



37 km

2 d

Intermediate/
Demanding

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TOP 3

1. Challenge offered by the bends and rapids at the beginning of the route
2. Cultural history, including Lounatkoski mill
3. Two open wilderness huts on the way



Peranka - Hossa

A canoeing route in Hossa National Park

Peranka-Hossa canoeing route takes you past meadows, lush mixed forests and dry pine heaths. The route consists of expansive lake sections and exciting rivers. It is suitable for experienced canoeists.

Perankajoki River is a versatile canoeing route with narrow river sections and expansive lakes. The landscapes on the way vary from lush meadows to dry pine heaths. A number of rapids and fast-flowing sections at the beginning of the route in Perankajoki River offer a challenge to canoeists. Later on the flow is less strong and you can take a breather, enjoying breath-taking scenery and the clear waters of calm lake sections. Beaches, open wilderness huts and lean-to shelters on the way invite you to take a break.

After still lake sections towards the end of the route, you come to Lounatkoski rapids. Shooting the rapids at the trail bridge is not recommended (rapids of difficulty class II+ or even III). Before the hazardous section, a trail for pulling the canoes begins after a warning sign on the left bank (approx. 50 m). While the route can be used throughout the summer, in dry periods you may touch the bottom frequently and come across sharp rocks, especially at the beginning of the route.

OPEN: While the route can be used throughout the summer, challenging in dry periods.

TRAVEL TIME: 2 d.

CHALLENGE LEVEL: Intermediate - demanding.

START AND FINISH:

START: The route starts at Iso-Perankajärvi Lake; from Peranka junction, follow Road 5 to the north for 200 metres, turn to a forest road, and follow this road to the shores of Iso-Perankajärvi Lake.

FINISH: The route ends to Papinpetäjä isthmus on the northeast shore of Nurmiselkä in Lake Hossanjärvi.

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, spa-re 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/visitorsguidelines/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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