

Karnicky Monument and Telescope

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After some years his remains were reburied in Eversmuiža, but the monument remained in Kraslava. The beautiful story of the big and faithful love is told from generation to generation. That place is named Karnicky's Hill or the Hill of Love.

In 2020, a viewing telescope was installed on the top of the Karnicka hill, which currently allows to enjoy a wonderful view of the Daugava bends and the architecture of Krāslava.

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Working days a week: Monday - Sunday

Working season: All year

Parking lot: No

Excursion: Yes

Feeding: No

Cultural-historical objects

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