

Rogovka

The Nautreni civil parish Rogovka is situated in the north- eastern part of Latvia. It is in Latgale part, 28 km from its centre – **Rezekne**.

There are 85 villages and 1658 inhabitants in the civil parish. The biggest is the **administrative centre of the Nautreni civil parish – Rogovka, where 20% of all inhabitants are living now.**

The national structure of the civil parish is the following: 98% - Latvians, 1% - Russians, 1% - other nationalities.

The civil parish is rich in its history, culture and famous and talented people. Many writers, poets, publishers, linguists, bishops have come from this area.

There are about 50 farms, the pig- breeding company “Nautreni”, two co– operative societies, several shops, a café, a pharmacy, Nautreni Secondary School, a kindergarten and a branch of Ludza Art School as well a pharmacy, a library and a post – office.

The sport and culture life is also active here. There is a drama group, some sport societies, an ethnographical group, teachers’ ensemble and a church singing group here.

Agriculture is the main income source of the inhabitants.

The beautiful nature, ecologically clean environment and interesting places are a good precondition for the developing of the countryside tourism.

People have some special traditions in Nautreni civil parish.

About 7000 units of folk songs, rhymes, anecdotes, proverbs has gathered here.

People are eager to sing songs, play musical instruments, dance, come together make (organize) joint work: in spring – planting, in summer- gathering hay, in autumn – gathering crops, in winter – cutting wood, making firewood (because we have stove-heating). People cut trees, chop wood and make it dry for heating houses.

We have many embroidery, weaving masters. They make national pieces of clothes, special blankets and table clothes.

We like mutual chaffing (special way of singing) during the period of the crop gathering in autumn or during the wedding parties.

Ceramic traditions.

If you make the route through the civil parish you are recommended to visit very talented ceramic masters **Pēteris Gailums and Maija Gailuma..** They make vases and pots, vessels, candlesticks and nice plates. All is made of clay.

Everybody has its own style, used colors, shape of the pottery but they have more or less the same traditional roots how to work and create the pottery. They reflect Latgalian features in their pottery.

Maija Gailuma and Peteris Gailums have the common business.

P.Gailums has set up his studio and kiln in his place Jaungailumi. He is keen on candlesticks and vases, reaching an artistic originality with help of contrasts: smooth and rough surfaces.

The interesting places to visit in Rogovka

The central part of Rogovka includes:

- the municipal building of the civil parish,
- the post office ''Nautreni'',
- the Rome Catholic church,
- the sport hall,
- Nautreni Secondary School,
- the Art School,
- chemist's shop,
- the first aid centre,
- the library,
- the kindergarten,
- 2 groceries,
- a café,
- a local history museum,
- about 40 individual houses,
- 2 blocks of flats

1. Nautreni Rome Catholic Church

The church is built in honor of Virgin Mary. The church is the main building of the area, the oldest and the most beautiful one. It is the architectural monument of the state significance. The church was built in the period of 1902- 1914, and many local priests have led the process.

It is a classic basilica with emphasized entrance and two steeples. There is a magnificent iconostasis, dome and vault paintings inside of the church.



The church is the place almost every inhabitant of the parish has attended. It is about 24 m long and 23 m wide. **There are 3 altars here. The main altar has the very special altar piece devoted (made) to Virgin Mary,** as well as a lot of paintings around it.

The church is very lofty as a building. It has 2 high towers. The church is made of red bricks in the style of eclectics.

The main thing in the church we are proud of is the organ. It is very special, one of the biggest in our country. This organ is sanctified in 1939. The organ is made by Latvian master Herbert Kolbe (born in 1887). He was one of the most experienced organ masters in Latvia. The organ has about 1000 pipes.

It is a great pleasure to sing here on Sundays during the church undertakings to accompaniment of the organ. Psalms, sacred music, and songs people usually sing here.

The Main Altar has a cupola ceiling. The main (central) painting portrays Jesus Christ worshipping by two angels. You can see the symbols of 4 gospels on the walls. At the both sides of the central altar we see some paintings the Bible context: the resurrection of Jesus Christ how Jesus Baby helps mother with the fire- wood. author of the painting is artist Baumanis (Riga).The altars of the church are made very festive but rather reserved.



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2. Individual houses with flower gardens

The center of Rogovka includes at about 40 individual houses. Most of them are built in 1980ties, but some have rather old origin. People try to make the surroundings of their houses pleasant and attractive by planting trees, making orchards, flower gardens and rest areas. Almost everywhere you can see such kind of outlook in any green season.



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