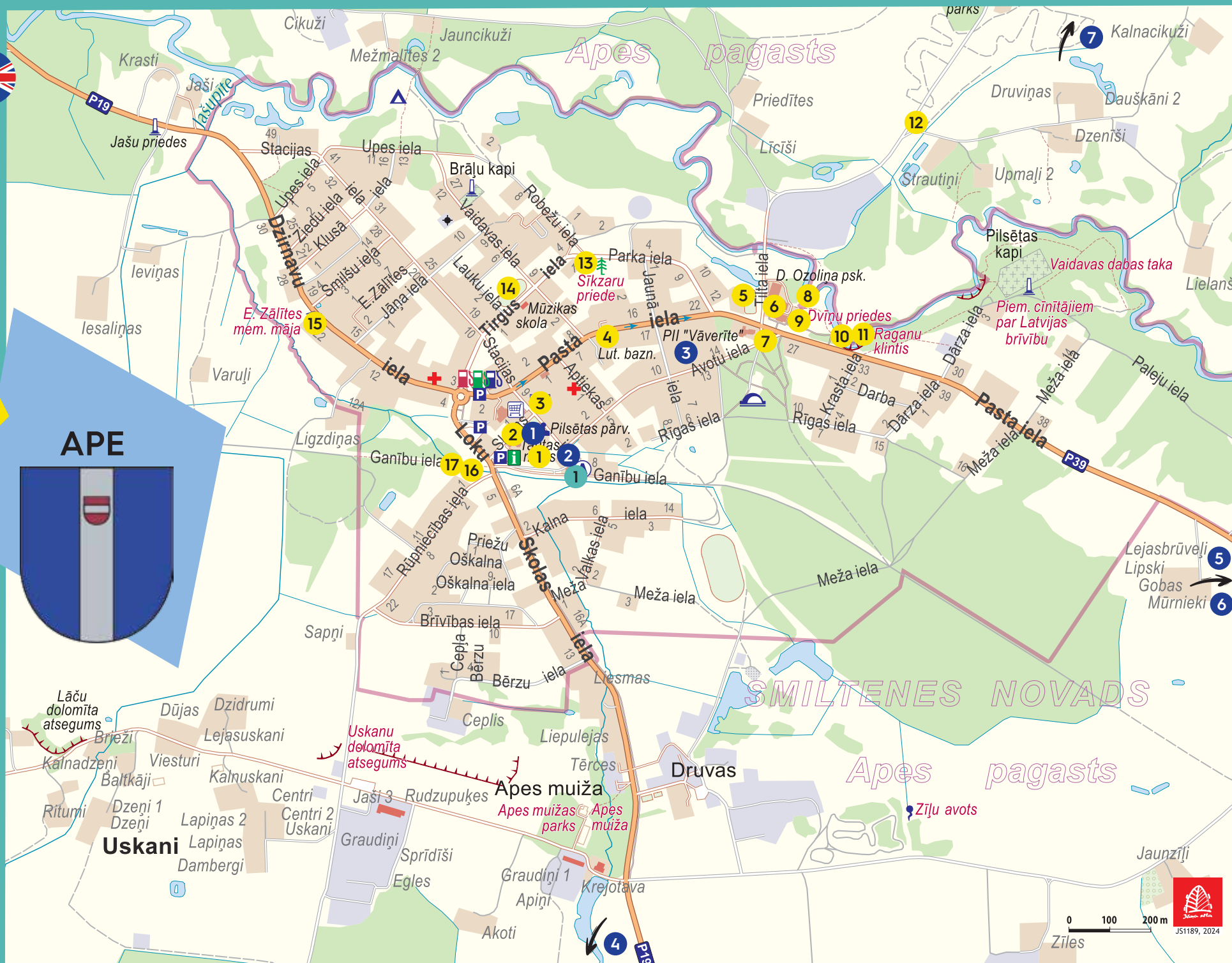




APE



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Taste:

- 1 **Cafe "Krodziņš"**
Ganību iela 4, Ape, +371 26594554

Stay:

- 1 **Overnight Accommodation in Ape**
Skolas iela 2, Ape, +371 26116845
- 2 **Accommodation "Pie krodziņa"**
Ganību iela 4, Ape, +371 26594554
- 3 **Holiday House in Ape**
Avotu iela 12A, Ape, +371 26594554
- 4 **Guest House in Ape Rural Territory**
"Jaunvosi", Apes pagasts, +371 26448184
- 5 **Guest House "Kalnarušķi"**
"Kalnarušķi", Apes pagasts, +371 26594554
- 6 **Guest House "Melderī"**
"Melderī", Grūbe, Apes pagasts, +371 26152011
- 7 **Cottage by Lake Enīķis**
GPS: 57.5746, 26.8317, +371 29130280

Enjoy:

- 1 **Ape Crafts House**
By restoring a historic warehouse building, Ape Crafts House was opened in 2023 – a place where traditions, creativity and the community come together. The venue regularly hosts workshops, exhibitions, discussion evenings, and seminars, inviting visitors to explore both traditional crafts and modern skills.
Skolas iela 4, Ape, +371 28559659
- 2 **Ape Culture Centre**
Ape Culture Centre is like the town's personal Castle of Light – a symbol of culture, tradition, creativity, and being together. It is a place for those who wish to sing, dance, or act, as well as for visitors who come to enjoy concerts, performances, exhibitions, workshops, and warm, welcoming evenings.
Skolas iela 4, Ape, +371 27823322
- 3 **Historic Town Centre of Ape**
A characteristic border-town urban landscape, the most distinctive elements of which are buildings made of locally sourced colourful dolomite with brick detailing, as well as the cobblestone pavement of forged fieldstones along Pasta Street. The former railway station building (1902) introduces visitors to the history of the narrow-gauge railway and the town of Ape.
Stacijas un Pasta ielas, Ape



3. Historic Town Centre of Ape



15. Elīna Zālīte Memorial House

4 Ape St Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church

The Ape congregation was founded in 1994. The church foundations were laid in 2009, and on 21 September 2014, the church was consecrated. It is one of the newest churches in Latvia. A tastefully designed garden surrounds the church, delighting visitors with ornamental shrubs and flowers.

Pasta iela 11, Ape, +371 26124789

5 Ape Outdoor Ice Rink (Hockey Rink)

Tilta iela 1, Ape

6 Elīna Zālīte Monument

In May 1983, a bronze sculptural portrait of the writer Elīna Zālīte was unveiled near Dāvis Ozoliņš Ape Primary School. In November 2009, the portrait was stolen. A new bronze casting was created thanks to the successful cooperation between Ape Municipality Council, Art Academy lecturer and sculptor Kārlis Alains, and the original author of the sculpture, sculptor Rasa Kalniņa-Grīnberga. The sculpture was unveiled during the Ape City Festival in the summer of 2016.

Pasta iela 26, Ape

7 Environmental Object "Climb and Jump into the Vaidava Cup"

The object features two colourfully stylised motorcycles – one with a rider already seated, while the other invites anyone to step into the role of a motorsport rider. This environmental object is a symbol of respect, history and lifestyle, honouring the longest-running motorsport competition in Latvia. It is dedicated to motorsport enthusiasts and serves as a tribute to the people of Ape.

Intersection of Avotu and Pasta streets, Ape

8 Werewolf Pine

The Ape Werewolf Pine grows on the bank of the River Vaidava, near Dāvis Ozoliņš Ape Primary School.

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9 Twin pines

The Twin Pines are located next to Dāvis Ozoliņš Ape Primary School. They grow approximately one metre apart from each other. About three metres above the ground, the trees have formed a branch bridge – a branch from one pine has grown into the trunk of the other. Several large burls growing on both trunks make the trees look even more unusual.

GPS: 57.54064, 26.70599

10 Raganu Cliffs

On the left bank of the River Vaidava, 8–10-metre-high sandstone cliffs stretch for up to 100 metres, known as the Raganu (Witches') Cliffs. The site consists of Devonian sandstone outcrops forming two large cliffs, five distinct springs, several spring-fed areas, and four niches. The name originates from legends telling of witches who were believed to dwell in the caves of the cliffs and the surrounding area.

Vaidavas dabas taka, Ape

11 Vaidava Nature Trail

The trail winds along the picturesque banks of the River Vaidava. The main sightseeing spots include the New and Old Raganu Cliffs, the Veselibas (Health) Spring, the Acu (Eye) Spring, remarkable trees, and views of the impressive Dzenīši Great Willow. The Vaidava Nature Trail is especially suitable for younger visitors of Ape – it features educational information boards, balance elements, swings, an "outdoor classroom", and other surprises. Trail length – 1.5 km.

The trail begins near D. Ozoliņš Ape Primary School, 26 Pasta Street, Ape



10. Raganu Cliffs

12 Arvīds Levans Ape Motor Track

Built on natural terrain, the clearly visible motocross track is recognised as one of the most technically demanding tracks in the Baltic region. The motocross competition, Vaidava Cup, beloved by both athletes and spectators, has been held here continuously since 1974.

"Mototrāse", Apes pagasts

13 Fine-Branded Pine

It begins branching only at 1.8 metres above the ground, forming an unusual crown, a structure that resembles a witch's broom. Specialists estimate the tree to be around 200 years old. According to Guntis Eniņš, it is considered the smallest pine tree in Latvia. Due to its distinctive appearance and isolated location, it is also known as the "lonely pine".

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14 Active Recreation Park and the former Ape Estonian Education Society House

The active recreation park features bike tracks, beach volleyball courts, and outdoor fitness equipment. On the other side of the street is a building of a historical significance – the School of Estonian Society used to be there. In 1994, the Estonian Society presented the house to the Ape Town Council on terms that the Estonian flag would always be displayed at the facility to celebrate the strong connection between Ape and the neighbouring country.

Lauku iela 1 un Tīrgus iela 5, Ape

7. Environmental Object "Climb and Jump into the Vaidava Cup"



15 Elīna Zālīte Memorial House

Elīna Zālīte is commemorated by a street named after her, and a memorial house in Ape, where the writer was born and spent her childhood, and later returned to visit every summer. Here, you can learn about the richness of her life and creative work. The interactive display, the model of Hoppenhof Manor, and the musical drawers allow visitors sense the gracefulness of Ape's history.

Dzirnavu iela 24, Ape, +371 28559659

16 Green Railway Walking and Cycling Route

The narrow-gauge railway between Valka and Ape was opened in 1900 and operated until 1970. Today, the former railway route – passing through scenic countryside and small towns in southern Estonia and northern Vidzeme – has been transformed into a hiking and cycling route. Route length – 55 kilometres.

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17 Demographic Bridge

Ape is home to an unusual place – the old railway footbridge over the River Jašupīte. Legend has it that if a loving couple crosses this bridge together, their family will be blessed soon with a child – the fruit of love. Today, the Demographic Bridge symbolically leads people into a new chapter of life, preserving its romantic and hopeful charm.

GPS: 57.537605, 26.692678

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