



ESCAPE INTO THE WILDERNESS



RUMAKURU

Welcome to the beautiful Rumakuru Gorge!

The Rumakuru Trail allows you to admire the Rumakuru Gorge which, despite its Finnish name (*literally, Ugly Gorge*), is far from ugly. The highlight of this trail is the steep-walled gorge created by meltwaters during the last Ice Age. The gorge is one of the must-see natural attractions of the Saariselkä area. However, we recommend that you admire it from a safe distance due to the risk of avalanches in winter and rock falls in summer.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

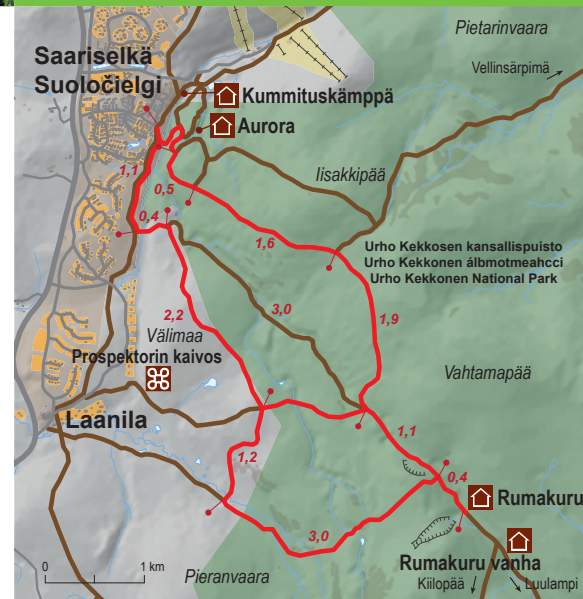
From the Saariselkä starting gate, walk around 0.5 kilometres, after which the trail runs along the south-western slope of the *Iisakkipää* Fell for around 4 kilometres. When you reach the brink of the *Pääsiäiskuru* Gorge, the Rumakuru Trail will depart from the *Iisakkipää* nature trail. Continue along the western slope of *Vahtamapää* Fell until the crossing between four hiking/skiing trails. From there, the distance to the Rumakuru day-trip hut is around 1 km.

To return from the Rumakuru day-trip hut in the summer, take the same trail back for around 0.5 km. From there, the trail will ascend to the top of the *Vävyvä* Fell. From the summit, the trail will descend to the *Piispanoja* campfire shelter, from which the remaining distance to the Saariselkä starting gate is 4 km.

In winter, the return journey from Rumakuru day-trip hut follows the same skiing trail back for approxi-

mately 1 km. At the crossing of four ski tracks, take the one towards the south. The track runs along the slope of the *Vävyvä* Fell for around 3 km, taking you to the *Piispanoja* campfire shelter. From there, the remaining distance to the Saariselkä starting gate is approximately 4 km.

You can take the Rumakuru Trail in either direction. To extend your excursion, you can combine other trails with the Rumakuru Trail.



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Grading: Moderate

Length: in summer 14 km, In winter 12,5 km

Duration: 3–6 hours

Altitude difference: 110 m

Starting point: Saariselkä starting gate

Activities: Nature observation, hiking in summer, skiing in winter

Services: Rumakuru new day-trip hut with campfire sites, and a dry toilet and firewood shed in the yard.

Sights: Rumakuru Gorge, which the last Ice Age formed into a rugged, steep-walled gorge.

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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METSÄHALLITUS

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.