



Urho Kekkonen National Park

Nuortti Hiking Trail



Nuortti Hiking Trail is one of the pearls of Eastern Lapland. The destination is popular among fishers and hikers. Along river Nuorttijoki one may see lush groves on river shores, wild heathen forests, and the steep and rocky slopes of the river canyon. The 40 kilometer long trail is ideal for a 3-4 day hike.

Lush meadows, bare pine forests

The lush nature in Eastern Lapland may surprise sometimes. In Nuorttijoki river bank meadows one can find many species native to groves, such as wood cranesbill and alpine sowthistle.

The Nuorttijoki river canyon is at its steepest 100 metres tall. The river has more peaceful smooth waters as well as rapids and cascades.

A river with rich history

People have travelled from afar to Nuorttijoki to fish already in the 13th century. The river was an important route to Russia for trade, as well as for the hostile expeditions in the 16th century.



Wood cranesbill.

Across the river to stay the night in a wilderness hut

River Nuorttijoki is crossed twice on the trail. At Kärekeoja is a wading cable for crossing the river when the water level is low/normal. Near the national border zone at Kolsa is a bridge across the river. It is recommended to check the water level a day ahead before heading off to the trail from Urho Kekkonen national park customer service point Kiehin. Along the trail there are several open wilderness huts, and reservable wilderness huts Kärekeoja and Hirvashauta.

Connections

The distance from Savukoski centre to Nuorttijoki is approximately 95 kilometres. The road is paved for the first 25 kilometres and changes into a gravel road soon after the village of Martti. Car can be parked at Haukijärvenoja or Hirvashauta parking areas.

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- Length: 40 km
- Travel time: 3-4 days.
- Location: Urho Kekkonen National Park, Savukoski



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- nationalparks.fi/urhokekkonennp/trails

Hiking and protecting nature

- Respect nature and take other hikers into consideration
- Make a fire only on designated fireplaces. Open fire is prohibited if the forest fire warning is in effect.
- Hike litter free. There are no litter bins in Nuorttijoki, carry your rubbish back with you.
- You are allowed to pick berries and mushrooms, but not stones or plants. Do not disturb animals.
- Keep the pets on a leash.
- Bring your own toilet paper.
- Driving motor vehicles outside official roads is prohibited.
- Instructions and permits for fishing in the national park from Urho Kekkonen National Park Customer Service Point Kiehin and from website eraluvat.fi/en/.

The emergency number is 112 – know where you are – there might be gaps in mobile phone networks.

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