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WALKING TRAIL OF GEGRĖNŲ MOUNDS

ŽEMAITIJA NATIONAL PARK LANDSCAPE



SCHEME OF WALKING TRAIL



EXCLUSIVENESS OF TRAIL EXPERIENCE:

1. **Mounds.** There are two mounds, dating to the 1st millennium A.D. – 13th century A.D., on which the Gegrė (Zegere) Castle used to stand that was mentioned in historical sources in 1253 and is known as one of the most important castles on Curonian Ceclis land. The mounds are situated on both banks of a nameless stream: on the left bank there is a smaller and older one (I) and on the right side the second mound (II) stands that was erected at the beginning of the 2nd millennium after the expanded community overflowed the small and not entirely protected first mound.
2. **Burial Grounds.** Two 10th-13th centuries burial grounds have been discovered near the second mound.
3. **Ancient Settlement.** At the south western foot of the first mound, on the left bank of the stream, there is an ancient settlement of 1 ha area situated where fragments of handmade pottery have been discovered together with charred stones.
4. **Landscape.** Steep slopes, even up to 15 m in height, a considerable difference in altitudes of hill summits and valleys create especially picturesque relief and panoramic spaces.



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 - WALKING TRAIL OF GEGRĖNAI MOUNDS

The 1.6 km long walking trail is located in the Gegrėnai Archeological Complex within the Žemaitija National Park, 6 km from Žemaičių Kalvarija town and 14 km from the Žemaitija National Park Administration Plateliai Visitor Centre. The coordinates of the starting point of the trail: 371403, 6219393 (LKS) or 56.091149, 21.933472 (WGS). The trail has way finding signs, and there is a National Park Information Board at the starting point. One section of the trail is of natural paving (1.5 km) and the other part is hard packed soil-paved (0.1 km).

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When hiking on the walking trail (1.6 km), one can explore state-protected valuables of the Gegrėnai Archaeological Complex: the mounds, the site of an ancient settlement, burial grounds and spectacular landscape of this location.



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