Turaida Forest Park

Turaidas iela 10, Sigulda, LV-2150, Latvija, Vidzeme, Latvia

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In the renewed Forest Park light once more glimmers on the ponds, and you can see the restored historic water level regulators here. Three special trees stand out in the hilly landscape – a crab apple, a pine tree and an oak – which all qualify as stately trees. The old deciduous trees serve as a suitable home for a variety of insects, including the protected hermit beetle (Osmoderma eremita). Each season, Forest Park reveals another facet of its beauty thanks to the diversity of the plants that grow here.

The Turaida Forest Park is designed as a place to enjoy silence, promote the regeneration of people's physical and mental health and raise awareness about natural values. Recreational areas and information booths have been set up in the park that encourage people to get acquainted with the natural values all around, help identify them and understand their importance to creating a good, balanced life. The Forest Park is a suitable place for parents to get inspired to learn about nature together with their children.

Living in harmony with nature has long been one of the highest wisdoms of Latvian ancestral customs. In the Turaida Forest Park every plant, insect or piece of decaying wood could be the protagonist in a story that would help understand the finely structured, unified order of the natural realm.

On 6 September 2025, a new interactive open-air exhibition, "Pearls of Nature", was opened in the Turaida Forest Park, with families with children as its primary audience.

The exhibition offers an engaging and interactive way for visitors to learn about natural values and the importance of preserving biodiversity in today's world.

"Pearls of Nature" invites visitors of all ages to enjoy an educational walk through the forest and discover the secrets of forest ecosystems firsthand. Visitors can learn what an umbrella species is and why it plays an essential role in maintaining ecological balance, discover the specially protected hermit beetle associated with park landscapes, explore why creating insect hotels matters, learn what heritage trees are, and even compare their height and size with these remarkable giants.

The exhibition environment has been designed as a harmonious and welcoming space, with benches for rest and relaxation, making it a pleasant location for an unhurried picnic.

The exhibition was partially funded within the Interreg Estonia–Latvia Cross-Border Cooperation Programme project "Garden Pearls for All" (Garden Pearls II), project EE-LV00038.

Features

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- Accessibility for disabled
- Restrooms for customers
- Picnic or resting places
- Coffee
- Shelter in case of rain or sun
- Playground for children
- Pets are welcome

Themes

- Woodland garden

Opening Hours

May - September

9:00 - 20:00
October
9:00 - 19:00
November – March
10:00 - 17:00
April
Exhibitions open 10:00 - 19:00

Parking

Plenty of parking space.

Tickets

Entrance fees apply. Refer to the museum website for detailed pricing info.

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Garden Plan