

Map of Koknese Park

The map illustrates the layout of Koknese Park, featuring a winding path and several key locations marked with numbered circles (1-23). The park is situated along the banks of the Pērse and Daugava rivers. Key landmarks include:

- Point 1:** A small red-roofed building near the entrance.
- Point 2:** A large, multi-story stone building, likely a historical residence or administrative building.
- Point 3:** A small boat with a red and white striped sail on the Pērse river.
- Point 4:** A large stone cannon and a wooden wheel.
- Point 5:** A small stone structure, possibly a well or a small shrine.
- Point 6:** A small wooden gazebo or pavilion.
- Point 7:** A large, abstract stone sculpture.
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- Point 9:** A small stone structure, possibly a well or a small shrine.
- Point 10:** A tall, narrow stone tower or monument.
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- Point 19:** A small stone structure, possibly a well or a small shrine.
- Point 20:** A small stone structure, possibly a well or a small shrine.
- Point 21:** A small stone structure, possibly a well or a small shrine.
- Point 22:** A small stone structure, possibly a well or a small shrine.
- Point 23:** A small stone structure, possibly a well or a small shrine.

The map also shows the Pērse river, the Daugava river, and a smartphone in the bottom left corner displaying a map of the park.

- * Informative stand next to the object

**the lost landscapes of Koknese
with modern digital solutions!**

- At the ruins of Koknese Medieval Castle
- Near the ruins of the New Castle
- At the memorial stone 'Pērse's Girl'
- By Koknese Lutheran Church
- At the 'Gundega' boat pier

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Walk along the paths of the ancient Koknese park

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The stone castle in Koknese was built more than 800 years ago and stands as a witness to ancient historical events. It was blown up in 1701. In the 1960s, the landscape of the castle ruins was transformed. The vast waters of the hydroelectric power station built in Aizkraukle began to flood the area, submerging the hill and partially surrounding the ruins that once stood high above the river.

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To add variety of walks in the park, every visitor can test balance and agility on the obstacle course set up among of the park trees. For visitors' safety, a woodchip safety surface has been laid beneath the entire course.

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Ring-shaped crosses have been preserved since the 17th century and were commonly used in burials during that time. Cannons are displayed nearby – they sank into the Daugava river after the castle was blown up and were retrieved during a dry summer 167 years later, in 1868.

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A spot especially suited for those who enjoy scenic views – a place to pause for a moment and watch where the Perse river flows into the Daugava river, by the mighty castle ruins, while imagining the sound of the once-rushing Perse waterfall nearby.

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The paths of the park converge at newly reshaped dolomite stairs. They invite visitors to descend to a viewing platform and take in the sight of the medieval castle ruins proudly rising above the waters of the Perse river. The stairway once continued down into the deep ravine, leading to the "Faun's Head", with paths stretching further toward the Perse Waterfall.

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An approximately 30-meter-deep water level now conceals the former ravine, where the Perse waterfall once roared and cascaded over dolomite cliffs. The lost beauty remains preserved in the heart through the stone-carved figure of the "Perse Girl", which can be found on the riverbank. (Author: J. Zihmanis)

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The gate holds many secrets of the park, as it has been preserved from the medieval town era. Having long stood in ruins, it has now been restored with a romantic walking path running through it.

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Four aging oak trunks in the park continue their lives as wooden sculptures, symbolizing the fading, present, and future generations, creating a story of eternity. (Author: Ģ. Burvis)

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The ruins of the New Castle hold mysteries about the historical events of the early 20th century in Koknese and its surroundings. The castle stood for less than 20 years.

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Koknese carries the name of Lāčplēš' friend – the strong and kind Koknesis. The height gauge is a symbolic ruler that shows how tall both heroes from Pumpurs' epic might have been. (Author: A. Neija)

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The little devil in Koknese park followed the will-o'-the-wisps and found a chest filled with coins. He transformed the pit where the chest was hidden into a cellar, and now he guards not only his treasure chest but also all Koknese, because it is his lucky place.

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Hidden for many years beneath a thick layer of earth, the ancient cobblestone has now seen the light again. In the manor's courtyard, a cannon and a signpost have found their place.

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Bridge of Love and the environmental object "Promise of Love" create a story about love that can always overcome boundaries. ("Promise of Love" author: A. Brimerbergs)

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In honor of the lost treasure of Koknese – the magnificent Perse Waterfall – a beautiful memorial symbol has been created: a reproduction of the Perse Waterfall. Since 2019, its calming sounds have been heard throughout the park.

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Rūdolfs Blaumanis once learned estate management skills in Koknese. The landscaped garden has been created on the former manor grounds and near the building where the writer once lived. The Vidusdaugava Forestry manages the area, and the old barn houses the tavern "Rūdolfs".

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The magical creature "Faun's Head", rarely found elsewhere, surprises with a sudden splash of water. Sculptor V. Jākobsons created it as a fountain in the 1930s, and it was originally located near the Perse Waterfall. Now, nearby, the representation of the Perse Waterfall peacefully streams.

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In mysterious castles, belts adorned with Latvian symbols, all-seeing owls, and even the legendary catfish, the trees that once grew in the park have been transformed by the woodcarvers, brothers A. and I. Rurāni.

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