

# Tukums Town Park

Lielā iela 36a, Tukums LV-3101 Latvija, Kurzeme, Latvia

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The resplendent park was neglected for a long time, but is now being restored and opened to the public again in summer 2016. Among the newly planted trees in the park are the Manchurian walnut (*Juglans mandshurica*), the English or Persian walnut (*Juglans regia*), the Japanese walnut (*Juglans cordiformis*), the copper beech (*Fagus sylvatica* 'Purpurea Latifolia'), which is a variety of European beech, the Amur maple (*Acer ginnala*), the Japanese maple (*Acer palmatum*), the dawn redwood (*Metasequoia glyptostroboides*), the yellow catalpa (*Catalpa ovata*), the northern catalpa (*Catalpa speciosa*), the Japanese cork tree (*Phellodendron japonicum*) and the dragon's claw willow (*Salix matsudana* 'Tortuosa'), which is a variety of the Chinese willow.

Visitors now have access to one of the oldest parts of the park that has spacious playgrounds for children of all ages, as well as walking trails and benches. The park also has a summer café called Kates krepes (Kate's Crepes), where you can enjoy refreshing drinks and delicious pancakes.

In the winter, a spruce forest takes over Tukums Town Park and Christmas elves build a village that Father Christmas visits each Sunday during Advent. During Easter, however, it is Easter Bunnies that make themselves at home in the park. In the summers, the town's largest festivities are celebrated in the adjacent Pauzers Meadows – the Rose Festival and Precību spēles (Marriage Games).

In the future, the oldest parts of the park will be restored and improved for nature lovers to enjoy, and a new part of the park will be developed to attract active leisure enthusiasts.

## Features

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- Accessibility for disabled
- Picnic or resting places
- Coffee

- Shelter in case of rain or sun
- Playground for children
- Pets are welcome

## Opening Hours

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Open around the clock.

## Parking

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Plenty of parking space.

## Tickets

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Free entry

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