in area of regional community of Kandava during 35 years. Before visiting call. Phone number: 29153250

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## Memorial Stone for Victims of Stalinism

Sabiles street 10a, Kandava

Monument is dedicated to inhabitants of Kandava who were sent to Siberia in 1941 and 1949 The stone was found in Rūmene area and placed on the hillock where before deportation people were imprisoned. It was dedicated on the 16th of June in 1990. In the Memorial Stone for Victims of Stalinism is carved lines of poetry by Rainis: "We will not forget anyone who was killed in your authority time." 631 pople were sent to Siberia from Kandava. In Kandava Regional Museum is special exhibition devoted to repressed people.

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# Firefighters Depot. Pague hill

Tirgus Square 7, Kandava

Firefighters Depot built in 1872. In the front of entrance construction year is carved into a stone. After a massive fire in 1872, firefighters union in Kandava was established. For its needs building was constructed. Nowadays the building haven't changed its function. There is National fire-fighting and rescue service. Behind depot is pague hill enclosed by stone wall which appeared after the epidemic of plague in 1710. Some says that only 2 craftsmen stayed alive from 600 inhabitants. The hill was laid with stones not letting rain to flush it away.

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# Building of Kandava Old Primary School

Zīlu street 2, Kandava

The Old Building of Primary School stands on the North edge of Riebiķu Hill and is called School Hill. It is built after the project of architect Fridrihs Skujiņš from 1929 — 1936. School was named after linguist K.Mīlenbahs because he started school here. In this building school was till 1978 when the new secondary school building was finished in Skolas street 10. The building of school is included in the list of European Culture Inheritance 100 protected objects. Currently in the building are Administration of Education, Youth Center, Municipality Police and Protective Clothing Production Company. From the School Hill is beautiful view on valley of river Abava. In history source of Kandava the word "teacher" is mentioned already in 1511.



#### Kandava Technical School of Agriculture Sports Complex

Daigones street 14, Kandava

Construction was started in 1956. In 1959 in the stadium the first competition took place. Since 1960 coplex is under supervision of Technical School. There are open air swimming pool with jumping tower, football pitch, several basketball courts, tennis court. Near there is a special place where you can learn to drive. In this stadium many years trained Latvian crack team ice hockey players and bob-sleigh teams. Every year in the stadium sports games go on. Daily it is opened for everyone. Complex is situated next to the Lake Teteriņš.

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#### Gross Family Exquisite Garden

Vidzemes street 5, Kandava

Owners offer to visit their exquisite garden. Laureate of the competition "Stately in the

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### Memorial Place for Victims of Holocaust

Elkumežs, Rūmene, local community of Kandava

Memorial Place for Jewish victims 1941

memorialplaces.lu.lv/karte/

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# 🥙 Summer resting place "Nāriņa" (Mermaid) 🛚 👗



Daigones street 14a, Kandava

Cafe, tent and picnic places, venue for big events, swings. Power for caravans. Company offers ride catering, service for big banquets, confectionery. Situated next to the Sports

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#### Bike hire at petrol station "Virši – A"

Abavas street 4a, Kandava Bike hire, safety seats for toddlers

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#### Bath barrel and tub, boat hire

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#### Taxi "AL TAXI"

Kūrorta street 1 b, Kandava Phone number: 29805298

### Bus hire "Kand Auto"

Raina street 2a, Kandava,

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Offers buses for passenger transport in Latvia and European Union

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#### Doat hire in Kandava

Kūrorta street 10, Kandava Phone number: 29199834

Boat hire, transportation of boats and sailors

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#### "Kurzemes Laivinieks"

Abayas street 6a, Kandaya

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Kayak, canoe and SUP board hire, transportation of boats and sailors, boat hire for hia events

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#### Skatepark

Zīļu street 2, Kandava, Phone number: 28329487, www.jcnagla.lv Opened in 2014. Skatepark ramps are provided for roller skates, skateboards and BMX hikes.

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#### Sports and recreational center "BD"

Kūrorta street 1, Kandava, Phone number: 63107204, 26303869 bdsports@inbox.lv, www.facebook.com/KandavasSpotraCentrsBD Aerobics hall, fitness equipment room, sauna and shower. 57.033974 22.780779

Bike route crosses the territory - EuroVelo 10 on P130 and marked local bike route - 555

# Cēre

## 🐠 Farmstead "Kangari" Local community of Cere

Bath-house, snail farming, healthy snacks, degustations, summer camps for children, dinner at farmstead. Prize "The Big Jēkabs 2017" in nomination of route, repeatedly the sprucest courtyard in the regional community of Kandava, award of Regional Community of Kandaya "The Most Creative Man from the Regional



Community of Kandava" in 2017, Certificate of Recognition from the president of the State about the most beautiful farmstead in Latvia.

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### Greenery of Mulberries

Local community of Cere In 1930 planted 43 black and white mulberry trees

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## Manor (School) of Cere

Cēre, local community of Cēre Today in Master Building of Manor of Cere

is School. In School there is small museum. Phone number: 63154995, 29284829

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#### Iris Garden of Laimonis Zakis

Intes, local community of Kandaya Garden of iris and swordlily breeder with more than 30 years experience. The biggest colection of low Iris Barbata in Latvia. Organizes Open Days.

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Local community of Kandava Possibilities to see country estate and its herd. Degustation of the best of farm. Recreation on the bank of river Abava with possibilities to make a bonfire, fishing option.

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#### Memorial Stone in Station of Kandava

Station of Kandava, local community of Kandava

Memorial place for those who were sent to Siberia at night in 1941. 57.084961 22.816080

# Matkule



#### Ride with a horse and cart

Upeslīči, local community of Matkule

Ride with a five-seat cart. The cart can be delivered even to Kandava.

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# APZĪMĒJUMI LEGEND

Sabiedriskās ēkas Public buildings

> levērojamas celtnes Important buildings

Apbūvētās teritorijas Bui**l**t-up area

Saimnieciskā apbūve Industrial area Mazdārziņi Allotment gardens

Allotment gardens
Augļu dārzi
Orchards

Meži, parki

Forests, parks Kapi Cemetery

Galvenā iela Main road

Administratīvo vienību robeža Boundary of administrative units

Aizsargājamo dabas teritoriju robeža Boundary of protected nature areas

₽ašvaldība Self-government

Autoosta Bus terminal

Degvielas uzpilde Filling station

Autostāvvieta Parking

Cita naktsmītne • Kempings Other accomodation • Camping

Ēdināšanas iestāde Restaurant, cafe

Pasta nodaļa Post office

Poliklīnika Out-patient

Baznīca, lūgšanu nams Church, chapel

Muzejs Museum

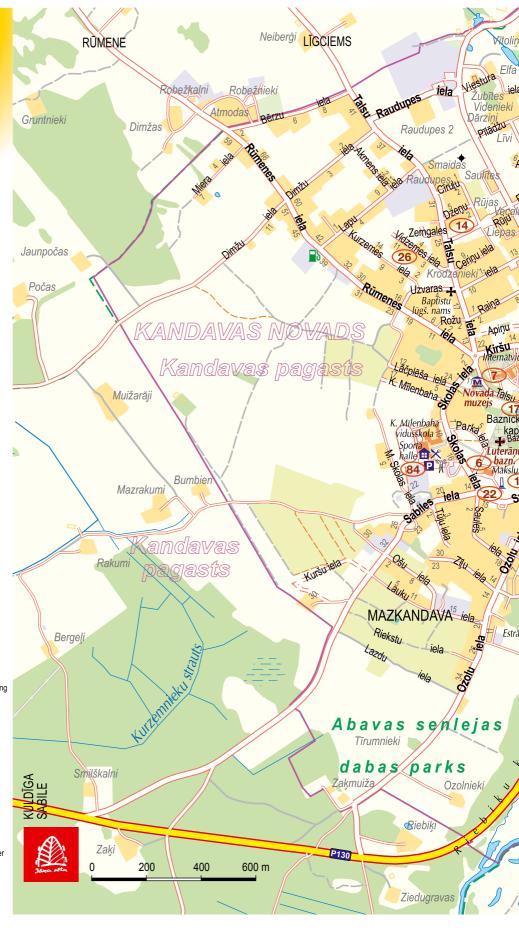
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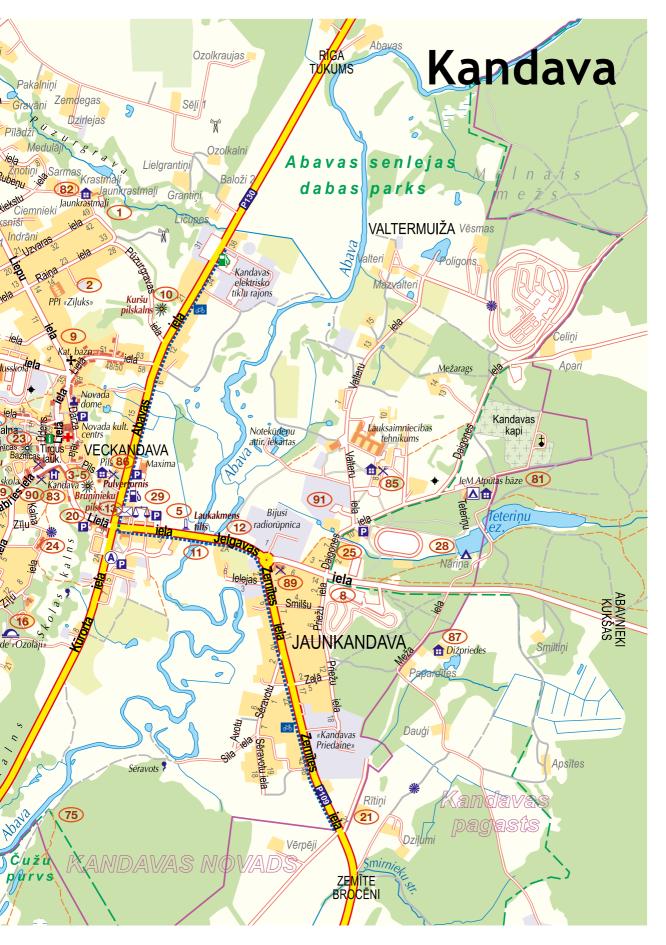
Tirgus Market

Komunikāciju tīkla tornis Communication network tower

Pilskalns, levērojams kalns Castle mound Outstanding hill

Estrāde • Skatupunkts
Open-air theatre • Viewpoint





#### Memorial Museum of General Ludvigs Bolšteins. Pūces Watermill.

Pūces dzirnavas, local community of Matkule

Memorial Museum of General Ludvigs Bolšteins (1888-1940) who was a colourful personality, excellent officer of Army of State of Latvia. Next to the museum on the river Imula stays Watermill which was working in the end of 19th century. In the watermill the movie "Liktendzirnas" (Mill of Desteny) was filmed. Before visiting call. On the 21st of June is the remembrance of general.



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# 🕮 Buses (Matkule) Couronian Castle Mound

Local community of Matkule

Five-level castle mound is regarded as one of the political and economical centers of Vanema - the old Couronian land (11th -13th c.) Awarded with two European cultural heritage flags due to the beauty of nature. Castle Mound is included in the list of 50 the most popular National nature heritage monuments. In the house of Buses in 1911 the first tourist halt in Latvia was set up. In the territory lay 3 "holestones". Legend goes about swain and fair maiden. Swain next to



the castle mound was herding his cows. Every day fair maiden appeared and gave him tasty food by saying that when he reaches 15 the sunken castle will rise again and he will become a king. The only rule that he can't say it to anyone. At home his people started to ask him why doesn't he eat anything? After flogging the boy told about the pretty visitor. Next day fair maiden cried bitterly, now in place of 100 years she must stay in underworld thousand years.

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## Girls Sculpture

Smēde, Pūces, loacal community of Vāne

Sculpture is made in 1951. There are several version about the sculpture's origin. It could be a sign of boundary between Kurzeme and Zemgale ordered by Administration of Motoroad and Earth road in Soviet times. The author is sculptor Lea Davidova-Medene. Owners of "Smēde" don't forbid to look at this figurative artwork.

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### Memorial Place in Matkule

Sprīdīšu street, Matkule

On this stone are written all farmsteads which lost its owners.

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## Brensons Family Exquisite Garden in Matkule

Rožu street 3, Matkule, local community of Matkule Owner invites to look at his carefully made exquisite garden.

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# Zante



#### Museum of Kurzemes Cietoksnis (Kurzeme Fortress) in Zante

Skolas street 8a, Zante

Museum started working in 1996. Museum exhibition talks about military operations in Kurzeme Fortress and Latvian soldiers destinies. Unique, museum is devoted to

military history mainly about war in Kurzeme. More than 8000 exhibits are sightworthy such as airplanes, armoured carrier, tank. Groups need to call in advance. Guide service available. Possibilities to use recreation place, military hurdles.

Phone number: 29442311 www.kurzemescietoksnis.viss.lv

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# 🥮 Smiltiņkalns or Ķīķerkalns

Local community of Zante

Smiltinkalns or Kikerkalns is the highest hillock of East-Kursa highland - 155,3 m above sea level. Its relative hight is 50 meters. Nice recreation and picnic place is fixed up there.

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### Forest Stone of Linde

Local community of Zante

With its 706,29 cubic foot volume it is the 44th biggest boulder in Latvia. Around 1920 one of the sides was split off and used in making a monument

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# 🥮 Manor Place of Plāņi

Plāni, local community of Zante

News about Plāņi Manor as Knights Manor mentioned already in 1459. There was a summer castle for Baron. In the begining of 19th c.it was renewed. Building destroyed in post-war times.

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# Āžmugura

Local community of Zante

Near the river Amula is ravine with steep slopes and it looks like a back of billy-goat. 56 813740 22 651466



### Kazukalnu Ponds

Kazukalnu ponds, local community of Zante

Three ponds 15 ha area. Possibilities to go fishing crucians, tenches, pikes, perches. Tent and firepit places.

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## Castle and Park of Zante Manor

Zante Primary School, Zante,

local community of Zante

Zante Manor as Knights Manor with half a manor Mežmuiža and Maz-Zante or Jaun-Zante. The old name for Zante was Sante. It is believed to have come from Hermanis fon Zantens. Manor mentioned in descriptions around 1500. Since 1925 in the building is school.



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## Windmill of Zante

Local community of Zante

Built in 19th c., worked till 1957. In 1979 milling parts were given to Windmill of Āraiši. It is called Blue princess mill because legend goes that millers daughter's long braids were pulled into the mill and she was ground to dust.

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### Observation Tower at Maitiķi spring

Local community of Zante

About 250 meters from Maitiķi sring stays Observation Tower. It let us enjoy the beauty of Latvian landscapes, untouched multishaped flora, slow flow of river Amula. Very big spring on bank of Amula. Unusual colour of water makes original view. Near the spring bosses an otter.

56.847435 22.646538 - spring

56.848843 22.644434 - observation tower



#### Memorial Place in Zante

Skolas street 8, Zante, local community of Zante

In 1996. Memorial Stone in Zante was set up as memorial place for people from Zante who were sent to Siberia in 1941 and 1949. The author of idea and person who did it was llqvars Brucis from Zante.

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# **Zemīte**

# 🥯 Farmstead"Indāni"

"Indāni", local community of Kandava

Possibilities to look at the household — collection of ancient tools, domestic animals typical for Latvian farmstead. Bath-house, examinations for newly weds in farmstead style, specially welcomed families and groups of tourists, accomodation from May to October, tent and bon

fire places. Awards "Big Jēkabs 2017" laureate, "Green Certificate", culture sign "Latvian Heritage", competition "Sower 2003" ecotourism laureate. Filmed Latvian-Austrian movie "Little Robbers", different TV shows.

Phone number: 29259272 indani91@inbox.lv www.indani.viss.lv

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Valdeķi, local community of Kandava

Possibilities to look at horses, horse rides for children. Milk cattlebreeding.

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Valdeki, local community of Kandava

Castle buildings of Valdeķi Manor (1882) is Benjāmiņš family heirloom since 1931. In the Manor you can see the exhibition of large-sized holiday photos made by Juris Benjāmiņš who was a chemist, owner of a film fabric in Canada and the first Latvian photogopher who took colour photos. Place appropriate for wedding parties and banquets. Call in advance.



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#### Castle and Park of Zemite Manor

Zemīte, local community of Zemīte

Castle and Park of Zemīte Manor built around 1850, but the tower in style of neo-renaissance added to a building later. Master building burnt down in 1905. It was renewed in 1930. Now in the building is primary school. At midnight The Lady in Blue can be met.

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#### 🥯 Zemīte Evangelical Lutheran Church Ealites, local community of Zemite

The first time mentioned in recorded history in 1567. Legend goes that at the entrance the girl is walled in for her sins. Organ in the church is since 1848. Under the altar stays closed chapel. The altar of the church was decorated with wood-carvings till 1933 but later replaced by altar piece. In 1963 the church was closed. In 1967 some shots of Latvian movie "When



window" were filmed there. In 1993 the church was opened again.

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# 🎒 "Tēviņi" Home wine making

"Tēviņi", local community of Zemīte

In the household home wine is made using garden as well as wild fruits and berries. Special products are "Raspberry Sparkling Wine" and "Latvadoss". Wine-maker will tell about the production of wine. Offers – wine tasting in wine cellar or in garden terrace, walking in the garden, heating outdoor frying pan where to cook the food brought with you and enjoying it together with wine.



Advisable calling in advance.

Phone number: 29106705, info@tevinumajasvins.lv, www.tevinumajasvins.lv

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# 🥮 Grenči Manor

Grenču muiža, local community of Zemīte

Grenči Manor once has been the biggest property of top master in Tukums lord of manor region Tukums congregation. In 1963 in Grenči Manor was property authority of duke. Manor can be seen only from outside.

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# 🥯 Shop, Biological Agriculture LV-BIO-02

Kannenieki, local community of Zemīte

Offers summer and autumn raspberry eating and plantation examination on the site and berry picking. Biological household. Call in advance.

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### Shooting Ground "Strautiņi"

Local community of Kandaya

Shooting at standing, moving and flying targets. Venue of hunters examination. Venue of different competitions. Offers hunting.

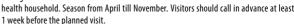
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# Vāne

# Farmstead "Birznieki"

Danini, local community of Vāne Household is growing goats (around 150 goats),

goats cheese production and realization. Offers examination of the farmstead, degustation of different cheese. Has a certificate as a biological household and environmental



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# 🥮 Vāne Evangelical Lutheran Church, Memorial places

Krastmalas, local community of Vāne

Vāne Evangelical Lutheran Church is National monument of architecture and art. In 1983 complex wall paintings made around 17th-18th c.were discovered. They are unique for Latvian Art History because they are very well preserved and in a quite large area.

The first church from wood was built in 1573 by chronicler Solomons Henings. Stone wall church 1654-1663 was built in times of his son Gothards Henings. Building was renewed in 1789. It is possible to look at church cellar. Legend goes that under the Vane Church the golden carriage is buried. Next to the church stays memorial sign for dead national partisans and repressed farmers, aged men and children.



Phone number: 26358060

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Vāne, local community of Vāne

Castle of Vane Manor built around 1870 and park made. Burnt in 1905. Renewed from 1936-1940. Since 1936 in the building is nineyear primary school.



Phone number: 63155142, 29275398 (primary school), vanepsk@tukums.parks.lv

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# Depository of Ancient Things

"Vārpiṇas", Vāne, local community of Vāne In 2015 in the local community of Vane "Depository of Ancient Things" was opened. Head of local library Sandra Kosogova is the initiator in creation of a museum.

Call in advance. Phone number: 26111332 sandrakosogova@inbox.lv

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"Straumēni", local community of Vāne Farmstead where live collies, horses and in an open air graze different domestic animals typical to Latvia such as sheep, goats, billygoats, hens and cocks. Animals are tamed and trained. They know several tricks. In summer local and international collie competitions and Olympiads take place.

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#### Kreceris Family Exquisite Garden in Vāne

"Lejas Lejnieki" local Ccommunity of Vāne

Owners offer to take a look at their beautiful exquisite garden.

Phone numbers: 22423176, 26157553

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# Excursion "How medicine was made earlier"

Local community of Vāne

In the old Hall where once chemist's was ex-pharmacist Mārīte tells and shows how medicine was made earlier and invites to participate. In this intersting narrative gladly listen children and adults. Call in advance. Phone number: 20216094

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### Aizupe Manor and Park

Aizupes muiža, local community of Vāne

Castle of Manor is National monument of architecture. Building is one of the brightest examples of classicism in Latvia which is totally preserved in size and planning of the rooms. In the Park (14 ha) grow all kinds of thujas known in Europe planted in 19th c. There is a monument for trees which storm has taken. Once it has been Knights Manor. Castle of Aizupe Manor built in the beginning of 19th c. Manor owned cheese production, watermill, alcohol distillery and brick kiln. Manor was included in the list of example manors. In 1939 forest school of Cīrava was moved to the Manor. From 1945-1985 in Aizupe was forest technical school. In 20th 90ties the central building of Manor was taken by local government. Now it is private property and is seen only from outside.

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# 🕮 Inta Garden

Atini, local community of Vāne

Around 300 sorts of dahlias, 150 sorts of tomatoes and growing of other unusual vegetables. Call in advance.

Phone number: 22192013

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#### Jautrīte Garden

Sarmas, local community of Vāne

In Jautrīte Garden since 80ties roses are raised in big greenhouses and realized. Season is from May till November. Call in advance

Phone number: 29324193, 26335583

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### Visiting Alpacas

Individual Farm Ķirpji, local community of Vāne

Excursion with guide, story about alpacas, possibilities to take photos and film animals. These good-looking animals have aristocratic nobility, curious nature and peace-loving temper. Season June 1st – August 30th. Inform about visiting in advance.

Phone number: 26173666, info@alpacas.lv

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### Cemetery of Barons

Baronu kapi, local community of Vāne

Cemetery of Barons is located near Aizupe Manor on artificially made hillock in the middle of a field. Cemetery of Barons is one of the most original burial in Kurzeme. Around the Cemetery is stone wall built in the beginning of 19th c. In the Cemetery of Barons governor of Kurzeme Pauls Hāns is buried.

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# 📂 Fishing in Ziedkalni pond

Local community of Vāne

Pond 4 ha, in offer – fishing, tent places, ride with a boat. In catch you can get carps, tenches,

Phone number: 29375636

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# 🥨 Vāne Bath-house pie Circenīša

"Vānes pirts", Vāne, local community of Vāne

Public and individual bath, herbal teas, service of bath-house attendant, bath ritual, different herbal bathes (for hands and legs), heating procedure, power birching and strenghtening with plants, body clean-up with home-made scrub, body and mind resting with sound and vibration, herbal and honey masks, bath enjoying.

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#### Recreation Park "Spāres"

"Spāres" local community of Vāne

Recreation Park with 3 terraces made in 2010. On the bank of river Sarcene almost hectare wide. Improved with children playground, Easter swing, dancing floor and bonfire place, small bare-foot path and several resting places.

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# Valley of Abava



Local community of Kandaya

At the boarder of Kandava on the left bank of Abava reservation Cinquefoil Bog created in 1999, sine 1924 it is under protection of State and is the only place in Latvia where in a such big wild territory grows post-ice age plant shrubby cinquefoil (Pentaphylloides

fruticosa). Total area of bog is 96 ha. Here you can find specially protected spiecies of plants, birds, invertebrates, amphibia. All bog water is full of high mineralization. On the way to the pathway there is sulphur springs. After one kilometer on the left side goes forest path. Devil's Eye spring water contains hydrogen sulphide. From it runs out Devil's Eye or Bath spring, but further in a bog there is Smirnieks



spring. Beavers have chosen it for its dams. Cinquefoil Bog and Sulphur Springs are possible to examine by walking along specially made 4 km long pathway, part of it is made of wooden planks. Pathway is for pedestrians only. In the beggining of 20th c. there was a healing institution.

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#### 🌃 The Old Oak-tree Pathway, Priestmanor of Kandava

Mācītājmuiža, local community of Kandava

From Priestmanor starts 1.3km long pathway going down the steps through protected slope forest leading you to curve turnings of river Abava and further to The Old Ozolāji.

Phone number: 28371554 www.kandavasdraudze.lv

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#### Devil's Stone, Devils's Cave

Loacal community of Kandava

The stone is a witness of Ice-age. Since the beginning of 20th c.it become a popular tourism object. From it you can enjoy the view on valley of Abava. Cave is located about 40m on the

East from the Devil's Stone. There on the left side of spring is sandstone outcrop with two caves. The biggest is Devil's Cave (lenght 8,5m, hight 2,4m, width till 1m). Entrance is narrow. In the ravine outcrops of gray sandstone and dolomite rock is seen. In wet weather slopes are very steep and slippery.

Latvian national story says that Devil to God in a bet promised to dam up the river Abava. Hearing a cock song, Devil ran back to underworld and left tthe stone. Abava stubbornly kept going its way.

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# Kalnmuiža Castle

Kalnmuiža, local community of Kandava

Exist at least from the end of 15th c. Central construction formed in the beginning of 19th c. After The Second World War manor was collective, later local government's property. Since 2006 private property. In 2011 historical examination of Kalnmuiža was done to ensure authentic renewal of all complex. Watermill of Kalnmuiža is unique history object of technology with a potencial of tourism.

In 1939 in Kalnamuiža Watermill Latvian movie "Dam" was filmed. Down the dam on the left bank of Amula is outcrop of dolomite and clay on the hight of 25m. In the avenue of manor grow several big ash-trees. In offer manor complex examination

Legend goes that about 1 km on the South-East of Manor are Money Hills where once a boy has found money. On the South-East from the hills



on the deer path through a bog the boy brought enemy army but he by himself ran away. Offers venue for different events, recreation opportunities, accomodation, restaurant. Phone number: 26699033, kalnmuizaspils@gmail.com, www.kalnmuizaspils.lv 57.011032 22.660101

## Pathway on the Right Bank of River Imula

Local community of Matkule

The pathway created on the right bank of river Imula, it can be used on both directions from tent places "Vītini" to "Romances" and further along the road to Buses Castle Mound. Pathway (lenght 4,3km, level of difficulty – hard) marked with white stripes on trees. Especially beautiful landscape is in anemones blooming time when the deep valley of river Imula is seen. On the route are steep banks, deep ravines, rocks of Langsede and Stone of Devil foot in the middle of river Imula.

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# Hillock "Zviedru cepure"

Local community of Matkule

Legend goes that this hillock has been a cult place. It appeared in 17th c. during the Sweden War when swedish military commander and his wife died. In memory linden tree and oak were planted but the same hillock was thrown up by swedish soldiers' hats. Here also 200 soldiers together with their horses were buried.

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# Recreation Center "Zviedru cepure"

"Piltini", loacal community of Matkule

Rodel track, racecourse for skiing, snowboarding, ski lift, snow cannons, inventory hire, instructors. Cafe, Wi-Fi, banquets hall, parking place, picnic and tent places, voleyball course and football pitch, venue for camps and sports events, open-air stage, nature pathway, accomodation. In the Recreation Center "Swedish Hat" two pathways start – Love Pathway (lenght 1,57 km, level of difficulty - easy, there are steps), Horse Pathway (lenght - 3,18 km, level of difficulty - easy).

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#### Pathways –

Imula Pathway from Buses to Kauka hill (lenght:2,66km; level of difficulty: medium) Imula Pathway from Kauka hill to Grotes (lenght:3,33km; level of difficulty: hard

#### Paragliding in tandem

Rājumi, local community of Matkule Place of paragliding 8-10 km from Kandava

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Bike route crosses the territory - EuroVelo 10 (on P130) and local



# **Accommodations and cafes**

# Tent places and power accessibility for caravans in motorcoss track "Motoparks Kandava"

Juči, local community of Kandava, 26596477, 29335864, mxparks@inbox.lv

#### Hotel, summer restaurant "Rūmenes muiža" Rūmene, local community of Kandava,



67770966, 26688000 ("Café Rūmene"), rumene@hotelberas.lv. www.rumene.lv

# Summer cafe "Nārina" tent places



Daigones street 14a, Kandava, 29105411, saltums@inbox.lv

# (33) Tent places at Buses castle mound



Local community of Matkule, 29133272, 26374996, janisb59@amail.com

## Tent places by Kazukains ponds Kazukalnudīķis, local community of Zante, 29165796



**522) Farmstead "Indāni"**, Indāni, local community of Kandava, 29259272, indani91@inbox.lv, www.indani.viss.lv

# Tent places by Ziedkalns ponds



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Hotel, restaurant "Kalnmuižas pils" Kalnmuiža, local community of Kandava



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# (81) Recreation base of Interior Department



Daigones street 16, Kandava, 29483111, henisb@inbox.lv W Holiday house, villa "Jaunkrastmaļi"



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# Hotel, cafe "Kandava"



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(84) Kandava Sports Hall, hotel, cafe etc.



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Cafe "Pie Kristapa" – 28300221, 26366454,

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conference room Tent ground





Tent and picnic place



Inside pool



Sports hall Playground,

> stadium Bicycle rental

Place for campers

and trailers with connections











Event venue



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