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Žemaitija National Park (ŽNP) was established in 1991 to preserve, manage, and use the most valuable landscapes of Žemaitija region. The ŽNP has been designated as a NATURA 2000 site, it is a member of EDEN network, and a member of the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas.

Let's take care of and preserve the Žemaitija National Park. Let's take responsibility so that the natural and cultural values here remain for future generations.







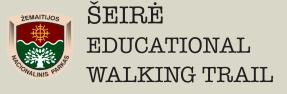


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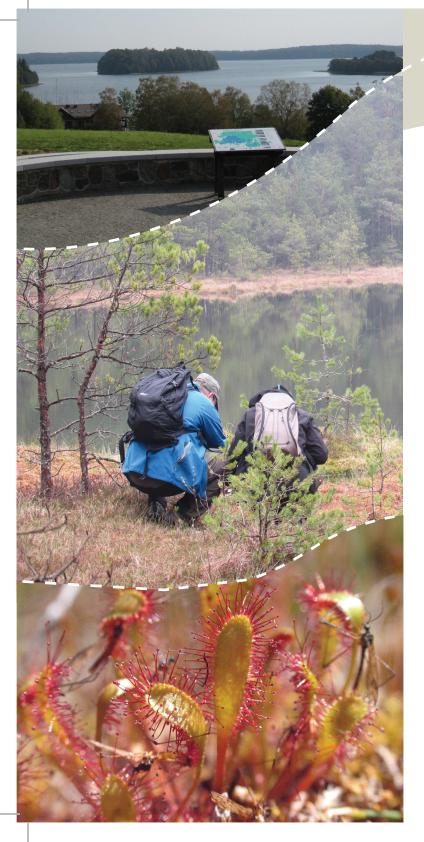








Walking on the trail (4.1 km), located in the Plateliai Landscape Reserve, you can see the characteristic terrain of this land, Šeirė Forest, Gaudupis Swamp, Lake Piktežeris, Lake Plateliai, common and rare species of plants, mushrooms, and animals. The built infrastructure will help you get to know the environment through vision, smell, hearing, touch, movement, and thinking.



## **EXCLUSIVENESS OF THE TRAIL**

- **1. Active Way of Learning about Nature.** Special equipment is installed on 4 sites that will help children get to know nature better through the senses and games. The equipment is for children aged 3 and over.
- **2. Gaudupis Bog.** It is one of the largest swamps in the National Park. 8 species that are listed in the Red List of Lithuania have been found here: Fen Orchid, Bog Orchid, Butterwort, and others. Also, beavers, Meadow Pipits, and other species may be frequently encountered here.
- **3. Lake Piktežeris.** This is an example of a lake turning into a swamp. The eye of the lake is still alive and is 16 m deep, while near the coastline, it is up to 7 m deep. The water is acidic, with little oxygen. Only one species of fish lives there the perch. There is a viewing platform near the lake.
- **4. Coastline of Lake Plateliai.** This is where the coast of Lake Plateliai stands out with picturesque lake panoramas, Skarbas (Treasures) Hill mentioned in the stories of old people, and Kumelkaktė Cape, which is thought to have been an ancient sanctuary.
- **5. Adapting to Visitor Needs.** Visitors of different preferences and needs can walk this trail: a part of the trail is adapted for the needs of visitors with mobility impairments, another part is adapted for cyclists, while the whole trail is suitable for pedestrians, including families with young children.

The 4.1 km-long walking trail, 1.4 km of which are adapted for visitors with mobility impairments, is located in the Žemaitija National Park, near the town Plateliai, 1.3 km from the Žemaitija National Park Directorate Visitor Center in Plateliai. Part of the trail (1.8 km) coincides with the Cycling Path around Lake Plateliai. Coordinates of the trail's starting point: 364652, 6214840 (LKS) or 56.048411, 21.827357 (WGS). The trail of hard-packed-soil paving is marked with signs, there is an information board at the starting point. Near the trail, there is a campsite, a rest house, a guest house, a yacht club, and a cafe.

