

# Lēdurga Dendropark

Lēdurgas Dendroparks, Lēdurgas pagasts, Siguldas novads, LV-4012, Vidzeme, Latvia

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It covers an area of about 10ha and is home to approximately 1,000 different varieties of woody plants and ornamental shrubs. Arvīds Janitens himself cultivated and potted more than 250 plants from seeds, cuttings and grafts. The approximately 450 varieties of non-native woody plants are the park's greatest asset. The park is magical in every season – the magnolias, rhododendrons, robinias, bird cherry trees, weigelas and mock oranges bloom in the spring, whereas the hydrangeas, European smoketrees, walnut trees, and different maple trees enchant visitors in summer. The witch-hazel blossoms are a pleasant surprise in winter, as is the depth of colour of the Manchurian cherries, the spruces, thujas and junipers. Many tropical and subtropical plants have also made themselves at home in the park.

Lēdurgas or Mudurgas Dižakmens (the great Lēdurga or Mudurga Boulder) is shrouded in myths. It lies on the territory of Lēdurga Arboretum and is over 2m high and 4m long with a circumference of 13.5m and a volume of 19m<sup>3</sup>. People have enjoyed gathering and celebrating here for decades and a recreational area has now been set up next to the boulder.

Since 2012 the park is under the care of the Krimulda County Council.

## Features

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- Plants for purchase
- Accessibility for disabled
- Restrooms for customers
- Picnic or resting places
- Coffee
- Pre-booking required
- Shelter in case of rain or sun
- Pets are welcome

## Styles

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- Collection garden

## Opening Hours

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April 1 - October 31

Mon - Closed

Tue-Sun - 10:00-18:00

November 1- March 31

Mon - Closed

Wed-Fri - 10:00-16:00

Tue, Sat, Sun - By prior agreement

## Group Visits

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### Parking

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Plenty of parking space.

### Tickets

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Adult ticket: 2,50 EUR.

Pensioners, students and school kids: 1 EUR.

Family ticket (2 adults and 1-3 school kids): 4 EUR.

Group ticket per person (group = no less than 10 people): 2 EUR.

Guided tour in Latvian: 30 EUR.

Guided tour in foreign language: 45 EUR.

Free entrance to visitors with disabilities and their assistants; pre-school age children; children's home residents; teachers, guides and drivers accompanying groups.

## Additional Information

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### Contact Information

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## Garden Plan

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