

## 2. Excursion: Nature Conservation tour in Ragakāpa Nature Park, September 17, 2024

Explore the Nature Park Ragakāpa with the LatViaNature team!

Ragakāpa, being an important conservation site for EU protected habitat type 2180 Wooded dunes, is also one of the project's demonstration sites for the eradication of invasive species. In the autumn of 2023, efforts began to eradicate the dwarf serviceberry (*Amelanchier spicata*) over an area of 33 hectares using various methods: manual removal of shrubs and roots, removal using small-scale tractors, cutting and treating stumps with herbicides, and frequent trimming on steep slopes and around old trees.

Tour topics include: invasive species eradication in Ragakāpa Nature Park, methods used in the project, experiences gained, and information about Ragakāpa Nature Park itself.

### Practical aspects:

- Take drinking water with you
- Choose clothes according to the weather, regular hiking shoes are recommended

**Link to additional handout related to the excursion** (a limited number will be available in printed form on the buss)

<https://latvianature.daba.gov.lv/en/nordic-baltic-life-platform-meeting/>

### Agenda:

9.00	Departure from "Hotel Radisson Blu Daugava"
9.00- 9.40	Travel to the Ragakāpa Nature Park
9.40- 12.20	Field trip at the Ragakāpa Nature Park
12.20- 13.00	Travel back to Riga, "Hotel Radisson Blu Daugava"