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*Museum Vitolnieki at Pape Latvia*

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**Dabas parks “Pape”**

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Remote geographical location of the area in the utmost Southern-western corner of Latvia, being far from the local regional centres, has promoted the remaining of the elements of the ancient lifestyle, culture in the minds of the local inhabitants.

The everyday life in this area developed rather slowly and not always rapidly accepting the modern world pleasures.

Also nature elements has been incorporated in people minds, lifestyle, accepting the presence of the nature processes and harmony.

Besides for 50 years this area remained as closed Soviet military zone, thus preserving some nature values. Nevertheless, rapid socio-economical developments after the regaining the independence brought also new changes in this area.

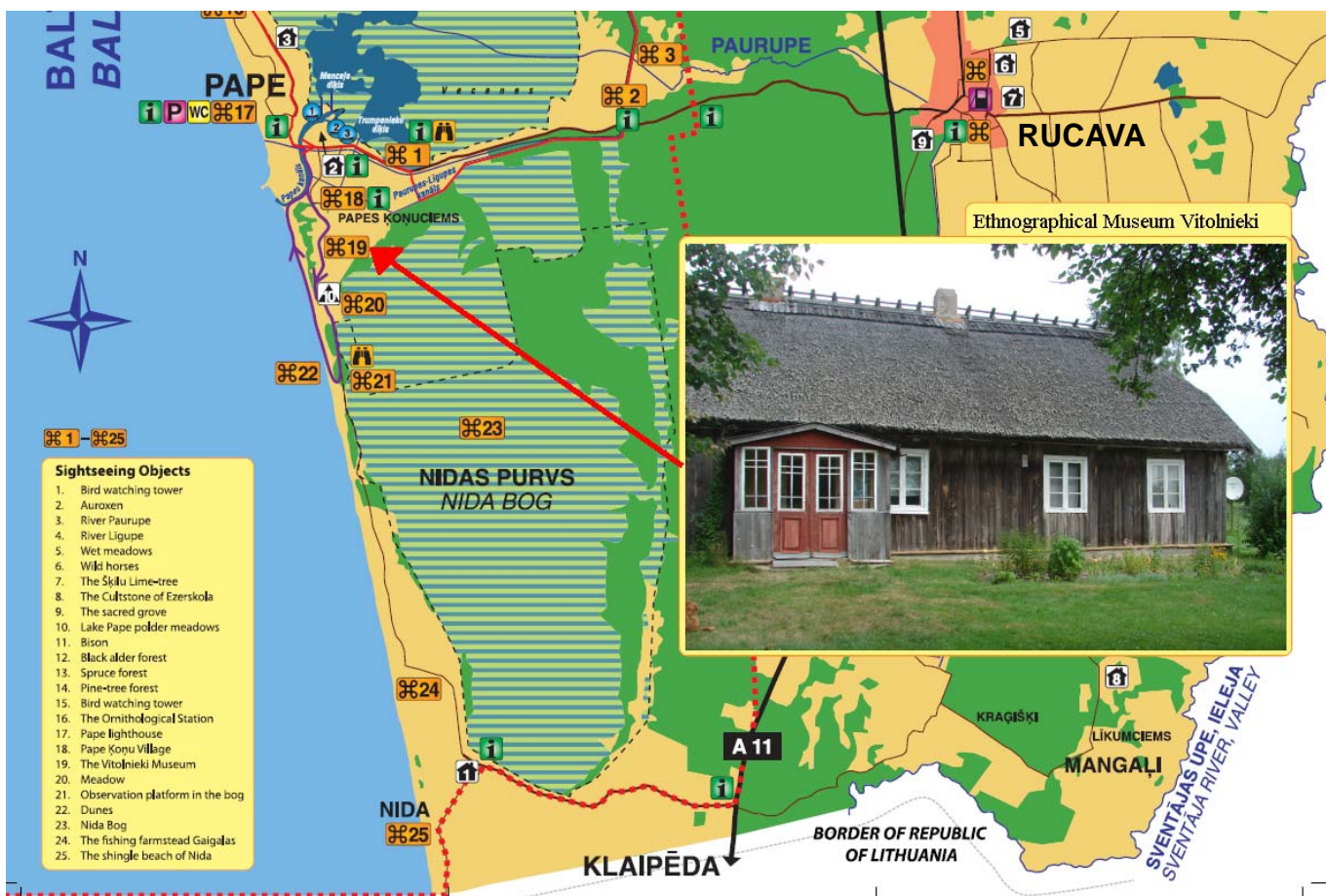
There are three small villages in the nature park "Pape", two local fishermen villages (Pape and Nida) still have rather rich cultural and historical evidences. Pape village has three parts: Papes Konu ciems, Pape un Papes Priediengals. All these three parts are located 1 km wide land strip along the Baltic Sea coast, between the Lake Pape and Nida bog.

After the World War I, Pape village was the largest coastal fishermen village in the Kurzeme region with some 100 households.



**Museums and expositions:**

Local fisherman house "Vitolnieki" is a local branch of the Latvian ethnographical museum in Riga. This museum is located in Papes Konu village, which is the southern part of the Pape village. Museum characterizes the typical lifestyle of the local fisherman family in the past (19th century), showing the fishing, handcraft tools, clothes, buildings and also 1100 years old fisherman boat (carved from wood), which was found on the Baltic sea coast after the storm in 2003. Museum is open from 9.00 - 17.00, ph. +371 29262283, 3400332. Closed on Mondays and Thursdays.



# Surroundings



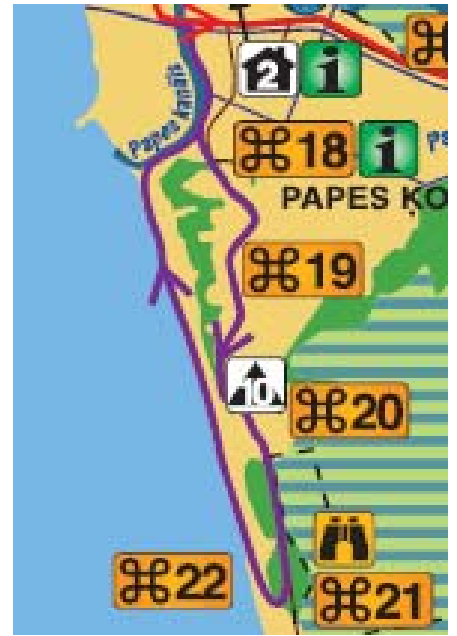
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The coast at Pape with the channel for excess water disposal of the Papes ezers

# Museum





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### Open air museum Vitolnieki.

The complex of the open air museum Vitolnieki is located in Pape Konu village. It features a typical farm of a coastal village where people used to be engaged in fishing and farming. Old trees surround the living house with a reed roof thatched in the manner of this area. The house has a veranda with windows and ornamented door jams. Inside you can see old wooden furniture and different household items from previous generations. Another building at the southern end of the museum is an old 2-room granary build in 1889. In the room on the left side with the small window young servant girls slept at night because it was too hot to sleep inside the house. Besides also flies where a nuisance there. The room on the right side was for storing grain. In the north of the museum territory there is a small kitchen house a bathhouse and a smithy. Also there is a pig shed with small windows. They were needed otherwise the sow would not see her piglets in the dark and would tread on them. Currently the pig shed has been turned into an exposition hall displaying various fishery and handcraft tools. In the museum you can also see an oak tree boat that is more than 1000 years old. It was used for boating on the lake. The Dutchman Jan van der Veen found the boat in Pape beach in 2002 and gave it as a present to the museum. Vitolnieki is a branch of the Latvian ethnographic open air museum. Earlier its owners where the Zoldly family.



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# St Anna's day

Feast day of the Mother of the Blessed Virgin.





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