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Teiču Wilderness



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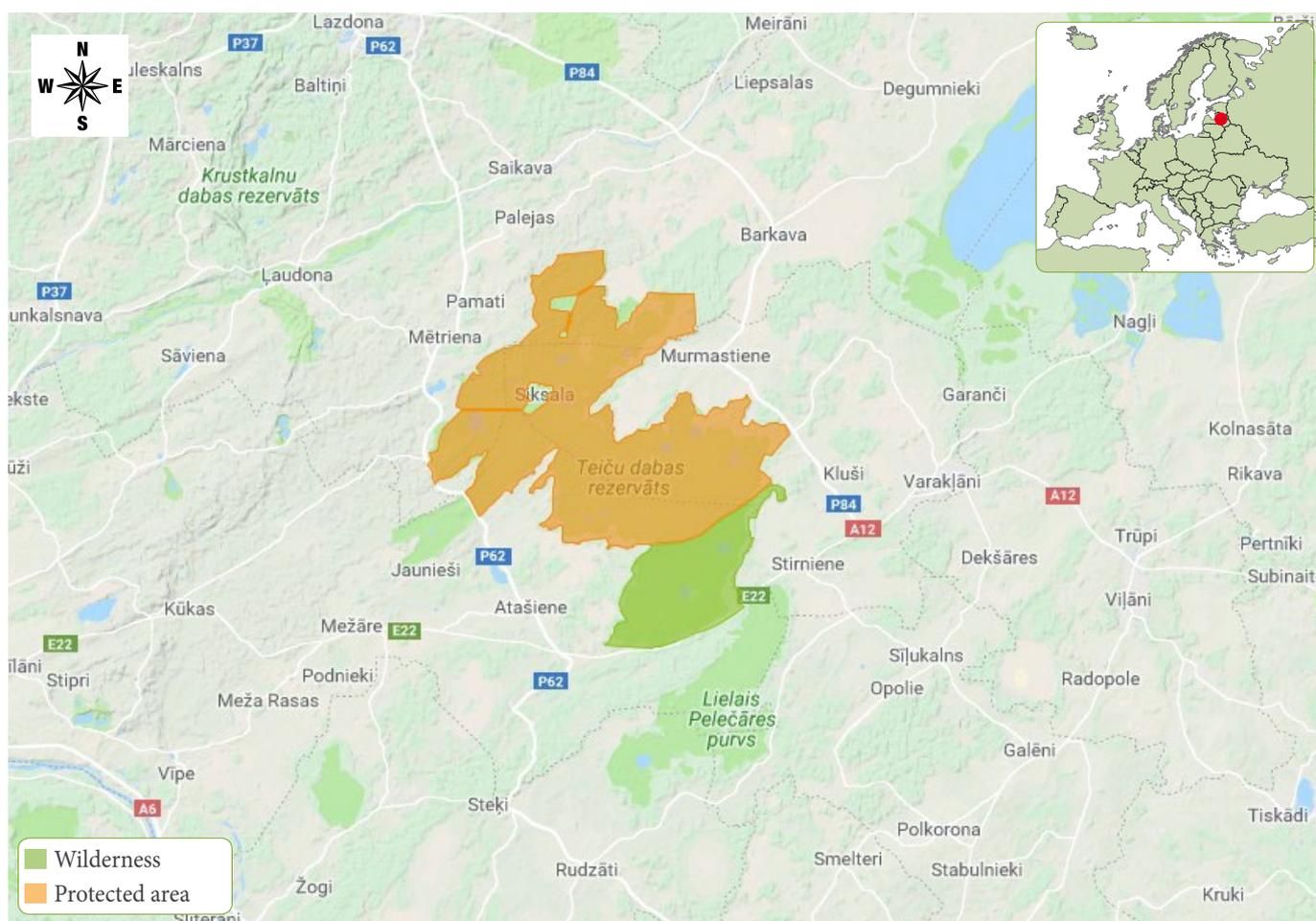
Teiču Wilderness, Latvia

The 4 570 ha Teiču Wilderness is embedded into the Teiču Strict Nature Reserve. Teiču Reserve is the largest nature reserve in Latvia and it is one of the largest areas of intact bog moss in the Baltic. It is a remote and large, contiguous Wilderness located in the centre of Latvia. Teiču Wilderness protects a large complex, representing valuable ecosystems of wetlands and forest. All natural resources are completely excluded from economic and other human activities. Teiču Wilderness is one of four strict nature reserves in Latvia and is well known due to its high species diversity. The Teiču Wilderness is a wetland of international importance, a Ramsar site since 1995 and Natura 2000 area since 2004.

European Wilderness Quality Standard Audit System

The 4 570 ha Teiču Wilderness was subject to a Quick-Audit in 2017 and meets the Bronze Wilderness Quality Standard. A European Wilderness Quality Standard Full-Audit is scheduled for 2021.

Wilderness information		
Protected area	Teiču Strict Nature Reserve	
Wilderness	Teiču Wilderness	
Country	Latvia	
Size of the protected area	19 779 ha	
Size of the Wilderness	4 570 ha	
European Wilderness Quality Standard Audit	2017	
Wilderness Uniqueness	Large intact area of bog moss and wetlands	
Number of visitors per year to the protected area	approx. 3 000	
Number of visitors per year to the Wilderness	approx. 1 000	



Teiču Strict Nature Reserve is completely managed as Wilderness, but only 4 570 ha (marked green) have been audited so far.

Map scale 1 : 386 000



Biodiversity

The Teiču Wilderness enjoys an unusual high degree of protection, being a “strict nature reserve” as defined by Latvian authorities. It is one of only four such nature reserves in Latvia. This is a designation reserved for areas with little or no human activity and rare or typical ecosystems. Since 2004, it has been part of the EU-wide Natura2000 network.

The Teiču Wilderness contains large areas of bog moss and wetlands interlaced by small rivers and lakes. The Teiču Wilderness is home to a number of rare or threatened species, including 38 protected species of flowering plants and ferns and 24 protected species of moss. It is also an important habitat for animals, including invertebrates. The Teiču Wilderness is a breeding, feeding and resting place for numerous migratory and rare water birds such as cranes and geese. This territory is governed by uncontrolled natural processes and provides a good condition to study rare plant species and habitats characteristic for wetlands.

Wilderness Tourism Experience

Access to the Teiču Wilderness is regulated. The area is divided into two parts, a regulated access area and a restricted access area. The access to the restricted access area is normally forbidden, only visits for scientific purposes may be conducted and require a permit from the relevant authority. Access to the regulated access area is possible during a limited time of the year (1 June to 31 October), visitors are accompanied by a guide with the proper credentials. There is also an observation tower, accessible without a guide, located in the part of the nature reserve located in Krustpils Municipality. The regulated access area is offering a unique experience. It's a great place to be if you enjoy birdwatching.



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It has a dedicated multi-cultural and experienced team of Wilderness and wildlife specialists, nature conservationists, researchers and scientists, tourism experts, marketing and business professionals, legal advisors and Wilderness advocates, whose mission is to:

- ▶ identify
- ▶ designate
- ▶ steward
- ▶ promote

Europe's last Wilderness, WILDCoasts, WILDForests, WILDIslands and WILDRivers. Here non-human intervention leads to open-ended, dynamic processes.

This is conveyed through a range of projects that facilitate Wilderness knowledge exchange, including education, culture and science, from local community through to scientific and governmental level.

European Wilderness Network

The European Wilderness Network connects Europe's wildest places. Certified by the European Wilderness Quality and Audit System, these unique areas host diverse wild ecosystems governed by dynamic open-ended processes, with no or minimum human-intervention. The Network includes, for example, Europe's last primeval beech forests, the arctic tundra, and mountain landscapes in different climate conditions. It aims to promote Europe's last Wilderness, WILDCoasts, WILDForests, WILDIslands and WILDRivers, with a comprehensive marketing strategy. The European Wilderness Network offers a platform to share Wilderness Stewardship best-practice examples and Wilderness research. It connects like-minded Wilderness managers and advocates and fosters the exchange of ideas and knowledge across Europe and the world through the European Wilderness Exchange Programme.

For more information please see <http://european-wilderness.network>

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