



ESCAPE INTO THE  
WILDERNESS



## AURORAPOLKU

Admire the midnight sun or the northern lights from the Aurorapolku Trail.

The Aurorapolku Trail close to the centre of Saariselkä takes you into the lap of nature in the Urho Kekkonen National Park. On Aurorapolku, you can enjoy the midnight sun during the summer. In winter, you can experience the polar nights and get in touch with wintry nature. If the sky is clear, you can admire the starry northern sky or may even see the magnificent northern lights, the aurora borealis. The day-trip hut along the trail provides shelter from the frost, snowstorms, rain and mosquitoes and forms an excellent base for nature observation.

### ROUTE DESCRIPTION

The Aurorapolku Trail begins from the Urho Kekkonen National Park's starting gate in Saariselkä. This circular trail follows the edge of a fell gorge east of the River Luttojoki. You should reserve at least one hour for the excursion. The Aurorapolku Trail totals 2.1 kilometres. It is maintained throughout the year and is ideal for adults with children. Gravel has been laid on the trail but it is unsuitable for wheelchairs due to its slopes.

Aurorapolku is illuminated. You can take the trail in either direction.



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:** 1,2 km

**Duration:** 1 hour

**Altitude difference:** 35 m

**Starting point:** Saariselkä starting gate

**Activities:** Walking, biking and nature observation in all seasons, including admiring the northern lights and midnight sun.

**Services:** Wilderness hut, half of which is an open day-trip hut. (The other half is locked and available by booking.) In the yard, there is a campfire site, firewood shed and dry toilet for hikers.

**Sights:** Northern nature, the River Luttojoki and its hanging bridge, a day-trip hut.

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