



## Ärjänsaari

• Areal: 2,70 km<sup>2</sup>

• Location: Kajaani

### Metsähallitus, Area maintenance

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• [nationalparks.fi/arjansaari](http://nationalparks.fi/arjansaari)

• [facebook.com/arjansaari](https://facebook.com/arjansaari)  
(in Finnish)



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Ärjänsaari Island is known for its long sandy beaches, high shoreline banks and deep pine forests. It is an enchanting hiking and beach destination near Kajaani.

The sand dunes, steep bank faces and drift sand area Lentohiekka make Ärjänsaari Island a unique esker island on Lake Oulujärvi. The cultural history of the island is a product of ancient Saami settlements, pine tar runners, lake pirates and forestry company holidaymakers.

Nowadays the island is open for many outdoor activities. The trail around the island is 10 km. The other paths give possibilities for hikes of different lengths.

Metsähallitus is renovating the services on the island. Saunala cottage is rented for the sheep herders and Kotila cottage serves as a summer café. Kallela, Kantola, Kivelä and Vihmala are rental huts for visitors.

The edge of Vierasniemi peninsula, Kirkkosäikkä, is an important bird nesting area. Movement in there is prohibited during 1.5. - 31.7.



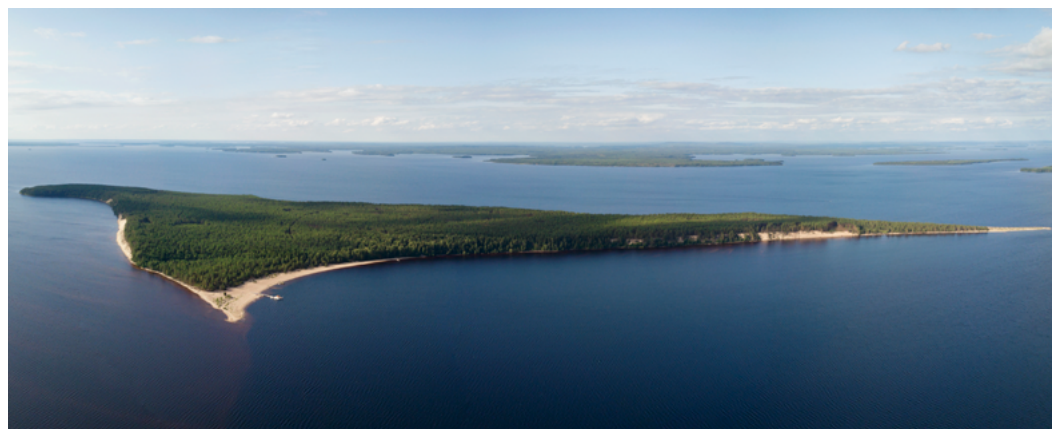
## Remember sustainability

- Walk along the trails.
- You can pick berries and edible mushrooms, but don't pick plants or disturb the animals.
- Keep your pets on a leash.
- Make fire only on designated sites.
- Making fire is forbidden during the grass or forest fire warning.
- Do not litter. Bring your litter out from the island.
- Camp only on the camping site.
- Be aware of the steep bank faces.
- Enjoy swimming but avoid the edge of Säippä peninsula, don't swim near the jetty or the old barge wreck. The safest places for swimming are Lentohiekka and the long beach of Säippä.
- Paragliding is suggested to take place in Lentohiekka and Hautakaarre areas.
- Motor vehicles are allowed only for maintenance purposes.

[nationalparks.fi/arjansaari/  
instructionsandrules](http://nationalparks.fi/arjansaari/instructionsandrules)

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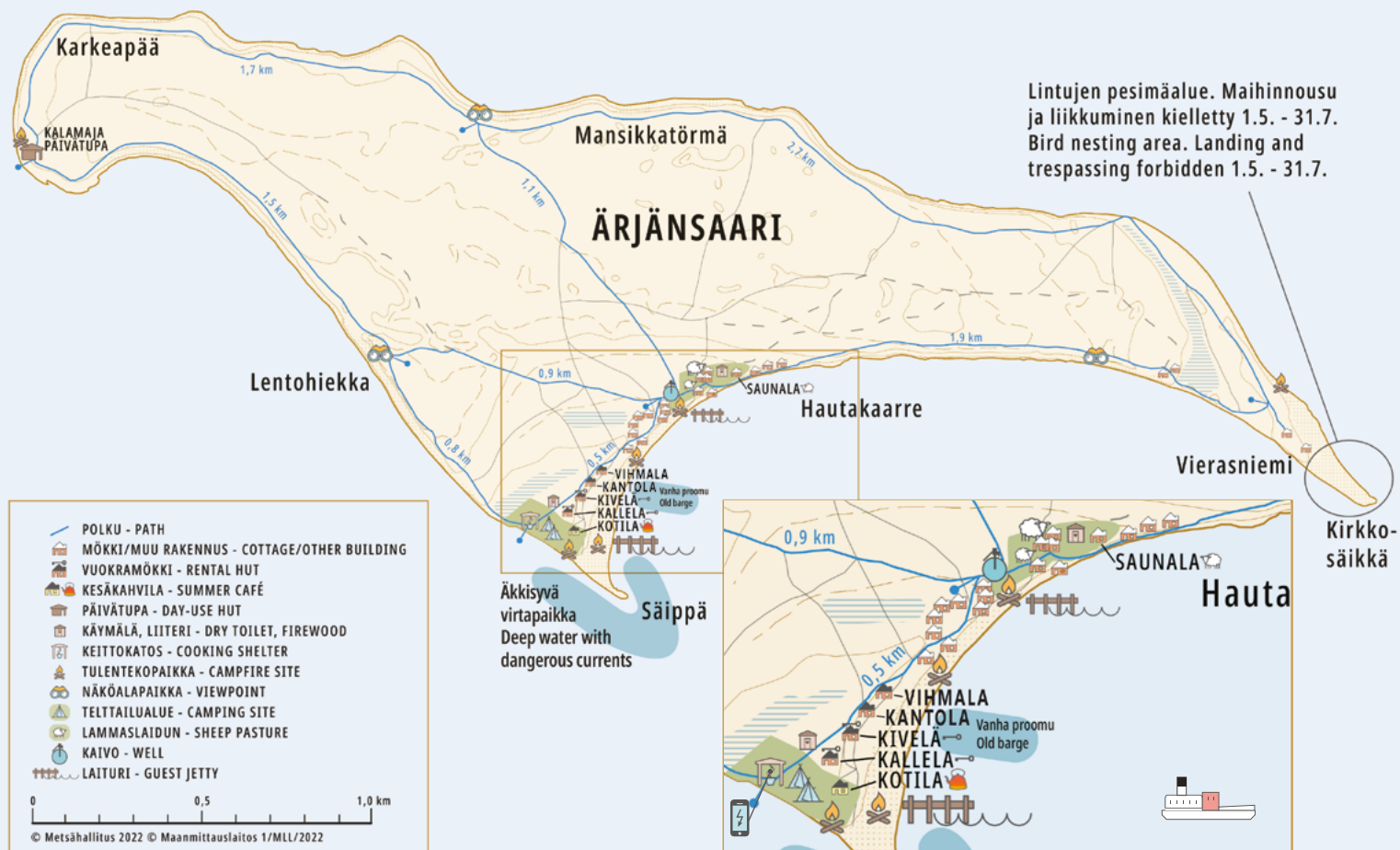


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## Instructions for boaters

- Take small boats to the shore and leave the jetty for bigger boats.
- Begin boat docking from the end closer to the shoreline. Don't dock alongside the jetty. Don't leave big gaps between the boats.
- Remember that the weather on lake Oulujärvi may be unpredictable. A small boat might not be safe enough.

- The Finnish state purchased the island from United Paper Mills in 2017, designating it a nature reserve and transferring its administration to Metsähallitus Parks & Wildlife Finland.

## Boat transportation

Transportation to Ärjänsaari can be inquired from local companies:

Luonnollisesti Oulujärvi  
[www.luonnollisesti.fi](http://www.luonnollisesti.fi) (in Finnish)  
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