

Night of Bats in Ungurumiža (Latvia)

Ungurumiža, that is an old manor situated in the Gauja Nationalpark near Cesis. It is now used for different kinds of events.

On Friday the 24th of August 2007 the night of bats took place there. It started at 7:30 pm and around 50 people attended the presentation about bats by Gunars Petersons (one of the leading specialists on bats in Latvia).



The interested visitors could learn a lot about bats, their behavior and their anatomy. He also provided information about bats in Latvia and the world.



At the end there was time to answer further questions of the audience and various people used it.

Simultaneous there was a workshop for the small children. They made mobiles, which let little bats and moths fly through the air.



Before everyone went outside, Gunars showed a real bat. Now the participants could observe what they learned right on the living animal.

This was followed by the practical part of the evening, the bat watching outside. Equipped with flashlights and ultrasound detectors everyone went out. It was possible to watch bats hunting between the trees and a few centimetres over the water of a lake.



As every year the event was organized by the Gauja National Park administration. They also offered leaflets about bats for everyone interested and stickers for the children.