






Kaunas Fortress

THE EIGHT FORT

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The initial plan was to build 7 forts in Kaunas but in the long run, it was decided to strengthen the fortress. Concrete, not just red bricks, was used in constructing this fortification. This is the first fort to have had electrical wiring. Interestingly, the fortification lost its meaning as soon as it was built, as it was inadvertently constructed on a low hill, thus open to enemy fire from nearby heights. Much of the fort and old equipment are underwater. The environment of the fort is actively used by the residents of the surrounding area who have set up gardens here. They were



recently joined by the younger generation, which was attracted by the Šilainiai Gardens initiative, which is a part of [Šilainiai Project](#). Poets can be found here and land art workshops with local and foreign artists are being organized in the fort.