



PICNIC AREAS



BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT!



ENTRANCE FEE

- ◆ Rundāle Watermill (parking, tables, benches, children's playground, WC)
- ◆ Mežotne Hillfort (parking, tables, benches, fire pit, small children's playground, river access, WC)
- ◆ Mežotne Palace Park (table, bench, river access)
- ◆ Farmstead "Padegas" (table, bench, fire pit, river access, WC)
- ◆ Bērstele Manor Park (wooden shelter, table, benches, fire pit)

NB: If you extend your walk, during the summer season you can cross the Lielupe River—the pedestrian bridge connects Mežotne Castle Hillfort with Mežotne Castle Park (for the latest information check visit.bauska.lv!)



PUBLIC TOILETS

- ◆ Mežotne Hillfort
- ◆ By Rundāle Palace parking area (park side)
 - ◆ "Rundāles Avoti" (opposite guesthouse "Baltā māja", next to the bus parking area)



Certified guides at Rundāle Palace:

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Theatrical excursion: Ph. +371 29108396, jelena@ceremonija.lv



Enhance your walk with themed audio guide stories

"Discover the Surroundings of Rundāle!"

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TOURISM MAP



Bauskas region Tourism Information Center
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www.visit.bauska.lv

Tourism Information Point in Pilsrundāle
"Rundāles avoti", Pilsrundāle
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SURROUNDINGS OF RUNDĀLE

BAUSKA - MAZMEŽOTNE - PILSRUNDĀLE - SVITENE

Here, you will embark on a true journey through history! The majestic **Rundāle Palace** is not only a gem of Baroque and Rococo architecture in the Bauska region but also one of the most significant in Latvia and across Europe. Nearby, **Svitenes Manor** enchants with its classical style and historical stories, revealing surprisingly well-preserved decorative elements.

At **Mežotne Hillfort**, you can feel the strength of the ancestors – it is considered one of the largest fortified settlements of the ancient Semigallians from the 9th–13th centuries. Only in Bauska Region can you also visit a truly unique church that no longer serves its original religious purpose – the cultural space "**Mežotnes baznīca**".

To enhance your trip in this area, visit the "**Padegas**" family farm, where modern meets traditional – home-grown organic produce is transformed into healthy dishes and treats without artificial additives. At the educational farm "**Pie Ozoldārza**", nature's diversity is revealed through guided tours and creative workshops, right in Rundāle's countryside. This route is also ideal for **active travellers** – cycling route No. 401 "**Castles Around Bauska**" offers a new perspective on the landscapes, while **canoeing down the Lielupe** on the popular "**Bauska – Mežotne Castle Mound**" route lets you experience the river's power and the signature dolomite cliffs of the region.

To enrich your trip, we recommend visiting Rundāle in spring, when tulips and daffodils colour the palace gardens, in June, during the peony bloom and the Rundāle Garden Festival, in July, for the Early Music Festival, and in September, to attend Baltic Unity Day at Mežotne Castle Mound or enjoy a concert at "Mežotnes baznīca". In October, don't miss the atmospheric "Legend Night" at Svitenes Manor, when its doors remain open throughout the evening.



POINTS OF INTEREST



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RUNDĀLE PALACE MUSEUM



The finest example of Baroque and Rococo architecture and art in Latvia, built as the summer residence of the Duke of Courland, Ernst Johann Biron, and designed by architect Francesco Rastrelli. Visitors can explore the Golden Hall, White Hall and Grand Gallery, as well as the duke's apartments, ceremonial salons, private chambers, duchess' apartments, and exhibition rooms. The French Garden features all the typical Baroque garden elements – ornamental parterres, fountains, the Green Theatre, bosquets, pergolas, pavilions, and a labyrinth. Rundāle's French Garden is the most significant Baroque garden in the Baltics and was awarded the European Garden Award in 2021. Address: Rundāles pils, Pilsrundāle, Ph. +371 63962197, +371 26499151, www.rundale.net

ELECTRIC CAR TOUR IN RUNDĀLE PALACE PARK

Tours take place with narration from an audio guide in the French Garden, available in more than 10 languages. The service is offered from 1 May to 30 September!
Address: Rundāles pils dārzs, Pilsrundāle, Ph. +371 29169034



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RUNDĀLE WATERMILL MUSEUM

Built in the late 18th century, the mill has survived to the present day despite two devastating fires. Historically powered by water, it also had a steam engine installed. The museum's five floors showcase grain processing and a brewery. Beer tastings and active leisure equipment are available. Address: "Rundāles dzirnavas", Pilsrundāle, Ph. +371 20557777, www.rundalesdzirnavas.lv

RUNDĀLE SUNDIALS AND AMPHITHEATRE

Created in 2019, the sundials depict local Rundāle time, historically used before time zones were introduced. Local time means that noon is at 12:00, but the marked hours allow the time to be determined relative to astronomical noon. Address: Pilsrundāle 1, Rundāles pag.



FARMSTEAD "PADEGAS"

A family farm that processes its products, striving to preserve the natural composition without dyes or artificial additives. Products are grown using organic farming methods. Watermelons, melons, sea buckthorn, rhubarb, various vegetables, berries, and herbs are cultivated. Product tastings are available. Address: "Padegas", Viesturu pag., Ph. +371 26164473, www.padegas.lv

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FARMSTEAD "PIE OZOLDĀRZA"

Offers environmental educational tours ("Stories of Great Trees", "What is the IADT?", etc.), thematic lessons ("Getting to Know Insects", "Who Lives in a Natural Meadow?", etc.) and workshops (wood burning, soap making, glass/mirror painting, etc.). Address: "Zemītes", Viesturu pag., Ph. +371 29293446, www.docedis.webnode.lv



MEŽOTNE HILLFORT AND WINE HILL

One of the largest fortified settlements of the ancient Semigallians from the 9th-13th centuries. The mound features statues representing the ancient Semigallians – Madi, Zīle and Mari. For longer walks, a nearby pedestrian bridge over the River Lielupe (built in the 5th-10th centuries) connects the mound with Mežotne Palace Park. Address: Mežotnes pilskalns, Rundāles pag., Ph. +371 28022044, mezotnespilskalns.bauska.lv

CULTURAL SPACE "MEŽOTNE CHURCH"

The church dates back to the 17th century. It was shelled and burnt during both World Wars, losing its interior completely. In 1960, the building was converted into a mineral fertiliser warehouse, used until 1990. Following extensive renovation in 2023, an exhibition on the historical events of Mežotne Hillfort is displayed in the tower's intermediate floors, offering views over the Zemgale plain.

Address: Mežotnes pilskalns, Rundāles pag., Ph. +371 28022044, mezotnespilskalns.bauska.lv

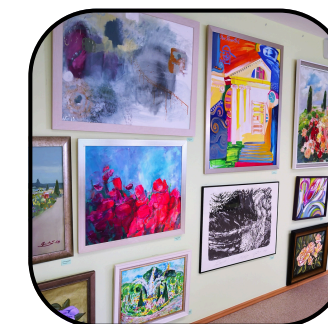


SVITENE MANOR AND PARK

One of the most beautiful Classicism-style manors in Zemgale, its interiors retain partially preserved luxurious decorative elements. On both sides of the River Svitenes, the manor park spans 10.2 hectares. Some trees are estimated to be around 200 years old, with many more planted between 80 and 150 years ago. Address: Svītene, Ph. +371 26672682

SVITENE PAINTING GALLERY

Features works by various professional artists created over the years during plein-air sessions and symposia organised mainly by the artist Īra Rozentāle. Address: Svitenes pagasta nodaļa, Svītene, Ph. +371 26672682



BĒRSTELE MANOR PARK

The manor changed owners several times during its existence – after the Grothus family, Ernst Johann Biron himself owned it for some time. The estate once included over 20 buildings – the manor house with garden, servants' quarters, barns, mills, stables, and three taverns. Today, only a fragment of the park and one servants' house remain. Address: Bērstele, Viesturu pag.

TASTINGS & CRAFTS

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CERAMICS WORKSHOP "LAIMA CERAMICS"

Masterclasses, product purchase. Address: Urštēni, Svitenes pag., Ph. +371 28338711

DINING

 AVAILABLE ONLY DURING THE SUMMER SEASON

- ◆ Cafe "Rundāles pils krogs", Pilsrundāle, Ph. +371 29224624
- ◆ "Baltā māja", Pilsrundāle, Rundāles pag., Ph. +371 29518447
- ◆ Restaurant "Rezidence", "Ābelītes", Pilsrundāle, Ph. +371 27009500
- ◆ Cafe "Ozollāde", Rundāles pils, Ph. +371 29105356
- ◆ Cafe "Grāfs", Pilsrundāle, Ph. +371 27308050

ACCOMMODATION

- ◆ Mazmežotne manor (SPA, hotel), Rundāles pag., Ph. +371 25772269, www.mazmezotne.lv
- ◆ Guest house "Baltā māja", Pilsrundāle, Rundāles pag., Ph. +371 29518447
- ◆ Guest house "Dzirnavnieki", Saulaine, Rundāles pag., Ph. +371 26311695
- ◆ Guest house "Grāvendāles pienotava", Viesturu pag., Ph. +371 26550859
- ◆ Rundāle Recreation Center (camping), Rundāles pag., Ph. +371 29252144

ACTIVE LEISURE & WELLBEING

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DISC GOLF PARK "ZIEDOŅI"

- ◆ 18 holes
Address: Ziedoņi, Rundāles pag., Ph. +371 26517070

GRĀVENDĀLE ATTRACTIONS

- ◆ Portable hot tub, inflatable attractions.
Address: Viesturu pag., Ph. +371 26107974

RUNDĀLE RECREATION CENTER

- ◆ Camping, boat rental
Address: Rundāles pag., Ph. +371 29252144



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