



8/25
km

2/7 h

Easy

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TOP 3

1. Undisturbed silence of the river valley
2. Sandy banks and rocky shores
3. Beaches shaped by water with their plants



Kiutaköngäs - Jäkälämutka

A canoeing route in Oulanka National Park

The twisting Oulankajoki River, which flows quietly through the heart of Oulanka National Park, charms canoeists with its beautiful nature. This route takes you to tall spruce forests, sandy shores great for swimming and rare plants.

The unique valley of the Oulankajoki River offers visitors a quiet environment where it is easy to get the feel of the wilderness. Many rare plants can be found on the sandy shores and banks shaped by the river over thousands of years. Canoeists usually complete the route in one day, but it is also possible to spend two days on this beautiful river. There are several campfire sites, lean-to shelters and a wildernesshut,

Ansakämpä, on the sandy shores of the river. One of the best rest stops is Nurmisaarenniemi, which has shallow beaches and green flood meadows. In May the Oulankajoki River is in flood, the water flows fast, and canoeists may come across dangerous driftwood carried by the flood. Each rest stop is marked with a clear signpost that shows the name of the stop and the remaining distance to Jäkälämutka.



OPEN: June-October.

TRAVEL TIME: 2 hours to Nurmisaarenniemi and 7 hours to Jäkälämutka.

CHALLENGE LEVEL: Easy. Suits for families and beginners. You can choose between 8 km or 25 km route. Currents can be stronger in some parts of the river, but there are no rapids on the route. Water level varies by season. Pay attention on shallow spots.

START AND FINISH: Mataraniemi starting point. The route ends at the canoe landing site at Jäkälämutka quiet pool. The landing site is located at the end of Jäkälämutkantie Road.

EQUIPMENT:

A canoe, kayak or SUP board, a kayaking life vest, a paddle. Waterproof shoes, weatherproof kayaking clothing. In cold waters, a neoprene or dry suit. Sunglasses and a sun hat. A drink, a picnic, spare clothing, a rubbish bag, a first aid kit, a charged phone in a watertight container and a map. To light a fire: matches and a knife. Bring your own toilet paper. Pack your gear in a waterproof container, for example a dry sack. Companies that rent equipment can usually provide you with the gear needed for kayaking/paddling.

SAFETY:

- In case of an emergency, call 112.
 - Paddlers must be able to swim
 - Familiarize yourself with the route before setting off
 - During a flood, you cannot trust the route descriptions and classification of rapids
- More information about hiking in Finland:

nationalparks.fi/hikinginfinland

RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- There are no waste containers and no waste management at the national park. More information: nationalparks.fi/hikinginfinland/visitingguidelines/litter
- Please note that fires are prohibited during forest fire warnings at all campfire sites that are not equipped with a flue.

Instructions and rules of the national park:

nationalparks.fi/syote/instructionsandrules



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