



Cycling route Koknese – Likteņdārzs

No Kokneses uz Likteņdārzu var nokļūt arī ar velosipēdiem.

Tam ir izveidots izcils velomaršruts, kas jūs aizvedīs uz pussalu, kur savu vietu ir atradis Likteņdārzs.

Informācija: www.visitkoknese.lv vai pa tālruni +371 65161296, +371 29275412

Koknese is located on the picturesque shores of Daugava and Pērse. It used to be an important craftsmen and traders centre, a Hansa town, currently it is a popular heritage place. The bicycle route in Koknese offers beautiful views of nature views, an ancient park that gently preserves history and the impressive castle walls surrounded by two rivers.



Bicycle rental „Raibbalts”
www.raibbalts.mozello.lv
www.facebook.com/raibbalts/
Address: 1905.gada street 7, +371 29766242



Distance from Riga: 100 km.



Public transportation: Koknese can be easily reached by bus or train from Rīga, so you can use public transportation to conveniently plan your bicycle route and to plan a longer bicycle trip around the region.



Length: approximately 8 km one-way. If you prefer a longer route, we recommend taking the bicycle route No. 403 from Koknese, through Aizkraukle and to Skrīveri (around 40 km). From there, you can take a train to Riga or back to Koknese!



Recommended season:
from May till October, when the banks of river are adorned with vivid autumn colours.



Roads: asphalt roads and streets, natural trails.

Route

Starting from the railway station till Koknese castle ruins, there are signs of bicycle route No. 403. In the station square, you can see the community centre building, where a singing association used to be, and then continue on to Koknese park.

The route can be varied. While travelling on Koknese bicycle trails, you can check out the many wooden sculptures, one of which reaches the tree tops, the memorial stone for Pērse waterfall, legendary Devil's basement and the fountain 'Faun's head', as well as other interesting objects.

The section between the Koknese castle ruins and Likteņdārzs offers views of the Daugava valley, and one of the sections of the route takes you down to Daugava on a steeper descent. Wooden bridges take you across the ravines.

The route ends in Likteņdārzs. The return follows the same route in the opposite direction. However, Daugava landscape is ever-changing! If you manage to do this when the sun is setting, the atmosphere will make your trip extra special.

Nearest accommodation:



Motel „Kokneses DUS”
Phone: +37165161994
Address: 1905. gada street 14A

56.645301, 25.436239



Holiday house „Mazā kāpa”
Phone: +37129227936, www.mazakapa.lv
Address: Lakstīgalu street 4

56.654345, 25.427939



Holiday house „Pērses krasts”
Phone: +37129435631
Address: Daugavas street 17

56.643930, 25.414075



SIA „Astarte-Nafta” DUS
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Sightseeing objects

1. Station square

In the square next to the railway station you will notice several historic buildings. The former building of the Koknese Singing Association is now home to a community centre. The so-called 'White house' is located across the station square. This used to be a manor school established by the baron, but it later became a distillery. The building is currently used by a pharmacy. The building next to it used to be a horse mail station and later belonged to the Consumers Association. There is a building in similar style located opposite from the station, across the railroad. This used to be home for the owner of the manor, but was later turned into a post office, which was destroyed by a fire. The building was restored not long ago and now is used by the Koknese day centre.

Address: Stacijas street 1 📍 56.650899, 25.439293

2. Koknese parish Tourism centre

You can get the necessary tourism information about the Koknese parish and purchase souvenirs or guides. Tourism centre also has two models of significant heritage objects. The model of Koknese castle shows how it looked in 1701 before it was blown up, but the model of Likteņdārzs lets us know how the memorial will look like in 2018.

Address: 1905. gada street 7 📍 56.644780, 25.432253

3. Koknese manor complex

The house of former manor manager, where Rudolfs Blaumanis lived from 1885 to 1887, while studying manor management. Koknese manor people became the prototypes for the author's characters Edgars, Kristīne and others. In 1933, a memorial plaque was unveiled by the building. The buildings are currently used by Virsdaugava Forestry. The garden is open for viewing. The plants have signs next to them with both Latvian and Latin names.

Address: Blaumaņa street 3 📍 56.643326, 25.427020

4. Park

The gates of the manor park with stone pillars and a zoned off old road, which goes along the manor lakes, will lead you to one of the most popular places of recreation. Everyone can experience the change of seasons and learn about the heritage of previous centuries, see the renovated fountain „Fau's head” by Voldemars Jakobsons, ruins of the New Castle, the highest wooden sculpture in

Baltic region 'For eternity' by Girts Burvis, as well as cannons and Celtic crosses from Swedish times. You can take the long path and end up by the river Pērse, where „Pērse girl” is mourning the lost waterfall.

📍 56.6449963, 25.4202489

5. Koknese medieval castle ruins

One of the biggest and most significant medieval castles on the territory of Latvia was the Koknese castle. The construction work for the castle of the archbishop of Rīga began here in 1209, and in a short period of time, a fortified castle and the majority of the Koknese town had been built. The Koknese castle was abandoned after the bombing of the western towers in 1701; the impressive ruins have remained untouched since then. After the flooding of the Pļavinas hydroelectric power plant reservoir, water levels reached the foundation of the castle.

Entrance fee: adults - 1.60 EUR, pensioners, pupils and students (with appropriate ID) - 1.20 EUR, discounts for groups (of 20 people or more) - 10%. Free entrance for preschool aged children and people with disabilities (with an appropriate ID). Payments with credit/debit cards are accepted in the castle ruins!

📍 56.638220, 25.417548

6. Koknese lutheran church

The church was built in 1687. Ernst Glück, first translator of the Bible into Latvian, once used to serve as a priest here. The tower was built in 1887. The tower features a big cast iron bell. In the 1970s, the church was home to the Art and History Museum. The inside of the church has been decorated with paintings by Aldis Donenbergs.

Address: Blaumaņa street 1 📍 56.641241, 25.433381

7. Likteņdārzs

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First work in the garden was started in 2008, by creating the avenue of apple trees. The avenue of apple trees and the many pathways lead you to the prospective amphitheatre and viewing terrace from which you can see the landscape of Daugava. We can all become a part of Likteņdārzs and participate in its creation. www.liktendarzs.lv

Address: „Likteņdārzs”, Koknese parish 📍 56.634947, 25.435955