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The Tree Crown Trail

The tree crown trail is the first trail in the Baltic States and in the whole of Eastern Europe where you can walk on the level of tree crowns / peaks. The tree crown trail complex was opened on 7 August, 2015 in Anykščiai forest. It is a relatively small forest, but one of the most famous in Lithuania. A well-known Lithuanian poet Antanas Baranauskas brought fame to the Anykščiai forest. In 1858 - 1859 he wrote the poem "Anykščiai forest" <https://anyflip.com/fumz/utuo/basic/51-62>:

*"In summer and in winter green as rue,
Like reeds they grow, they close the distant view
And all around you only trees are seen."*

Going from the information center to the starting point of the Tree Crown Trail, there are 6 cognitive stops to get acquainted with the plants growing in Anykščiai and the animals living here. Pines, birches, firs, oaks and black alders can not only be seen but also reached by hand.

You can also admire the natural and cultural value of Lithuania - the Puntukas rock, on which there are engraved the bas-reliefs of the legendary Lithuanian pilots Steponas Darius and Stasys Girenas as well as part of their will for Young Lithuania.

The architects of the construction Alvydas Mituzas, Arvydas Gudelis, Andrius Dirse chose an original architectural solution: the motif of the Aukštaitija national strip of the Lithuanian ethnocultural region, which dominates the facades of the tower. 395 tones of metal and 1500 m³ of concrete were used for the construction of the tree crown trail.

This trail extends for 300 m and rises evenly up to a height of 21 m above the ground. At the end of the trail there is an observation tower with a height of 34 m. Here you can see the views of the Anykščiai forest, the bends of the Sventoji river, the plains around it, in the distance you can see the Anykščiai St. Matthew Evangelist Church Towers.

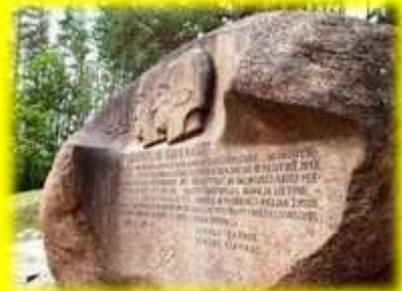
In 2016 the prestigious tourism innovation and mastery awards organized by the United Nations World Tourism Organization give the highest rating to the Tree Crown Trail complex. It was presented as a particularly successful strategy that receives a large flow of visitors, contributes to sustainable development, promotes ecological tourism and is an excellent tool for promoting cognitive tourism around Anykščiai region.

Click on this link to enjoy a virtual tour of the Tree Crown:Trail:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5OwQaOKwvMA>



Anykščiai forest



Puntukas rock



St. Matthew Evangelist Church

