



You are welcome to travel around the Žemaitija National Park, where beautiful nature of Žemaitija land is rich in history and cultural heritage!

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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.

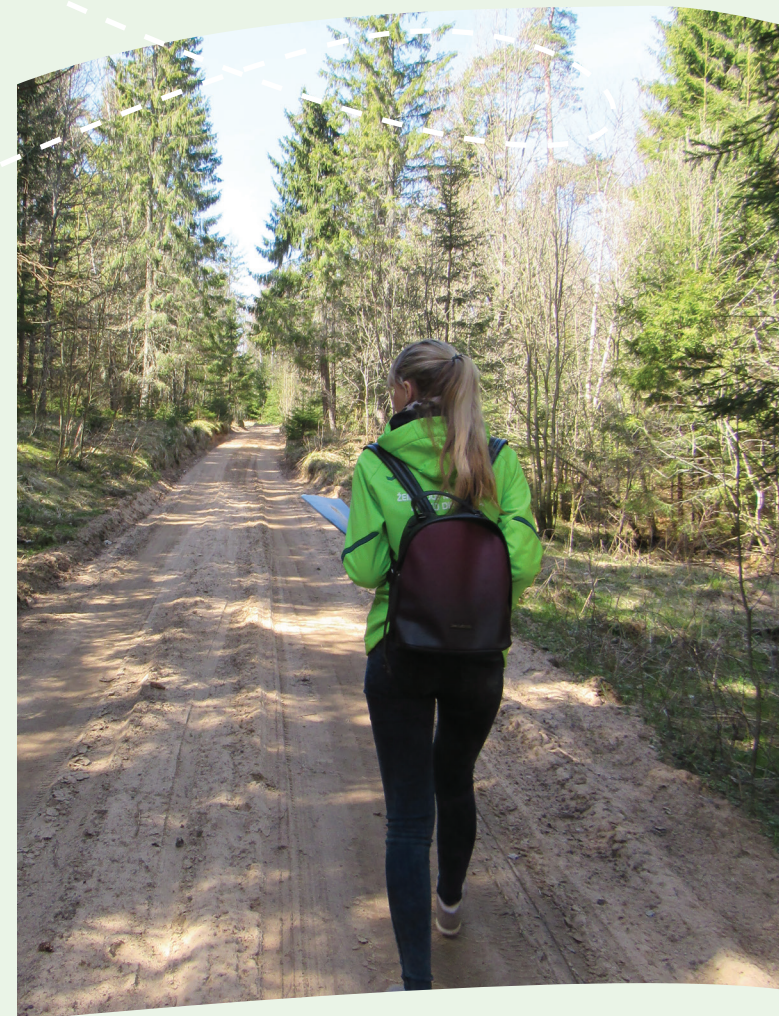
Let's take care of and preserve the Žemaitija National Park. Let's take responsibility so that the natural and cultural values here remain for future generations.



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PLOKŠTINĖ EDUCATIONAL WALKING TRAIL



The 3-km-long walking trail winds through the hills of Plokštinė forest, in the territory of the former Soviet military base, through the Pilelis Spring.



The Plokštinė Educational Walking Trail invites you to explore the hilly relief, with its swampy potholes. You will admire the Pilelis Spring – a natural monument, and see the forests specific to this area. If you are attentive and walk quietly, you will see the biodiversity of plants, mushrooms, and animals that have survived in the forests.

EXCLUSIVENESS OF THE TRAIL








1. Pilelis Spring. It is a hydrogeological natural monument occupying 2.4 ha. The spring does not run dry during the longest droughts and it does not freeze in winter. Its name, Pilelis, comes from someone who lived by the spring for a long time. Its water is believed to have healing properties as it flows eastwards.

2. Territory of the Former Military Base. The trail cuts through the territory of the former Soviet military base, where four medium-range ballistic missiles equipped with thermonuclear heads were deployed in 1963-1978. The underground missile launching platform used to be surrounded by 6 different security barriers, and their remains can be seen on this trail.

3. Forest Biodiversity. On the trail, you will see the forests characteristic of this area, which are managed by the State Forest Enterprise Telšiai Regional Division: spruce, pine, and birch forests. These forests are home to moose, deer, wild boars, roe deer, stoats, white rabbits, squirrels, bats, and other animals.

4. Hilly Relief. The area is classified as the plateau-like hill of Plokštinė. The names of Plokštinė forest and the village of Plokščiai comes from the word “plokščias”, which means “flat” in Lithuanian. The plateau-like hill is surrounded by 25-45-meter-high hills and sand dunes formed of various types of sands and by ravines made by remains of the ice once trapped here.

The 3 km long Plokštinė educational walking is located in Žemaitija National Park, next to the Cold War Exposition, 10 km from the Žemaitija National Park Directorate in the center of Plateliai. Coordinates of the trail's starting point: 369459, 6212641 (LKS) or 56.030005, 21.905545 (WGS). The trail is marked with signs, at the starting point, there is an information board. Trail paving: natural (0.8 km) and hard packed soil (2.2 km). There are several rest stops along the trail, as well as a parking lot, a stationary bike stand, and a toilet.

-  Rest area
-  Visitor Center
-  Information
-  Cold War Exposition
-  Parking lot
-  Pilelis Spring
-  Walking trail

