



ESCAPE INTO THE WILDERNESS



AHOPÄÄ

Breathtaking views along the Ahopää Trail.

The Ahopää Trail is a truly scenic route and a journey into the origins of this scenic wilderness. The Ice Age had an enormous effect. As the immense masses of ice moved and shaped the scenery, what remained were the fells, which are actually mountain roots. Today, this rugged but beautiful natural landscape offers a glorious hiking environment. Enjoy fell views alternating with gorges and streams!

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Starting from Kiilopää, the Ahopää Trail ascends for 0.5 kilometres towards a reindeer fence. For the next 1.5 kilometres, the trail runs through a mountain birch copse along the fence and the slope of the Ahopää Fell. To the west of the trail, you can see a stony pit which was once used for storing meat. From there, the trail leads away from the reindeer fence and gently ascends for approximately two kilometres to the Vävyppää Fell. For the next 1.5 kilometres, the trail descends until you reach the old Rumakuru day-trip hut. From there, the distance to Luulampi pond is approximately 4 km.

The most demanding leg of the Ahopää scenic trail is the section from Luulampi to Kiilopää. The trail descends, steeply in places, for 1.5 kilometres until you reach the reindeer fence. After this, it descends for the last 2.5 kilometres towards the Kiilopää village and the Kiilopää Fell Centre. North of the trail, a view opens over the Ahopää Fell. South of the trail, you can catch a first glimpse of the massive Kiilopää Fell. You can take the trail in either direction. To extend your excursion, you can combine other trails with the Ahopää Trail.



The hiking routes in the Urho Kekkonen National Park are divided into **Out onto the Fell** trails, which are easy and theme-based, and **Out into the Wilderness** trails, which are more demanding.



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Grading: Moderate

Length: 14 km

Duration: 4–6 hours

Altitude difference: 143 m

Starting point: Kiilopää starting gate

Activities: Hiking and nature observation

Services: The old Rumakuru day-trip hut with campfire sites, a dry toilet and a firewood shed in the yard. A café is open in the Luulampi hut during the autumn foliage and skiing seasons.

Sights: Traces of the Ice Age, fell scenery and the cultural heritage sites of the Luulampi pond area.

Equipment: Remember to wear good hiking shoes and dress appropriately for the weather. It is usually windy in the fell region and the wind can be very strong above tree level. Also bring a sufficient amount of food and drinks in your backpack.

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