

Spāre Manor Writers' Park

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Arvīds Grigulis continued this tradition 30 years later by planting another tree, and poets Valdis Lukss, Laimonis Vāczemnieks and Jānis Plotnieks followed his example.

At the initiative of Mārīte Rukmane, a teacher at Spāre Boarding School, a restoration of the Writers' Park was started on 1 September 2014, adding new trees and plants. The first tree that was planted was a linden tree to commemorate renowned local resident Melānija Vanaga. The avenue of linden trees leading to the park was restored and name plates with the names of the trees and a board bearing the original chart of the park drawn by the writers and the anthem have been installed. New trees planted by well-known poets and writers such as Knuts Skujenieks, Jānis Rokpelnis, Edvīns Raups, Inga Ābele, Roalds Dobrovenskis, Velta Kaltiņa, Arnolds Auziņš, Māra Cielēna, Lija Brīdaka, Māra Svīre, Valdis Rūmnieks, Valdis Atāls and others, now join the leafy oak tree once planted by Aleksandrs Čaks. Among the varieties of trees you can see in the park are yews, weeping willows, beeches, black pines, bird cherry trees and northern red oaks.

Literary and recreational events take place in the Writers' Park and creative people come here for inspiration.

Features

- Accessibility for disabled
- Picnic or resting places
- Pets are welcome

Styles

- Manor park

Opening Hours

Open around the clock. Guided tours by prior agreement.

Parking

Plenty of parking space.

Tickets

Free, Guided excursions and other facilities at separate fee

Seasonality

Open from June to September.

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Garden Plan

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