

# ALOJA MUNICIPALITY



Aloja Municipality is made up of former Limbaži district four self-governments – Aloja Town and Parish, Staicele Town and Parish, Braslava Parish and Brīvzemnieki Parish.



The total area of the municipality – 62 659 ha, it is located in the north-east part of Vidzeme region and has borders with Estonian Republic, Mazsalaca, Salacgrīva and Limbaži Municipalities.

In the territory of the municipality there are two provincial towns – Staicele and Aloja – and 12 populated places.

The distance from Riga is about 130 km.

Municipality territory is located in the basin of the river Salaca, made up by the part of the river and its tributary Īģe, which begins in the territory of Brīvzemnieki Parish, flows through the rural territories of Braslava and Aloja, and in Staicele rural territory flows into the river Salaca.

Municipality is situated in the territory of Biosphere Reserve of Northern Vidzeme.

## USEFUL INFORMATION

### • HELP

#### FIRE STATION AND POLICE

**State Fire and Emergency Service Aloja Office**  
Jūras Street 34, Aloja, phone: 112, 4031101, 4031141

### • MEDICINE, CHEMISTS

#### Emergency medicine

Phone: 113, 64233116 or 112, Aloja, Rīgas Street 10

#### Chemist's "Mēness aptieka"

Aloja, Jūras Street 16, Aloja, phone: 64031181,  
Monday–Friday 9.00–16.00

#### SIA "Staiceles aptieka"

Lielā Street 26, phone: 64035473, Monday–Friday 9.00–16.00

#### SIA "Aptieka Dikļi", branch office

Puikule, "Ābeles"-13, Monday–Thursday 8.00–12.00,  
Friday 11.00–15.00

### • FUEL FILLING STATIONS

#### Aloja – FFS "Gotika auto" SIA

Phone: 64031110, open 06.00–24.00

#### Staicele – FFS "Gotika auto" SIA

Phone: 64035190, open 07.00–23.00

#### Vilzēni – FFS "DK Apsītes"

Phone: 64031737, open Monday–Friday 8.00–18.00, Saturday  
8.00–15.00

### • GARAGE

#### Staicele – T.B. "Rob's auto"

Staicele Parish, Rēciemi, phone: 29441117

#### Aloja – SIA "ALS-3",

Aloja, Jūras Street 1a, phone: 28368936

### • TAXI SERVICE

Taxi parking-place – Aloja, Baznīcas Street 2, phone: 22019129

### • BANKS, CASH POINTS

#### AS Swedbank Aloja customer information centre (limited service) / cash point

Jūras Street 12, Aloja, working hours: every Thursday  
14.30–16.30

#### AS Swedbank customer information centre

Every Thursday 11–13 Staicele Town Library,  
Parka Street 2, phone: 26483884 or 64281120 (Valmiera)  
Services of the Internet bank are available during working hours  
of library.

### • SELF-GOVERNMENT

#### Aloja Municipality Council

Jūras Street 13, Aloja, Aloja Municipality, LV-4064

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## ROUTES IN ALOJA MUNICIPALITY

### "Variety in Aloja Municipality"

Staicele – Viķi – Aloja – Ungurpils – Staicele (32 km)

1. Visiting Likā (Lāču) pine-tree, place of ancient legends, Ķeņča castle-mound.
2. Ķirķu oak-tree, place of ancient legends.
3. Visiting Viķu estate and park.

### 4. Visiting Viķu island and sandstone rocks.

### 5. Visiting Viķu Dzirnāvu lake and its neighbourhood.

### 6. Sightseeing in Aloja.

### 7. Ungurpils mill-lake and park.

Artificially made mill-lake with floating islands. The ruins of medieval bailey have survived next to the lake in Ungurpils park.

### 8. Return to Staicele TIC.

### "A Day in Aloja Municipality" (coming from Ainaži)

Mieriņi – Planču purva taka – Staicele – Karogi – Ungurpils – Aloja – Puikule – prom uz Limbažiem (~ 38 km)

1. Turning off from the main road to the left to Munas (before bus stop Mieriņi) the way leads to the path of **Planču swamp** (about 6.3 km from the main road) – ecotourism nature path in the swamp, where one can see and enjoy a symphony of colours and sounds. The path is available also for persons with special needs – for the blind, as the information about nature objects is given also in Braille.

2. **Going to Staicele, through the centre along Lielā Street till the paper-mill** and then across the cable footbridge over Salaca, which is built instead of the first one dated 1887. On the way visiting the memorial stone devoted to the inhabitants of Staicele deported in 1949, then along Staicele cemetery, through the forest, accompanied by bird songs to the quarries of "Karogi".

3. **Nature paths in Karogu pine forest** – once a very popular Promenade park among the dwellers of Staicele. The path to Karogu caves has been renovated; resting ground is arranged

### Bicycle routes in Aloja Municipality (coming from Ainaži)

Viksnas – Mikas – Planču purva taka – Staicele – Karogi – Ungurpils – Aloja – Vilzēni – prom uz Valmieru (~ 45 km)

1. About 2 km before Staicele visiting the weaver, **crafts-woman Ausma Vilciņa in "Viksnas"**, viewing Viksnu caves and Ozoliņu boulder on the bank of the river Salaca.

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3. **Insight into the capital of Storks.** The centre of Staicele town, marketplace, council building, stone sculptures. The museum of Līvs (cultural inheritance of Līvs in Salaca Municipality, the history of Staicele). The symbol of Staicele – stork – historical "Nest of the Professor". Art weaver's workshop, where the masters of Folk Applied Art Studio "Staicele" are performing. "The Barn of Artists" – exhibition and selling of Staicele weavers and other craftsmen. Lielā Street and its historical objects – ancient wood building of the town, Staicele paper-mill – end of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th century. Monument "Stazele", the cable footbridge over Salaca, which is built instead of the first one dated 1887. Rozēni – Staicele Evangelical Lutheran Church, where pictures of famous local artist Kārlis Kere devoted to the church could be viewed.

4. **Going across the cable footbridge over Salaca**, which is built instead of the first one dated 1887. On the way visiting the memorial stone devoted to the inhabitants of Staicele deported in 1949, then along Staicele cemetery, through the forest, accompanied by bird songs to the quarries of "Karogi".

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4. **Ungurpils – "Lielkalni" as a biological farm** started its activity in 2006 with a small area of land – 2.6 ha. The owners are Dainis and Aija Paukšēni. The farm is untraditional, because this small territory includes a new garden of herbs and bushes, which will yield only in future. More than 2000 different plants are growing in the garden – sea buckthorns, shadberries, viburnum, daneworts etc. plants for tea and herbs. Phone: 26362975 (Aija).

5. **Rest in the park next to Ungurpils mill-lake.** Artificially made mill-lake with floating islands. The ruins of medieval bailey have survived next to the lake in Ungurpils park.

6. **Biological farm "Viksnas"** – in Puikule, Brīvzemnieki Parish. This farm is employed in sheep breeding and is working with methods friendly to environment. The landscape garden has received recognition both on local and on wider scale. An excursion along the farm is offered, as well as sheep-breeding production, visiting the garden and a walk along the forest path. Phone: 29107389 (Sarmīte).

5. Nature paths in Karogu pine forest – once a very popular Promenade park among the dwellers of Staicele. The path to Karogu caves has been renovated; resting ground is arranged at the pond, sports fields, nature path to Dzelzāmura boulder. Thirst could be quenched with spring water.

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7. **Aloja.** The acquaintance with Aloja Municipality centre. Fountain – memorial stone to the poet Auseklis and the chief conductor of the 1st Common Latvian Song Festival Indriķis Zīle. Unveiled in 2000. Evangelical Lutheran Church (Baznīcas Street 2), the first service in the church took place in 1776. The grave of the poet Auseklis (1850–1879) with black granite gravestone (erected in 1898). Aloja Town Cemetery and the bust of the poet Auseklis at Aloja Secondary School named after Auseklis – granite monument (sculptor Marta Lange), erected in 1973.

8. **Urga.** The rest, visiting Urga mill pub and the park.

9. **Braslava.** Visiting Braslava park and "Ceļmalnieki" in Braslava. "Melnays Jānis" – rest complex. Visit the only temple in Latvia devoted to Jānis, located in nature park surrounded by forests in Biosphere Reserve of Northern Vidzeme from June 1st till October 1st on Saturdays and Sundays (café is working, entry price 2 LVL, children – free). Application by phone + 371 25979406.

10. **Vilzēni estate park storks' colony.** The colony of stork nests in Braslava Parish could be viewed; it is the second biggest in Latvia. Phone for information – 64030401, Kreišmane).



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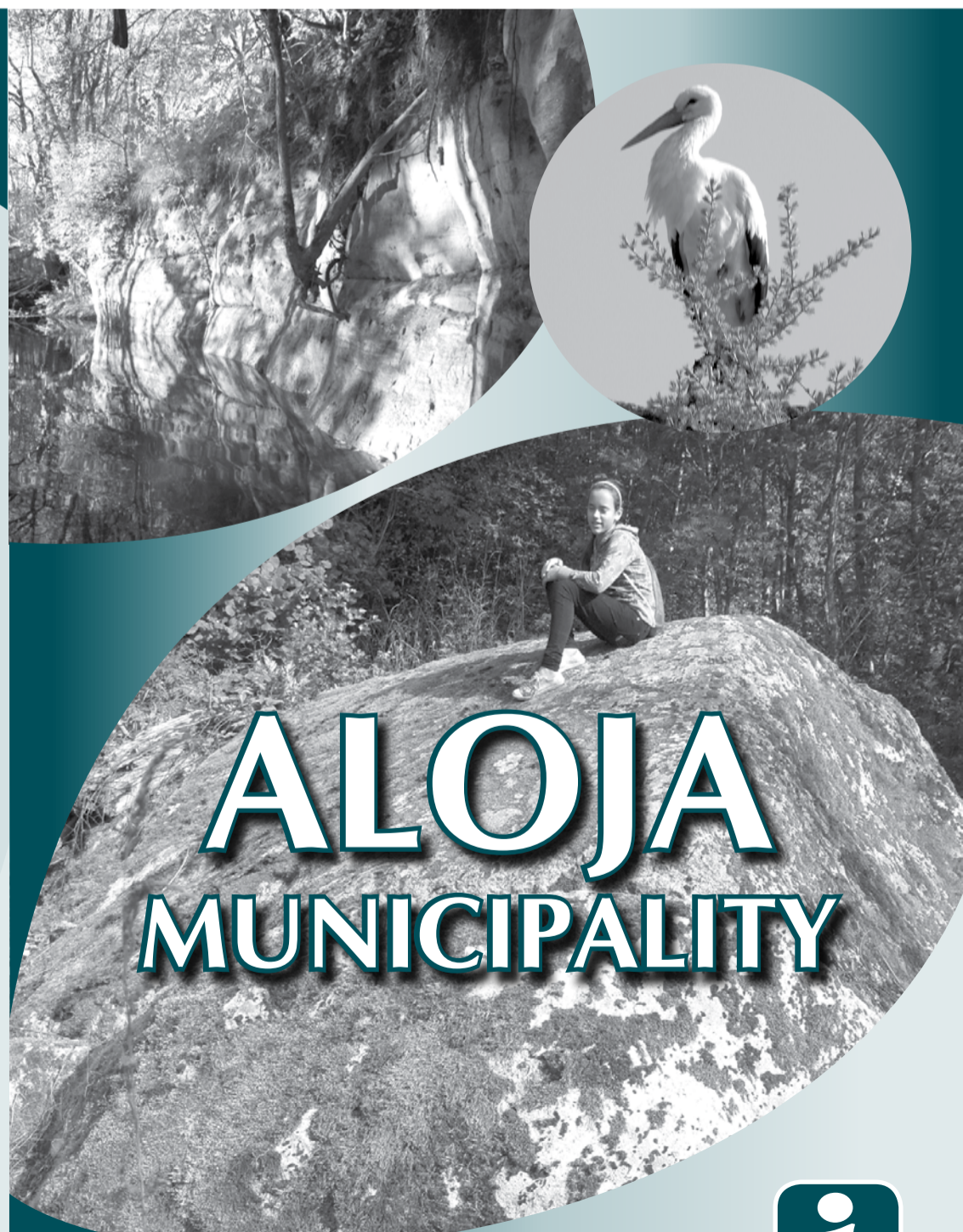


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