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The First Gazetteer of Latvia 1:1000 000*

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Summary

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The gazetteer is compiled by the Laboratory of Toponymy, Board of Cartography, State Land Service. It includes the names of the most significant geographic objects of Latvia – all the cities and towns, the largest villages, the main features of the Baltic Sea and coast, the largest lakes, the longest rivers, uplands and their highest hills. Besides the geographical names it contains the following information: the kind of feature to which the name applies, the geographical coordinates and the administrative location of the feature, as well as, some basic facts about the feature.

The publication consists of an introductory texts in Latvian and English, lists of 690 names and four appendixes (including two maps, scale 1:1 000 000 and the List of administrative and territorial division units according the situation on the 1st of January, 2004).

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The gazetteer is compiled using the Place Names Database of Latvia, maps prepared by the Board of Cartography, etc. The information is conformable with the appropriate official sources.

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The Alphabetical List of Geographical Names shows all the included names in Latvian alphabet. The list also presents a kind of geographical feature to which the name applies, administrative district or republic city, where it is situated (except rivers, uplands and republic cities), the number of the appendix where a geographical name is located on the map and geographical coordinates of the object (the coordinates of the mouth - for rivers). For the second name which is shown in brackets, the reference to the official or preferred name is given.

The Thematical List of Geographical Names contains more information about geographical objects.

Cities and towns have information about their status, administrative district where they are situated (except republic cities) and the number of population.

Names of villages are arranged in an alphabetical order for each administrative district separately. The gazetteer includes all the villages and some other rural settlements with the number of inhabitants more than 500 people, as well as, if they are the centres of administrative territories (i.e. if there is a seat of local government).

Lakes are arranged according to their size, indicating administrative location, as well as, the surface square in hectares.

Rivers are arranged according to their total length, giving the length and administrative location in the territory of Latvia. There is some additional information about their source and mouth, too.

The names of uplands are arranged in an alphabetical order including the names of their highest hills and their absolute height (according to Kronstadt gauge).

The gazetteer has four **appendixes**.

Appendix 1. List. Administrative Territories and Territorial Units of the Republic of Latvia.

Appendix 2. Schematic map. Administrative Districts and Republic Cities of the Republic of Latvia.

Appendix 3. Map. Republic of Latvia, scale 1:1 000 000 - shows the names of the largest natural features and populated places – cities and towns (all) and villages (with 500 and more inhabitants), being included in the gazetteer. Some villages and their names have not been shown because there is not space enough. These villages are marked with a sign * in the alphabetical list of the gazetteer.

Appendix 4. Map. Republic of Latvia. Administrative Territories and Territorial Units, scale 1:1 000 000 - shows the units of administrative and territorial division: districts, counties, civil parishes and rural territories of towns. The map bears the names of cities, towns and those villages which are the centres of counties or civil parishes (i.e. where the seats of local governments are situated). Towns, cities and villages are classified according to their status – republic cities or district towns; administrative centres of districts, civil parishes or counties.

The Concise Gazetteer of the Republic of Latvia 1:1000 000 will be published by the State Land Service in spring 2004.

The further information about the Gazetteer, as well as, about the distribution of hard copies can be obtained:

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See below the attached copy of exemplary pages of the Gazetteer and the most necessary additional information for correct reading them:

**GEOGRAFISKO NOSAUKUMU ALFABETISKAIS SARAĶSTS /
ALPHABETICAL LIST OF GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES**

Nosaukums <i>Name</i>	Objekta veids <i>Feature type</i>	Rajons, republikas pilseta <i>District, republic city</i>	Pielikuma numurs <i>Number of the appendix</i>	Geografiskas koordinatas <i>Geographical coordinates</i>	
				Platums <i>Latitude</i>	Garums <i>Longitude</i>
Abava	upe	-	3., 4.	57°05'	21°53'
Abavnieki	ciems	Tukuma raj.	4.	56°58'	22°56'
Acone	ciems	Rigas raj.	3.	56°55'	24°17'
Aglona	ciems	Preilu raj.	3., 4.	56°08'	27°00'
Aglonas stacija	ciems	Preilu raj.	4.	56°10'	26°54'
Ainaži	pilseta	Limbažu raj.	3., 4.	57°51'	24°21'
Aiviekste	upe	-	3., 4.	56°36'	25°45'
<i>Aizgarša ? Goliševa</i>					
Aizkraukle	pilseta	Aizkraukles raj.	3., 4.	56°36'	25°15'
Aizpute	pilseta	Liepajas raj.	3., 4.	56°43'	21°36'
Akmensrags	zemesrags	Liepajas raj.	3.	56°50'	21°03'
Akniste	pilseta	Jekabpils raj.	3., 4.	56°09'	25°44'
Allaži	ciems	Rigas raj.	3., 4.	57°03'	24°50'
Aloja	pilseta	Limbažu raj.	3., 4.	57°46'	24°52'
Alsunga	ciems	Kuldigas raj.	3., 4.	56°58'	21°33'
Alsviki (Alsvikis)	ciems	Aluksnes raj.	3., 4.	57°26'	26°56'
<i>Alsvikis ? Alsviki</i>					
Aluksne	pilseta	Aluksnes raj.	3., 4.	57°25'	27°03'
Aluksnes augstiene	augstiene	-	3.	-	-
Aluksnes ezers	ezers	Aluksnes raj.	3., 4.	57°27'	27°05'
Ambeli	ciems	Daugavpils raj.	4.	56°02'	26°50'

**GEOGRAFISKO NOSAUKUMU TEMATISKAIS SARAKSTS / THEMATIC LIST OF
GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES**

DABAS OBJEKTI / NATURAL FEATURES

UPES / RIVERS

Nosaukums Name	Garums (km) Length (km)		Administrati- va piederība Latvija Administrative locatin in Latvia	Piezīmes Notes
	kop- garums total length	t.sk. Latvija i.a. in Latvia		
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
Daugava	1020	352	Kraslavas raj., Daugavpils raj., Preiļu raj., Jekabpils raj., Aizkraukles raj., Ogres raj., Rīgas raj., Rīga	ietek Rīgas jūras līcī; sakas Krievijā (Zapadnā Dvīna), tek caur Baltkrieviju (Zachodnjaja Dzvina) / empties into the Gulf of Riga; rises in Russia (Zapadnā Dvīna), flows through Belarus (Zachodnjaja Dzvina)
Gauja	452		Cesu raj., Gulbenes raj., Alūksnes raj., Valkas raj., Valmieras raj., Rīgas raj.	ietek Rīgas jūras līcī / empties into the Gulf of Riga
Venta	346	178	Saldus raj., Kuldīgas raj., Ventspils raj., Ventspils	ietek Baltijas jūrā, sakas Lietuvas (Venta) / empties into the Baltic Sea, rises in Lithuania (Venta)
Memele	191	116	Aizkraukles raj., Bauskas raj.	Lielupes labā sātekupe; sakas Lietuvas (Nemūnelis) / right tributary of the Lielupe, rises in Lithuania (Nemūnelis)
Ogre	188		Madonas raj., Cesu raj., Ogres raj.	Daugavas labā krasta pieteka / right tributary of the Daugava
Aiviekste	182		Madonas raj., Jekabpils raj., Aizkraukles raj.	Daugavas labā krasta pieteka / right tributary of the Daugava
Iecava	160		Aizkraukles raj., Bauskas raj., Jelgavas raj.	Lielupes labā krasta pieteka / right tributary of the Lielupe
Pededze	159	131	Alūksnes raj., Gulbenes raj., Balvu raj., Madonas raj.	Aiviekstes labā krasta pieteka; sakas Igaunijā (Pedetsi jōgi) / right tributary of the Aiviekste, rises in Estonia (Pedetsi jōgi)
Abava	134		Tukuma raj., Talsu raj., Kuldīgas raj., Ventspils raj.	Ventas labā krasta pieteka / right tributary of the Venta
Svete	123	75	Dobeles raj., Jelgavas raj., Jelgava	Lielupes kreisā krasta pieteka, sakas Lietuvas (Švete) / right tributary of the Lielupe, rises in Lithuania (Švete)

LATVIEŠU ALFABETS / LATVIAN ALPHABET

<i>Latviešu alfabeta lielie un mazie burti</i> <i>Capital and small letters of the Latvian Alphabet</i>	<i>Latviešu alfabeta burtu un to savienojumu izruna pēc Starptautiskas fonētiskas transkripcijas (IPA)</i> <i>Phonemes of Latvian according to the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA)</i>
A a	a
A a	a:
B b	b
C c	(ts)
C c	(tʃ)
D d	d
E e	e, æ
E e	e:, æ:
F f	f
G g	g
G g	ʝ
H h	x
I i	i
I i	i:
J j	j
K k	k
K k	c
L l	l
L l	ʎ
M m	m

N n	n
N n	?
O o	o, o:
P p	p
R r	r
S s	s
Š š	?
T t	t
U u	u
U u	u:
V v	v
Z z	z
Ž ž	?

Diphthongs, joint letters:

ai	aj
au	au
ei	ej
eu	eu
ie	je
iu	ju
oi	oj
ou	ou
ui	uj
o	uo
dz	(dz
dž	(dž

SAISINAJUMI / ABBREVIATIONS

<i>Saisinajums</i>	<i>Latviski</i>	<i>Angliski</i>
<i>Abbreviation</i>	<i>Latvian</i>	<i>English</i>
ez.	ezers	lake
ha	hektari	hectares
km	kilometri	kilometres
km ²	kvadratkilometri	sq km - square kilometres
m vjl.	metri virs juras limena	metres above the sea level
pag.	pagasts	civil parish
raj.	rajons	district
ter.	teritorija	territory
?	skatīt	see

GEOGRAFISKIE TERMINI / GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS

Augstiene	upland
ciems	village
ezers	lake
jura	sea
juras līcis	gulf
kalns	hill
novads	county
pagasts	civil parish
pilsēta	city, town
rajons	district
upe	river
udenstece	flowing water feature
udenstilpe	water body
zemesrags	cape

