



Water tourism routes in Zemgale and Aukštaitija



Extended information with Daugava access points, sights, services and accommodation options can be found in the map "Daugava Water Tourism Route in Jēkabpils and Aizkraukle Municipalities". Extended information with Mēmele and Suseja access points, sights, services and accommodation options can be found on the map "Mēmele and Suseja rivers".

Extended information with access points, sights, services and accommodation on the Nemunėlis and Šventoji rivers can be found on the maps:

- "Water tourism routes in Gražute Regional Park"
- "Water tourism route of the River Šventoji in the Anykščiai Regional Park"
- "Water tourism route of the River Nemunėlis in the Biržai District"

An electronic version of the map can be found here: www.zemgale.lv

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SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE BOATING

- It is compulsory to wear a life jacket when on the water.
- It is not recommended to boat alone.
- Before taking the planned route, make sure that the weather forecast is suitable for boating throughout the day.
- Assess whether the trip is suitable for small children.
- The number of boaters on a boat is limited to the number specified in the model specifications.
- Be very careful in the river, on rapids and when encountering trees, rocks and other natural or artificial obstacles.
- In areas of a river where there is a strong current, the boat should be kept parallel to the current.
- Choose clothing and protective equipment suitable for the weather.
- It is not advisable to grab at trees or branches in the river while the boat is moving. Doing so may result in the boat capsizing.
- Assess your abilities and choose the best route for you!
- Be respectful of property before setting out, be sure to ask permission if you are allowed to rest on a private property.
- Staying in private areas must be agreed in advance.
- You need to carry an identity document when boating along the Latvia-Lithuania border.
- Green TIPS
 - Leave your car where it does not harm nature or disturb other road users.
 - Dispose of litter in designated areas, do not leave it in the river, on the river bank or on the road.
 - Leave the rest area and surroundings in the same condition as you found them.
 - Respect local people!
 - Get along with fishermen, try not to scare fish away.
 - Respect wildlife, keep your distance from animals and try not to disturb them.
 - Only use established campsites if moving. Do not build camps in protected areas or where they are prohibited.
 - Do not pollute rivers. Avoid using soaps or detergents in natural water bodies.

Zemgale and Aukštaitija invite you to discover river routes that are both well-known and lesser-known – suitable for peaceful relaxation or nature adventures. Here you will find both large and small rivers that become real boating gems in spring! In Zemgale and Selja there are 56 boating routes on 12 different rivers, and in Aukštaitija there are 28 routes on 12 rivers. The routes include different levels of difficulty and are suitable for experienced boaters, families with children and anyone who wants to enjoy the proximity of water and natural landscapes.

The routes follow important rivers, from the mighty Daugava, known as the River of Destiny, to the Lielupe, the largest river in Zemgale, and the unpredictable Iecava, which winds its way through the Latvian landscape.

In Lithuania, the picturesque and varied Šventoji is definitely worth exploring, as is the Nevėžis, a jewel of the central Lithuanian lowlands with an ancient valley whose beauty beckons all boaters.

A special adventure is the possibility to cross the border between the two countries, for example on the River Mėmele (Nemunėlis) from Biržai to Bauska or on the River Mūsa (Mūša), where it is possible to plan routes on both sides. These cross-border routes offer a unique opportunity to experience both Latvian and Lithuanian nature on one trip.

The less known and quieter rivers such as the Suseja, Vircava, Platone, Svėte and Kriauna (Liūpe), which are located on the border, as well as the Būka, Vyžuona, Jara and Dysna rivers, which flow through wild landscapes, also offer exciting adventures, most suitable for thrill-seekers! Choose Zemgale and Aukštaitija as your next boating destination and enjoy unforgettable moments on the water!

LEGEND

- Route length
- Difficulty
- Canoes
- Kayaks
- Sea kayaks
- Inflatable boats

- SUP boards
- Canoe raft
- Rowing boats
- Catamarans
- Sea kayaks
- Raft

- Route entry point
- Route exit point
- Stopping point
- Route number

Detailed information about access points, sights, services and accommodation is available on the website: www.riverways.eu

Mūsa (Mūša)

- Total length of the river is 164 km, of which 6.6 km is the border river, in Lithuania called Mūša. The river flows through the north of Lithuania, covering the districts of Joniškis, Pakruojis and Pasvalys, and into Latvia. It winds entirely through the agricultural landscape, offering peaceful views of open countryside and rural charm.
- The Mūsa is one of the confluences of the River Lielupe, the river is calm and its banks are overgrown in places. Closer to Bauska, the river banks become steeper, exposing bedrock – dolomitic marl and dolomite. In the Bauska Municipality, the river flows from Grenčāle to Bauska, where it joins the Mēmele to form the River Lielupe. The drop in Latvia is 5 m, average 0.25 m/km. This stretch of the Latvian territory is particularly suitable for peaceful enjoyment of nature, as it offers both picturesque landscapes and exciting, dynamic stretches of water.
- The River Mūsa starts in Lithuania, near Saločiai, and flows through Latvia, connecting the water tourism routes of both countries. It flows mostly between 15 and 20 km from the Lithuanian-Latvian border. Boating enthusiasts can also plan routes from the Lithuanian side, crossing the border and enjoying the natural beauty of two countries in one adventure. The most suitable boating seasons: spring, summer, early autumn.
- 157 km
- Total length of the river in Lithuania: 130 km
- Total length of the river in Latvia: 24 km
- In Bauska Municipality – 24 km

ROUTES OF THE RIVER

- 1. Baidarės – Pentaķlonis (13 km)
 - 1 day
 - medium

This section of the river is notable for its majestic Devonian dolomite outcrops – approximately 350 million years old – rising from the valley like natural walls. The river is framed by cultivated fields, offering a scenic agricultural landscape. As you boat through the winding river, you'll encounter features such as the narrow-gauge railway bridge near Sviločė, adding unique charm and character to the journey.

2. Saločiai, Lithuania – Bauska, Latvia (30 km)

- 1-2 days
- easy

- A great way to extend your route. Start in Lithuania and finish in Bauska Municipality! This route is special because it starts in Saločiai, Lithuania, and leads to Latvia. At the beginning of the route you can enjoy the natural beauty of Lithuania and prepare for your journey across the border. After about 10 km you will cross the Latvian-Lithuanian border. The rest of the way to Bauska passes through picturesque landscapes with meadows and forests, where you can enjoy peace and quiet. If you want to shorten the route or not cross the border, you can start the route at Žukutene Manor.
- OPERATORS**
- 1. Boat rental "Kipštų baidarės" K
 - +370 63873780 (Route 1)
- 2. Boat rental "Baidarių namai Pasvalyje" K
 - +370 66386737 (Route 1)
- 3. Boat rental "Panevėžys Ok" K
 - +370 6513953 (Route 1)
- 4. Boat rental "Medis" C K
 - +371 20379035 (Route 2)
- 5. Boat rental "Brilju laivas" K
 - www.briljuivas.lv (Route 2)
- 6. "Ozolaivas", boat rental in Zemgale and Pierga C
 - www.ozolaivas.lv (Route 2)
- 7. Country house "Giri" I
 - +371 6778868 (Route 2)
- 8. Boat rental "Mažie Mežgalai" K U
 - www.maziemezgalai.lt (Route 2)
- 9. Boat rental "Rundalis aptuvinis centras" C
 - rundalisaptuviniscentrs.lv (Route 2)

PAY ATTENTION!

- You need to carry an identity document when boating along the Latvia-Lithuania border.
- In spring and after heavy rains the water level may be higher – more caution is needed.
- Shallow sections can be challenging in summer when the water level drops.
- Steeper bank slopes and some steeper bends require attention.

OPERATORS

- 1. Nemunėlis I – kayak and homestead rental K
 - nemunelis.lt (Route 1)
- 2. Biržai TIC, www.visitbirzai.lt I

Mėmele

- Total length of the river in Lithuania: 130 km
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ROUTES OF THE RIVER

- 1. Biržai – Nemunėlio Radviliškis (~30 km)
 - 2 days
 - medium

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2. Tiltgaliai – Palūniskis (27 km)

- 1 day
- easy

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OPERATORS

- 1. Boat rental "Burtų pieva" K
 - www.burtpieva.lt (Routes 1, 2)
- 2. Boat rental "Baidarės Kurkiai" K
 - www.baidareskurkiai.lt (Route 2)

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Apasčia

- Total length of the river in Lithuania: 93 km
- In Rokiškis District: 20 km
- In Biržai District: 73 km

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OPERATORS

- 1. Rokiškis TIC, rokiškis.lt I

Lėvuo

- Total length of the river in Lithuania: 140 km
- In Rokiškis District – 10 km; in Kupiškis District – 43 km; in Panevėžys County – 571 km; in Pasvalys District – 29.2 km

ROUTES OF THE RIVER

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Jara-Šetėkšna

- Total length of the river in Lithuania: 82 km
- In Rokiškis District: 6.5 km
- In Anykščiai District: 212 km

ROUTES OF THE RIVER

- 1. Salakas – Bikiškiai (22 km)
 - 1 day
 - easy

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Kriauna

- Total length of the river in Lithuania: 93 km
- In Rokiškis Municipality – 37 km

ROUTES OF THE RIVER

- 1. Obeliai – Lake Sartai (20 km)
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- 1. Boat rental "Sartų aktyvaus laisvalaikio centras" K I
 - +370 61284394 (Route 1)
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 - +370 62094644 (Route 1)

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Būka

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ROUTES OF THE RIVER

- 1. Iniega campsite – Lake Baluošas (7 km)
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 - www.baidarescentras.lt (Route 1)
- 2. Boat rental "Sakarovs valtine" K
 - www.sakarovs.lt (Route 1)
- 3. Boat rental "Baidarių uostas" K G I
 - www.baidarijuostas.lt (Route 1)
- 4. Trainskiai I – kayak Rental in Aukštaitija K
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Dysna

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- In Ignalina Municipality – 77 km

ROUTES OF THE RIVER

- 1. Lake Dyšnųkštis – Pročiūnų Village (19 km)
 - 1 day
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