

Dole island bike route



The Jāņkalns Site – The Solāži Bastion– The Daugava River Museum

Length: 15 km	Start point: The Daugava museum, Doles island, Salaspils county
Road surface: Gravel, dirt and forest roads	Good to know: Circular route. The Solāži bastion is a private property. Please apply in advance.
Marking: The route is marked with regional marks	

1. Fish Farm Dole

Fish farm Dole was created in 1986 to compensate for the losses caused by Riga hydroelectric power plant. Tours are available to learn about hatching and keeping of different species of fish. You should book your tour in advance. (Located on the island of Dole in the Salaspils district. From the direction of Riga HES driving in the direction of the Daugava Museum, a blue sign is on the left. +371 67216354, 26226663.)



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2. The Jāņkalns Site

Because of its original shape and location, the hill of Jāņkalns is believed to be an ancient cult site. Even at the beginning of the 20th century, midsummer festivities Līgo were still celebrated here.



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3. Vecdole Castle Ruins

Vecdole Castle was built at the beginning of the 13th century near the rapids of Rumbula with a square-shaped stone walls (remained as one the oldest examples of stone – constructed walls in Latvia. The castle belonged to the family of Dolen, who was a vassal for the archbishop of Riga. In 1298 the castle was destroyed by the Livonian Order; later there was a lime kiln in its ruins. Excellent view of Riga Hydropower Station, Dārziņi, Šķērssēklis, and the Rumba rapids greet from the site. (The site is a private property.)

4. A Grave Of A .Bergmanis

The Dole-Katlakalns combat organisation, which was one of the largest in Latvia, operated on Dole Island during the 1905-1907 Revolution. In 1906, a farmhand of Taurītes farmstead, Andrejs Bergmanis, was executed during a punitive expedition and buried next to an oak tree near Taurītes. A memorial stone was created here in 1985.



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It is a tall bastion-like hill on the bank of the Daugava. According to legends, its formation is related to the invasion of Napoleon's army in 1812 and their preparation for war around the area of Riga. However, there is no particular evidence of the bastion being completed and used. It provides a wide panoramic view over the Daugava and its sandbanks. (The site is a private property. Please apply in advance by phone +371 28306416.)

6. Rengarten Family Cemetery

In 1839, the owner of the Dole Manor, Maria Dolivo-Dobrovolsky, pledged the estate to a retired woods inspector Peter von Rengarten, who owned the manor until 1861. Then the Dole Manor became the property of baron von Löwis of Menar. Rengarten family cemetery is located behind the recreation area of the Daugava Museum.

7. Memorial For Flooded Houses Of Dole Island

After the construction of Rīga Hydroelectric Power Plant, about 180 houses and farms were left underwater not only on Dole Island but also on the banks of the Daugava River in Ķekava and Salaspils. The people who were forced to leave their homes and their descendants wanted to create a memorial place for the lost land. A memorial created by sculptor V. Barkāns can now be viewed on the bank of the Daugava.

In the territory of the Daugava Museum, Dole Island, Salaspils municipality. (Atrodas Daugavas muzeja teritorijā)



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8. The Daugava River Museum

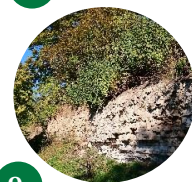
Since 1977, the Daugava Museum has been located in the new dwelling house of Dole Manor. There you can see the cultural history of Daugava, the *Latvian River of Fate, and Salaspils County*, as well as unique materials of ancient Latvian history. There is a chance to learn about how the valley of the Daugava looked before the cascade of the hydropower station was built – to compare the current landscape with that from the past. Museum offers various sites for recreation and activities. (Dole Island, Salaspils county, +371 67216367)



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9. Dolomite Crag near the Daugava River museum

Nature heritage site and biotope of European significance – geological and geomorphologic object located on the steep bank of the Dry Daugava branch in the territory of the museum. You can see the might of the natural processes: a 12 m tall Devonian deposit, the layers of which have been forming for 350 million years.



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Catering facilities and accommodation:

- ☞ Summer Pub **Nēģis** - Recreation area of the Daugava River Museum, Doles Island, Salaspils county, +371 29276653
- ☞ A day off at **Vējiņi** - Picnic sites on the bank of the Daugava River, and on a secluded island – Baltsēklis, boat rental, Doles Island, Salaspils County, +371 28306416
- ☞ Guest House **Villa Dole** - Beds for 30 persons. Sports games and picnics can be organized near the guest house, "Auči", Doles Island, Salaspils County, +371 29413963

Salaspils County Tourism information centre

Miera street 1, Salaspils, LV – 2169, +371 67945440

Working Hours

Winter Season	Summer Season
Mon-Fri 09:00-17:30	Mon - Fri 09:00-18:30
Sat - Sun Closed	Sat - Sun 10.00-16.00



