The Rockery at Pūre

Pūre, Pūres pagasts, Tukuma novads LV-3124 Latvija, Kurzeme, Latvia

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The ancient Pūre Manor Park that surrounds the rock garden is thought to have been built in the 19th century when major renovations were made to the manor. The park was once graced by a beautiful Renaissance terrace on the side of the Abava River ravine. An alley led into the park and ended with a round display courtyard. The manor park was formed around native varieties of deciduous trees – maples, birches, linden and elm trees – as well as around 100 different introduced tree and shrub varieties, many of which can still be seen today. Among them is the Amur cork tree (Phellodendron amurense), one of the largest of its kind in Latvia, a hybrid walnut variety (Juglans x sinensis) that has a circumference of 2.3m, the Tatar maple (Acer tataricum), white walnut (Juglans cinerea), English walnut (Juglans regia), the common quince (Cydonia oblonga), which is rare in Latvia, a sweet-smelling philadelphus hybrid (Philadelphus lemoinei) and others. Each variety is marked by a plant label.

The park is designed as a landscaped composition that leads up to the castle and the chapel.

The alpinarium and the manor park open up to a magnificent view of the Abava valley.

Features

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

Styles

- Manor park

Themes

- Rock garden/Alpine garden

Opening Hours

Open around the clock.

Tickets

Free entry

Seasonality

Best visited from May to September.

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