



## Cīrava castle

Cīrava parish, Aizpute region

Property price - 600 000 EUR

### Property description

Buildings of Cīrava Manor are a national architecture monument included in the list of the culture monuments under state protection.

The property consists of:

- The land plot with the total area of 9.36 ha
- The castle building with the total area of 2 246.7 m<sup>2</sup>
- Horse stables with the total area of 1715.5 m<sup>2</sup> and the cellar building
- The servants' house ("The Doctor's house") with the total area of 1 080.0 m<sup>2</sup>
- The shed building

### Location

The buildings of Cīrava castle are located in Cīrava, nearby Cīrava millpond. Cīrava parish centre is located approximately 200 km from the capital Riga and approximately 45 km from Liepāja.

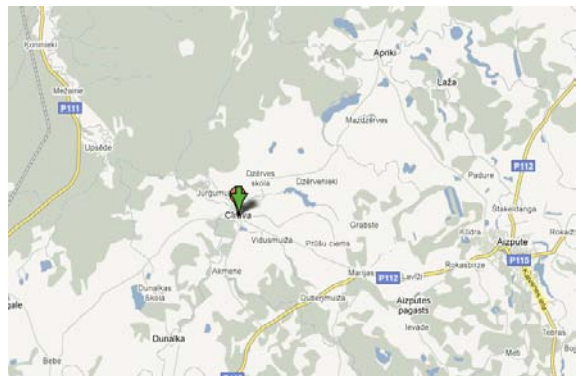
### Historical construction

The buildings of Cīrava Manor is a culture monument consisting of 11 sites, the most important of which are: **Cīrava Castle** which was built in 1752 and reconstructed in the 1960-ies. The stone building built following the Tudor Gothic style in the forms has obtained its present appearance in 1875 based upon the design developed by Teodor Zeiler's. It has U-shape and at both ends of the building there are two symmetrical towers with neo-Gothic elements. In the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century Cīrava castle was the heirloom of the Manteifels-Scēgas family.

In 1920 the castle was expropriated for the benefit of the Latvian state and in 1922 the Forest School [Meža skola] was established there. In 1932 the school was visited by the Prime Minister Kārlis Ulmanis. The Forest School was liquidated as late as in 1951, however, already in 1953 it was transformed into Cīrava Agriculture Vocational School.

There are 30 rooms and valuable remains of neo-Renaissance interior details in the castle - ceilings and walls paintings, the marble fireplace in the hall. Initially ceilings paintings have covered all the major rooms. In the castle cellars a unique ground water drainage system has been built based upon the knowledge of masters of that time. There is a unified heating system which uses the heat from fire-places and distributes it to the rooms.

**The horse stables** have been built in the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century as a single-storied stone building with a tiled roof and a two-storied risalite decorated by six columns on the North facade. Massive wooden ceiling crosspieces supported by red brick ceiling arches have been preserved inside the premises. This building is the sample of Classicism among the buildings of Cīrava manor and demonstrates the signs of the Russian Classicism characteristic for the period in the architecture of Kurzeme province manors. The building has the characteristic double ridged roof, the traditional fronton and massive columns. The building was intended for horse breeding and riding.



**The Servants' house** („The Doctor's house") was built in the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. This is a two-storied plastered stone house with cellar. The building is characterised by simplicity in form, symmetric volume and modest architecture of the facades. The former Servants' house is an important part of the manor buildings.

**Cirava park** with the total area of 7.0 ha was created in the 1920-ies. Later also the former Director of Riga Parks G.Kufalts (1853-1938) participated in creating this park. The section of the park located nearby the castle was created after the 1<sup>st</sup> World War, the initial planning structure has been maintained here. The view of the park drawn in 1856 was included in the Album of Kurzeme Views, published in 1866 by V.Stefenhagen. Within the area of Cirava park and castle there is European fir, Douglas fir, Canadian fir, European cedar-pine, standard and red leaves beech, cornel, snowberry, cork-tree, read leaved mountain maple, Virginia creeper, American viburnum. Since 1957 the park is under the state protection. Behind the park there is oak and conifers wood with the total area of 30 ha.

## Photos



Cirava Manor Castle



Cirava Manor park



Cirava Manor Doctor's House

## Useful links

Cirava parish <http://www.cirava.lv/>

Website of the Association of Latvia's Castles, Palaces and Manors <http://www.pilis.lv>

Guide of Latvia „Vietas.lv" [http://vietas.lv/objekts/ciravas\\_muizas\\_pils/](http://vietas.lv/objekts/ciravas_muizas_pils/)

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