

THE FOREST TRAIL

Northern part

Grand Opening

September 4, 2021



HIKING:

Estonia, Lahemaa

Vainupea-Oandu (13km)



WHAT IS THE FOREST TRAIL?!

The Forest Trail is a long distance hiking route (in total 2141 km), a part of the European long-distance hiking route E11 in the Baltic States that leads through the most forested lands, regional, nature and national parks of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. The route starts from the Polish-Lithuanian border near the town of Lazdijai, leads through Latvia, turning into Riga, and finishes in Tallinn, Estonia. Name in Lithuania: Miško takas; in Latvia: Mežtakas; in Estonia: Metsa matkarada.

The project of the Northern part of the Forest Trail (Riga - Tallinn) is coming to an end, and we can evaluate its success, see where we are in Europe and share our experience.

You are welcome to join the Grand Opening of the trail - a joint hike (~ 13 km) on the Estonian coast in Lahemaa National Park on September 4.

We will hike a part of the Forest Trail section #41.

ABOUT THE HIKING SECTION:

After the village of Vainupea, the Forest Trail enters the oldest Estonian national park – Lahemaa, which means “the land of bays” in Estonian. Special attention must be paid to the rules of the park. On this section, the Forest Trail passes through beautiful and quiet coastal forests, where mushrooms grow abundantly in autumn. It passes through the scenic Altja fishing village. The section comes to an end at Oandu in the visitor centre of the Estonian State Forest Management (RMK), where hikers can learn more about forest habitat types and forest management traditions.



More information
about the Forest Trail on our
website www.baltictrails.eu.

PROGRAMME:

- 10.30 - 11.00 Gathering at Oandu, leave cars there, buses take hikers to Vainupea (20 min).
- 11.00 - 12.00 Gathering, snacks, souvenirs at a small coastal village of Vainupea. Village café, small fair, visits to the church.
- 12.00 **START of the hike to Oandu (13 km).**
- 13.30 - 14.30 Soup at Mustoja Campfire Site, 6,7 km from the start
- 14.30 - 15.30 Altja fishing village.
- 15.00 - 16.00 Arriving at Oandu, getting to know the area.
- 16.00 – 18.00 Farewells, expressions of gratitude, a meal, concert of a local youth folk band “Uurikad”.

NB! No public transport to Vainupea or Oandu.

Accommodation:

- Free campsite at Oandu;
- Several holiday homes etc. on Booking.com;
- Several holiday homes etc. on kaitsealad.ee.

Please register here:

<https://forms.gle/RWytmzT3h4oEWAGf7> (reg. by 28/8)

Only people who can show a COVID-19 certificate will be able to participate or negative test not earlier than 72 hours.

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