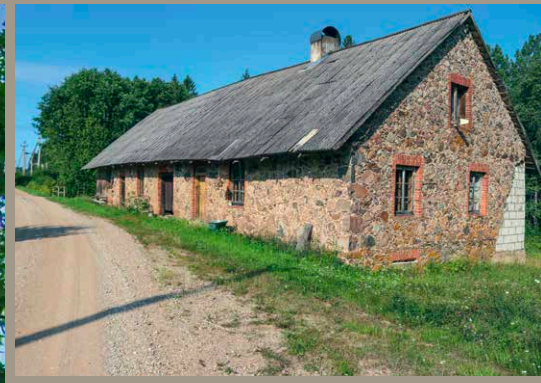


#16 LOOGAMÄE-HAANJA (Suur Munamägi)



ESTONIA
HAANJA UPLAND



LOOGAMÄE – HAANJA (Suur Munamägi), 23 km

On the way to the highest point in the Baltic States – Suur Munamägi Hill

Having crossed the border of Latvia and Estonia via a small local road, the Forest Trail follows a country road, passes solitary farmsteads and villages, then drifts upward the west slope of Haanja Upland until reaching Suur Munamägi ('Great Egg Hill' in Estonian). This is the highest peak on the entire route from Riga to Tallinn. Feel free to linger here for a while to enjoy the Haanja scenery and the local cuisine.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

..... 23 km

🕒 7 – 9 h

🚩 Latvian/Estonian border
between Lake Mazais Baltiņš
and Loogamäe

🚩 Haanja village by Suur
Munamägi

📍 Loogamäe – Luutsniku –
Viitina – Haanja



Gravel roads and paved roads.
Stairs on Suur Munamägi Hill.



Medium



Be careful on the smaller and
winding rural roads!



The only places to eat and
shop are located in Haanja
village.



FORESTS

In Estonia, the trail begins in the old western taiga of the Väike-Palkna landscape protection area. The trail continues along smaller and larger roads in the cultural landscape of the Haanja Upland, where you can see forest-covered domes everywhere. Larger masses of forests are in the villages of Saluora, Mahtja and Haanja. Most of these forests are western taigas growing on fertile soil, but there are also single fragments of deciduous forest.

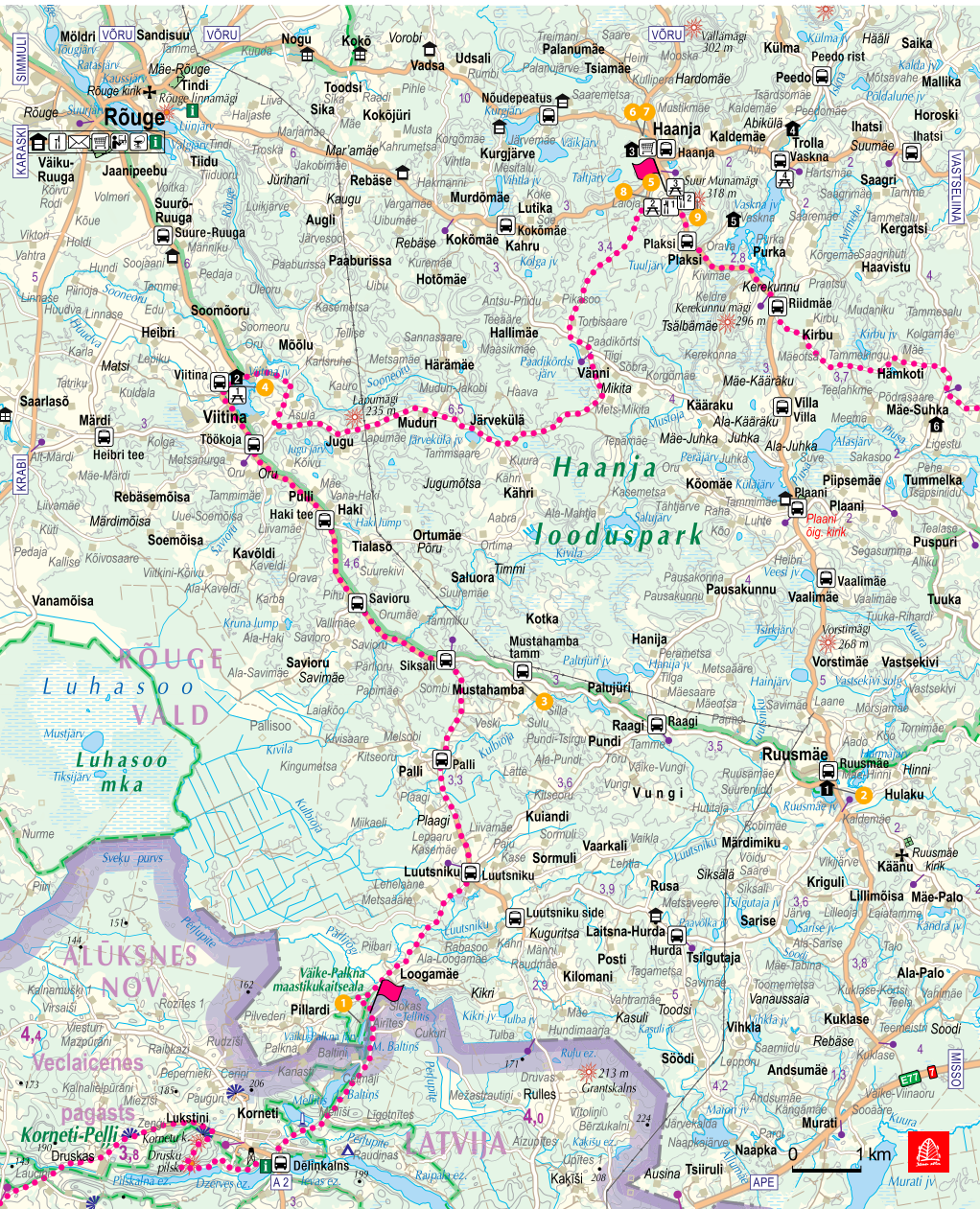
WORTH SEEING!

- 1 Väike-Palkna nature reserve** is located just off the Latvian border and forms an integral whole with the nature reserve in the Republic of Latvia. GPS: 57.6083, 26.9716
- 2 Rogosi castle manor in Ruusmäe.** First mentioned in 1957. GPS: 57.6361, 27.0880
- 3 Mustahamba oak.** The tree has a circumference of 6.65 m and height of 25 m. The picturesque oak tree is thought to be over 350 years old. GPS: 57.65165, 27.01322
- 4 Viitina manor (and park)** was a knight's manor, first mentioned in 1542. GPS: 57.6927, 26.9458
- 5 Haanja nature park.** Roughly 18% of the territory of the nature park lies more than 250 meters above the sea level. Here, one can find the highest peak in the Baltic states – (318 m) Suur Munamägi and the deepest lake in Estonia – Rõuge Suurjärv (38 m). GPS: 57.7166, 27.0499
- 6 Haanja recreation and sports centre.** The skiing slopes and cross-country skiing tracks in Haanja are suitable for beginners and experienced skiers alike. Next to the recreation centre is a shooting range for biathlon lovers. GPS: 57.7227, 27.0488
- 7 Haanja disc golf park** has a total of 18 baskets on a course of almost 2 km. Perfect for more experienced players. GPS: 57.7227, 27.04888
- 8 National Geographic yellow window** draw the guests' attention to special places, historical events, traditions, culture and nature in South-Estonia and tell the story of the local people. GPS: 57.71374, 27.05497
- 9 Suur Munamägi Hill.** 318 m above the sea level. The highest point of the Baltics provides its visitors with a splendid 50 km range view of the Estonian nature. GPS: 57.71397, 27.05994

SERVICES

Accommodations

- 1. Rogosi Manor guesthouse,** +372 5051547; GPS: 57.63580, 27.08830
- 2. County house "Viitina Puhkemaja",** +372 5248067; GPS: 57.69100, 26.94540



- 3. Guesthouse "Haanja Village Holiday House",** +372 5289100; GPS: 57.72050, 27.05130
- 4. Country house "Jõeniidu Holiday House",** +372 5304733; GPS: 57.72191, 27.08532
- 5. Country house "Vaskna Tourism Farm",** +372 5087359; GPS: 57.71048, 27.07015
- 6. Country house "Suhka Tourism Farm",** +372 5193800; GPS: 57.68250, 27.11690

Shops
In Haanja, +372 7878831; GPS: 57.72074, 27.05168

Catering
1. Café Suur Muna, +372 58664668; GPS: 57.71330, 27.05520
2. Café 318, +372 55543116, GPS: 57.7138, 27.0600

Public transport
 Bus Võru–Rõuge–Haanja–Luutsniku–Haanja–Võru once a day.

Rest areas

- 1. Picnic area in Viitina,** GPS: 57.69244, 26.94624
- 2. Haanja campfire site,** (up to 4 tents are allowed) GPS: 57.71304, 27.05078
- 3. Suur Munamägi campfire site,** Paved parking space for up to 6 buses or 20 cars. The site has benches, information boards, and a separate dry toilet for women and men. GPS: 57.7151, 27.0554
- 4. Vaskna lake campfire site,** (up to 10 tents are allowed) GPS: 57.71628, 27.08315

TOURIST INFORMATION:

- 1. Võru County Tourist Information Center,** www.visitvõru.ee, +372 7821881; GPS: 57.8479, 26.9944
- 2. Rõuge Tourisminfo Center,** +372 5032341 (June–August); GPS: 57.72840, 26.93913