Koknese nature trail

Koknese inspires and surprises regardless of the season! You can see it for yourself by taking a stroll on the Koknese nature trail (total length – 5,65 km) along rivers Pērse and Daugava. New features have been added to the newly created recreation area with romantic bridges and neat benches since 2013. It makes you stop for a moment in order to enjoy the most beautiful pictures painted by nature, the closeness of water and ancient heritage. The nature trail is popular among people who enjoy a slow walk (e.g., families with children), as well as those who lead an active life and cycle tourists.

You can start your walk on the trail from your preferred location in the Koknese park. We recommend that you begin your stroll from the stone gate. The path will take you to the highest wooden sculpture in the Baltic region 'For eternity' by Girts Burvis, legendary tea house-gazebo on the shore of river Pērse and the Koknese medieval castle ruins – a sign of the path of our nation's heroes.

If you follow Daugava closely, listen to melodies of nature and water, and you will soon find yourself in Likteņdārzs.

Changing seasons uncover the unique beauty of the nature trail and invite you on a delightful journey!

Wishing you a pleasant stay in Koknese!

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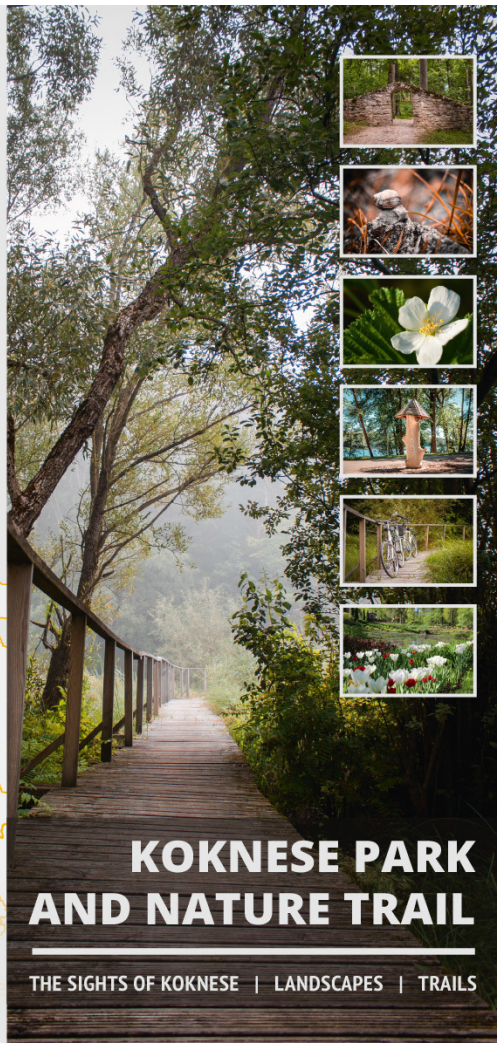

KOKNESE PARK AND NATURE TRAIL

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1. **The Koknese manor ensemble** (currently, Vidusdaugava Forestry). Rudolfs Blaumanis lived here from 1885 to 1887. His short stay in the Koknese manor is indicated by a memorial plaque next to the building of the former manager.

2. **The Koknese park** was created in 1900 by the river Pērse estuary in Daugava. Territory of the former manor still has park gates with stone pillars and the old road along manor ponds. **Wooden sculptures** 'Castle tower', sculpture with Latvian signs engraving, sculpture 'Catfish'. Sculptors Rurani.

3. **Sculpture 'Owl'.** Sculptors Rurani.

4. **Fountain 'Faun's head'** by sculptor V. Jakobsons.

5. **Reproduction of Pērse Waterfall.** The waterfall was an outstanding scenery element of Koknese Park.

6. **The Devil's Cellar. Wooden Swing.**

7. **Height gauge –** a decorative wooden ruler. Author A. Neija.

8. **The ruins of the New Castle of the Koknese manor.** The castle was built in 1894, for the owner of the manor, baron Otto von Löwenstern. During WWI, the castle was partially destroyed and has not been restored since. Only the basement and ruins of the foundation of the fancy New Castle remain.

9. **Wooden sculpture 'For eternity'.** Sculptor G. Burvis took four old oak trunks from Koknese park and created the highest wooden sculpture in the Baltic region.

10. **John`s Gate.** The gate of John's Cemetery has remained here, even after the destruction of the medieval Koknese City.

11. **Celtic cross from Swedish times.** Cemetery of the ancient castle and Saint John's chapel used to be here. John's cemetery had peculiar Celtic crosses, also called Swedish crosses.

12. **Koknese cannons** were made from cast iron in the XVII century. In 1701, these cannons were fired for the last time.

13. **Gazebo 'Tea house'** overlooking the medieval castle ruins and the mouth of the Perse River in the Daugava. Author A. Neija.

14. **Memorial stone 'Pērse girl'**, sculptor J. Zihmanis. The place where the Perse waterfall once swept.

15. **Koknese medieval castle ruins.** Koknese medieval castle mock-up. Koknese medieval castle ruins hold stories and testimonies from ancient Hansa town times. They tell about the former mightiness of Koknese and its trading roads. Entrance fee.

16. **Koknese Lutheran Church.** Built in 1687, Ernst Glück used to serve here as a priest. It was restored in 1929.

17. **Recreation zone.**

18. **Helēna river.** When the water level in Daugava drops, a tree trunk avenue is visible. This remained from the big cutting of trees in 1966.

19. **The Garden of Destiny** is a symbol created in nature. It indicates continuous recovery and growth of the nation – this is where both human and state history, the present and future meet. Excellent environmental architecture has been combined with the beauty of the Koknese peninsula and the flow of river Daugava. Entrance fee.

20. **Koknese tourism information centre.** Mock-up for Koknese Medieval Castle and the Garden of Destiny. Gallery.