

Pāvilosta region



Pāvilosta

Saka parish: Ulmale, Akmeņrags, Saka, Rīva, Orgsājiena, Sājiena, Strante
Vērgale parish: Vērgale, Ploce, Bebe, Saraiķi, Ziemeupe

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SYMBOLS



Number of beds



Number of rooms



Internet



Bathhouse



Electricity
connection to trailers



Credit cards accepted



Party rooms



Catering



Season



Number of tents



Pāvilosta

Have you ever gone along the street and suddenly realized that you have come to the sea coast? If not, go to Pāvilosta or Āķagals as it was called earlier. They say that there are the sunniest days in the year. The river Saka flows through Pāvilosta which is one of the shortest (only 6km) and deepest rivers in Latvia (in some places the depth reaches even 11m).

Territorial area of Pāvilosta region 515km²

Pāvilosta 6km²

Saka parish 318km²

Vērgale parish 191km²

Population of Pāvilosta region as of 01.11.2012.- 3106

Pāvilosta - 1099

Saka parish - 596

Vērgale parish - 1411

The distance from Saka parish board to Pāvilosta Regional Council is 7,4km

The distance from Vērgale parish board to Pāvilosta Regional Council is 27,7km

The distance from the center of Pāvilosta region to:

Rīga 211,9km

Liepāja 53,1km

Ventspils 76,8km

Kuldīga 63km

The borders of Pāvilosta region are Grobiņa, Durbe, Aizpute, Alsunga and Ventspils regions. It has a 46km long maritime border.

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Sea holly (lat.- *Eryngium maritimum* L.) is located in Ziemeupe natural reserve and is a very rare, magnificent, even outstanding ornamental plant. In Latvia sea holly can be found only in two places – Ziemeupe and Uzava -, and also there just few dozen plants. It can be seen in the dunes, where it grows in the bare sea-sand and despite all storms.

For the first time the plant was found in Ziemeupe surroundings in 1899. by K.R.Kupfers and P.Lakšēvics.

From June, 2011, sea holly is a symbol of the Pāvilosta area armorial bearings.

Welcome to Pāvilosta region!

The town of Pāvilosta leads its life as an old sailing vessel moored to the coast of the Baltic Sea for already more than 130 years. It is a town having tough shoresmen and sharp fishermen's wives who can find amber. This town also has curious young people who want to know what is behind the horizon like Crazy Dauka – latvian fairy tale character. The town has been the center of Pāvilosta region since July 2009. It is the center of the region where the town of Pāvilosta, as well as Saka and Vērgale parishes have joined together. Just now, strong and steady farmers have joined the tough fishermen.

Pāvilosta region is a place where people work, go in for sports, play theatre and dance folk dances. Children study at music and art schools and the smallest children spend their weekdays at pre-school educational institutions “Dzintariņš” and “Kastanītis”.

Pāvilosta is located just between the proud Ventspils and windy Liepāja which allures by its peace and silence, as well as by the open sea and wind rustle.

The local innkeepers and guest house owners, fishermen, shopkeepers, as well as local manufacturers will take care of your feeling of comfort with fresh smoked fish, homemade bread, honey, honeyfast sea trips, knowledgeable tour guides and fragrant birch besoms in a warm heated bathhouse.

Uldis Kristapsons

Chairman of the Pāvilosta Region Municipality.





History of Pāvilosta



In 1879, the German baron Otto Friedrich von Lilienfeld founded a harbour and town here which was called in the name of his brother – Governor of Kurzeme Paul von Lilienfeld – Pāvilosta (Paulshafen). Pāvilosta was used to call Āķagals. In 1878, construction of bulwarks was started which cost 8 thousand golden rubles to Baron Lilienfeld. More rapid development of Pāvilosta began along with the construction of Liepāja Karosta which was started in 1893 and the stones of Pāvilosta and Saka were used in this construction work. At the turn of 19th and 20th centuries, construction of sailing ships started. 15 sailing ships were built in Pāvilosta and their farthest cargo shipment has reached the coasts of France and Spain. The fleet of sailing vessels and motor boats of Pāvilosta was badly destroyed by the fire of the First World War. Around 1935, fishermen joined together as a cooperative and having lived through the storms of the Second World War established a fishermen artel "Dzintarjūra" in 1947. Pāvilosta prospered and developed as a significant fishing harbour. A lot of population of Jūrkalne moved to Pāvilosta and found a job here. The "silver" taken from the sea turned into rubles. Houses were built, the streets were laid with asphalt and lighted, a new school and recreation centre were built and a fishing fleet was expanded to 17 vessels for the earned money. In 1974, the fishermen collective farm "Dzintarjūra" became a division of Liepāja fishermen collective farm "Boļševiks" according to the state policy. The changes brought by the awakening period have also affected Pāvilosta – the former fishermen collective farm was led to bankruptcy as a result of mismanagement, however, fishermen found their place – they started coastal fishing which was forbidden during Soviet times and renewed the motorboat fleet by purchasing them from the Gotland fishermen. But since 2000, SIA "N-Stars" has been managing the former fishermen collective farm.

At the end of 2004, Saka region was established as a result of the merger of Saka parish and the town of Pāvilosta, but since July 1, 2009, Pāvilosta region was made as a result of the merger of Saka region and Vērgale parish. We will further make common history of Pāvilosta region!





Pāvilosta

1 Pavilosta Local History Museum and Boat House

Collection of over 8,000 items. Sustainable exposition tells the story about the history of Pāvilosta city and Saka rural municipality, separate exposition is established for ambers and fossils found by inhabitants of Pāvilosta. Museum is proud of unique beaten bronze brooches and belts found in Saka rural municipality. In the Boat House can be seen bulky exhibits of the museum. In 2012, for the first time to the visitors opened the mansard, where all year long can be seen various temporary exhibitions.

15.09.-14.05. Mon. – Fri. 9.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m., Sat., Sun. closed 15.05.-14.09. Mon., Tu. closed, Wed. – Fri. 11.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m., Sat., Sun. 12.00 a.m.- 4.00 p.m. Ls 0,15 for students and pensioners, Ls 0,50 for adults, 50% discount for disabled visitors, guide service in the museum – Ls 2,00, tours around Pāvilosta and the neighbourhood Ls 6/h.

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2 Pāvilosta (Āķagals) Big Boulder

Pāvilosta Big Boulder (Sea Boulder) is washed by the waves in the sea about 50m from the coast, its height above the bottom is 3,5 m (1,5 m in the water) and its perimeter reaches 15 m. During Soviet times this boulder served as a landmark behind which people were not allowed to go further along the coast. The depth of water around the boulder may change but usually it is 1,3-1,5m. In calm and warm weather it is possible to ford to the boulder but you must be careful when there are big waves because it is considerably deeper at the boulder.

3 Ship "Dole"

RB type fishing vessels dominated in the fleet of Pāvilosta fishermen collective farm "Dzintarjūra" in 1950-ties and 60-ties which were built in the German Democratic Republic (East Germany). Dimensions of the ship: length – 18,2 m, width – 5,22 m, height – 2,5 m. The ship was to Pāvilosta Local History Museum, and, owing to support of the State Culture Capital Foundation it was restored in 2005 and serves as a tourism object.

4 Vītoli Street

Until 1890, about ten houses have been in Pāvilosta. Vītoli Street may be considered as the oldest street in Pāvilosta.

5 Klusā Street

House numbers in this street are arranged one after another, not in the usual way - even house numbers at one side of the street and odd numbers at the other side.

6 Bulwark

The first bulwarks were built in 1878. The original port gate was made of rows of bollards and stone layers. In 1929, they were extended by concrete blocks. The port is ice-free and located in a geographically favorable place, the length of the channel is 950m, width 45- 50m. The narrow entrance of the channel of 52m and the parallelly built bulwarks bother busier movement of vessels.

7 Semi centennial Park

It is made in honor of semi centennial of the town of Pāvilosta. The oak planted by the State President Gustavs Zemgals in 1929 grows in the park.

8 Upesmuiža Park

Upesmuiža Park is 7,5 ha large and it is arranged around the former castle ensemble. The ancient, original stone stairs have remained in the park, as well as the former forestry building of the estate which was built around 1836. A stone bench has remained in the park since bygone days, perimeter of which is 5,55m. A story has been recorded about it (A.Grinbergs, March 25, 2002): a falling tree killed the estate manager's daughter in this place and afterwards the estate manager liked to stay in this place, therefore a bench was put in this place. The Great stone of Upesmuiža Park is located there which is a potential cult stone. It is 3,3m long, 2,9m wide and 1,5m high. Its perimeter is 11m and volume m^3 .

9 Centennial Park

It is made in honour of the centennial of Pāvilosta with the great stone in the center of the park. The monument for the victims of retaliation of 1941 and 1949 is placed in the park. A lime-tree planted by the State President Vaira Vīķe- Freiberga in 2007 grows in the park. In the town festival each Honorary person planted a tree in the park in honour of the 130th anniversary of Pāvilosta.

10 Baptist Church

In 1897, Baron Otto Friedrich von Lilienfeld gave a permission to build a church and allocated a building plot from the land belonging to him. Construction work of the church was started in 1900, but on December 10, 1906, the 1st service was held in the newly-built church. Klusā iela 8, +371 63498351, +371 26792857 (register your visit in advance).

11 Pāvilosta Evangelical Lutheran Church

In 1930, more than 400 parishioners and 50 Sunday school students lived in Pāvilosta and the closest church was 7km far. On January 6, 1930, a decision was adopted in the meeting of Sakasleja parish council to build a church in Pāvilosta. Brīvības iela 26, +371 63498276, +371 29226273 (register your visit in advance).

12 Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church

After the Second World War in the 50-ties of XX century more than 100 Catholic people were moved from Grīnī and Jūrkalne to Pāvilosta. On May 7, 1998, Catholic parish was established and therefore the possibility to build a Catholic church in Pāvilosta was provided. The location for the church was selected by support and recommendation of Pāvilosta Council. Owing to the care of Latvian emigrant Bruno Danis living in Australia, organizer's talent of Dean Vilhelms Lapelis, skills of the company workers and work of several people living in Pāvilosta, the new Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church was built in 1999. It was dedicated on September 23, 2000. Viršu iela 1, +371 26578580 (Priest), +371 63449990 (register your visit in advance).



13 Church Hill

An archeological monument of national importance – a Stone Age settlement. The recreation centre of Pāvilosta is located in Church Hill. The building was built in 1909 as Pāvilosta Brothers parish preaching house.

14 Grey Dune

Grey dunes of Pāvilosta are one of the most varied grey dunes in Latvia – they are included in the list of EU protected biotopes. NATURA 2000 territory. They spread to the north from the Saka mouth within the length of 1.5km and their width reaches 200, and even 740m in some places. The area of the Nature Reserve "Pāvilosta Grey Dune" is 42.5 ha. The Nature Reserve was established on October 30, 2007 so that to provide the largest grey dune in Latvia, a specially protected biotope – a grey dune covered by caulescent plants, grey dunes with shrubby stands, woody seaside dunes, dry heath of sand plains of the coastal lowland and protection of the specially protected species living there.

More information +371 29417941.

15 E. Šneiders' Square

The former marketplace. The building at E. Šneiders' Square 2 is the former Pāvilosta Elementary School which was built as a pharmacy but now is an art school. There are located a monument to Ernests Šneiders (1892-1948), a teacher, social worker, founder of planting of greenery of the village.

16 Storm Pine- tree

It has spited the severe gales for years. It is still alive even not being in the lee side. Every morning the pine sees off fishermen to the sea, but in the evenings it meets them at home.

17 Traditional school of skills – fish smoking

Every second Saturday of every month there is a possibility to acquaint with fish smoking and try it yourself in Pāvilosta. Finally, degustation of the own smoked fish.

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Unusual plays with sand, meadow and forest delicacies, exciting journey

New

from sea bluff to Grey dune and creative workshops. With prior notification. +371 29488247, puertoviva@inbox.lv, <http://puertoviva.blogspot.com>

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For active recreation!

Bicycle route "Travel around Pāvilosta" (6km)

Road surfacing – asphalt, gravel, sand. The route begins from the TIC of Pāvilosta region and it is possible to go sightseeing in Pāvilosta. Further details about the route may be received in the TIC of Pāvilosta region.

Bicycle hire

Different types of bikes, children bicycle seats.

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TOPCAT catamaran hire

An opportunity to enjoy a new way of recreation – sailing by the TOPCAT catamaran K1, K2, K3. A possibility to use trainer services will be provided for beginners. Ostmalas iela 4, +371 63498581, +371 26557856 info@pavilostamarina.lv, www.pavilostamarina.lv

Canoeing

You have a great possibility to forget daily work for a moment and enjoy silence and peace of nature, as well as go canoeing on the Saka, Durbe or Tebra rivers. We offer 4 and 3 seat canoe boats up to the group of 26 people, our own routes, a canoe boat, transportation of the equipment to your required place and also life jackets. Pjāvu iela 4, +371 29272547, rita3001@inbox.lv

To go boating

Trip with boat (6 persons) accompanied by an experienced captain at sea watching the sunset or swimming, as well as by Saka river to Upesmuiza park. Possible to go fishing, fishing equipment available. Ostmalas iela 4, +371 63498581, +371 26557856, info@pavilostamarina.lv, www.pavilostamarina.lv

Trips at sea with a fishing boat

New

Opportunity to go fishing. You can be invited by the owner of the fisherman's farm to a sea trip or go fishing together. Later, the fish caught in the sea can be deliciously smoked in the „Fisherman's farm”. +371 63498400, +371 26321587, +371 29449927, juris-5707@inbox.lv, inga-62@inbox.lv, www.zvejniekseta.lv

Pavilosta youth SURF club

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New

Outdoor hockey field, skating rink, street-ball, floor-ball field, skate park

New

Pāvilosta sports ground, +371 29230995.

Tennis court

Tennis court is opened for sports enthusiasts in the Pavilosta city sports field during the summer season from 01.05.- 30.09. Possibility to rent the equipment. Game time advance booking is advisable +371 29230995.

Sailing school

We offer more individual attitude to trainees – up to 3 students on one catamaran! More practical classes on the catamaran – less classes in the classroom! Good wind and favorable location on the coast of the Baltic Sea. More than only sailing! Sincere, confident, enthusiastic and professional trainers. A weekend spent by sailing.

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Sea boats

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Trips with wooden boats

New

Trips with wooden boats, that are built in Pavilosta using traditional fishing boat models. Offer to groups up to 40 people. SIA „Vēju paradīze”, Smiļšu iela 14, +371 29125521, laivas@veju-paradize.lv, www.pavilostaslaivas.lv

ACCOMMODATION- Pāvilosta

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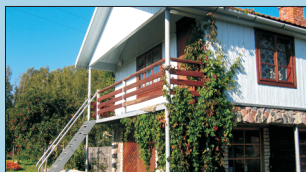


GUEST HOUSE



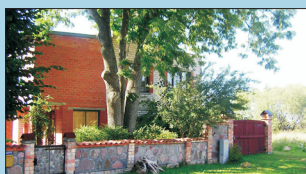
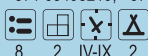
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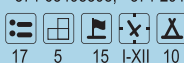
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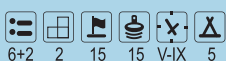
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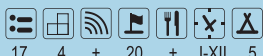


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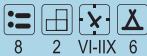


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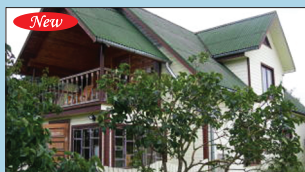


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Pāvilostas karte

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Pāvilostas novada karte

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Saka parish

History of Saka parish

The name of Saka has been first recorded in 1230. From the second half of the 13th century until the Livonian War Saka is the estate of bishops who have let it out for several times. From the 15th till 18th century Ostenzakeni family have lived in Saka. At the place of confluence of two small rivers - Durbe and Tebra, where the river Saka starts its flow to the sea there is the historical centre of Saka (Saccze) rich in tales and stories with Couronian and Knights' Castle Mounds, as well as with Saka Leja Evangelic Lutheran Church. During governance of Duke Jacob (1642–1682), a port has been in Saka which was used by traders from Aizpute in their interests. Within a year from 50 to 150 merchant ships entered the port, mainly from Holland. The active port life was stopped by the Polish – Swedish War. One of the port storehouses has remained until now. Upesmuīza parish was established around 1890 by uniting the small Saka parishes the administrative territory of which has been changed for several times. During the First World War, Akmeņsraigs lighthouse and Ulmale estate were destroyed in the firing of war ships. In the 30-ties of the 20th century, Latvian families arrived to Saka Grīņi which made about 60 households there. Tragic events took place in Grīņi during the Second World War when the German authority cruelly revenged to the supporters of the Red Partisans. During Soviet times, several collective farms were established within the territory of Saka. Later all of them were joined to the collective farm "Centība". Saka region is also crossed by the Riva river the wild and virgin banks of which allure nature lovers and fishermen. 70% of the territory of the region is woodland.

18 Akmeņsraigs lighthouse

Go to Akmeņsraigs the main pride of which is a stone lighthouse 35 m high. The first lighthouse was built in 1884 which was destroyed during the First World War. Since 1921, the lighthouse rises above the wood again. Having climbed the lighthouse you may see a fantastic view of the sea and the surrounding wood. Entrance fee: Ls 1,00 for adults, Ls 0,40 for children, pensioners and students. +371 28350899. Lighthouse Manager has made the "Local Museum" in the open air as she calls it. Entrance fee is Ls 0,20. The amber and fossils found near Akmeņsraigs lighthouse may be seen there.

Mon.- Fri. 8.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. Other time you are requested to register your visit in advance.

19 Saka – Leja Evangelic Lutheran Church

It was built around 1560 in the place where Saka port was located earlier. The church is decorated by a ship model which is more than 170 years old. People believed that it protects mariners from a shipwreck. There are only a few churches in Latvia where a ship model is raised to an honorable position. Register your visit in advance by calling +371 29124128.

20 Artifact storehouse "IEVLEJAS"

A storehouse of the cultural heritage of Saka region. Various ancient tools may be seen, as well as other household articles. +371 29124128.

21 Strante – Ulmale Steep Coast

It spreads within the length of several tens of kilometers and its height reaches even 16m in some places. The steep coast consists of sand and clay, therefore it is dangerous to walk on its laps, as well as be under them because landslides may form. During a storm the waves rush across the beach and gnaw in the steep coast, therefore, the sea annually regains a piece of land.

22 Maznodupju Stone Load – Mara's Sanctuary

Mara's Sanctuary is made of a round stone load about 0,5m high and its diameter is about 50 m. In 2001, as a result of archaeological studies the scientists have come to a conclusion that this place is possibly connected with farming rituals in the 6th and 7th centuries. In wet autumns and springs it could be difficult to get to this object.

23 Oak path “Sēku ozoli”

The path leads along the right bank of the Durbe river from the house “Sēkas” to Elku Hill. The length is around 4km. You will have an opportunity to view interesting nature objects (great oaks of about 7m, as well as original trees) and see beautiful natural landscapes. Two protected oaks grown together – a bridge of branches are located there. The place is suitable for fishing. The path may be viewed under the guidance of a guide +371 26844112. The Sēku landmark is located there – an ancient landmark (a historical stone). It is angular by shape but having a conical surface with one end split off flatwise. One side of the landmark has 4 borings for screws. It is now placed obliquely and slanted towards Liepāja.

24 Ulmale (Pinni) Hollow Stone – Sacrificial Stone

Our ancestors have met at this stone already at the end of the 13th century. One of the brightest hollow stone samples. The diameter of the hollow is about 60cm and its depth ~15cm. People treated themselves with the water collected in the hollow and sacrificed to gratitude for the treatment. They say that the water in the hollow does not freeze even in the frost of 20 degrees! 1,27m long, 1,15m wide and 0.70m high – perimeter 4,08m. The most widely-known Latvian cylindrical hollow stone, an archaeological monument. The information may be found in the literature that it has also been called a God's stone. The hollow stone was overturned but in 1981, a group of J.Sudmalis nature friends “Dižakmens” placed it vertically.

25 Rest in the country estate “Lejas” Rīvas

Acquire the harnessing skills, horse rides, carriage tours, milking a goat, as well as feeding pets. A program for small children “How does a child feel in the country?” has been developed, walks along the forest trail, hurdles, visiting a mole in the country cellar, special wholesome food programs, purchase of country food and cooking, exhibition of the ancient tools and more... We also organize camps. Register your visit in advance by calling +371 25984069.

26 Rural bread baking and tasting in „Ievlejas” New

Opportunity to make and bake your own bread loaf. In Midsummer also home-made beer tasting. +371 29124128, ievlejasagita@inbox.lv, “Ievlejas”, Saka.

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Vērgale parish

History of Vērgale parish

30 km to the north from Liepāja is located Vērgale. It extends primarily in the flat seaside lowland, the east side extends in the West-Courland highland. Approximately one half of the territory is covered by forest, which are rich with plants and animals. On the sea is located nature reserve Ziemeupe, in which are many protected plants. In the rural municipality are many secular trees and Ziemeupe juniper stand. Vērgale rural municipality is bordering the Baltic Sea, Medze, Dunalka and Saka rural municipalities. Vērgale by name „Virgenare” was first mentioned in 1253 in Courland dividing contract in distribution between Courland bishop and German Order. There are information, that the area of Vērgale has been rented to Villekins, Bertolds Šteins, later belonged to Kuldīga department, than to Gothards Ketlers, Gerhards fon Noldems, who was G.fon Nolds son, in 1612 Vērgale was sold to Heinihs fon Sakens. Sakens family owned Vērgale till 1722, when after attorney Fridrihs fon Sakens death his heirs sold the estate to Georgs fon Bērs, the Ugales estate owner. After that in the fifth generation in 1920, Vērgale was lost by baron Dītrihs fon Bērs. Vērgala /then name/ rural municipality was founded in 1877. Shortly before World War I was added Medze rural municipality, in First Republic of Latvia became independent. In Soviet occupation period to Vērgale added Ziemeupe and also part of Tasi and Medze areas. In 1947 in Vērgale was established the first kolkhoz in Liepāja district – „Zelta Druva”. In 1948 – „Uzvara” and „Jaunais ceļš”. In 1950s they were united and established the kolkhoz „Leņģina ceļš”, which became a strong farm. In the same year was established kolkhoz „Kaija” in Ziemeupe and kolkhoz „Kopdarbs” in Saraiki. Later they were united in kolkhoz „Kopdarbs”. There are 4 libraries in the rural municipality, Vērgale recreation centre, Ziemeupe folk centre. The most active is dance group „Vērgalīte”, which took part in many general Latvian song and dance festival, recognizable is senior group „Vakarvējš”, as well as Vērgale rural municipality athletes.

In 1995 Vērgale won nomination the tidiest rural municipality in Courland. Significant archaeological sites: Elka hill (castle mound), Ošenieki ancient burial ground at the former Ošenieki half a manor (related to 5th century A.D.), Bruņenieki ancient burial ground (Swedish burial ground), Mazkalni medieval graveyard at the Mazkalni home. Local architectural monuments – Ziemeupe church, Saraiki church, Vērgale church, Mazkazi house, servants' house Dangaskalni, Vērgale manor house complex. School origins in Vērgale lead to around 1780 – 1790, when tapster Raudīte, who also was a church organist, taught the confirming youth. The first school building was built in 1828. School functioned in that building till October 26th, 1922, when it was moved to Vērgale manor castle. In Vērgale significantly has evolved tourism. In Saraiki is running Santa Claus Office. Notable contribution to Vērgale history is left by the museum founder Alfrēds Šnipke (1932 -2005), who wrote the books „Vērgale laiku lokos” and „Vērgale laiku lokos 2”.

In 2009 Vērgale rural municipality, of a merger with Saka district, establish Pavilosta district.

Ziemeupe

Ziemeupe is a small populated area at the coast of the Baltic Sea. The first records of Ziemeupe date back to 1422. Until 1954 it has existed as Ziemeupe parish, then joined to Vērgale parish and just now to Pāvilosta region. Our treasure - the silent, virgin, severe Ziemeupe seashore rich in rare plants. The power of Ziemeupe is rustle of the sea and heathbells, sincere and hospitable people. Visit us and make sure yourself! You will get to Ziemeupe if you go along the road Liepāja – Ventspils and turn to the sea in 27km.

27 Juniper Forest

One of the most distinguished, greatest, varied and healthy juniper forests in Latvia, where 536 junipers occupy about 2ha. A matgrass and sand sedge meadow is also important. Ziemupe juniper forest is a natural wonder – it is an original pure forest with junipers of various kinds, shapes and sizes. Juniper clumps form different labyrinths and rooms. The children visiting this place are willing to imagine that the junipers are real bewitched fairy tale characters. And once some newly-married couple has made their wedding bed in one of the juniper rooms. There is a special atmosphere – the fresh seaside air along with the light juniper smell has particularly healthy effect. This original place has a particular microreserve status therefore it may be visited only in the company of the local guides +371 29437166.

28 Ziemupe Church

Ziemupe Evangelical Lutheran Church is special among Kurzeme churches due to its small dimensions (25x11m) and architectonic simplicity because it even does not have a bell-tower. Originally, it was a wooden church, its altar was made in 1684 which is one of the earliest decorative sculpture samples having developed baroque characteristic marks. Therefore its wood-engravings and paintings play an important role regarding Kurzeme decorative art. The stone church was built in 1748. There is a musical instrument in the church – a harmonium made in the 20-ties by the company of J.Bokums who is the most well-known harmonium producers in Latvia. +371 26274155, entrance with donations.

31 Aužulī lime-tree

The fourth greatest lime-tree in Latvia (7,65 m) has obtained its name in honor of Aužulī home where it has grown. This home does not exist already for a long time. The lime-tree could be about 380 years old. It has been severely destroyed in the storm of 2005. A new lime-tree was planted near the great lime-tree on May 9, 2007.

29 Nature Reserve “Ziemupe”

It was established in 1999 and now its area is 2469ha. The Nature Reserve contains woods with a lot of Myrica stands and seashore from Ziemupe to Rudupe. You will find a lot of interesting plants in the dunes – a common moonwort, Dutchman's pipe and salsify. If you succeed, you will also meet an insect – an antlion. You will have a possibility to enjoy natural moss patterns. The nature Reserve may be visited together with the local guide +371 29437166.

30 Exposition “Story of Swordfish” in Ziemupe Village Hall

A swordfish was washed ashore in Ziemupe seashore on August 12, 2007. The fish of this species are typical ocean fish and rarely encountered in the Baltic Sea. A swordfish was 2.08m tall and weighed 37kg, its upper jaw extension or “sword” was about 70cm long. Specialists have found out that the swordfish is about 10 years old. The main exhibit of the exposition is its mullage made by the artists K.Panteļevs and I.Lapiņa of the creative group “Three Nutmegs”. +37129437166.

32 Stone load

Earlier when the seashore was not afforested the attack of the sea sand to agricultural lands did great harm to the population. In order to block up the sand, people living in Ziemupe made a long stone load. It is one of the versions how the stone load longer than a kilometer was made.

Ziemupe Kaijas SPA

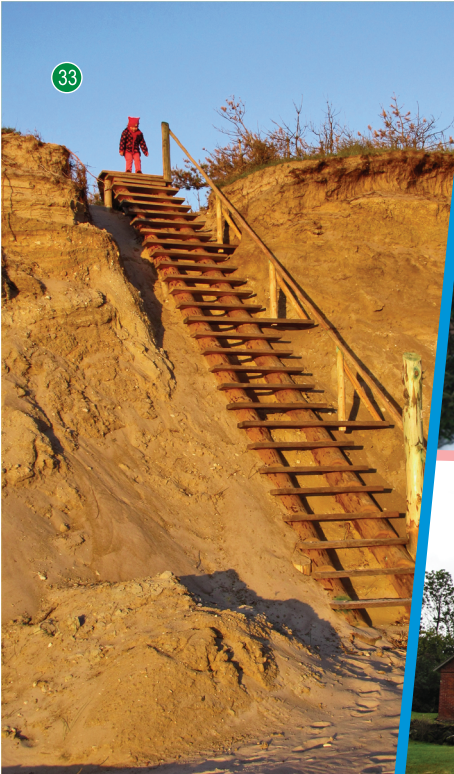
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33 Steep Coast at Ziemeupe

Its height ranges from 5 to 12m. During the last years the sea has taken a more than 10m wide area from the land. There is a really original flora in the dunes which you can view together with a guide +371 29437166.

34 Soviet Army unit

During Soviet times seven USSR Army units were located on the seashore from Liepāja to Akmeņrags. The border of the great country was defended against from the air, sea and land. The army unit No. 90450 P was located near Ziemeupe church.

Saraiķi

35 Saraiķi Evangelical Lutheran Church

It was built at the end of the 16th century which is testified by its two bells made in 1594 and 1602. The church was destroyed during the Great Nordic War. It was restored and dedicated on October 17, 1798 upon the wish of Saraiķi serf- owner, Baron Peter Jurgis Zigmund Offenbergs – "In honour of God and for the benefit of Ziemeupe people." You are requested to register your visit in advance by calling +371 25986244, entrance with donations.

36 Ziemeupe Santa Claus

Ziemeupe Santa Claus is waiting to visit every year in December the Christmas village in the Smiltņieku home, Saraiķi. At the nostalgic windy bluff, surrounded by the small pine trees, burns the fire, in the air dance on the fire made herbal tea vapor and compelling right there backed pancake smell by Pankūku Rūķis, which sweetly mingles with inalienable Christmas component - hot gingerbread scent... Games, homemade wax candles and greetings to your loved ones, with your own hands milled wonder-flour and invaluable Brīnumskapis... You will be greeted also by four-legged friends pony Kriksis and goat family Grieta and Jurgis... www.ziemassvetkuvecitis.lv Please book your visit in advance by phone +371 29122204.

37 Māsķu Oak

Its perimeter is 5,49 and height 22 m.

Vērgale

Vērgale Local History Museum

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It is located in one of the buildings of Vērgale manor house complex, the former distillery. After reconstruction the museum was opened in March, 1992. More than 3000 museum objects are stored in the collection. The most valuable exhibits are the ancient tools – stone axes, archaeological materials from the local excavations – ancient bronze jewelry. One of the biggest mantel chimneys in Kurzeme has remained in the building – an open-fire hearth for cooking where the smoke is discharged from the room through the open chimney passage. "Dīķenieki", Vērgale, +371 29338335.

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Vērgale Church, Cemetery, Monument to the Lovers and Vērgale Evangelical Lutheran Church

The church was founded in 1597. The first stone building might be built at the end of the 17th century. Under the church there was a crypt which was filled up in 1841 when Vērgale church was reconstructed. In 1985, the church was torn down. It was built anew in 1992. There is a cemetery around the church. The words "We could not otherwise..." are inscribed on some memorial tablet. Any person living in Vērgale will be able to tell you the tragic story of the lovers – the son of baron Stempelis and the maid Anna Lazdiņa.

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Vērgale Manor House Complex

The manor house was built as a hunting castle of Ugāle baron von Behr in 1797. The second floor was built in 1837. It is constructed as a two-floor long structure with a high socle floor, four-slope roof and two four-column porticoes in the frontons of which the coat of arms of the Behr family and decorative rosettes were placed. The manor house is the most significant Empire style object in the former Liepāja district. At present, Vērgale Primary School is located in the building. A remarkable place is Vērgale Manor House Park within the area of 4 ha where the planted rows of trees form a regular pattern. The park is historically significant – in 1905, several insurgents of Vērgale were tied to the park trees that were shot by the punitive expedition under the guidance of count Keizerling. A library is situated in the servant house and a recreation centre in the former barn. A parish board is located in the superintendent's flat. +371 29338335.



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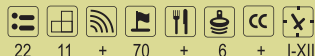
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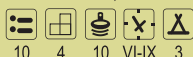


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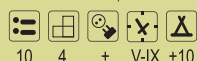
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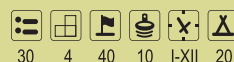
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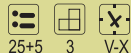
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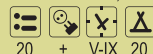
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EVENTS

JANUARY

1st January New Year's Eve party, Vergale

FEBRUARY

15th February Party „Under Valentine's Day heaven”, Vergale

16th, 17th February Pavilosta district sports days, Pavilosta

23rd February Gathering of musicians, Pavilosta

MARCH

22nd March Spring Solstice, Ziemupe

28th March Easter, Pavilosta

31st March Easter, Vergale

Song contest „Sniegpulkstenis”, Vergale

APRIL

20th April Pavilosta secondary school alumni reunion, Pavilosta

30th April Humor show, Vergale

MAY

4th May Celebratory fair, Vergale

18th May Pavilosta city holiday, Tourism season opening,

Museum Night at the Pavilosta local history museum, Pavilosta

JUNE

21st June Summer Solstice, Ziemupe

23rd June Ligo, Herb Market, Pavilosta, Vergale

29th June Pavilosta's name day celebration,

Song Festival opening celebration in districts, Pavilosta

JULY

12th,13th July Fishermen's Festival, Pavilosta

20th July The Fourth Bebe's gathering, Bebe

27th July Sand sculpture festival „Zelta smilšu grauds”, Pavilosta

AUGUST

9th August Saka rural municipality holiday, Saka

10th August Ziemupnieki day, Ziemupe

11th-17th August International youth Award summer expedition school „Eldorado”, Saka

16th and 17th August Vergale celebration „Vergalei-760”, Vergale

24th August Event for families „maDARA”, Ziemupe

31st August Ancient fire night, Tourisms season closing event, Pavilosta

SEPTEMBER

21st September Vergale Primary school's 185 year anniversary, Vergale

NOVEMBER

15th November Ceremonial events dedicated to Republic of Latvia proclamation day, Vergale

17th November Latvian national holiday, Pavilosta

DECEMBER

Christmas sale, Pavilosta

Ziemupe Santa Claus, Saraiķi

25th December Christmas party, Pavilosta





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