**Tervajärvi trail**

8.2 km circle trail

**Suggested route**

On this trail, you can savour the fragrance of an old-growth forest and listen to the water lapping against lakeshore cliffs.

The trail meanders around Tervajärvi Lake, offering diverse views of forest, lakeshore and rocky outcrops. The trail will take you through open pine forest and vigorously growing older spruces. There will be shady rocks, moist tussocks and large aspens. The path winding its way across lakeshore cliffs also tells the tale of historical forest use.

At the northern end of Tervajärvi Lake in Tukkiniemi, you will find the most pristine forest in Repovesi, including old pine trees with thick bark. In this area you can admire unspoilt forest with several generations of trees and deadwood, which is essential for many forest dwellers. An old-growth forest has its own unique atmosphere.

In Kuutinkanava, on the other hand, you can familiarise yourself with Finnish ways of timber handling and forest management. From the times of slash and burn agriculture, tar-making and steam sawmills up till the establishment of the National Park, Repovesi area has been used by the forest industry. Many a log has travelled through Kuutinkanava log floating trough on its way to sawmills and factories.

The culture of forestry has been preserved in place names around Tervajärvi (‘Tar Lake’). Sulkusalmi (‘Lock Strait’) was used to regulate the water level, and Lojulampi (Sunked Log Lake) has been named after old logs that may still be lying at its bottom.

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

There are no separate signposts on the Tervajärvi trail - so do not forget your map when you go out!

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**Basic trail information**

- **Start point:** Tervajärvi parking area, Kivisilmäntie 720, Kouvola
- **Length:** 8.2 km
- **Duration:** 3-6 hours
- **Open:** In the snow-free season. The trail is not maintained during the winter.

**Difficulty:** The eastern part of the trail on the lakeshore cliffs and rocky paths of Tervajärvi Lake is challenging. The trail also offers some climbs and descents. In Tukkiniemi old-growth forest, the path goes along duckboards in places, and the terrain is often wet.

**Route signs/markings:** All Repovesi trails are marked with orange paint. This trail is not marked separately. Do not forget to bring a map!

**Things to see and experience:** The most pristine forest of Repovesi in Tukkiniemi. Tervajärvi lakeshore cliffs with their gnarled pine trees. Different types of forest. Peaceful lake scenery. Kuutinkanava log floating trough and signs explaining the history of forest use.

**Recommended gear:** Hiking gear chosen for the weather conditions, good walking shoes/boots, a map of the area and toilet paper. Items for making a campfire.

**Tips for visitors to the national park**

- When hiking in Repovesi, visitors are expected to follow the principle of Leave No Trace - whatever you pack in, you pack out.
- Dogs are allowed in the park, but they must be kept on a leash at all times so they will not disturb other animals in the forest.
- 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 planning your trip and up-to-date information:**

- [repovesikansallispuisto](http://repovesikansallispuisto)
- [Repovesi Virtual Guide](http://www.visitrepovesi.fi)
All trails are marked with orange paint in the terrain.