Jaunmoku Castle Park

Jaunmoku pils, Tumes pagasts, Tukuma novads, LV-3139, Kurzeme, Latvia

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The park's peaceful atmosphere and the shade it can provide in the summer heat have always been important features of the palace complex. Numerous exotic plant varieties were imported and introduced to Latvia when the manor prospered. Some of these plants successfully adapted to our cool and changeable weather conditions.

Although there is little written, or photographic evidence remaining of the park, it is possible that the oak and ash trees growing there bore witness to the construction of the reddish-brown castle. It is also possible that palace inhabitants in the first half of the 20th century enjoyed fruit from some of the park's apple and sweet cherry trees, which continue to bloom and yield harvests still today. The lawns in the spring are still flecked with wild yellow tulips.

The centuries-old linden avenues take pride of place in the park. They hum with bees in mid-July, and on sunny days they are shrouded in the lindens' intoxicatingly sweet smell.

Nowadays, rose beds bloom abundantly, vines stretch out their runners and fruit and berries ripen in the sun on the apple, pear, plum and cherry trees and berry bushes all around the palace. Clusters of medicinal plants give off a fragrant smell, and in spring the rhododendrons open their unique, bright flowers. Many people who are important in Latvian, or the palace's history have planted bushes around the park as have newlyweds celebrating their wedding day at Jaunmokas.

Features

- Accessibility for disabled
- Restrooms for customers
- Coffee
- Shelter in case of rain or sun
- Pets are welcome

Styles

- Manor park

Opening Hours

Monday: Closed

Tuesday–Sunday: 10:00–18:00

Parking

Plenty of parking space for cars and buses.

Tickets

Jaunmoku Manor Park
The park is open to visitors free of charge.

Jaunmoku Manor and the Forest Museum
Admission to the exhibitions at Jaunmoku Manor and the Forest Museum is subject to an entrance fee. Guided tours are also available.

Admission fees vary for different visitor groups.

Current ticket prices and information about guided tours are available on the Jaunmoku Manor website.

Additional Information

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