

Ethnographic house “Zvanitāji” (The Bellringer) Rucava Latvia



Ethnographic house Zvanitaji at Rucava (LV).

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Ethnographic house "Zvanitaji"

in Rucava

(N 56° 09.685 E 021° 09.706)

The ethnographic house "Zvanitaji" is a wooden house built at the end of the 19th century, which has still retained its original appearance, its massive ceiling and a large living room at the southern end of the house with an oven-couch (a place where you can sleep). It works like this: you put wood into the oven from one side, but on the other side of the oven you can sleep because it is warm; with a bread oven, bare walls and a floor covered with natural, unpainted wooden planks. In the kitchen there is still a mantelpiece and chimney.



In 2000, before the Reunion of the Rucava People, the house was turned into a museum and equipped with items typical of a late 19th century household - a loom, a family table, beds, a wardrobe, a cradle, and different household tools and items. Also, an exhibition was arranged displaying Rucava folk costume, mittens, knitted socks etc.

During the summer season the ethnographic house "Zvanitaji" is open to everybody. Today "Zvanitaji" is also the home of the Rucava Club of Traditions.

Cultural/educational programmes, "Evening get-togethers" or a "Rucava banquet" are offered to tourist groups. In the programme there is the singing of folksongs, dancing and the playing of musical instruments, together with Rucava narrators, singers and the musician, Puku Janis.

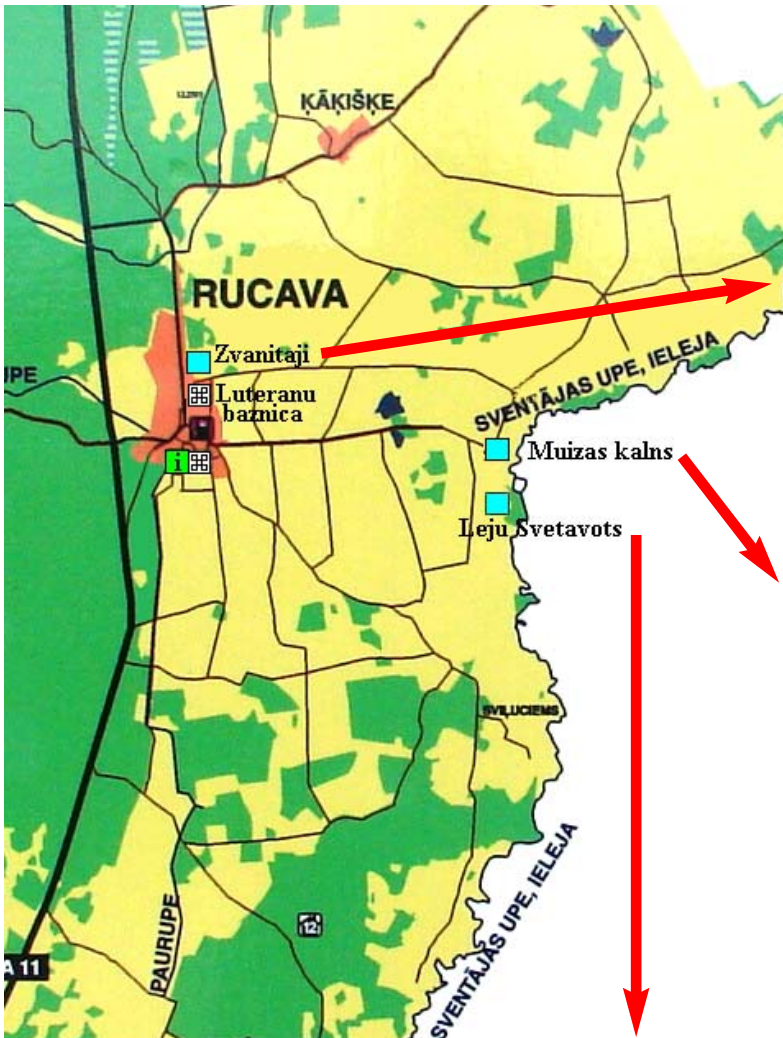
Traditional Rucava food like real rye-bread, carrot cakes (also called fence cakes), white butter with potatoes, riezis, and little loaves of potatoes are offered too.

In "Zvanitaji" you can see the Puku Janis private collection of ancient musical instruments.

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P-Pk/Mon-Fri/Mo.-Fr. 10:00-18:00
Ekskursijas gida pavadība / Guided tours / Fremdenführer.



Surroundings



Zvanitaji - Ethnographic house Zvanitaji.



Muizas Kalns - Manor Hill.

Leju Svetavods - Secred Spring of Lejas.





Leju Sacred Spring (N 56° 09.182 E 021° 13.350).

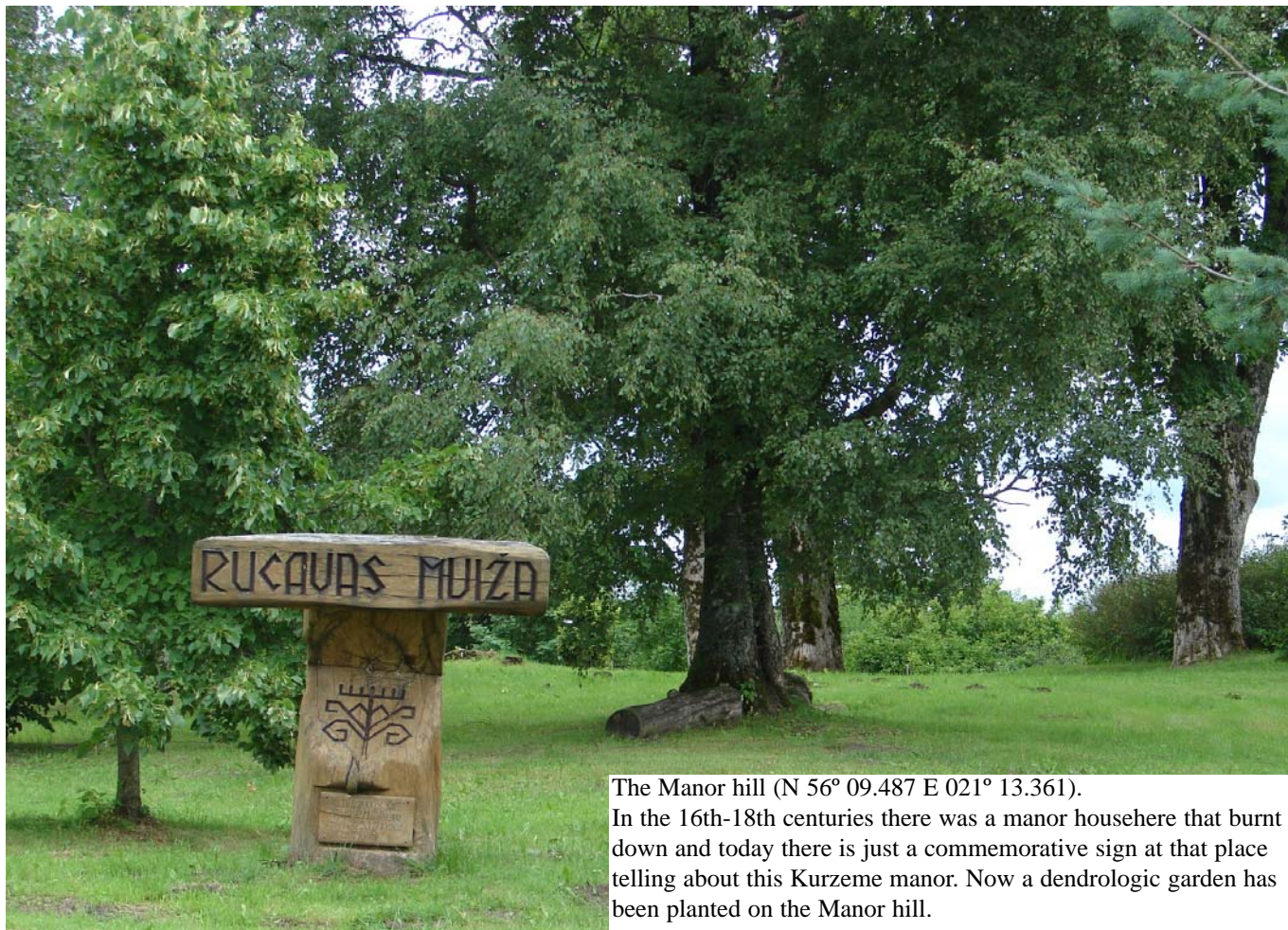
The largest spring in the Sventaja valley with Latvia's largest bird-cherry tree leaning over it. The water of the sacred spring is supposed to be curative and to help cure eyesight problems and other maladies. The biggest and bushiest bird-cherry in Latvia is growing next to the spring.





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The Manor hill (N 56° 09.487 E 021° 13.361).
In the 16th-18th centuries there was a manor house here that burnt down and today there is just a commemorative sign at that place telling about this Kurzeme manor. Now a dendrologic garden has been planted on the Manor hill.





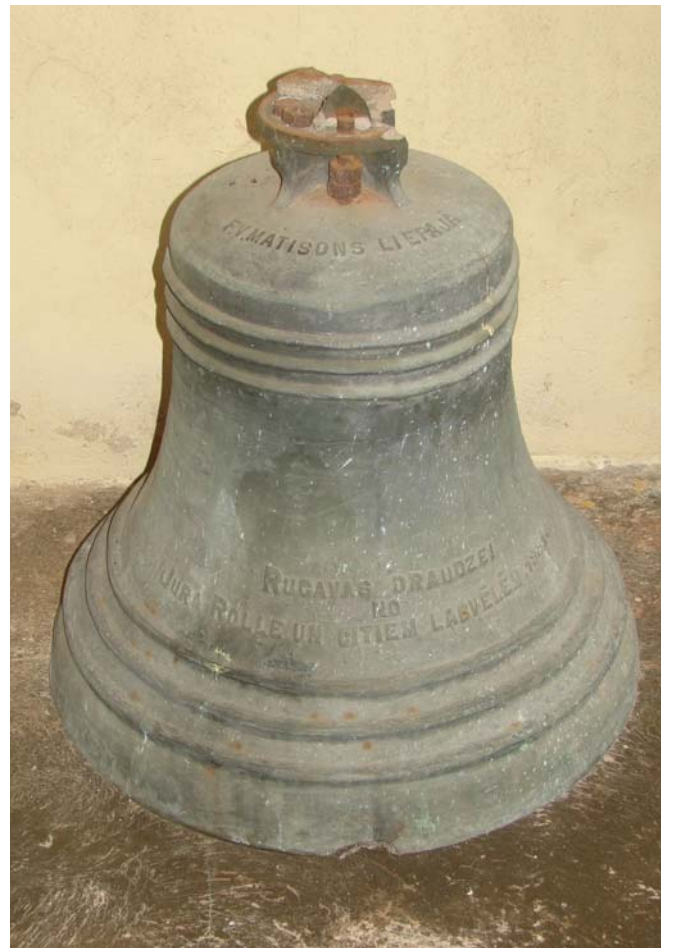
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Rucava Lutheran church (N 56° 09.607 E 021° 09.749) was built from 1872 till 1874. Rucava church takes pride in two ancient chandeliers, altar candleholders, the baptismal font and other items. Since 1999 the church is in the European cultural heritage list. +371 26073978. 01.06.-31.08. daily 11:00-16:00, 01.09.-31.05. by prior appointment.

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Summer music classes



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