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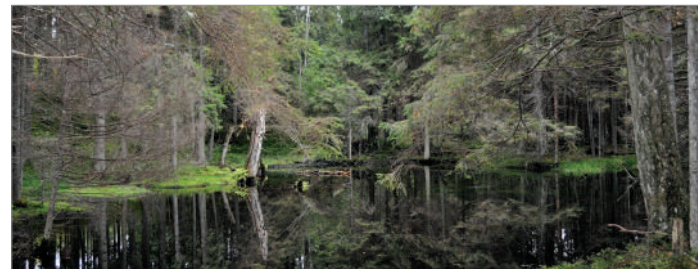
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SCHEME OF WALKING TRAIL



EXCLUSIVENESS OF TRAIL EXPERIENCE:

- Pilelis Spring.** It is a hydrogeological monument of nature occupying 2.4 ha. The spring does not dry up during the longest period of droughts and does not freeze in winter. It is thought that its water has healing properties, as this spring flows to the East.
- Territory of the Former Military Base.** The trail crosses the territory of the former soviet military base, in which, in 1963-1978, 4 medium-range ballistic missiles with thermo-nuclear warheads were deployed. The underground site of missile launching used to be surrounded with 6 security systems of different protection structure, and remains of these can be explored on this trail.
- Biological Diversity of the Forest.** Walking the trail, you will see forests characteristic of this region, in which the Telšiai Forest Enterprise, PE, performs economic activity: pine, spruce and birch forests. Moose, elks, wild boars, roe deer, ermines, white rabbits, squirrels, bats and other animals live in these forests.
- Hilly Relief.** This location is attributed to the plateau-like hill of Plokštinė. In Lithuanian “flat“ means “plokščias“, thus the names of Plokštinė forest and village of Plokščiai originate from this word. The plateau-like hill is surrounded by various large hills that were formed of various type sands and reach up to 25-45 m in height, and also by ravines made by remains of the ice once trapped here.



Respect, protect and preserve the Žemaitija National Park so that the natural and cultural valuables existing on its soil would remain for future generations.

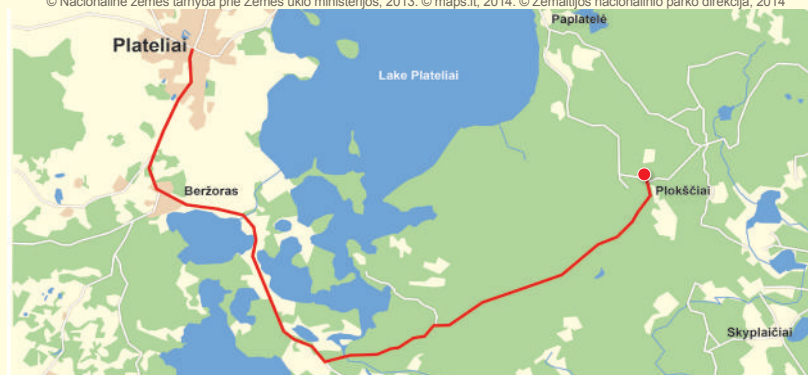
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PLATELIAI - PLOKŠTINĖ EDUCATIONAL WALKING TRAIL

The Plokštinė walking trail, 3 km long, is located in the Žemaitija National Park, near the Cold War Exposition, 10 km from the Žemaitija National Park Administration Plateliai Visitor Centre. The following are the coordinates of the starting point of the trail: 369459, 6212641 (LKS) or 56.030005, 21.905545 (WGS). The trail has way finding signs, and there is a National Park Information Board at the starting point. Trail paving consists of natural (0.8 km) and hard packed soil (2.2 km) sections.

There are several resting places along the trail, as well as a parking lot, a stationary bicycle stand and a toilet.

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The walking trail, 3 km long, is meandering on the hills in the Plokštinė forest, passes the territory of former soviet military base and runs along the Pilelis spring.



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