Welcome to the beautiful Rumakuru Gorge!

The Rumakuru Trail allows you to admire the Rumakuru Gorge which, despite its Finnish name (literally, Ugly Gorge), is far from ugly. The highlight of this trail is the steep-walled gorge created by meltwaters during the last Ice Age. The gorge is one of the must-see natural attractions of the Saariselkä area. However, we recommend that you admire it from a safe distance due to the risk of avalanches in winter and rock falls in summer.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

From the Saariselkä starting gate, walk around 0.5 kilometres, after which the trail runs along the south-western slope of the lisakkipää Fell for around 4 kilometres. When you reach the brink of the Pääsiäiskuru Gorge, the Rumakuru Trail will depart from the lisakkipää nature trail. Continue along the western slope of Vahtamapää Fell until the crossing between four hiking/skiing trails. From there, the distance to the Saariselkä starting gate is approximately 4 km.

You can take the Rumakuru Trail in either direction. To extend your excursion, you can combine other trails with the Rumakuru Trail.

To return from the Rumakuru day-trip hut in the summer, take the same trail back for around 0.5 km. From there, the trail will ascend to the top of the Vävypää Fell. From the summit, the trail will descend to the Piispanoja campfire shelter, from which the remaining distance to the Saariselkä starting gate is 4 km.

In winter, the return journey from Rumakuru day-trip hut follows the same skiing trail back for approximately 1 km. At the crossing of four ski tracks, take the one towards the south. The track runs along the slope of the Vävypää Fell for around 3 km, taking you to the Piispanoja campfire shelter. From there, the remaining distance to the Saariselkä starting gate is approximately 4 km.

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.