

EXPLORE PANEVĖŽYS WITH CHILDREN!



SITES



1 CULTURE AND RECREATION PARK / Parko g. (55.73976, 24.33566)

The Nevėžis embankment runs along the renovated Culture and Recreation Park, well suited for both family recreation and active leisure activities. It is a popular place for residents and visitors alike. The large park is well suited for cyclists, skaters and pedestrians. There is also an 18-hole disc golf course and at least a couple of playgrounds, which are popular with children.

✓ Find a house with the coffee bean on hidden somewhere in this park.

2 CAPPUCCINO COFFEE AND THE "ŠIMTALAPIS" PASTRY HOUSE / Parko g. 24 (55.73711, 24.32323)

Right here in the Culture and Recreation Park, there's a cosy little café where you can relax for a few minutes and enjoy the "šimtalapis" pastry, which will give you energy you need to go on to more activities.

✓ Find the Nevėžis River and follow the footpath towards Senvagė.

3 SENVAGĖ / Jakšto g. 18 (55.73129, 24.36272)

It's a fun place to walk around and enjoy the city views. The little travellers love to come here to feed birds with cereals or seeds. The Senvagė area is worth visiting not only in the daylight hours but also in the evening – in the warm season, the Senvagė fountain turns into a mini performance with music and lights.

✓ Find where the founder of Panevėžys, the Grand Duke Alexander, is hiding.

4 MONUMENT TO THE GRAND DUKE ALEXANDER / (55.72995, 24.36373)

This is the founder of our city, Alexander, Grand Duke of Lithuania and King of Poland. In 1503, he donated the land between the rivers Lėvuos and Nevėžis to the parish priest of Ramygala on condition that a church would be built there. This is how the city of Panevėžys was established.

✓ Aleksandras holds a church in his hand. Find where in Panevėžys this church is actually located.

5 JUOZAS MILTINIS DRAMA THEATRE / Laisvės a. 5 (55.72880, 24.36450)

Panevėžys has always been famous for the Juozas Miltinis Drama Theatre. Miltinis was one of the first theatre teachers in Lithuania to study theatre abroad and combined his creative work with his pedagogical activities. In the heart of the city, the Miltinis Theatre hosts performances for both children and adults.

✓ Find a music box in the children's playground near the theatre.

6 LAISVĖS SQUARE / (55.72616, 24.36228)

A few centuries ago, this place was a market square where horses were traded and peasants who came to trade would pay for the marketplace with stones. The square is full of old buildings that tell the history of the city. The building at Laisvės a. 1 was the first telephone station and a hotel in Panevėžys, and the ground floor of the current pharmacy hosted a dairy several centuries ago.

✓ The flowerbeds around the square are decorated with tiles with letters on them. Try to find and read the words hidden in them.

7 "MILK BAR" / Laisvės a. 25 (55.72831, 24.36179)

Formerly a dairy shop called Karvutė, it is now a dairy shop and café, much loved by children and their parents. Locals simply call this place the Milk Bar. For many years children and their parents used to come here for milkshakes and ice cream and it seems like this tradition is still popular these days. Stop by for some grainy cottage cheese with whipped cream and raisins, pancakes with bananas and natural milk and ice cream smoothies.

✓ Pick the tastiest dessert for you and your parents.

8 PANEVĖŽYS CITY ART GALLERY / Respublikos g. 3 (55.72806, 24.35999)

All curious visitors must visit the gallery and immerse themselves in the world of ceramics. It is probably the only gallery in Lithuania with the largest collection of fireclay ceramic creations – 660 of them! Since 1990, the gallery has been organising international ceramic symposiums every other year, bringing together artists from all over the world. The gallery organises educational and creative programmes for children, where young artists can unleash their imagination.

✓ Count all the fireclay ceramic creations in the courtyard of the gallery.

9 PANEVĖŽYS COUNTY GABRIELĖ PETKEVIČAITĖ-BITĖ PUBLIC LIBRARY / Respublikos g. 26-4 (55.72855, 24.36013)

In the children's and young people's cultural education department, there are all sorts of books for education. Colourful books, black and white books, thin ones, thick ones, small and large books – the variety is definitely wide. Each of those books is unique in content and appearance. Moreover, the LARGEST children's book in the whole library is hidden in here too! Will you find it?

✓ Measure the size of the biggest children's book in this library.

10 KEY TREE / Birutės g. 5 (55.72940, 24.35826)

A box containing 70 keys was found underground during excavations in the city. They were all hung on a nearby tree, known from then on as the key tree. According to the ceramist who saved the tree from the axe, keys in ancient times not only had a practical purpose (to unlock something) but were also used as family protection symbols. This tree is often referred to as the tree of truth, so those who seek truth and justice leave their key here.

✓ Choose your favourite key on this tree.

11 "MENAS" THEATRE / Vasario 16-osios g. 19 (55.72985, 24.35879)

To open the doors of the Menas Children's and Youth Theatre, you'll first have to say hello to Don Quixote, the knight who patiently guards this fortress of art day and night. The theatre and its distinctive interior delight the youngest audience members, while the theatre's café invites you to sit down and enjoy snacks and drinks in a cosy environment.

✓ Say HELLO out loud to the Don Quixote statue guarding the theatre.

12 PANEVĖŽYS LOCAL LORE MUSEUM / Vasario 16-osios g. 23 (55.73019, 24.35842)

How did the first inhabitants of Panevėžys live? What did the city look like a few centuries ago? In this museum, where you can not only see the

exhibits but also feel them, you will not only find the answers to these questions but also have the opportunity to test your reading skills, hear interesting stories and test your courage in the basement of the museum.

✓ After your visit to the museum, tell your parents about the exhibit that you liked the most.

13 J. MASIULIS BOOKSTORE / Respublikos g. 21 (55.73015, 24.35955)

It is the oldest bookshop in Panevėžys. Did you know that 200 years ago, Lithuanian books were banned from being printed, but there were brave writers and book carriers who wrote and smuggled such books, hiding them underground in agreed places – in church bell towers. One of them was Juozas Masiulis, who founded this bookshop. Come and choose your favourite Lithuanian children's book.

✓ In what year was this bookshop founded? Take a look at the building and the outside of the bookshop to find the answer.

14 PUPPET WAGON THEATRE / Respublikos g. 30 (55.73098, 24.36040)

It is the only theatre of its kind in Lithuania and the whole Europe. Every summer, a carriage with two horses and the actors sets off on a tour around Lithuanian cities and towns. Stop by the theatre and see a train rolling on the ceiling, and a display case with puppets of all kinds of fairy-tale characters that can be controlled with buttons.

✓ Guess who the uncle in hat at the theatre entrance is.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY RESTAURANTS & CAFES

Restaurant "NENDRĖ VEJYJE" / Respublikos g. 6



Restaurant "AKORDAI" / Laisvės a. 26



Vegetarian food restaurant "RASAJANA" / Savanorių a. 12



Cafe "KAVOS DĖŽUTĖ" / Laisvės a. 15-18



Pizzeria "CANCAN PIZZA" / Laisvės a. 26



Restaurant "DEJA VU" / Kranto g. 24



Cafe "KAPUČINO KAVOS IR ŠIMTALAPIŲ NAMAI" / Parko g. 24B



Pasta restaurant "LISITĖJA" / Respublikos g. 33



Lithuanian food restaurant "ETNO DVARAS" / Ukmergės g. 18



Restaurant "BISAS" / Laisvės a. 6



Pizzeria "TIK PIZZA" / Respublikos g. 70



Restaurant "ŠANCHAJUS" / Klaipėdos g. 28



- Play area
- Children meals
- Baby changing facilities
- High chairs
- Easy-access with prams / pushchairs / wheelchairs

WELCOME

Welcome to Panevėžys – a city for families, where it is not only good to live, but also fun to explore! We invite you to take a stroll along the Nevėžis River and get to know the city's most interesting attractions for both children and adults.

Visit the sites, complete the little tasks and bring home the best memories. Ready for adventure?



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PANEVĖŽYS CITY MAP



CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS:

- a** Playgrounds in the Culture and Recreation Park
 - Children's playground (55.73672, 24.31975)
 - Children's playground (55.73696, 24.32863)
 - Main children's playground (55.73515, 24.33554)
- b** Playground in Laisvės Square (55.72833, 24.36250)
- c** Playground in Senvagė (55.73444, 24.36340)
- d** Playground in Skaistakalnis Park (55.73205, 24.37589)
- e** Playground on the shore of the Ekranas Lagoon (55.73214, 24.38675)



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