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KOTUS
ONE STERLING PLACE!

A MAP OF KOTUS REGION

Taheva, Karula and Mõniste region in Southern Estonia – in Valga and Võru counties

stunning pine forests · winding rivers
Karula National Park · picturesque vaults
secluded forest lakes · fascinating meadows
smoke saunas · Home-made food · ancient Koiva trees with in-carved crosses – full of memories

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Photo competition of Kotus
„It's good to live in the countryside“

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SOME WORDS ABOUT KOTUS REGION

Kotus cooperation network unites entrepreneurs, nonprofit organisations and community core group in the Southern Estonia, who live in Taheva and Karula region in Valga county, and in Mõniste, Antsla and Ahijärve region in Võru county. Kotus network collects and provides information both for the locals and visitors.

Homepage www.kotus.ee offers more detailed information about tourist packages, places to visit, sightseings, camping and trekking facilities, besides, about the regional news, events, and members of Kotus cooperation network.

Should you need some additional information about Kotus region or tourist packages, contact us: kotus.tkm@gmail.com

· the southernmost point of Estonia ·
· enthralling floods · proximity to Latvia
· healthy herbs · blazing spindles · free-range calves
· unexpected meetings in the forest ·

The pamphlet was compiled by Taheva Valli Küladel Selts (Taheva Parish Village Society) – together with the Kotus cooperation network within the framework of the project „Direction to change the Kotus cooperation network for self-sufficiency“.



Shops / catering

Accommodation / active holiday

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ACCOMMODATION / ACTIVE HOLIDAY

1. Kaagjärve Mansion

Kaagjärve village, Valga parish, Valga county
+372 5557 0788 📍 Kaagjärve Mõis
Meals: pre-order
Bed places: up to 35
The most beautiful rose garden in South Estonia. Coffee, cake and ice cream every day. Accommodation for up to 35 people, banquet hall for up to 100 people - birthdays, trainings, seminars, concerts, weddings. Catering on pre-order. Excursion in the mansion house and park. Sporting opportunities, bicycle rental (10 pcs).

2. Nakatu Tourism Farm

Väike-Nakatu farm, Ringiste village, Valga parish, Valga county
+372 513 4024 www.nakatu.ee
📍 Nakatu Turismitalu @ nakaturismitalu
Meals: pre-order
Bed places: in summer up to 60
Extra opportunities: celebrations, weddings, summer days, canoe trips.

3. Karula-Lüllemäe Health and Sport Centre

Kirikumõisa tee street 15, Lüllemäe village, Valga parish, Valga county
+372 526 9020 www.karulatsk.ee
📍 Karula-Lüllemäe Tervise- ja Spordikeskus
Meals: pre-order, kitchen corner available
Bed places: 25

Extra facilities: sport fields, archery, adventure trail, hiking trails, health trail, skiing trails, snowtubing, mountain skiing, sauna, rent of sport equipment.

4. Juku-Peedu trails of Orientation Club

Lüllemäe village, Valga parish, Valga county
www.jukupeedu.ee/psyrarjad
The orienteering trails of Juku-Peedu around Lüllemäe invite you to the forest so that you can exercise in a pleasant way while learning orienteering. At the same time, you will get acquainted with the harsh and beautiful nature, culture and history of Karula.

5. Karula Stay

Värtmäe Farm, Ähijärve Village, Antsla Parish, Võru County
+372 5853 6568 karulastay@gmail.com

📍 Karula Stay @ karulastay

Accommodation: We offer accommodation both in winter and in summer in glamping / Sauna accommodation with a traditional sauna experience of Võru County. (We have everything you need to feel comfortable). Catering: We offer breakfast/dinner by prior arrangement. Barbecue facilities on site. Extra opportunities: Hiking trails/lakes nearby, boat rental in summer, fishing equipment rental, ice fishing equipment rental in winter. It is possible to buy honey from the local Värtmäe farm.

📍 Järvenukka Rest House
Järvenuka farm, Mähkli village, Antsla parish, Võru county
+372 507 6293

📍 Järvenukka Puhkemaja
Meals: kitchen corner available
Bed places: 8

Extra opportunities: sauna, swimming place, log-fire site, grill, boat, pets allowed, cash only.

HIKING, LEARNING AND CYCLING TRAILS

1. Valga/Valka-Ape "Green Railway" (~55km)

Location: On former Valga-Valka-Ape narrow-gauge railway path.
Starting point: Valga city Railway Station, Valka city or suitable section all over the trail of your own choice. Facilities: Green Railway hiking trail and detours are marked. On the trail there are several information boards, pictures about narrow-gauge railway history, resting point in Hargla village (look point nr 19 under "CAMPING SITES, LOG-FIRE SITES" topic). Best time for hiking is time between May to September.

2. Lüllemäe health trail (4 km)

Location: Lüllemäe Village, Valga Parish, Valga County.
Starting point: Lüllemäe ski area parking lot.
Equipment: ski area parking lot.

3. Rebäse landscape trail (7km) **RMK**
Location: Rebasmõisa village, Valga parish, Valga county.

Starting point: Rebasmõisa. Parking: The parking area of the Rebasmõisa observation tower. Equipment: There are 16 information boards, plaques and pasture gates along the trail. The trail is marked with wooden arrow signs and red coloured signs on trees. The pasture border may be under electricity. The observation tower is dilapidated and dangerous. Therefore it is closed for visiting. We apologize!

4. RMK Peraküla-Aegviidu-Ähijärve hiking route / Pähni-Ähijärve section (103 km) **RMK**

Location: The hiking trail is in Rõuge and Antsla municipalities in Võru county and Valga municipality in Valga county. Starting point: at Pähni Nature Centre, or at Ähijärve near the visitor centre of Karula National Park. Parking: the parking areas of Pähni Visitor Centre or the visitor centre of Karula National Park. Equipment: the trail is signposted and marked with white-green-white paint marks on trees.

5. Karula short cycling trail (15 km) **RMK**

Location: Ähijärve village, Antsla parish Võru county. Starting point: at the guest centre of Karula National Park. Parking: on the parking space of the guest centre of Karula National Park. Equipment: The trail runs in a circular pattern and is marked by tin signs.

6. Karula long cycling trail (38 km) **RMK**

Location: Ähijärve village, Antsla parish Võru county. Starting point: at the guest centre of Karula National Park. Parking: on the parking space of the guest centre of Karula National Park. Equipment: The trail runs in a circular pattern and is marked by tin signs.

7. Karula long hiking trail (36 km) **RMK**

Location: Ähijärve village, Antsla parish Võru county. Starting point: at the guest centre of Karula National Park. Parking: on the parking space of the guest centre of Karula National Park. Equipment: trail starts at the guest centre of Karula National Park and goes along Ähijärve shore and the old farm road. The trail is equipped with 15 information boards, 2 plank road sections. The trail is marked with wooden signs and red coloured marks on trees.

7. Forest Brother's Tourism Farm

Metsavenna farm, Vastse-Roosa village, Rõuge parish, Võru county
+372 523 0850 www.metsavennatalu.ee 📍 Metsavenna talu
Meals: pre-order
Extra facilities: kayaks, in winter – sledging and snowtubing mountain with chairlift, skiing trails, camping.

8. Hüti Conference Farm

Uue-Hüti farm, Hüti village, Rõuge parish, Võru county
+372 512 2830
📍 OÜ Hüti Konverentsitalu
Meals: pre-order
Bed places: 12+
Extra opportunities: horse riding, archery, camping. The dogs of the farm have a 30-minute trick program, which can be seen on site or invited to perform at events.

9. Mäe-Kolga Farm

Mäe-Kolga Farm, Villike Village, Rõuge Parish, Võru County
+372 5373 5537 / +372 5340 9567
www.maekolga.com 📍 Mäe-Kolga talu @ maekolga
Catering: Barbecue facilities, and electric kettle, some dishes and small fridge are available on site. Beds: We offer experience accommodation in glass energy pyramids. We have three different pyramids, which in turn form three separate packages, we can accommodate a total of 6 people. Additional options: Sauna, hot tube with bubbles, possibility to use a large outdoor pool in summer. Outdoor cinema evenings every Saturday in August.

10. Vahi and Vahi's sauna accommodation
Vahi, Kalliküla, Valga Parish, Valga County
+372 517 7001

📍 VAHI @ vahitalu
Catering: shared kitchenette
Beds: 7 (in the sauna house – 4; in a summer house – 3)
Sauna experience: An extraordinary experience in Vahi sauna. Additional options: sauna, grill, refrigerator, campfire place, campfire or picnic basket on request, breakfast, nature walks, pets allowed, payment by card or cash.

11. Saaresalu Summer House
Saaresalu, Hargla village, Valga parish, Valga county
+372 509 4694 www.kotus.ee/saaresalu

Meals: kitchen corner available
Bed places: 10
Extra opportunities: Hiking trails, grilling and pet services

12. Elukutsar – horseback riding and horse services in Southern Estonia.

Mäekalle farm, Sooblase Village Valga Parish, Valga County
+372 5198 9796

📍 Elukutsar @ elukutsar
A beautiful farm house is home to a donkey, white ponies and some horses that can be visited. The bravest can also try horse or donkey riding. NB! Visiting by appointment.

CAMPING SITES / LOG-FIRE SITES

1. RMK Karula Pikkjärve log-fire sites **RMK**

On shore of Karula Pikkjärve lake, up to 3 tents, parking, dry toilet, information board.

2. RMK Kiivi Forest Hut **RMK**

On the border of Karula National Park, at the Hargla-Koobassara road, for up to 10 tents, parking not far from the forest hut, bench-table-shelter, dry toilet, information board. Forest Hut is an old barn with bunk beds and without heating system. Free.

3. RMK Kogrejärve log-fire site **RMK**
On shore of Kogrejärve lake, up to 3 tents, parking, benches, dry toilet, information board.

4. RMK Rebasmõisa log-fire site **RMK**
In Rebasmõisa village, up to 10 tents, parking, benches, dry toilet, information board.

5. RMK Ödri log-fire site I **RMK**
On shore of Ödri lake, up to 4 tents, parking place not far from the site, information board, benches, dry toilet, shed.

6. RMK Ödri log-fire site II **RMK**
On shore of Ödri lake, parking, information boards, bench-table-shelter, changing cabin, dry toilet, staircase.

7. RMK Alakõnnu lõkkekoht **RMK**
On shore of Ähijärve lake, up to 6 tents, parking, information board, dry toilet, bench-table-shelter.

8. RMK Veski log-fire site **RMK**
On shore of Ähijärve lake, up to 2 tents, limited parking space, information board, bench-table-shelter, dry toilet.

9. RMK Suuremäe camping site **RMK**
In the guest centre of Karula National Park, up to 50 tents, parking, information board, 2 toilets, outdoor shower with clean drinking water, bench-table-shelter, sheds, light-posts with sockets, information board.

10. RMK Ähijärve log-fire site **RMK**
On shore of Ähijärve lake, not far from Karula National Park, bench-table-shelter, singing stage, outdoor lighting.

11. RMK Ähijärve resting place **RMK**
In the yard of Karula National Park guest centre, bench-table-shelter, dry toilet, outdoor shower with clean drinking water.

12. RMK Piasagi log-fire site **RMK**
On the western shore of Ähijärve lake, up to 5 tents, restricted access, parking, information board, dry toilet, benches.

13. RMK Perajärve log-fire site **RMK**
3 km to the south of Karula National Park centre, parking, information board, dry toilet, benches.

14. RMK Ubajärve log-fire site **RMK**
On the eastern shore of Ubajärve lake, up to 5 tents, parking, information board, dry toilet, benches.

15. Southernmost point of Estonia log-fire site **RMK**
Restricted access – only by foot, camping site, up to 2 tents, fire-log ground, information board, forest hut, dry toilet.

16. Metsavenna log-fire site **RMK**
In Vastse-Roosa village, up to 5 tents, parking in the vicinity to the log-fire site. Benches, dry toilet. Fire ground is located on the private land, so, please respect the land owners. Fire ground is provided, first of all, as a stop for hikers who move along RMK Peraküla-Aegviidu-Ähijärve hiking trail.

17. Mõniste Folk Farm Museum

www.monistemuseum.ee
+372 789 0622 / +372 5622 8538
Extra facilities: Sauna, quick washing and drying of clothes, camping, accommodation, kitchenette, shop, meeting rooms, caravan-related services are free of charge for museum visitors.

18. RMK Linnajärve log-fire site **RMK**
On shore of Linnajärve lake, up to 2 tents, parking next to the log-fire site, toilet, information board.

19. Green Railway hiking track resting point
In Hargla Village, behind Hargla Country House of Culture, up to 4 tents, fire-log ground, table-benches, toilet.

20. RMK bike trails log-fire site **RMK**
At the bottom of Tellungimäe hill, up to 10 tents, parking, bench-table-shelter, dry toilets, information board.

21. RMK Tellungimäe log-fire site **RMK**
In Tellungimäe, up to 10 tents, parking, bench-table-shelter, dry toilets, information board.

22. RMK Alumati log-fire site **RMK**
On shore of Alumati lake, up to 2 tents, parking next to the road, dry toilet, information board.

23. RMK Kõrgjärve log-fire site **RMK**
Near the river Koiva, up to 4 tents, parking, bench-table-shelter, dry toilet, information board.

24. RMK Laagriplatsi log-fire site **RMK**
Near the river Koiva, up to 4 tents, parking, bench-table, dry toilet available.

25. RMK Oore camping site **RMK**
On shore of Aheru lake, up to 40 tents, parking on the camping site, forest huts with 12 bunk-bed places, 4 dry toilets, 7 log-fire places with tables and benches. Free.

LANDMARKS / SIGHTSEEING

1. Kaagjärve-Alamõisa Mansion

Kaagjärve village, Valga parish, Valga county

2. Kaagjärve Manzion
Kaagjärve village, Valga parish, Valga county
+372 5557 0788 📍 Kaagjärve Mõis

The most beautiful rose garden in South Estonia. Coffee, cake and ice cream every day. Accommodation for up to 35 people, banquet hall for up to 100 people - birthdays, trainings, seminars, concerts, weddings. Catering on pre-order. Excursion in the mansion house and park. Sporting opportunities, bicycle rental (10 pcs).

3. National Geographic yellow window - Kaagjärve Mansion
Kaagjärve village, Valga parish, Valga county

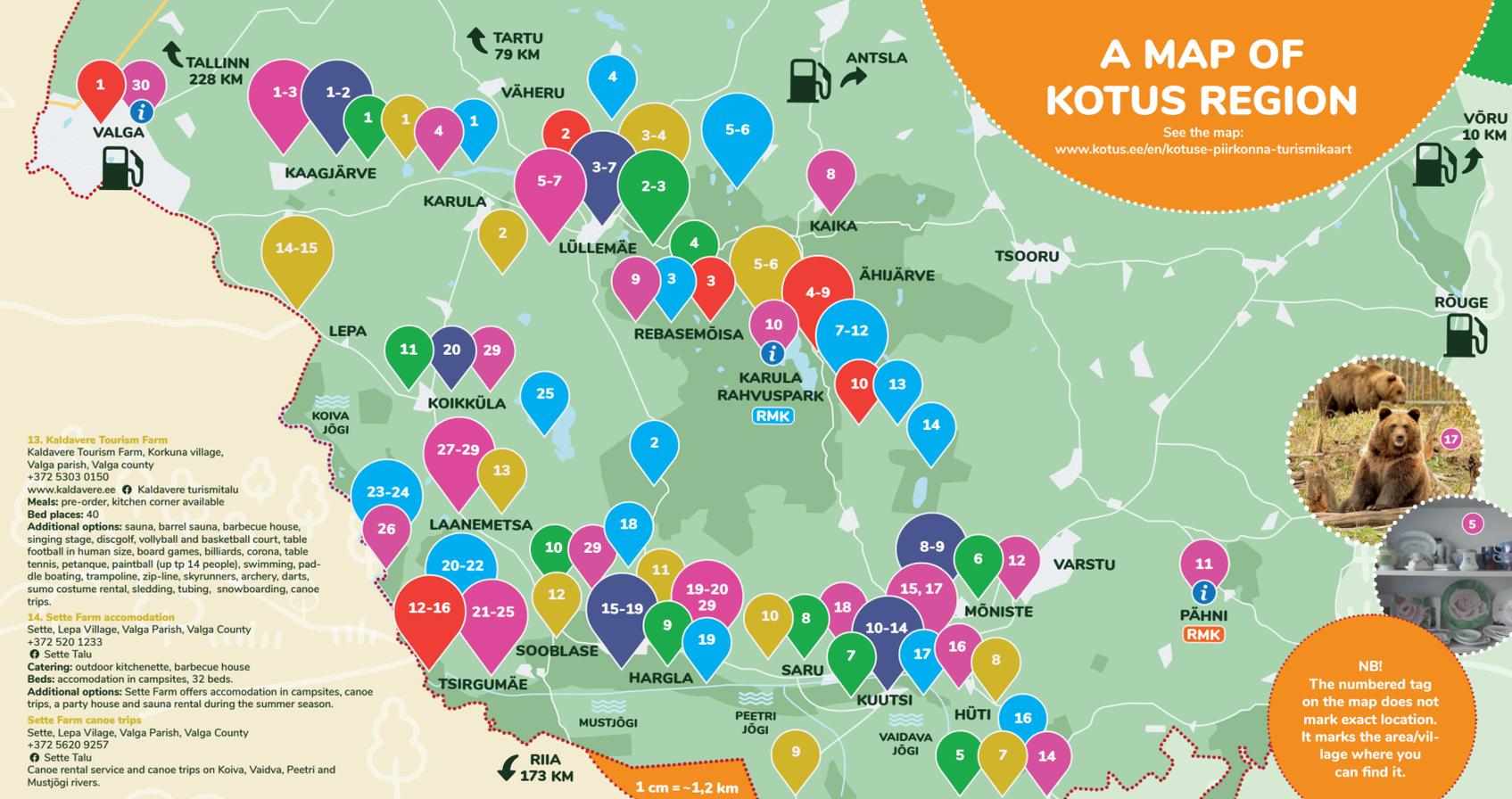
4. Karula Church of Protection of the Holy Mother of God
Pikkjärve village, Valga parish, Valga county

5. Lüllemäe Folk Lesson Centre
Lüllemäe village, Valga parish, Valga county
+372 5330 1511 📍 Lüllemäe Rahvaõpistu
www.opistu.net.ee

Handicraft makes your eyes shine and your soul rings - different workshops on pre-order from Lüllemäe Folk Lesson Centre (pottery, ceramics, jewelry, felting etc.) On-site gallery, sales room with home cafe.

A MAP OF KOTUS REGION

See the map:
www.kotus.ee/en/kotuse-piirkonna-turismikaart



NB!
The numbered tag on the map does not mark exact location. It marks the area/village where you can find it.



SHOPS / CATERING

1. Kaagjärve Mansion café
Kaagjärve Mansion, Kaagjärve Village, Valga Parish, Valga County
+372 5557 0788 📍 Kaagjärve Mõis
info@kaagjarvemois.ee
Take a walk in the rose garden of the mansion and enjoy good coffee.

2. Restaurant Three Sisters (Restoran Kolm Sõsarat)
Lüllemäe Village, Valga Parish, Valga County
+372 5693 5992 📍 Restoran Kolm Sõsarat
www.kolmsosarat.ee
Slow food from local ingredients. European Restaurant Guide White Guide 2021 & 2022 advanced level. We are open for reservations and we are waiting for groups of six people or more.

3. Nõdimäe shop
Lüllemäe village, Valga parish, Valga county
+372 502 3853

4. Granny's Garden and Leno's Tacobar
Tornimäe, Rebasmõisa, Valga county
+372 5330 1235 📍 Vanema Aed ja Leno Takobaar
www.vanaemaaed.ee
vanaemaaed@gmail.com
You can dine at Leno Tako Bar (Mexican food), Grandma's Garden and Leno Takoba Bar can be visited in advance by agreement FRI-SUN 12-20. If you want to visit us, please call in advance.

5. Metsavenna Shop
Metsavenna Farm, Vastse-Roosa village, Rõuge parish, Võru county
+372 523 0850 📍 Metsavenna talu
www.metsavennameierei.ee / www.metsavennatalu.ee
Metsavenna Dairy – mild French type cheeses, organic curd, organic curd cheese and packaged organic raw milk, souvenirs from Metsavenna Farm.

6. COOP Mõniste Shop
Mõniste village, Rõuge parish, Võru county
+372 5193 7035

7. Mõniste Folk Farm Museum – a shop inspired by 1930s
Kuutsi village, Rõuge parish, Võru county
+372 789 0622 / +372 5622 8538
Sweets, soft drinks, ice cream, coffee, souvenirs, books, local handicrafts and products.

8. OÜ Esperance Saru Shop
Saru village, Rõuge parish, Võru county
+372 789 0636

9. OÜ Esperance Hargla Shop
Hargla, Valga parish, Valga county
+372 769 8737

10. Puseepa Pizza
Taheva Village, Valga Parish, Valga County
+372 5300 5001 / +372 5770 4977
info@puseepapizza.ee
A real stone oven pizza with mild flavours from spring to autumn Mon-Fri 12-18. For larger groups, we accept reservations at our long table in Taheva.

11. OÜ Esperance Koikküla Shop
Koikküla, Valga parish, Valga county
+372 769 8543

22. Taheva Mansion
Tsirgumäe village, Valga parish, Valga county

23. Tellungimäe Watchtower
Tellungimäe, Valga parish, Valga county
Tower: wooden, 24m high. Parking: Parking on the bike trail log-fire site or log-fire site in Tellungimäe.

24. National Geographic yellow window
Tellungimäe, Valga parish, Valga county

25. Ööbiküla Herbs Farm
Ööbiküla, Tsirgumäe village, Valga parish, Valga county
+372 529 5578
www.taimeete.ee
Visit is possible with a prior notice, excursions to the farm herb field, you can buy farm products in-situ: tea blends, snacks, dry herbs.

26. Kõrgeperve
At the river Koiva, Laanemetsa village, Valga parish, Valga county

27. Laanemetsa Peter-and-Paul's Church
Laanemetsa village, Valga parish, Valga county

28. Putka Farm
Putka Farm, Laanemetsa Village, Valga Parish, Valga County
+372 504 7074
triniulis.elissaar@gmail.com 📍 Ühe talu lugu
We are a small farm that values the wisdom, knowledge, and skills of our ancestors. We raise our own food and work with the horse. Our farm has the majority of farm animals, from cats to dairy cows. We are opened to guests, give advice on moving to the countryside as well as keeping animals.

29. The Road of Sculptures
www.puusukultuurid.ee
Koikküla Village, Laanemetsa Village, Taheva Village, Sooblase Village, Hargla Village, Kalliküla Village, Valga Parish, Valga County.
There are bus stops by the Võru-Mõniste-Vaiga road, which have either an artistic appearance (Hargla bus stops) or are decorated with massive wooden bench statues (Laanemetsa, Taheva, Sooblase). In the summer of 2022, new sculptures will be added in Koikküla and Kalliküla.

30. Valga Tourist Information Center
Keskk 11, Valga, Valga Parish, Valga County
+372 766 1699
valga@visitestonia.com

20. Hargla Church
Hargla village, Valga parish, Valga county
21. NGO Tsirgumäe Food Forest
Järve farm, Tsirgumäe village, Valga parish, Valga county
+372 5332 0319 / +372 5919 1242
www.foodforest.ee 📍 Tsirgumäe Food Forest
info@foodforest.ee
We feel responsible for the landscape, the functioning of the entire ecosystem and the recovery of the soil. We use methods that are time-resistant, reusable, but also scalable and profitable. We work with other agricultural companies and small producers who share the same principles. We want to inform, educate and encourage people to plan their actions and make decisions based on the principle of recovery. We want to encourage the local community, promote the economy and prove the sustainability and resilience of this way of life.

EDUCATION / CULTURE

1. Kaagjärve kindergarten group of Lüllemäe Basic School
Kaagjärve village, Valga parish, Valga county

2. Kaagjärve Library
Kaagjärve village, Valga parish, Valga county

3. Lüllemäe Basic School
Lüllemäe village, Valga parish, Valga county

4. Lüllemäe kindergarten group of Lüllemäe Basic School
Lüllemäe village, Valga parish, Valga county

5. Lüllemäe House of Culture
Lüllemäe village, Valga parish, Valga county

6. Karula Open Youth Centre
Lüllemäe village, Valga parish, Valga county

7. Lüllemäe Library
Lüllemäe village, Valga parish, Valga county

8. Mõniste Open Youth Centre
Mõniste village, Rõuge parish, Võru county

9. Mõniste Library
Mõniste village, Rõuge parish, Võru county

10. Mõniste School
Kuutsi village, Rõuge parish, Võru county

11. Mõniste School Kindergarten
Kuutsi village, Rõuge parish, Võru county

12. Mõniste School Music School
Kuutsi village, Rõuge parish, Võru county

13. Mõniste Folk House
Kuutsi village, Rõuge parish, Võru county

14. Kuutsi Library
Kuutsi village, Rõuge parish, Võru county

15. Hargla School
Hargla village, Valga parish, Valga county

16. Hargla Country House of Culture
Hargla village, Valga parish, Valga county

17. Taheva Open Youth Centre
Hargla village, Valga parish, Valga county

18. Hargla Library
Hargla village, Valga parish, Valga county

19. Hargla School Kindergarten
Hargla village, Valga parish, Valga county

20. Koikküla Library
Koikküla village, Valga parish, Valga county

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