



Kolovesi National Park

- 47 km²
- Established: 1990
- Location: Enonkoski, Heinävesi, Savonlinna



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National Park Kolovesi



Kolovesi is a paddler's paradise, where rocky cliffs rise over the narrow lake channels that form part of the vast labyrinthine Saimaa Lake System. Ancient rock paintings give insights into how Finland's early settlers lived in harmony with nature thousands of years. With luck you might encounter a curious Saimaa ringed seal.

Blue lake and rocky shore

Kolovesi National Park in Southern Savo charms visitors with its splendid scenery and unspoilt peaceful settings. The shores of the park are rugged and rocky. Sheer cliffs rise straight out of the lake. Kolovesi's landscapes were shaped during the last ice age by a huge ice sheet that carved out deep lakes and rugged crags. The water level in Lake Saimaa has since changed greatly over the millennia, as can be seen from

the rock-strewn raised beaches on the park's islands, far from today's lakeshores.

Saimaa Native

The Saimaa ringed seal is Kolovesi's best known resident. This endangered seal subspecies is endemic to Lake Saimaa, and the waters of Kolovesi are home to about 15 seals of the total population about 310 seals. Mother seals give birth to their pups in February in snowy dens built on top of the frozen lake. The seals are very sensitive to disturbance around this time, so visitors are not permitted to enter some parts of the park during the winter.

People first hunted in these wild forests during the Stone Age – as can be seen from these ancient settlers' paintings of humans and elks still visible on the cliffs at Ukonvuori, Havukkavuori and Vierunvuori.

Paddler's paradise

Kolovesi is an ideal destination for keen canoeists and rowers. Motor boats may not be used in most parts of the park, though visitors may be taken to the Pitkäsaari camping area and the trail on the island of Mäntysalo by motor boat. The best places to launch a canoe or rowboat are at Kirkkoranta and south of the park at Käkövesi. Adventurous boaters and paddlers can explore lengthy waterway routes that also connect to Linnansaari National Park.


Walkers can explore Kolovesi's wild forests on two nature trails. The 3.3-km trail at Nahkiaissalo can be reached also by car or by paddlers from the camping site at Lohilahti. The 3.8-km trail at Mäntysalo, which explores lovely lakeshores and varied forest scenery, can only be reached by water.

Please help us to protect nature:

- Please respect nature and other hikers!
- Light campfires is allowed in the sites provided in the camping areas marked on the map and at Kirkkoranta, except during strong winds or forest fire warnings
- Leave no traces of your visit behind. Safely combustible wastes can be burnt at fireplace sites. Please take any other wastes away when you leave the park.
- You can pick wild mushrooms and berries, but please do not collect plants or stones
- Camping is only allowed in the marked camping sites where facilities are provided. It is recommended that you limit your stay for maximum of three days per a camping site. On the campsites which are situated on the islands it is allowed to camp only during 1.5.–31.12.
- Fishing is permitted with a simple rod and line, ice-fishing tackle, or a reel and lure (subject to permit)
- Please keep pets on lead.
- It is forbidden to enter the restricted area of the park marked on the map
- In the winter (1.1.-30.4.) it is also forbidden to enter any of the islands in the park.
- Use motor boats is forbidden (except in the northernmost part of the park)
- Use motor vehicles off road and use motor vehicles on the water area belonging to the National Park between 1st January and 30th April is forbidden
- Emergency number: 112. Note that there are some areas in the park without signal

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Rules and regulations

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