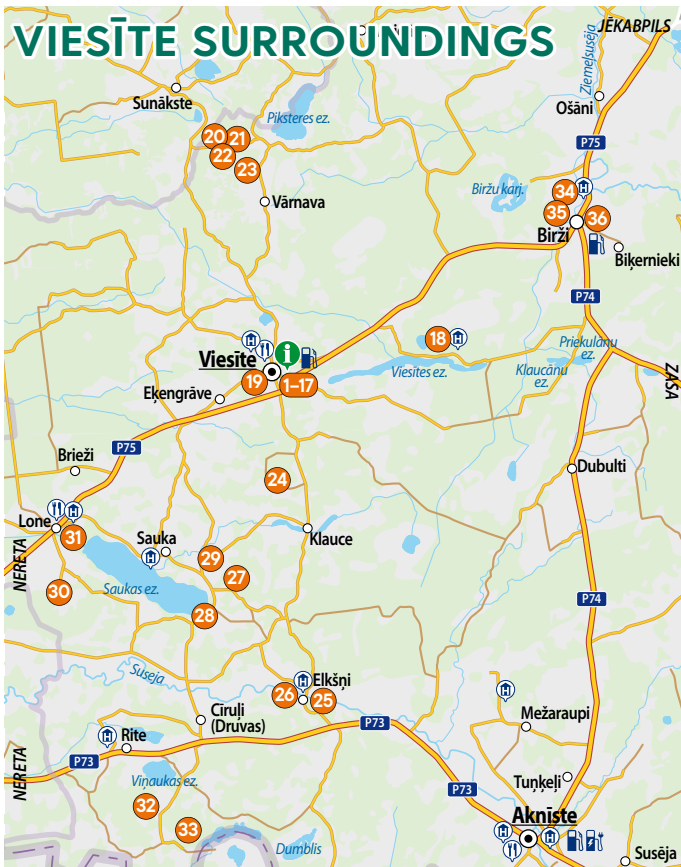


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VIESĪTE – THE HEART OF SELONIA

Viesīte is a charming town located in the western part of Jekabpils County in the very heart of Selonia historical land.

Population: 1,500

Area: 2.34 km²

The town of Viesīte was founded on February 7, 1928.



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VIESĪTE



1 Viesite Museum "Sēlija"



The museum is located on the territory of the historical narrow-gauge railway depot. The exposition of the museum is dedicated to the history of the narrow-gauge railway and the cultural and historical land of Selonia. The Viesite narrow-gauge railway junction has been recognized as an industrial monument of national importance and is a unique sight in Latvia. This is the only place in Latvia where the history of the 600-millimeter railway can be viewed at its original place of operation. Visitors have the opportunity to look into the locomotive and wagon depot building, where a steam locomotive ML-635 manufactured in Berlin in 1918 and service wagon "No. 3637" is on display. Guides-educators are available in Latvian, English and Russian. For groups the museum also provides a guided tour of the historical centre of Viesite town in an electric car. Group visits must be booked in advance. The craft community "Zīle" on the territory of the museum is Viesite crafts house. It introduces craft practices and skills of the traditional and contemporary craftsmen of Selonia. It is possible to purchase the handicrafts offered by the craft house, +371 26470433.

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2 Division of the Museum "Sēlija" – Pauls Stradins School



The memorial exposition of medical professor Pauls Stradins is in the former parish schoolhouse of Ekengrave, which was built in 1880. Since the building has always served as a teaching and educational institution, most exhibition rooms in the museum are divided into classrooms, offices and study rooms – the study of Prof. P. Stradins and the living room of Stradins family, the assistant doctor's office, history classroom, the Old Stender's study, and literature classroom of Anna Brodele. The various exhibitions introduce such humanitarian arts as the development of Latvian medicine, and the history and education in Viesite town. Visitors can also peek into the herb garden of the museum.

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3 Āžu krogs (Goat Pub)



"Āžu krogs" is the oldest building in Viesite town, built around 1840. Originally a country pub and horse stable – operated as such until World War II. Later local authorities turned building into a fire station. The building continues to function as the accommodation for the community "Āžu miesta rezidence." Offers guided tours about the building and along historical centre of Viesite. Visits must be booked in advance.

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4 Goat sculpture



The sculpture is a reminder of the historical name of the city – only in 1926 the Goat settlement was renamed Viesite. The former name of the settlement comes from the Goat Pub, around which urban development began to take shape. Viesite was often also called Ekengrave, on which manor's land the plots of land were sold for the construction. Until 1926 Viesite was called variously – Goats, Ekengrave, Goat settlement, Ekengrave Goat settlement.

24 Raina Street

5 Viesite Pharmacy



This is the oldest pharmacy in Selonia land, and one of the oldest pharmacies in Latvia. The pharmacist Karl Osterhoff established building in 1884. The interior partially preserves the fundamental character of pharmacy – early 20th century oak interior. Pharmacy has been in this building from the date of construction to this very day with only short breaks.

2 Brivibas Street



6 Professor Pauls Stradins commemorative stone

The commemorative stone at the former place of Stradins home was unveiled in 1978. On the street side here stood a single-story wooden house in which the professor, surgeon, and medicine historian Pauls Stradins was born on January 17, 1896.

Next to 2 Brivibas Street

7 Love Trail



About 600 meters long, well-maintained wooden boardwalk over wetlands with designated rest areas and children's playground. Starts at the town's historical centre by Viesite Pharmacy, leads past the Little Lake to the Love Island's open-air stage.

2 Brivibas Street

8 Freedom Monument



Dedicated to the memory of the battle of October 14, 1919, between the Latvian freedom fighters and the intelligence unit of the German Bermont troops. Built to honour the spirit of heroism of the defenders of Viesite, and to commemorate the victory in this battle. Made from Finnish granite by the sculptor Voldemars Treijs after the design by Voldemars Jakobsons. Unveiled in August 1935.

29 Brivibas Street



9 Viesite Freedom Church

Viesite Evangelical Lutheran Church or Viesite Freedom Church was erected on the 8-metre-high hillock "Valeskalniņš". The building was designed by the architect Pauls Kundzins, and the local congregation suggested the name of the Freedom Church to honour the Freedom Fights, consecrated in the first Advent in 1939.

14 Valnu Street

10 "Valeskalniņš"

Notable as the only esker of the Selonia moraine hillock – a unique geological formation included into the list of protected

objects of nature. According to the legend, once two giants fought. The giant who lost the fight was buried here. Giant's grave now became a hillock itself, also called "goat's back".

7 Valnu Street

11 The bust of Professor Pauls Stradins by Viesite secondary school



Unveiled in 1987. Sculptor Karlis Jansons, architect Edvins Vecumnieks.

7 Valnu Street

12 Culture Centre "Sēlija"



Largest cultural building in rural Latvia. The construction of the building started in the mid-1980s, and it has preserved as one of the most striking and authentic examples of the romanticism style interiors of Awakening period.

2 Smilšu Street

13 Historical station square



In the former square is located the only surviving fragment of 600 mm narrow-gauge railroad with a water pump. Historical buildings nearby – railway freight depot (6B Kalku Street), railway workers' club (2 A. Brodeles Street), the station buffet "Green Frog" (34A A. Brodeles Street), the passenger station (32 A. Brodeles Street), and the railway ambulance (24A Raina Street).

1A P. Stradina Street

14 Viesite St. Francis Catholic Church



One of the youngest churches in Jekabpils County. The construction works of the building started in 2013, in August 2015 cross was placed on the church. Consecrated in 2016.

61A Raina Street

15 Stradins family house



Janis Stradins, the father of Pauls Stradins, built the house in 1902. He was a skilled carpenter, craftsman, and coffin maker – also opened a small shop in the house.

14 Raina Street

16 The parish council



The former parish house of Ekengrave was consecrated in 1927. There was a spacious hall for council meetings, apartments for teachers, rooms for a police officer, midwife, and a parish reporter. Built after a design by construction technician P. Timrots. In 1928, town's scribe K. Bagatais read the declaration on the granting of towns privileges to Viesite and approved the name and coat of arms of the town.

10 Brivibas Street

17 Birzu Street



The only one street in town, where the original street paving has been preserved throughout its length. One of the oldest streets in town, that originated as a section of the route from Jekabpils to Nereta.

Birzu Street

18 "Fīšers" Brewery

Brewery tour, café, accommodation. Beer tasting.

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