

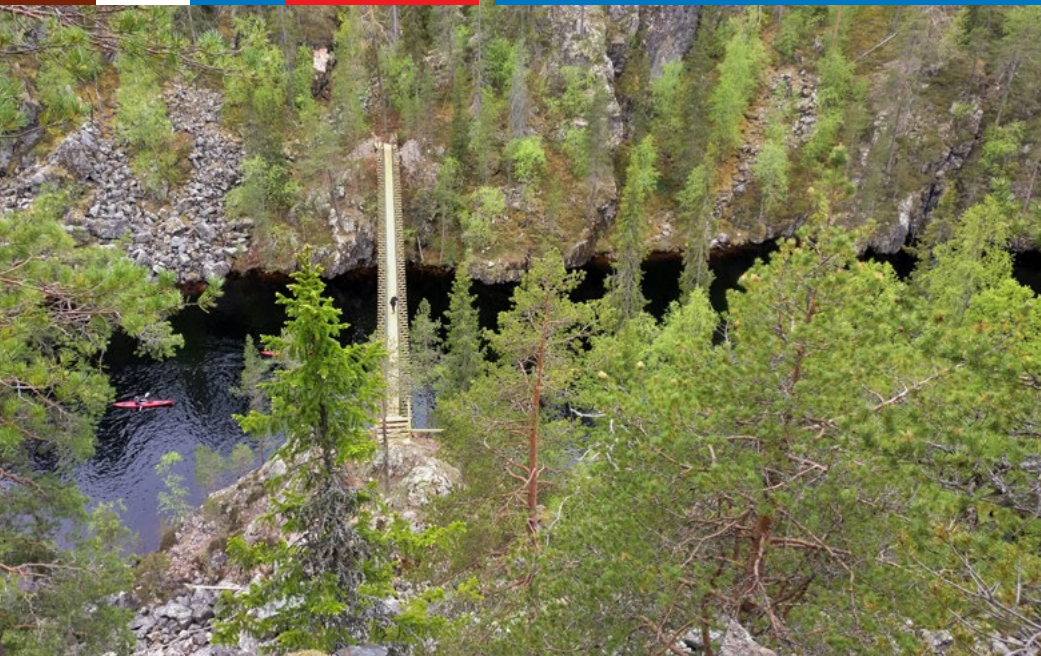


16 km

14 h

Easy/
Intermediate

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TOP 3

1. Canoeing on a wild canyon lake
2. Varying landscapes of the maze-like route
3. Possibility of canoeing to the prehistoric rock paintings of Värrikallio



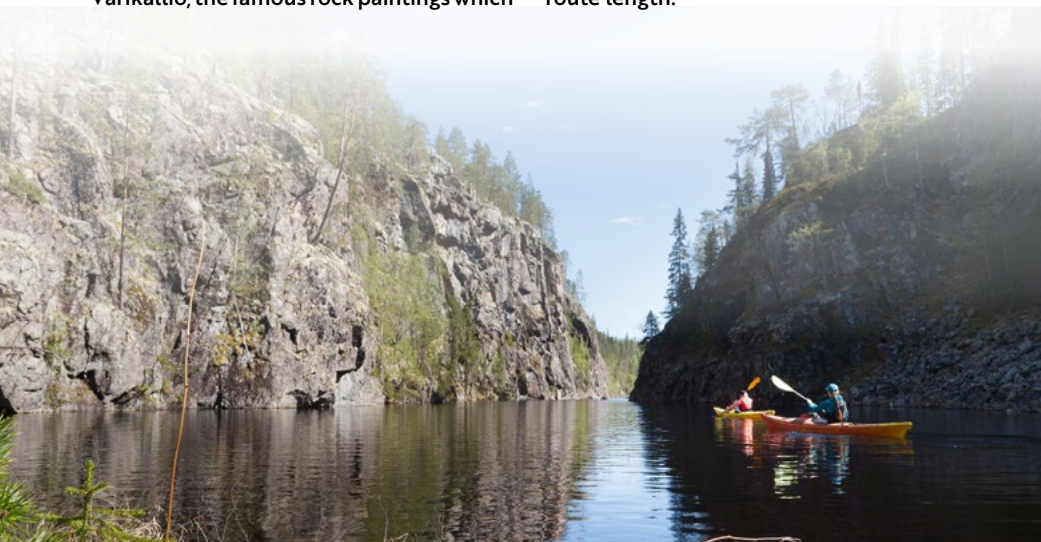
Julma-Ölkky - Somer - Hossa


A canoeing route in Hossa National Park

Julma-Ölkky-Hossa canoeing route is a relatively easy, maze-like lake route on which you can experience small rapids, rugged canyon landscapes and pine forests reaching to the skies.

It is easy to fall in love with the majestic hills and clear waters of Hossa National Park. The landscapes of Hossa were shaped by the Ice Age. The canoeing route Julma-Ölkky - Somer - Hossa treats you to the best parts of the national park. This is a relatively easy, maze-like lake route livened up by a few small rapids and straights. You can combine elements of the past to your excursion by visiting Värrikallio, the famous rock paintings which

go back thousands of years. The best time to use this route is in early summer, but it is also accessible later in summers with plenty of rain. In low water conditions, the recommended starting point is at Lihapyörre parking area. Julma-Ölkky is a canyon lake created in a fissure valley, an ancient crack in the earth, which is over 3 km in length. You can start by visiting the Ölkky end, which adds approx. 6 km to the route length.



 **OPEN:** Early summer (May-June).

 **TRAVEL TIME:** 14 h.

 **CHALLENGE LEVEL:** Easy-Intermediate.
Suitable for canoeists with some experience.

START AND FINISH:

Julma-Ölkky launching site, Julma-Ölkyntie road 86 (or Lihapyörre parking area). The route ends to Papinpetäjä isthmus on the northeast shore of Nurmiskä in Lake Hossanjärvi. There is a landing place there.

EQUIPMENT:

A canoe or kayak. A kayaking life vest, a paddle, a helmet for rapids. Waterproof shoes, weatherproof kayaking clothing. In cold waters, a neoprene or dry suit. Sunglasses and a sun hat. A drink, a picnic, spare clothing, a rubbish bag, a first aid kit, a charged phone in a watertight container and a map. To light a fire: matches and a knife. Bring your own toilet paper. Pack your gear in a waterproof container, for example a dry sack. Companies that rent equipment can usually provide you with the gear needed for kayaking/paddling.

SAFETY:

- In case of an emergency, call 112.
- Paddlers must be able to swim
- Familiarize yourself with the route before setting off
- During a flood, you cannot trust the route descriptions and classification of rapids

More information about hiking in Finland:
nationalparks.fi/hikinginfinland

RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- There are no waste containers and no waste management at the national park. More information: nationalparks.fi/hikinginfinland/visitorguidelines/litter
- Please note that fires are prohibited during forest fire warnings at all campfire sites that are not equipped with a flue.

Instructions and rules of the national park:
nationalparks.fi/hossa/instructionsandrules



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