

5. Excursion: Explore the Botanical Garden of the University of Latvia and find out more about the Grassland Diary, the initiative of LIFE-IP LatViaNature project, September 17, 2024

To find the best way to increase the number of plant species in grasslands, a seven-year experiment is underway in the Botanical Garden of the University of Latvia.

During the experiment, six approaches of restoration of semi-natural grassland will be tested and compared. Some are sown with seeds collected in natural meadows or filled with soil taken from them, others differ only in the mode of mowing. There are five test plots for each option. The Grassland Diary follows how a lawn turns into a species-rich grassland over the years. In addition to the existing landscapes and infrastructure, visitors can also enjoy two recently re-created fascinating expositions - "Morphological and biological beds" and "Medicinal plants".

Practical aspects:

- Take drinking water with you
- Choose clothes according to the weather, regular shoes are recommended'
- Herbal tea from Latvia meadows will be available

Agenda:

9.45	Departure from <i>"Hotel Radisson Blu Daugava"</i>
9.45-10.00	Travel to the Botanical Garden of the University of Latvia
10.00-12.15	Field trip at the Botanical Garden of the University of Latvia
12.15-12.30	Travel back to Riga, <i>"Hotel Radisson Blu Daugava"</i>