



2.5 km

1.5–2 h

demanding



## TOP 3

1. West-side views towards Jerojärvi from the moss-covered Paskovaara cliffs
2. The greenery of different grove types
3. Peace and quiet

### Koli National Park

# Paimenen polku Trail

Feel the forest through all your senses in the embrace of the peaceful greenery. Paimenen polku Trail (Shepherd's Trail) welcomes you to stay present on a journey through diverse groves, hilly spruce forests and majestic cliffs.

At first, the trail runs up the Paimenenvaara slope to a grey alder grove, its lively greenery charming the traveller. Soon the sloped grove is overtaken by spruce as the trail zigzags to the foothills of cliffs that were formed by lava over 2,000 million years ago. Climb the twisty stairs up to reach the smoother section of the Paimenenvaara slope that leads you on the footsteps of ancient Koli cow herders.

Soon you arrive to the sheltered Paimenenvaara campfire site where

you can eat your lunch in more peace than on the more popular rest stops. From the campfire site, the trail continues to a beautiful, mossy boulder and to the top of Paskovaara. From the moss-covered cliffs opens a majestic view westward to the Jerojärvi Lake and the Verkkoavaara fell behind it. Stop for a moment to sense the ancient rock and the force supporting it.

**AVAILABLE:** In the snow-free season.

**STARTING POINT:** Paimenenvaara parking area, Kotaniementie 10, Lieksa.

**TRAIL MARKINGS:** Orange circles on signposts at trail junctions. The signposts have been numbered and the numbers correspond to the numbering of the Koli service and trail map (1:20 000).

**RECOMMENDED GEAR:** Weather-appropriate clothing and shoes suitable for varying terrain. Pack drinks, lunch, fire-making tools, toilet paper, rubbish bag, first aid kit, charged phone and map into your daypack.

**SAFETY: The emergency number: 112**

The open cliff faces and steep, wooden stairs on the trail can be slippery especially if it rains. Before your trip, always check for any weather warnings:

[en.ilmatieteenlaitos.fi/warnings](https://en.ilmatieteenlaitos.fi/warnings)

**INSTRUCTIONS AND RULES:**

During a forest and grass fire warning, making a fire is not allowed at the Paimenenvaara campfire site.

Please read before your trip:

[nationalparks.fi/hikinginfinland/visitorguidelines](https://nationalparks.fi/hikinginfinland/visitorguidelines)

[nationalparks.fi/kolinp/instructionsandrules](https://nationalparks.fi/kolinp/instructionsandrules)



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# Paimenen polku Trail



- Kolin kansallispuisto – Koli National Park
- Risteysnumero – Crossroad number
- Paimenen polku – Paimenen polku Trail (2,5 km)
- Pysäköinti ja opastustaulu – Parking and information board
- Opastustaulu – Information board
- Tulentekopaikka – Campfire site
- Kuivakäymälä – Dry toilet
- Etäisyys (km) – Distance (km)

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