



10 km

5 h

Demanding

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1. Canyon lake
2. Sateenkaariputous fall
3. Rock paintings



Ölökyn Ähkäsy

Hiking Trail in Hossa National Park

Julma-Ölkky is the name of the biggest canyon lake in Finland. Ölökyn ähkäsy trail is a demanding hike around the lake with plenty of ascents and descents and spectacular views to the rugged nature.

Ölökyn ähkäsy trail, together with shorter (5 km) Ölkyyn ylitys trail around canyon lake Julma-Ölkky are the most demanding circle trails in Hossa National Park, but really worth a little sweating. Along the trail there are Ölkynerä lean-to shelter and the Ölökyn ärjä lookout point, where you can admire the blue waters of the lake

and steep cliffs of the canyon. Julma-Ölkky canyon is a fracture valley that is several kilometres long. The lake is about three kilometres long and, at its narrowest, only ten metres wide, and it is about 50 metres deep. From the surface of the lake, the rock wall rises to the heights of 50 metres.

OPEN: Snow-free season, June–October.

TRAVEL TIME: 5 h.

CATEGORY: Trail is demanding. Suitable for experienced users.

START AND FINISH: Julma-Ölkky parking area, address: Julma-Ölkyntie 86, Kuusamo.

MARKING OF THE TRAIL: With orange signs. Signage at the trail crossings.

EQUIPMENT: For variable terrain, you should wear sturdy waterproof shoes, such as all-terrain runners or walking boots. Clothing: Weatherproof hiking clothes. In the day pack: a drink, a picnic, spare clothing, rain gear, a rubbish bag, a first aid kit, a charged phone and a map. To light a fire: matches and a knife. Bring your own toilet paper.

SAFETY:

- In case of emergency, call 112.
- Reserve enough time to detour the route.

More information about hiking in Finland:
nationalparks.fi/hikinginfinland

RULES AND RESTRICTIONS:

- There are no waste containers and no waste management at the national park. Food waste can be placed in the outdoor toilets. More information: nationalparks.fi/hikinginfinland/visitorguidelines/litter
- Lighting fires is only allowed on the marked, official campfire sites. When a forest fire warning is in operation, lighting campfires is prohibited.
- Pets must always be kept on a leash and under control in the national park.

Instructions and rules of the national park: nationalparks.fi/hossa/instructionsandrules.



Day Trail: Ölöky Ähkäsy

