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Cycling route starts and leads the Church Square Niedrājs lake along Castle Street to Smiltenes technique. When a big defeat, cobbled hill to descend, you can view the Livonian Order castle ruins and Smiltenes technique area. The route leads along Teperis sports complex, where you can see the tennis



courts, kart track and auto track. Of course, a beautiful view opens to Tepera lake and various sports fields. Next 6km journey to Niedrāja tranquil lake, surrounded by a beautiful

forest path leads. Lake can rest house constructed by cycling tourists. Bike trail continues through picturesque forests surrounding

Niedrājs Silvas Arboretum. Crossing the Smiltene-Riga highway, can go to the nearby Silvas Vecsautiņu source. A small rest at the source and the path continues along the



now-beautiful Silvas surrounding woods towards the mound. Another great place for relaxation is Klievezera coast. Next, the route continues along the mountainous mound surroundings.



Cycling is settings large Priesterkalns, from which opens a wonderful view. Narrow path and small forest tracks is a



real pleasure facile cyclists. When the mountains and the bottom is bridged, travelers expect mound foot rest house. Cyclists either climb up the same Pilskalns, though this time without a bicycle. The tour continues along the existing sanctuaries in the mound area and further along already Smiltenes small streets, looking at meteorite craters, Lazdukalns, Lazdukalns sight tower, to arrive in the city center.



Sight tower in Smiltene

There is hill Lazdukalns in Smiltene. On the top of this place is sight tower. Sight tower is made from wood. Its high is 21 metres and platform is 17 metres. Sight tower roofs are red. Around tower grows pines and other trees. There are some small paths. On the top of sight tower is weathercock which is made from metal.

Sight tower is most popular for tourists.

In summer we can see very beautiful views from sight tower but in winter we can see very far.

When people married they visit tower and drink champagne there.

Near by sight tower is spring, there we can take water for drinking.

I think this place in Smiltene is very nice. I like this tower and I suggest it visit for everyone.



Anna Eglīte

Sport kompleks „Teperis”

Smiltene is a small town. Sport complex „Teperis” is a popular place in Smiltene. Sport complex is situated near the lake Teperis and the Old Park, and very closed to the forest.



There is an auto and go-kart-racing route, the stadium, three sand volleyball squares, tennis court and place for swimming in this complex.



I play football in the stadium. A lot of pupils have trainings in football pitch. Pupils can also play volleyball and tennis.



This place is very nice and good for rest and sport activities.

Tepera lake in Smiltene

Some cities do not even have an artificial pond, but Smiltene has a wealth of lakes. Tepera lake resulting from blocked Abula river. First lake called Hillake, because downstream was Midlake. Lake waters powered water wheel what was connected with hammer lifting shafts. Big hammer for lake began called to Ēmuru lake. Bankrupt iron hammer owner, that took Estonian Tepfers. So lake keep his last iron hammer owner name. Tepera lake and that picturesque

neighborhood is a favourite population city guests resting place, where equipped sport squares pools, and karting track .

Lake is in Smiltene area. Middle lake deep is 2,4 meters, but maximum is 5,5 meters.

In this lake live fish: pike, bass, roach, snapper, tench, bream, carp and ruff.



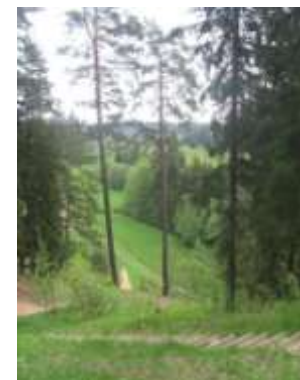
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Cērtene castle mound

Cērtene castle mound is in Smiltene, in the hilly pine forest. Castle mound was just a natural steep slope in the south at the Cērtene creek. Mound height at the side of the creek reached almost 25 m. To fortify the castle mound, there was scooped a ditch about 12 m deep all around it, which was considered as one of the magnificent buildings of Latvian castle mounds. 100 m upwards by Cērtene creek you can see, that there formerly was fixed up a dike, which raised the level of the river water and moved it around the castle mound.

In ancient times Cērtene was a remarkable and significant centre. Now Cērtene is a nice rest place where peoples can to take a walk.

I think it's a very historic and interesting place.



Evita Rīdere



Smiltenes Piens – Dairy Production Company

Smiltenes Piens was established in 1912 and is one of the oldest dairy production plants in Latvia. During Soviet times Smiltene dairy was subordinated to Valmieras Piens as one of its production units.

Smiltenes piens, JSC was founded on 22 December 1998 by reorganization of dairy processors' co-operative company Smiltenes Pienotava.

The Company has been granted several certificates proving the high standard of SMILTENES's production plant and organization, namely:

- HACCP DS : 3027,
- ISO 9001 : 2000,
- EU Conformity Certificate,
- Export Certificate to Russia

Assortment of products includes cheese, curds, pasteurized milk and other dairy products, both packed and products sold by weight. Only Smiltenes Piens is producing fermented milk from culture with sea buckthorns.



Mariss Penezis

