

Lielupe



Pearls of Historical Architecture and Destinies of Remarkable People.

As the economy improved, construction of impressive mansions and villas flourished in Jūrmala. During the 1920s and 30s, the so-called Lielupe summer cottage colony was formed on the lands of Bulduri Manor, and eminent Latvian science, art and culture workers, such as state presidents Jānis Čakste and Gustavs Zemgals, composer Jānis Zālītis, book publisher Jānis Roze, doctor Pauls Stradiņš, architect Indriķis Blankenburgs, and many other great Latvian minds started building their summer cottages in Lielupe, or the so-called "Far Jūrmala". The buildings in this territory fully reveal the architectural features of residential buildings in Riga Jūrmala at the time of the independent State of Latvia. The spectrum of architectural styles includes both Classicism and Neo-Gothic style, as well as National Romantic style and Functionalism. Currently, many of these buildings are declared local or national architectural monuments.