Kaakkurinkierros Trail takes hikers through the park's most popular areas as well along its less-travelled paths.

The crags of Kirnuhuoko and peace and solitude of the wilderness can be experienced in the northeast section of the park along the quieter trails. Making a small campfire at the Kirnukangas lean-to shelter, which is situated on the banks of a marsh pond, is the perfect way for even the most experienced hiker to feel the peacefulness of nature.

The Kaakkurinkierros Trail is an excellent trail for hikers making their first extended hike. Hikers can test their hiking skills at their own pace and enjoy the varied terrain. With a full-sized backpack on, the hike will go more slowly than when doing a hike with a smaller pack, so be sure to make some time for the occasional rest stop. When it comes to hiking, there is no reason to rush. It's an ideal way to leave the hustle and bustle of the workaday world behind and enjoy being in nature.

Hike with all of your senses and let nature soothe and invigorate you!

Tips for visitors

- When hiking in Repovesi, visitors are expected to follow the principle of Leave No Trace - whatever you pack in, you pack out.
- In addition to other bird species, the Red-throated Diver nests at Olhavanlampi Pond and Olhavanvuori Rock. Take birds into consideration when hiking on the trail and leave them alone during nesting season.
- Dogs are allowed in the park, but they must be kept on a leash at all times.

- You may pick berries and mushrooms. Do not remove any stones or plants from the park.

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Additional information and ideas for hike planning and up-to-date information:

- www.nationalparks.fi/repovesipf
- Repovesikansallispuisto
- www.visitrepovesi.fi/en

Repovesi Virtual Guide:

- www.visitrepovesi.fi/en

Basic trail information

Start point:
Any of the park trailheads: Tervajärvi, Saarijärvi or Lapinsalmi.
Length: 26 km
Duration: 2-4 days
Open: During the thaw. The trail is not maintained during the winter.

Difficulty: If you are setting out on a longer hike, you should ideally possess some hiking experience and set aside enough time to make the hike. Even though there are many rises and descents along the way, the park also has easy, flat terrain.

Route signs/markings: All of Repovesi's trails are marked by orange paint markers on trees. Signs with the Kaakkurinkierros Trail symbol help hikers stay on the right trail.

Things to see and experience:
Varied terrain, with forests and small bodies of water. Overnight stays out in nature and the peace and quiet it offers. Morning coffee by a lake. Scenic vistas from atop rocky promontories. Suspension bridges and the manually-operated Ketunlossi "Fox ferry". Kirnuhuoko Cavern and its rocky crags.

Recommended gear: Hiking gear appropriate for the season. Tent for camping or a reservable hut (advance reservation required). Map. Items for making a campfire. An adequate amount of provisions.

There are three wells along the trail. Check the potability of the well water on the Repovesi site at nationalparks.fi (Under ‘Services’).