

Individual thematic route

"PLACES OF FREEDOM BATTLES"

The route goes along the memorial sites of the Freedom battles in Jelgava and its surroundings, where the Freedom battles took place in the first half of the last century in order to free our country from the Bermont and Avalov's troops.

RECOMMENDED ROUTE SEQUENCE:



- 1 Akadēmijas iela 1, Jelgava, LV-3001
the distance to be covered to the next point 8,05 km, 10 min.
- 2 Gulbji, Tušķi, Līvberze parish, Jelgava County, LV-3003
6,96 km, 9 min.
- 3 Laumu iela 6, Vārpa, Līvberze parish, Jelgava County, LV-3003
17,3 km, 21 min.
- 4 Mednieki, Cena parish, Ozolnieki County, LV-3018
6,67 km, 8 min.
- 5 Skuju skola, Cena parish, Ozolnieki County, LV-3018
18,8 km, 22 min.
- 6 Krūmiņi, Salgale parish, Ozolnieki County, LV-3045
12,4 km, 11 min.
- 7 Bauskas iela 12, Jelgava, LV-3001
2,02 km, 3 min.
- 8 Miera iela 19, Jelgava, LV-3001
2,99 km, 3 min.
- 9 Pasta iela 67, Jelgava, LV-3001
1,51 km, 1 min.
- 1 Akadēmijas iela 1, Jelgava, LV-3001

Recommended time:

all year

Approximate route making time:

2-3h

Total length:

~ approx. 77km

Difficulty level:

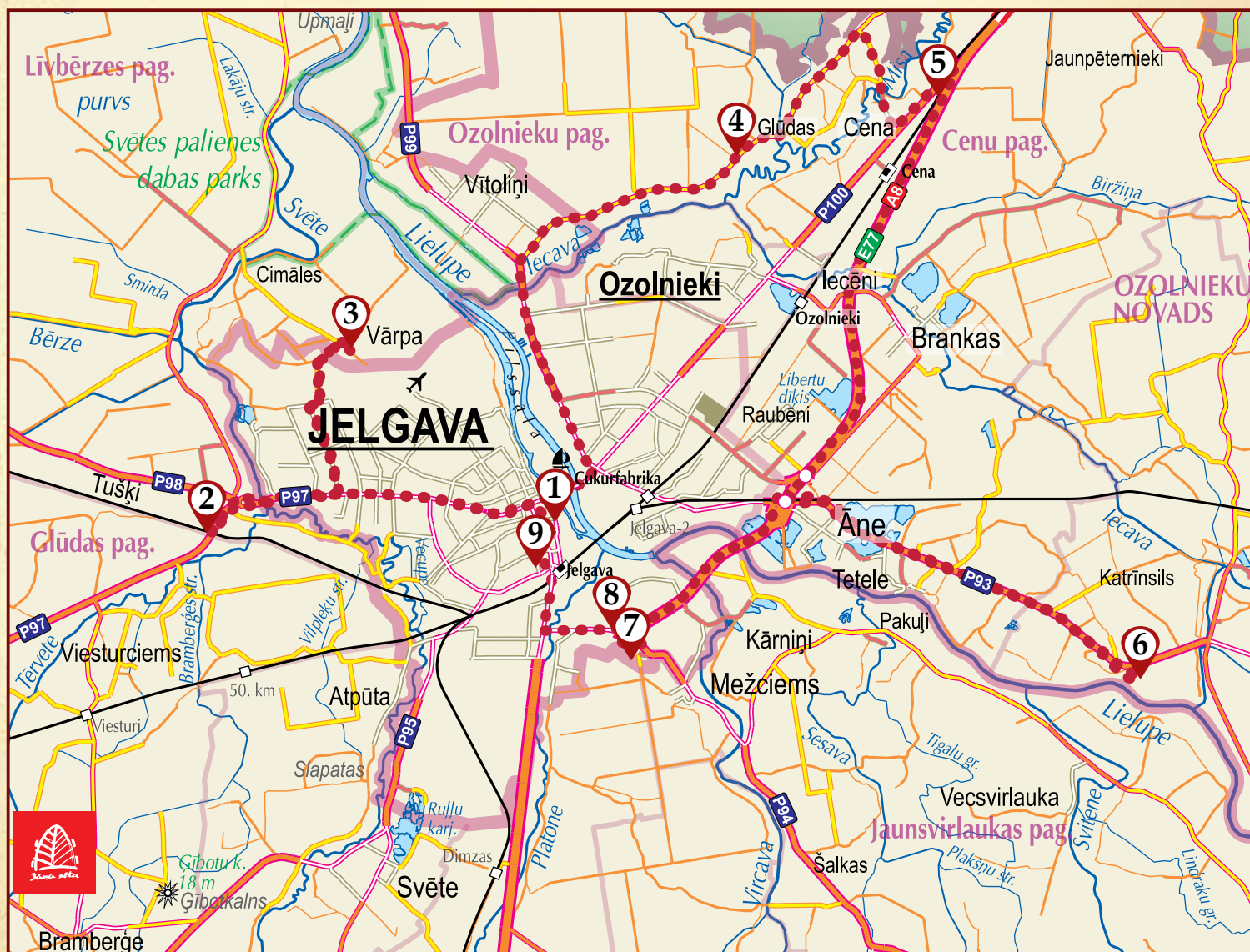
easy

Road surface:

gravel and asphalt roads

**Participants of the thematic route, according to their capabilities and initiative, are invited to bring candles (for outdoor conditions) and bouquets of dried flowers to leave at memorials.*

** All sites are located outside, so you need clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions.*





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Start point– Jelgava Holy Trinity Church Tower. Jelgava Regional Tourism Centre.



2

Memorial sign in Jelgava Municipality at the crossing of the railway station Tušķi (formerly Svēte). Opened on 14 August 1938 in honour of the partisans of northern Latvia.



3

Memorial stone of Lieutenant Colonel Arturs Kelers. The memorial place of the Lieutenant Colonel in Vārpa was opened on 21 November 2009 in the place where the front line used to be. Arturs Kelers in January 1917 was assigned to the 1st Daugavpils regiment of Latvian riflemen, with which he fought until November.



4

Mass graves of the Cena cemetery. Memorial place for the fallen in the battles of Liberation. The remains of 23 soldiers who died in the Freedom battles were buried with military honours on the side of old Riga-Jelgava road near Straumenu house on 28 November 1937.



5

Monument to the soldiers of the 6th Riga Infantry Regiment, who fell in the Liberation Battles, near the former Skujas elementary school. Opened on 24 October 1937. On 17 November 1919, a battle with the Bermontians took place near the Skujas elementary school, in which the 6th Riga Infantry Regiment lost 16 dead and two missing, 58 soldiers were wounded.



6

Monument to the fallen cadets of the Military School. On the side of the Jelgava-Iecava road near the Vareļu house. It was opened on 20 May 1935, when the 15th anniversary of the first graduation of the Latvian Military School was celebrated. A pyramidal monument covered with travertine plates to 14 cadets of the first graduation of the Military School fallen in Latvian Liberation battles on 18 November 1919 was opened. During the Soviet occupation, in 1951, the monument was blown up. It was restored and opened on 17 November 1990.



7

Monument to the soldiers fallen in Latvian Freedom battles. The monument at Jelgava Mass grave was opened on 15 October 1922 in Jelgava at the Forest (Nicholas') cemetery. The monument, carved in granite, is decorated with a death-mask of a fallen soldier, a firecross carved in granite and the text "WE GO TO THE STAKE – WE BRING YOU FREEDOM". 60 soldiers of the Latvian army fallen in November 1919 are buried at the cemetery.



8

Memorial site at Miera cemetery. The Mass grave of Bermont and Avalov's army and the Baltic Home Guard soldiers, who died in Jelgava military hospital.



9

Monument to the liberators of Jelgava "Battle of Lacplesis with the Black Knight and the Red Dragon". Jelgavas Stacijas parks. On 22 June 1932, the President opened a monument to the liberators of Jelgava – an image of Lacplesis (an image of Bear-slayer) carved in light grey granite, leaning on a sword, placing one foot on the defeated black knight and red dragon.



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10. Finish point - Jelgava Holy Trinity Church Tower. Jelgava Regional Tourism Centre.