



ESCAPE INTO THE WILDERNESS



## POROPOLKU

On Poropolku Trail, you can familiarise yourself with the life of a reindeer.

Admire the barren yet beautiful scenery through the eyes of a reindeer. This agile, long-legged animal sheds its antlers and grows new, larger ones every year. It is well adapted to the northern environment. The information boards tell you about reindeer, the original inhabitants of the northern wilderness, which people domesticated from the Eurasian tundra reindeer. The boards provide details about reindeer as an animal, their lives through the annual cycle and their importance to humans.

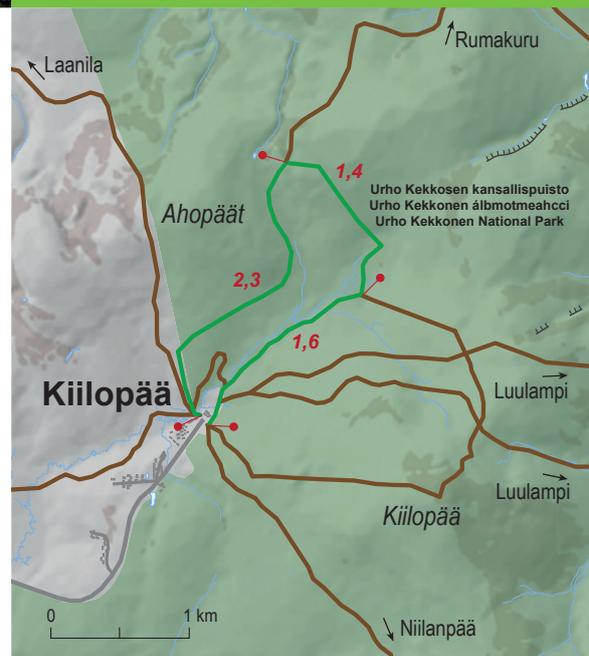
### ROUTE DESCRIPTION

The beginning of the trail follows the Kiilo-oja stream. After around 1.5 kilometres, you can cross a fence dividing the pastures of the Lappi and Ivalo Reindeer Herding Cooperatives and ascend to the lower ridge of the Ahopää Fell. The circular trail follows the reindeer fence all the way back to its starting point. The Poropolku Trail is easy to walk and the wettest sections are equipped with duckboards. The trail is ideal for novice hikers.

You can take the trail in either direction. If you would like to extend your excursion, you can combine other trails (in winter, snowshoeing routes) with the Poropolku Trail.



The hiking routes in the Urho Kekkonen National Park are divided into **Out onto the Fell** trails, which are easy and theme-based, and **Out into the Wilderness** trails, which are more demanding.



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**Grading:** Easy

**Length:** 5,3 km

**Duration:** 2–3 h

**Altitude difference:** 100 m

**Starting point:** Kiilopää starting gate

**Activities:** Hiking, snowshoeing and nature observation

**Services:** A campfire site, firewood shed and children's playground towards the end of the trail.

**Sights:** A rugged but beautiful fell environment and the branches of the Kiilo-oja stream.

**Equipment:** Remember to wear good hiking shoes, snowshoes in the winter and dress appropriately for the weather. It is usually windy in the fell region and the wind can be very strong above tree level. A snack and drinking bottle in your backpack will refresh you during your trek.

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