



# NEWS IN KURZEME 2019



# LIEPĀJA



## Zirgu Island Nature Trail

Zirgu Island is the largest of the 15 islands on Lake Liepāja. It has become a popular recreation spot among the locals and visitors for hiking and birdwatching from the viewing tower. Wooden boardwalks, two viewing platforms on the lake, ornamental plants, outdoor fitness equipment and rest areas complement the 4 km long walking trail.

**Address:** Zirgu Island, Liepāja



## Redan

Redan is part of a late 19th century fortress, where in 1919, fierce battles were fought defending Liepāja against the forces of Bermondt. Redan offers an interactive tour for pupils, and in spring 2019 a 9 km long walking trail will be unveiled, starting at Redan and winding through the woods surrounding Karosta.

**Address:** 14th November Boulevard 82/86, Liepāja



## Karosta Water Tower

The tower was built in 1905 and supplied the whole Karosta territory with water. The old pumps from the time the tower was built have been preserved to this day. The tours have to be booked in advance!

**Address:** 29 Ģenerāļa Baloža Street, Liepāja

**Phone:** +371 26369470



## Wall Painting on the Northern Forts

On the fortification wall between the Northern Forts and the 3rd battery of the Fortress is a portrait of a woman. It was painted by a French artist *Al Sticking*, inspired by the story of a woman and her life that he met in St. Anna's Church.

**Address:** Karosta, Liepāja



## Laser Tag Game "Poligon 1 Liepāja"

The biggest indoors laser tag arena in Liepāja. Available to all visitors without any age restrictions. Book the game time in advance.

**Address:** 32 Zemnieku Street, Liepāja

**Phone:** +371 20014041

**www.poligon-1.lv**



## Adventure Park "Austrumu forts"

An adventure park for the whole family with picnic spots, grill and a bonfire. Adrenaline seekers will be delighted to take a ride on the electric surfboard, that can gain speed up to 40 km/h.

**Address:** 180 Brīvības Street, Liepāja

**Phone:** +371 28180979

**www.austrumuforts.lv**

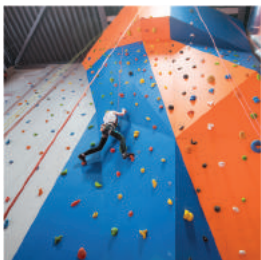




### Airsoft Games at Karosta Prison and Redan

Airsoft is a military tactical game using replicas of combat weapon and shooting with 6 mm plastic balls. Rental of weapons and equipment, Airsoft event organisation.

**Address:** 4 Invalīdu Street and 82/86  
14th November Boulevard  
**Phone:** +371 26899077  
**www.karostascietums.lv**



### The LOC Arena Climbing Wall

This 8 route climbing wall is nearly 11 m high. Several 3–4 m bouldering routes.

**Address:** 55 Brīvības Street, Liepāja  
**Phone:** +371 29981890



### Playroom “Extra Fun”

Liepāja's biggest playroom with the most features.

**Address:** 56 Rīgas Street, Liepāja  
**Phone:** +371 22093155  
**www.extrafun.lv**

## LIEPĀJA SURROUNDINGS



### Aizpute Water Tower – Viewing Tower

The 27 m high tower was built in 1960 and operated until 2009. The exhibit includes the ground floor interior display, water supply network taps, information on other industrial objects in Aizpute, operating interactive 3D model of the water tower and borehole. You can see the town of Aizpute from the tower.

**Address:** 32 C Atmodas Street, Aizpute  
**Phone:** +371 23663289



### Cīrava Forest Park

The park has gained two new trails. The Legend trail features sculptures made from dried out ash trees that were felled by the wind, and the trees kept their original placement. The Sound trail displays five metallic urban objects that can be used to create sounds.

**Address:** Cīrava parish, Aizpute district  
**Phone:** +371 25435898



### Kazdanga Park Boardwalk and the Viewing Tower

The 190 m long boardwalk that crosses Lake Dzirnezers together with the viewing tower that rises 2.7 m above the water level offer plenty of opportunities for birdwatching and admiring the natural diversity of the area.

**Address:** Kazdanga park, Aizpute district



### Walking Trail by the River Ālande

The 3 km long walking trail runs along the winding shores of river Ālande through the current day Grobiņa. Throughout the trail there are stands that depict important moments in Grobiņa's history. The trail is suitable for walking, cycling, and is also adjusted for people with reduced mobility.

**Address:** Starting point at the Grobiņa Castle ruins



### Otaņķi Antiques Storeroom

The exhibition displays the equine equipment gifted to the storeroom; the visitors can find out about its use, as well as gain an insight into horse care traditions of Otaņķi. The tour is led by a guide - a Nīca maiden. Book the visit in advance!

**Address:** Rude, Otaņķi parish, Nīca district

**Phone:** +371 20031406

[www.otankusenlietas.mozello.lv](http://www.otankusenlietas.mozello.lv)



### Gramzda Church

It has been rebuilt multiple times, destroyed, burnt and now restored yet again! It is interesting to note that one part of the church is an open-air area, whereas instead of a traditionally designed altar there is a glass cross inside the wall, acting as a double altar.

**Address:** Gramzda parish, Priekule district



### Gramzda Forest Park and its Open Air Cinema

2 km long walking trails, the Green classroom and the open air cinema "Daba iedvesmo" (Nature inspires) with 40 seats. There is a cycling route in the forest park as well.

**Address:** Gramzda, Gramzda parish, Priekule district

**Phone:** +371 28374204



### Walking Trail by the River Venta

Behind the Skrunda open-air stage, along the River Venta a nearly kilometre long walking trail has been created. This year, it has been improved with the addition of a picnic area - a table, benches, a grill in the shape of a boat and a bonfire area, as well as some elements of a sensory trail. Capture your visit in Skrunda by taking a picture in a frame with the Venta bridge as a backdrop!

**Address:** 23 Saldus Street, Skrunda



### Walking Trail in Volzbahs Hill

The Vaiņode region is the hilliest part of the area surrounding Liepāja. Last year, a walking trail with stairs that go down to the pond and several viewing platforms were constructed on Volzbahs hill for visitors to enjoy the nature.

**Address:** Vaiņode parish, Vaiņode district

**Phone:** +371 29391023

 [biedribavolzbahs](https://www.facebook.com/biedribavolzbahs)



### Rope Park “Cietais rieksts”

The leisure complex “Lauku Kūrorts” challenges you to test your skills on routes that vary in height and difficulty and to overcome both horizontal and vertical obstacles in a uniquely constructed tower.

**Address:** “Ūdensrozes”, Kazdanga parish, Aizpute district

**Phone:** +371 28332737, 26706009

**f** laukukurorts



### Walking Trail in Embūte Nature Park

Embūte is a mysterious place, surrounded by legends. The entrance to the nature park is guarded by Curonian swords, and you will find mythical groves, springs and sacred oaks there, not to mention castle mounds and ruins. Last year, a viewing tower and a walking trail with health stalls by its side were built there.

**Address:** Embūte, Embūtes parish, Vainode district

**Phone:** +371 26632134

## VENTSPILS



### Concert Hall “Latvia”

The concert hall “Latvia” - the northern Kurzeme centre of music, art and cultural education - is going to open its doors in July 2019. As a nod to the local and national context, the concert programme of the new concert hall is going to be made up of the performances of the best Latvian musicians, as well as exclusive concerts and first-time events of foreign artists. Two unique musical instruments in the global

context will make the musical menu even more special. In the concert hall “Latvia” you will hear both the pipe organ of the German company “Johannes Klais Orgelbau” and the biggest piano in the world built by the piano maker Dāvids Kļaviņš, who is of Latvian origin.

**Address:** 1 Lielais Square, Ventspils, [www.visitventspils.com](http://www.visitventspils.com)



### Lake Būšnieku boating base and the forest cycling path with a pedestrian boardwalk and a viewing platform in the Natura 2000 area

Everyone can complete the 8 km long cycling path circling round Lake Būšnieku: there is a pedestrian path and a cycling lane encircling the lake, a new 187 m long pedestrian boardwalk, and at the end of it there is a

viewing platform for birdwatching. Along the cycling path, there are stands that contain information on the nature preserve and its flora and fauna. Those who enjoy healthy lifestyle will be delighted by the newly built health trail with 10 exercise stands for all age groups.

#### Lake Būšnieku Boating Base

**Working hours:** 1 May – 31 July 5:00 – 22:00, 1 August – 30 September 5:00 – 21:00

**Address:** 70 Stalzenes Street, Ventspils

**Phone:** +371 22000509, [www.visitventspils.com](http://www.visitventspils.com)

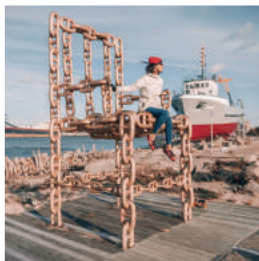




### New Paths to the Sea

The southwest part of the town has two new entrances with wooden boardwalks that lead up to the sea. Saulrieta Street has gained a new, spacious parking place, as well as pedestrian and cycling paths that cross the area of the Grey Dune, a protected nature territory of European significance. The ninth boardwalk from the Jūrmala park leads to a nudist beach, while the tenth boardwalk is suitable for walking the dog.

**Address:** At the end of Saulrieta Street, Ventspils  
**Phone:** +371 63622263, +371 29232226  
[www.visitventspils.com](http://www.visitventspils.com)



### Fishing vessel "Grots"

The fishing vessel "Grots" is a cultural and historical exhibit and a part of the fishing history of the Baltic Sea. In addition, it is the oldest "Baltika" type fishing trawler in Latvia. Its use is linked to the late 20th century fishing history of the Baltic Sea.

**Address:** The car park of the Southern Pier, Ventspils  
**Phone:** +371 63622263, +371 29232226  
[www.visitventspils.com](http://www.visitventspils.com)



### The Renovated Southern Pier and the Viewing Tower in Ventspils

Watch the sunset, enjoy the roaring waves, and watch the ships entering the port by taking a walk on the restored and lit Southern Pier that leads up to the lighthouse. Enjoy the wonderful view of the town and the sea from the 19 m high viewing tower!

**Phone:** +371 63622263, +371 29232226  
[www.visitventspils.com](http://www.visitventspils.com)

## VENTSPILS DISTRICT



### Open Air Cookery in Ance

The food is served in the woods and prepared outdoors in an open air kitchen. After engaging in archery or boating, your enjoyment of the meal will double! It is recommended to apply an hour in advance. Open from May to September.

**Address:** "Krastiņi", Ance, Ventspils district  
**Phone:** +371 26844295  
[www.visitventspils.com](http://www.visitventspils.com)



### The Culinary Heritage of Suiti

"Maģie suiti" offers traditional žograuši, spēkrauši, vētras rauši, and fish soup with milk for your enjoyment. Served with a side of mischief and musical teasing!

**Address:** Jūrkalne Community Centre, Jūrkalne, Ventspils district  
**Phone:** +371 26405743  
[www.visitventspils.com](http://www.visitventspils.com)



### Oviši Lighthouse Exhibition

At Ovišu lighthouse, the exhibits are not meant to be only looked at: they are meant for hearing, touching and trying out as well. Write your own wish by using Morse code, observe the light signals of the Kurzeme lighthouses, tie some sailors' knots, learn the history of lighthouse signalling by watching a cartoon and use the multimedia stand.

**Address:** Oviši, Tārgale parish, Ventspils district  
**Phone:** +371 26264616  
[www.visitventspils.com](http://www.visitventspils.com)

# KULDĪGA AND SURROUNDINGS



## Curonia Coffee Roasters

Coffee is more than an excellent drink: it is a story! Already in the 17th-18th century, Duke Jacob, developing trade with Kuldīga and other Hanseatic cities, as well as lands farther away, imported coffee to Kuldīga as one of the exclusive products. After a long, long time, the coffee beans have made it back to Kuldīga.

Apply for the visit in advance.

**Address:** 6 Baznīcas Street, Kuldīga

**Phone:** +371 28826604

**f** Curonia-Coffee-Roasters

**Price:** 5 EUR per person



## Ceramic Workshop "Saules Ceplis" (Coming Soon)

In April, the ceramic workshop "Saules ceplis" will open its doors in Kuldīga district, where the designer and ceramist Madara Atiķe will make her ceramic art works. She is one of the few masters of the craft who makes dishes by using the old technique of smoke firing. Lessons on the use of black ceramic technique.

**Address:** "Medulāji", Padure parish, Kuldīga district

**Phone:** +371 26072594

**f** SaulesCeplis

**Price:** on demand



## Kabile Manor Winery (Coming Soon)

The Kabile Manor Winery produces unique pink rhubarb sparkling wine and two different types of cider, both made from 100% apple juice. The Kabile Manor ensemble, together with the manor house, is an architectural monument of state significance, where unique 18th and 19th interiors have been preserved to this day. If groups of 10 people and more

apply in advance, wine tasting and a tour round the old manor is available.

**Address:** Kabile Manor, Kabile parish, Kuldīga district

**Phone:** +371 28380477 **f** Kabilesmuiza **Price:** on demand



## Walking Trail by the Venta Valley

In the town of Kuldīga, a 2.5 km walking trail has been built by the very shore of the River Venta, extending from the Kuldīga old brick bridge up to the new bridge

**The starting point:** 8 Pils Street, Kuldīga



## Kuldīga Restoration Centre

In the workshop of Kuldīga Restoration Centre its visitors can observe the process of restoration, based on traditional building restoration techniques. Stands in the educational area offer information on traditional building materials.

Groups have to apply in advance.

**Working hours:** : M-Th. 9:00-16:00

**Address:** 30 Baznīcas Street, Kuldīga

**Phone:** +371 29604434, +371 27021298

**f** kuldigasrestauracijascentrs



# SALDUS AND ITS SURROUNDINGS

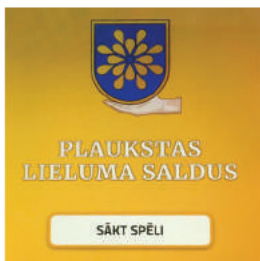


## Original Works of J. Rosenthal

Saldus History and Art Museum of Janis Rosenthal invites you to visit a unique exposition of the works of the distinguished Latvian painter Janis Rosenthal. The unveiling of the new exposition in 2018 was the last part of the renovation of J. Rosenthal's studio "Sapņa tornis" (The Dream Tower), and at the moment both stories of the house are open to visitors.

**Address:** 22 Striķu Street, Saldus

**Phone:** +371 63881547 **www.muzejs.saldus.lv**



## The Game "Plaukstas lieluma Saldus"

The association "Kapelleru nams" invites you to join the team game "Saldus in the palm of your hand". During the game, the participants visit 14 objects in the town centre and carry out 18 tasks, thus getting to know the history of Saldus and historical figures, as well as finding out significant and fascinating facts.

**Address:** 7 Striķu Street, Saldus

**Phone:** +371 29443117



## Field Archery

Those who are interested in archery can learn the basics of it here. You can put your newly acquired skills into practice in a course designed specifically for this purpose; it has both archery stands and 3D targets. 10 bows are available in total. The lessons and the site are available on Thursdays; the time has to be booked in advance.

**Address:** "Viesturi", Novadnieki parish, Saldus district, **Phone:** +371 26536043



## "Silavas" Farm

The farm is going to open the tourism season and its doors to visitors on 1 May 2019, inviting you to come and have a look at the sheep, goats, mini-pigs, rabbits, horses, bovine animals, ostriches and other birds. Tours around the immediate surroundings, recreation areas and fishing spots are available to visitors.

**Address:** "Silavas", Remte parish, Brocēni district

**Phone:** +371 28164203



## Ciecere Lake Viewing Tower

On the very shore of Lake Ciecere a developed area has been created. You will find benches, a picnic spot and an informative display there. The most striking feature, however, is the 18.4 m high wooden viewing tower. Since it has been built on an artificial mound, the total height reaches up to 30 m.

**Address:** "Saulrieti", Ciecere parish, Brocēni district



## Concrete Sculptures

In summer 2018, Brocēni Municipality hosted an open air industrial art event which gave birth to four concrete sculptures. Three of them - "The Birth of a Water Lily", "Find Your Own..." and "The Water Lily Princess" - reside in Brocēni, whereas "Girl" found her home in Blīdene parish.

**Address:** Brocēni district  
**www.broceni.lv**

# TUKUMS AND ITS SURROUNDINGS



## The Zigmars Anna Meierovics Monument in Tukums

To commemorate the centenary of Latvia, in November 2018 the monument of Zigmars Anna Meierovics, the first Latvian Minister of Foreign Affairs, was unveiled in Tukums Old Town. It was created by the sculptors Zane Elerte and Matīss Kalniņš and the architect Liene Līce.

The location chosen for Z.A. Meierovics' monument is symbolic. It is located in the

very heart of the town: the old town's square on the corner of Lielās Street and Jaunās Street, not too far from the Freedom Square and the school that this outstanding statesman once attended. Brizule Manor and Rideļi in Tukums Municipality is where our first foreign minister originally came from. In his later life, the politician frequently returned to Tukums. Z.A. Meierovics' life was short yet remarkable.

**Address:** Z.A.Meierovica Square, Tukums



## Zušuciems Park in Engure

The park is made up of several sculptures, installations and objects, all depicting how eels go from swimming in the sea to being caught in a trap net. You will find an imposing sculpture of a fisherman, a trap net, several boats and other objects here. Elīna Vojevoda and Gaits Burvis, the authors of the project, say, "We created the park, envisioning its starting point at

the main road, so as to invite the passers-by to visit the park that would display objects that are both educational and informative."

**Address:** 85 Jūras Street, Engure, Engure parish, Engure district



## Rideļi Mill Museum

The visitors of the museum discover not only the history of Rideļi Mill, but of the mills in Latvia as a whole. Here, they can examine the various equipment needed for flour milling and make sense of how one goes from grain to flour, pearled grains, groats and semolina. The mill offers a short film "From Grain to Bread", a detailed depiction of flour milling that explains the

functions of each processing stage.

**Entrance fee:** EUR 2 for adults, EUR 1 for children

Book the visit in advance

**Address:** Rideļi Mill, Engure parish, Engure district

**Phone:** +371 26536532

**www.rideludziirnavas.lv**



## Jaunpils Water Mill

In autumn 2018, the renovated Jaunpils Water Mill opened its doors to visitors. Now the mill is open to individual visitors, who can use the millstone guide, or, if they wish, go and take a tour with Mrs. Miller. The modern touchscreen is an interactive way of discovering the history of the mill, the process of flour milling, as well as getting an insight into the modern agriculture.

**Entrance fee:** EUR 1 for adults, EUR 0.50 for children and pensioners

Book the tour in advance

**Address:** Jaunpils Mill, Jaunpils, Jaunpils parish, Jaunpils district

**Phone:** +371 63107082, +371 26101458

**www.jaunpils.lv**



### “Valguma pasaule” Art Space

Even when winter and twilight falls it is not too late to enjoy the beautiful landscapes captured in large-format photos by the outstanding artists Andris Apse (New Zealand) and Andris Eglītis (Latvia). It takes a kilometre and a half long walk through the Valgums wood in order to see all 80 photographs. The photographs depict unique New Zealand and Latvian

landscapes. So you get some healthy exercise, enjoy a breath of fresh air and enjoy striking sights both in nature and in print, all at once!

**Working hours up to April:** Friday to Sunday, 10:00-20:00

**Entrance fee:** EUR 5 for adults, EUR 4 for pensioners and pupils.

A cup of hot herbal tea before or after the walk is included

**Address:** “Valguma pasaule”, Smārde parish, Engure district

**Phone:** +371 63181222, +371 29414022

[www.valgumapasaule.lv](http://www.valgumapasaule.lv)



### The Frontline Art Workshop

In this workshop rings, amulets and candleholders are created using unique materials. Each visitor will get a chance to discover more than a 100 year-old crafting methods, used by the Latvian soldiers, and to gain a beautiful souvenir to remember the visit by. External workshops are also available for locations determined by the customer, and ready-made souvenirs are

available for purchase on the spot.

The workshop is suitable for children from 10 years old upwards.

Maximum number of participants - 25. Apply for the visit in advance.

**Address:** Ķemeri National Park

**Phone:** +371 22057669

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### Kandava Artisan Society and the Shop “PūraLāde”

The Kandava artisans have taken up new premises in Kandava Old Town by the Promenade. There you will find various handicrafts, needlework, ceramic and porcelain painting, weaving, artisan leatherworking and book binding. Newlyweds will be delighted to make a personalised dream catcher together,

whereas groups can discover the ancient technique of braiding - the “pācele” technique. And you will find the cosy shop “PūraLāde” that offers the works of Latvian master craftsmen and artisans just round the corner!

**Address:** 2 Ūdens Street, Kandava

**Phone:** +371 26113310

[www.puralade.lv](http://www.puralade.lv)

## TALSI AND ITS SURROUNDINGS



### “Cukuriņi” Farm

The farm grows sea-buckthorns and offers tastings of the production.

**Address:** “Cukuriņi”, Miegūze,

Laidze parish, Talsi district

**Phone:** +371 29108006





### Aina's Bread

"Ainas maize" (Aina's Bread) is held in high esteem in Talsi and beyond. Baker Aina Šteinberga has created 10 different types of bread that will please even the most exquisite of tastes.

**Address:** "Rugāji", Laidze parish, Talsi district

**Phone:** +371 29434181



### "Green Hive" Ltd

"Green Hive" Ltd offers honey with specific flavours, for example, honey with a tinge of peppermint, chilli, cinnamon, chocolate, and, of course, home grown lavender.

**Address:** Roceži, Laidze parish, Talsi district

**Phone:** +371 20365187



### Motorsport Exhibition in Pastende

The owner of the collection is Alfrēds Zamockis, a motor sportsman and coach. He was known as the legendary "flying Indian" among his fellow motor sportsmen, and there is proof of that. A couple of years ago he was brought to Pastende by predestined love, and this is how Talsi Municipality gained its retro motorcycle exhibition.

**Address:** "Jaunupnieki", Pastende, Ģibulī parish, Talsi district

**Phone:** +371 26751108



### The Devīnkalni Disc Golf Park

Disc golf enthusiasts have created a leisure activity area in town - the Devīnkalni disc golf park. Rental equipment available.

**Address:** 7 Jaunatnes Street, Talsi, Talsi district

**Phone:** +371 26289901

**f** DevinkalnuDiskuGolfParks



### "Cīrulīši" Homemade Delicacies

The visitors can buy and enjoy the taste of various homemade delicacies, such as fish dishes, syrups, jams, chutneys. The farm also offers a wide variety of home brewed wines (cherry, plum, dandelion, rowan, cranberry, rhubarb etc.) and ciders.

**Address:** "Cīrulīši", Kaltene, Roja district

**Phone:** +371 28308124

**f** cirulisi



### The Maritime Cultural Heritage Exhibition Centre "Kaltenes klubs"

This site offers an insight into the cultural and historical heritage of the northern Kurzeme coastal area, tours and outings in Kaltene, as well as various cooking lessons and master classes.

**Address:** "Kaltenes klubs", Kaltene, Roja district

**Phone:** +371 29432899



### The Liiv Gathering House in Kolka

The renovated "Pastnieki" building at the centre of Kolka is now home to the multifunctional Liiv Gathering House. The Gathering House offers an insight into northern Kurzeme Liiv culture, traditional activities, the sound of the Liiv language and the coastal heritage of the area. The house offers an opportunity to both organise and attend cultural events, workshops, training, exhibitions, as well as to access tourist information. The association "Domesnes" cooperates with the house in creating a permanent open-air Kolka underwater heritage exposition there. The Liiv Gathering House is gradually becoming the focal point of interest for various Liiv culture and history organisations, as well as anyone who is interested in Liiv culture.

**Address:** "Pastnieki", Kolka, Kolka parish, Dundaga district

**Phone:** +371 29402093

[www.kolka.lv](http://www.kolka.lv)   [www.visit.dundaga.lv](http://www.visit.dundaga.lv)



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## JŪRTAKA TRAIL

More than 1200 km long, the Jūrtaka Trail is a hiking route along the Baltic Sea in Latvia and Estonia that will take you from sandy beaches to rocky and pebbled shores. At times, it will lead you through seaside forests or bring you to fishing villages. As it reaches cities, the Jūrtaka Trail becomes almost unrecognisable, but once in Estonia, where it is called R. anniku matkarada, it continues winding through growths of juniper and coastal meadows. From the border of Latvia and Lithuania all the way to Tallinn you will be accompanied by the sea, gulls, sun and wind, as well as the warm feeling that you are welcome everywhere you go. Just wish for it, and the Jūrtaka Trail will take you to the nearest place offering warm dinner and safe accommodation. You can start and stop your hike on the Jūrtaka Trail at any point, only to resume it whenever you feel like it. The Jūrtaka trail will always be there for you!

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