



2 km

1.5–2 h

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## TOP 3

1. Panoramic views in all directions
2. Winter landscapes shaped by the snow load on trees
3. Colours painted by the sun over a white landscape

### Koli National Park

# Snowshoeing Trail of the Tops

Experience the most popular landscapes of Koli shrouded in white, admire the icy expanses of Lake Pielinen stretching out below and the snow-covered trees tinted by the sunset.

Snowshoeing Trail of the Tops takes you to the magic winter forests of Koli National Park and to the best-known views. You are first welcomed by Akka-Koli, from the top of which rolling hills can be seen to the west. The trail then slips deeper into the forest. In the depths of winter, the trees bending down with the snow load tickle your fantasy with their imaginative shapes.

You soon reach charismatic Paha-Koli, where the steep drop into nothingness has inspired wild local

legends. On the other side of Kolinuuro valley you can see Pieni-Koli, which is hundreds of millions of years older, and the shining icy expanses of Lake Pielinen behind it.

The climax of the trail is the enchanting winter landscape opening out from the top of Ukko-Koli, where you can rest your gaze on Lake Pielinen and snow-covered hills. If you are out at the right time, you may see how the sun tints the snow-laden spruces. Winter in Koli leaves an imprint that entices you to return soon.

**AVAILABLE:** In winter with adequate snow depth.

**STARTING POINT:** Koli Nature Centre Ukko's courtyard, Ylä-Kolintie 39, Lieksa.

**TRAIL MARKINGS:** The trail is marked with blue reflectors.

**RECOMMENDED GEAR:** Snowshoes and poles with large baskets, outdoor clothing suitable for winter weather, and warm and sturdy shoes that fit the snowshoes. An extra jacket for breaks (as well as spare gloves and socks), hot drink (picnic), rubbish bag, first aid kit, head torch, fully charged phone and map.

**SAFETY: The emergency number: 112**  
The peaks and many other scenic viewpoints of Koli are difficult to reach and slippery. There are no handrails at the viewpoints. In winter, snow may form treacherous overhangs on the edges of cliff faces so avoid going too close to the edge. Please also note that in open rocky areas revealed as the snow melts in spring, the spikes of snowshoes cannot get a proper grip. Before your trip, always check for any weather warnings: [en.ilmatieteenlaitos.fi/warnings](https://en.ilmatieteenlaitos.fi/warnings)

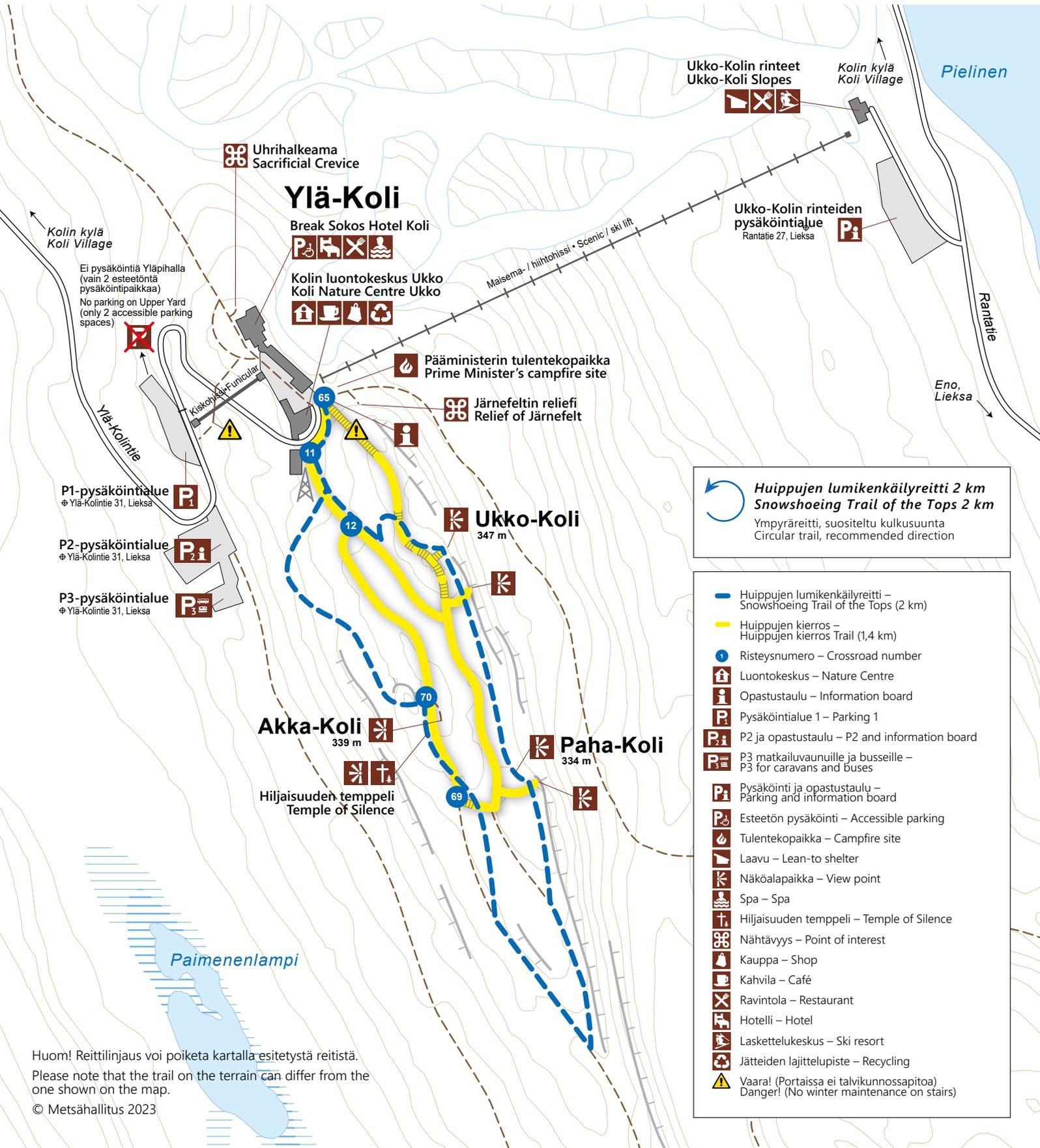
#### INSTRUCTIONS AND RULES:

Please note that this trail is only intended for snowshoeing. Check before your trip: [nationalparks.fi/hikinginfinland/visitorguidelines](https://nationalparks.fi/hikinginfinland/visitorguidelines) [nationalparks.fi/kolinp/instructionsandrules](https://nationalparks.fi/kolinp/instructionsandrules)



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# Snowshoeing Trail of the Tops



**Huippujen lumikenkäilyreitti 2 km**  
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 Ympyräreitti, suositeltu kulkusuunta  
 Circular trail, recommended direction

- Huippujen lumikenkäilyreitti – Snowshoeing Trail of the Tops (2 km)
- Huippujen kierros – Huippujen kierros Trail (1,4 km)
- Risteysnumero – Crossroad number
- Luontokeskus – Nature Centre
- Opastustaulu – Information board
- Pysäköintialue 1 – Parking 1
- P2 ja opastustaulu – P2 and information board
- P3 matkailuvaunuille ja busseille – P3 for caravans and buses
- Pysäköinti ja opastustaulu – Parking and information board
- Esteetön pysäköinti – Accessible parking
- Tulentekopaikka – Campfire site
- Laavu – Lean-to shelter
- Näköalapaikka – View point
- Spa – Spa
- Hiljaisuuden temppeli – Temple of Silence
- Nähtävyyt – Point of interest
- Kauppa – Shop
- Kahvila – Café
- Ravintola – Restaurant
- Hotelli – Hotel
- Laskettelukeskus – Ski resort
- Jätteiden lajittelupiste – Recycling
- Vaara! (Portaissa ei talvikunnossapitoa) Danger! (No winter maintenance on stairs)

Huom! Reittilinjat voi poiketa kartalla esitetystä reitistä.  
 Please note that the trail on the terrain can differ from the one shown on the map.

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