



ACTIVE LEISURE & WELLBEING



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Address: Kurmenes iela 12A, Skaistkalne, Ph. +371 25500883 www.kanoenoma.lv

YOUTH CENTER “KLINTS”

SUP board and bicycle rental. Address: “Kurmenes skola”, Kurmene, Ph. +371 20038364

BOAT RENTAL – CAMPSITE “LUTAUŠI”

Canoes, hot tubs, sports field, open-air stage, boat and SUP rental. Address: “Lutauši”, Kurmenes pag., Ph. +371 28354626

FISHING IN RECREATION COMPLEX “VALLE”

Address: “Mežmaļi-3”, Valle, Ph. +371 29174814, www.valle.lv

SPORTS AND RECREATION COMPLEX

“PĪLĀDŽI MOTOTRACK”

Mototrack, camping. Address: “Pīlādži”, Stelpe, Ph. +371 26439235



PICNIC AREAS



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- ◆ Skaistkalne Karst Sinkholes (shelter, table, fire pit)
- ◆ Āne-Mēmele Manor Park (rest and picnic area, small children’s playground, river access, fire pit, table, bench, WC)
- ◆ Open-air Museum “Ausekļu dzirnavas” (rest and picnic area, small children’s playground, shelter, fire pit, table, bench, parking, WC)  €
- ◆ Bārbele Sulphur Spring (shelter, table, benches)
- ◆ Bārbele School (rest area, table, benches, parking, WC)  €
- ◆ Recreation Complex “Valle” (gazebo, shelter, grill, tables, benches, small children’s playground, parking, WC)  €
- ◆ “Virši” Fuel Station in Valle (tables, benches, parking, WC)
- ◆ Rest area by Valle Pond (tables, benches, swimming area, fire pit)

€ ENTRANCE FEE



PUBLIC TOILETS

- ◆ By Skaistkalne Culture Centre (Kurmenes iela)
- ◆ By Skaistkalne Market Square (Skolas iela)
- ◆ By Kurmene Catholic Church
- ◆ “Virši” Fuel Station in Valle (Rīgas iela 2, Valle)
- ◆ In Āne-Mēmele Manor Park (Mēmele)
- ◆ By Bārbele Open-Air Stage



Take a guided tour of Skaistkalne! Environmental guide Laima Indriķe: Ph. +371 26346250



Enhance your walk with themed audio guide stories “Get to know the Vecumnieki area!”: izi.travel/VisitBauska



BICYCLE ROUTE NR. 402
“BAGĀTĀ ZEMGALE”



TOURISM
ROUTE MAP



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LEIŠMALĪTE - THE LATVIAN-LITHUANIAN BORDERLAND

STELPE- BĀRBELE - SKAISTKALNE - KURMENE - VALLE

Here, you can **explore the nature, culture, history, and people** of Latvia’s borderlands – from collections of antique tools and farming equipment to the **oldest spa site in Bārbele**, the **Catholic heart of Zemgale**, and scenic walking trails alongside **karst sinkholes in Skaistkalne**, ending with a panoramic view from the church bell tower.

For a truly authentic Latvian experience, visit the **traditional sauna “Dvēseles dziednīca”** in the Zemgale heritage homestead “Everti” – where ancient healing rituals are practised and a restored 19th-century farmstead complex can be explored.

In Kurmene, enjoy the harmony of cultural heritage and nature – stroll through the manor park, admire the church architecture and visit the animals in the outdoor enclosures.

Plan your visit to coincide with seasonal festivities – **the Sowing Festival in May and the Harvest Festival in September** at the open-air museum “Ausekļu dzirnavas” in Bārbele, **St Peter’s Day celebrations in Kurmene** in late June, and **Kanapene Festival in Skaistkalne** in early August.

The route is also suitable for active recreation – enjoy **cycling along route No. 402 “Rich Zemgale”** between Skaistkalne and Kurmene to experience Zemgale’s pastoral landscapes, or **go boating** from Kurmene to Skaistkalne, taking in the calm flow of the River Mēmele, which marks the border.

Popular canoe routes in this area include: Ērberģe – Kurmene, Krasti – Skaistkalne and Skaistkalne – Āne-Mēmele Park. Hikers are also encouraged to follow **the marked St James Way**, which traverses the beautiful areas of Vecumnieki, Stelpe, Brukna, Bārbele, and Skaistkalne.



POINTS OF INTEREST



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OPEN-AIR MUSEUM “AUSEKĻU DZIRNAVAS”

Located in a traditional rural homestead featuring the “Trīne’s Granary”, a smithy, windmill, watermill, Bread House, Cart Barn, and other historical exhibits that highlight Zemgale’s cultural and historical values. In spring, the Sowing Festival takes place, while autumn brings the Harvest Festival, showcasing traditional tools and machinery in action. Pirogi and pancake tasting, bread baking. Address: “Ausekļu dzirnavas”, Bārbeles pag., Ph. +371 26396878, +371 29197412 www.ausekludzirnavas.lv

BĀRBELE SULPHUR SPRING

Considered one of Latvia’s first spa resorts, already noted in the 1650s during Duke Jacob’s rule, when a bathhouse was built near the spring. Today, the site includes a rest area, an informational display, and a wooden footbridge from which you can taste the mineral-rich spring water.

Address: 56.434544, 24.591627, Bārbeles pag.



BĀRBELE SCHOOL

Founded in 2018, Bārbele Boys’ Primary School is Latvia’s only school exclusively for boys, following the Montessori method. Since 2022, girls have also been admitted. The school offers programmes in aviation and ornithology.

Address: “Bārbeles pamatskola”, Bārbeles pag. Ph. +371 29121671, www.barbele.lv

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ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECT “BĀRBALA”

Installed in 2021 at the initiative of local residents, this sculpture by Uldis Šulcs recalls the legend of a wooden statue of Saint Barbara once standing at a crossroads. The village name, Bārbele, is believed to derive from this.

Address: 56.451144, 24.599130, Bārbeles dižaudze, Bārbele



LATVIAN PIRTS “DVĒSELES DZIEDNĪCA”

Part of the Zemgale heritage homestead “Everti”, which includes 19th-century buildings, with some dating back to 1871. The site features an ancient tools collection, the memorial room of artist N. Rutkovskis, the “Everti Meditation Labyrinth”, and the soul-healing pirts, offering traditional Latvian pirts rituals. Annual event: “Stop on the Wheel of Time at Everti”.

Address: “Everti”, Bārbeles pag., Ph.+371 26556452, www.everti.lv



ĀNE-MĒMELE MANOR PARK

A historic English-style landscape park from the 19th century. Features a herb garden, picnic and fire pit areas, a boat launch, swings, a viewing platform, and an open-air photo exhibition. Address: Mēmele, Ph. +371 26346250



HOMESTEAD “MAČĒNI”

Home to the “Sendienas” antique collection, including themed displays of household items, tools and rare objects. Outdoors, visitors can see fire engines, bobsleds and other unique artefacts.

Address: “Mačēni”, Skaistkalnes pag., Ph. +371 29122662



TREE-NURSERY “DOBĪTES”

Depending on the season, offers a wide range of fruit, vegetables, herbs, summer flowers, perennials, grasses, and other ornamental plant seedlings. The owner gladly shares local sightseeing tips.

Address: “Baltīņi”, Skaistkalnes pag., Ph. +371 29199638



SKAISTKALNE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Built by Jesuits, this Baroque-style church, dedicated to the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is one of the region’s most outstanding Catholic churches. Opened to the public in 1692, the interior is remarkably grand. The church was restored in 2022–2023 and guided tours are available by prior arrangement. Address: Skaistkalne, Ph. +371 26411090



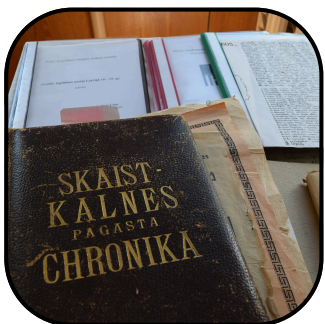
SKAISTKALNE GRANARY (MAGAZĪNA)

Built in the early 19th century, once used for grain storage. Now houses an interactive exhibition on karst sinkholes and geological processes. Offers plaster workshops and tours to the sinkhole areas. Address: Dzirnavu iela 2A, Skaistkalne, Ph. +371 26346250

SKAISTKALNE KARST SINKHOLES

A geological and geomorphological natural monument covering over 100 hectares, part of the EU’s Natura 2000 protected areas. Karst is an underground process where water dissolves rocks, forming voids that collapse into sinkholes. Notable sinkholes: Šķūņa, Siena Hollow, Goat Hollow, and others. Guided tours are available.

Address: Skaistkalne, Ph. +371 26346250



LOCAL HISTORY CENTRE “NOVADNIEKI”

Founded in memory of local historian P. Lukašēvics. Showcases materials on Skaistkalne’s history – chronicles, books, manor records, church archive items, and everyday objects. Guided town tours are available.

Address: Skolas iela 1, Skaistkalne, Ph. +371 26346250

KURMENE MANOR PARK AND CHURCH

The Neo-Classical stone church was built in 1870 by Count A. Komarowski and originally served the manor family and staff. The manor ensemble dates to the early 19th century; today you can visit the restored parsonage and granary, manor park with a pond, ceramic sculptures, the Catholic church, artificial ruins, and an animal park with ostriches, sheep, llamas, alpacas, and more. Address: Kurmene, Ph. +371 29325799



“MŪRU DZIRNAVAS” MILL

This is where poet Knuts Skujenieks spent his childhood and youth. His grandfather acquired the mill after it had been destroyed during the First World War and gradually restored it over the years. Guided tours are available by prior arrangement, offering insight into K. Skujenieks’ life and legacy. Address: “Mūru dzirnavas”, Kurmenes pag., Ph. +371 26537477



VALLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Built with funds from the last Duke of Courland, Peter, between 1781–1785. The first known pastor was Georgs Mancelis (1616–1620), a noted Latvian writer and linguist who also recorded Latvia’s first documented earthquake in Valle in 1616. From the church tower, enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding landscape. Address: Valle, Ph. +371 29124066



MUSEUM “ZVANĪTĀJU BUKAS”

Located in the former home of the Amtmanis actor family, this museum highlights their contribution to Latvian theatre. The name (“Bell-Ringer Bukas”) refers to the family’s role as generations of bell-ringers at Valle Church, and to the deer (buka) often seen in the yard. Every year, on 5 August, the birthday of Alfrēds Amtmanis-Briedītis, celebratory events are held. Address: “Zvanītāju Bukas”, Valle, Ph. +371 26608478



SHOPPING & LOCAL DELICACIES

- ◆ “Bruknas dārzi” (sukādes un garšvielas), Bruknas muiža, Brukna
- ◆ Mājražotāju plaukts veikalā “LaTs” Rīgas iela 24B, Vecumnieki



DINING

- ◆ Cafe “Bārbelīte”, Bārbele, Ph. +371 28632375
- ◆ Cafe “sĒdnīca”, Rīgas iela 24A, Vecumnieki, Ph. +371 26456639
- ◆ Pizzeria-Cafe “Pie Martas un Marijas”, Rīgas iela 34, Vecumnieki, Ph. +371 22087836



ACCOMMODATION

- ◆ Boat rental – campsite “Lutauši” Kurmenes pag., Ph. +371 28354626
- ◆ Recreation complex “Valle”, “Mežmalī-3”, Valle, Ph. +371 29174814, www.valle.lv
- ◆ Open-air Museum “Ausekļu dzirnavas”, Bārbeles pag., Ph. +371 26396878, +371 29197412; www.ausekludzirnavas.lv
- ◆ Youth Center “Klints”, “Kurmenes skola”, Kurmene, Ph. +371 20038364
- ◆ Sports and Recreation Complex “Pīlādži Mototrack”, Stelpe, Ph. +371 26439235
- ◆ Holiday cottage “Ozola stāsts”, “Sarkangalvji”, Valles pag., Ph. +371 26747140
- ◆ Holiday house “Slokas”, Vecumnieku pag., Ph. +371 26400501
- ◆ Holiday house “Semo Guest house”, Bauskas iela 18, Vecumnieki, Ph. +371 22435311
- ◆ Holiday house “Priedēni”, Aizupes iela 21, Vecumnieki, Ph. +371 29535712
- ◆ Apartment in Vecumnieki, Parka iela 6, Vecumnieki, Ph. +371 29347883

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