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FIND OUT WHOSE FEET ARE STAMPED
ON THE LAZDIJAI SAND

Where? Lazdijai Regional Museum, Seinų street 29, Lazdijai

Do you know that:

- Lazdijai Regional Museum is located in the former Seinai Žiburys gymnasium in Lazdijai.
- Even today, every visitor is welcomed by the Headmaster of the gymnasium, the priest, the poet, the initiator/author of the symbolist lyric, interpreter Motiejus Gustaitis.
- The museum, honoring the memory of the famous Lithuanian poetess' Salomėja Ners (poetess lived in the premises of the museum), created exposition "Footprints in the sand".
- The museum invites you to solve a historical riddle – to find a "white diamond" which is black.
- Tours and educational programs in the Museum are free of charge!

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TAKE A LOOK AT THE BIGGEST LAKES OF
LAZDIJAI REGION FROM ABOVE

Where? Seinų street 1A, Metelai village, Seirijai Administrative Area.

Do you know that:

- Metelai Regional Park is famous for three largest Dzūkija lakes: Dusia – titled Dzūkija sea, also Metelys and Obelija rippling nearby.
- In the park along with "iron frogs" (turtles) and the century-old sessile oak trees you can see more than 100 rare and endangered plants and animals, which are included in the Red Book of the Republic of Lithuania.
- In the Directorate of Metelai Regional Park there is a modern visitor center with excellent exhibits (Seinų g. 2, Metelių k., Seirijų sen.).
- The impressive park landscape can be seen from observation tower, which stands between Dusia and Metelys lakes.

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TRY RIDING HORSES AT AŠTRIOJI KIRSNA
MANNER STUD FARM

Where? Žvejų street 11, Aštrioji Kirsna, Büdvytis Administrative Area.

Do you know that:

- From the architectural and historical aspect Aštrioj Kirsna is one of the most significant mansions of Lithuania.
- Even 18 estate buildings, with a predominantly Classical and Romantic styles are still standing.
- In a restored mansion stables there is located a stud farm. Horse owners can leave their animals for care here, and those who are looking for more interesting entertainment can ride them.
- Due to restoration works the manor house buildings are not currently open to visitors.
- In summer time cultural events are organized in the manor yard.

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TRY TO GUESS WHERE IS THE STONES MUSEUM
"JOTVINGIAI YARD"

Where? Kybartai village, Büdvytis Administrative Area.

Do you know that:

- Stones Museum "Jotvingiai Yard" is a unique place where two ancient lands – Jotva (Dainava) and Süduva come together, and the two current ethnographic regions – Dzūkija and Suvalkija borders.
- Here you can see not only the individual stones and household stone tools expositions, but also the fossilized coral, which tells which tells that the sea was formerly in these areas.
- The museum is private. For visiting the museum contact in advance by phone +370 318 54 975.



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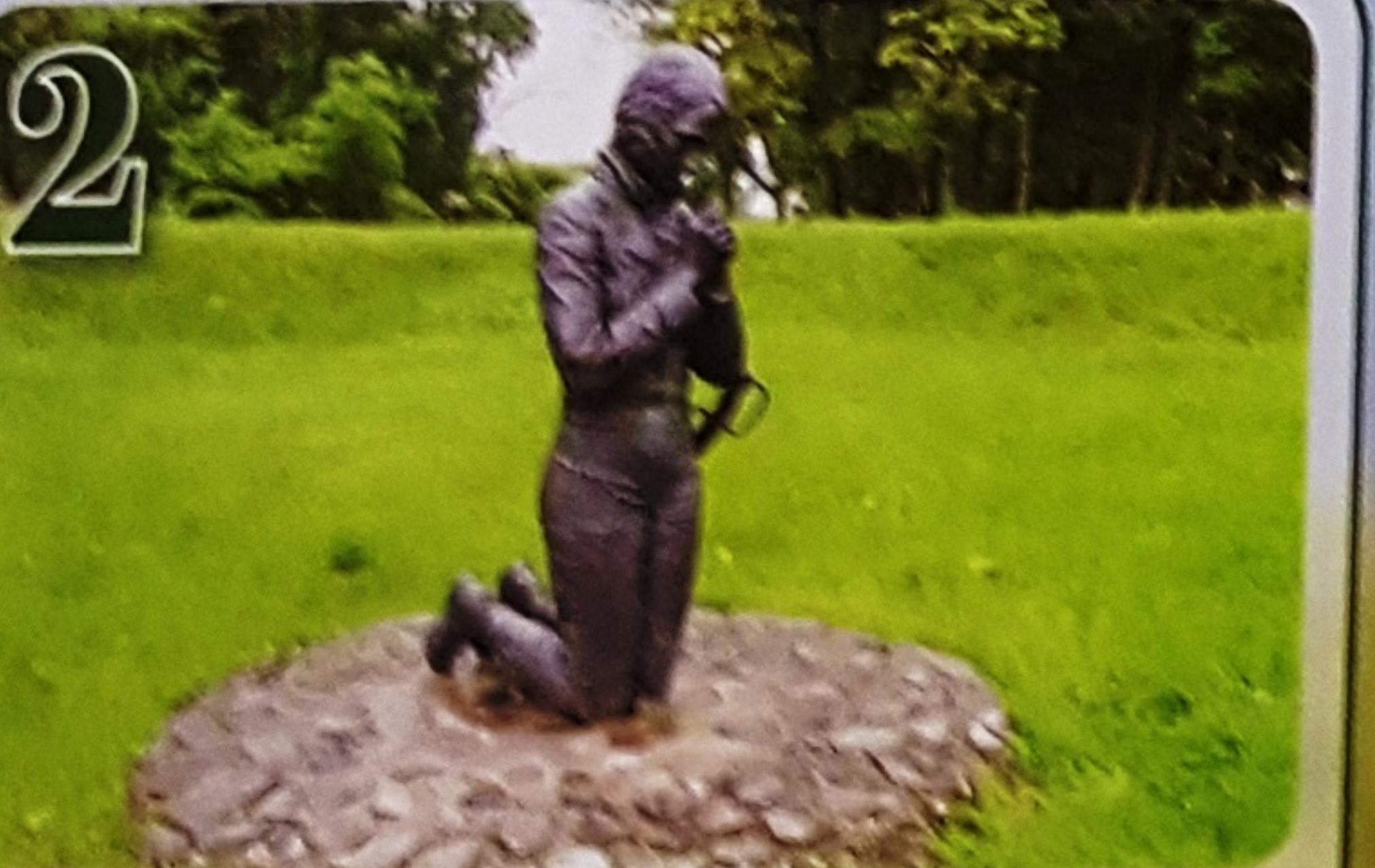


COME TO SHRINE OF CROSSES INTERTWINED WITH LEGENDS

Where? 14 Staigūnai village, Teizai Administrative Area

Do you know that:

- Cross shrine (diocesan cross shrine of the Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the Rosary) has a copy of the picture of Baruna Mother of God painted in the eighteenth century on a piece of tin plate. It was a talisman of Lithuanian army commander Hetman M.S. Wyszniewiecki.
- Cross Road leads from the Cross shrine to the Dusia Lake, this road is believed to be made from the sand brought from the holy city – Jerusalem.
- It is believed that the water from the well near the temple has magical powers.



ETERNALIZE YOURSELF WITH THE LITHUANIAN JEANNE D'ARC IN VAINÈZERIS PARK

Where? Vainežeris village, Kapčiamiestis Administrative Area.

Do you know that:

- Vainežeris park is divided into two parts by Vainežeris lake. At one side of the lake there is the seventeenth and eighteenth century fortifications called Okopka. At the other side of the lake there is Justinas manor foundation and a monument to Emilia Platerytė.
- E. Platerytė bravely fought for Lithuania and its freedom. She distinguished herself in the most important battles of 1831 rebellion.
- Lithuanian people called E. Platerytė Lithuanian Jeanne d'Arc.



FEEL THE SPIRIT OF VEISIEJAI MANOR

Where? Santarvės street, Veisiejai

Do you know that:

- In XVII century GDL hetman Mykolas Juozapas Masalskis completed the construction of Veisiejų mansion. He planted a park and a magnificent garden. Nowadays the park is considered to be a heritage monument of nature. There is a circle of slender stem lindens and Veisiejai Ash – dendrology monument, with a diameter of more than 5m.
- Veisiejai Regional Park Visitors Center is located in the park in a renovated wing of former Veisiejai Manor. Here is a great exhibition and educational programs for visitors.
- In Veisiejai park there is a bridge of Love. It is said that if you pass over the bridge when you make a wish about love, it will come true.
- In the park of the former mansion there is a monument to the pioneer of Esperanto L.L. Zamenhof, who lived and worked in Veisiejai.
- While being in the park you can admire Andia lake fountain – a spectacular performance of water, music and lights.



CLIMB THE RUDAMINA MOUND, DATING FROM KING MINDAUGAS

Where? Pilakalnio street, Rudamina

Do you know that:

- It is the largest mound in Lazdijai region.
- Sometime in the past the mound was surrounded by the lake.
- This mound is one of the most famous Yotvingian monuments in Užnemunė.
- In 1240 Prince Ningaudas built a castle in which, according to some historical sources, the only Lithuanian King Mindaugas was crowned in 1251.



VISIT DZŪKIJÀ CATHEDRAL AND ITS CRYPT

Where? S. Darius ir S. Grėno street 1, Veisiejai

Do you know that:

- Veisiejai Šv. Jurgio (St. George) Church, called Dzūkija Cathedral, is the largest church in Lazdijai region.
- Its height – 34 m, the church can be seen up to 10 kilometers from Veisiejai.
- Interior of the church with five altars is decorated with epitaphs of noblemen M. and T. Oginskia.
- Crypt of the church founders Dukes M. and T. Oginskia is located in the basement.



PAY TRIBUTE TO NATIONAL HEROES IN THE FIELD OF KALNISKÉ BATTLE

Where? Gudeliskai village, Šeštokai Administrative Area

Do you know that:

- Kalniské battle took place on 16 May, 1945 in Kalniské forest.
- It was one of the largest and most violent battles of Lithuanian resistance struggle.
- In that battle, about 100 Lazdijai partisans led by Jonas Neitačia – Laiķinas (Pilot) battled against several times bigger 220th flock of border forces of the NKVD army.
- 44 partisans were killed in the battle.
- In 1990 a monument to partisans killed in the battlefield was built in the place of battle in Kalniské forest (author: J. Neitačia).