



RAMI VALONEN / PYHÄJÄRVI OPEN WILDERNESS HUT

The world's purest air with breath-taking views

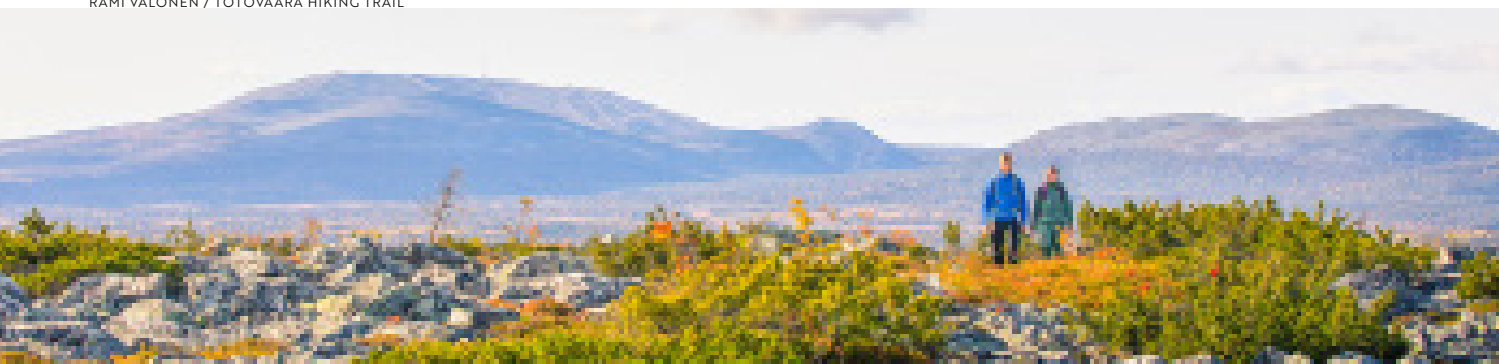
The Pallas-Yllästunturi National Park protects the unique fell nature of Western Lapland - its forests, mires, fells and species. Take a breath of the world's cleanest air as you explore the summits and fell villages of the area.

From forests to fells

The National Park is full of varied nature: shady spruces, sunlit pine forests, birches on open fells, treeless felltops and tiny fell flora. The fells are the remnants of ancient mountains which were eroded by millions of years and worn smooth by ice ages.

In the fells, you walk among Mountain heath, Alpine blackberry, Alpine azalea, Highland rush, Alpine clubmoss and Pincushion plants. The windswept fells are contrasted by the lush herb-rich spruce forests in Varkaankuru and on the banks of Pyhäjoki. Hike between the Garden angelica, Lady fern, Ostrich fern and Alpine sow thistle.

RAMI VALONEN / TOTOVAARA HIKING TRAIL



RAMI VALONEN / JYPPYRÄ WINTER TRAIL

The kingdom of Snow buntings

One of the first migratory birds in the spring, the Snow bunting, is also the symbol of the national park. It stays on the coast of the Arctic Ocean and on the boulder fields in the fells in the summer and migrates to Central Europe and Southern Russia for the winter. Year-round inhabitants of Fell Lapland include the Rock ptarmigan, Willow grouse, Siberian jay, Raven and tit species.

The Brown bear and Lynx are permanent residents of the national park, but these large carnivores are very shy and usually avoid running into hikers. There are also stable populations of Moose, Pine marten and Otter in the park.

The cleanest air in World

The Pallastunturi fells are home to a research station of the Finnish Meteorological Institute, which is part of an international measurement network comprising twenty observation stations around the globe. Research shows that the air in the National Park is the cleanest in World but even here the increase in carbon dioxide is visible in the measurements. Further information: en.ilmatieteenlaitos.fi.

Living cultural history

The Pallas-Yllästunturi National Park is located in an interesting border between cultural histories. Traversing South to North, the old Finnish farming culture gives way to Sámi reindeer herders. The National Park is an important pasture area for reindeer, and for reindeer herders it is an everyday working environment.

Day trips, hiking and cycling

The National Park has trails for both summer and winter excursions. You can hike the trails or ride a mountain bike. In winter, you can ski, snowshoe and cycle on winter trails. Stop at a campfire hut to enjoy a warm campfire and stay overnight in the wilderness and reservation huts. The oldest hiking route in Finland, Hetta-Pallas, runs between fell summits. It is 50 km long and demanding with long climbs and descends.



Cyclists - keep in mind that cycling in the national park is only allowed on official, marked summer routes.

It is not allowed to go off-trail with a bicycle. In addition, cycling is prohibited in sensitive areas like Palkaskero, Pirunkuru, Varkaankuru and Tuomikuru. In addition to the Ylläs winter trails, cyclists can enjoy the ski tracks at the Ounas fell and Raattama where cycling is permitted.



The ski track network is managed by four ski track pools. You can find up-to-date information about ski tracks online:

- infogis.fi/hetta
- infogis.fi/raattamanreitit
- infogis.fi/muonio
- infogis.fi/yllas

MERI-TUULIA FORSMAN / A REINDEER CALF AND ITS' MOTHER ON THE FELS



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For entrepreneurs

The use of Metsähallitus' trails and structures in business operations is always subject to a charge. More information: metsa.fi/.

Come see us at the Visitor Centres

The National Park has two visitor centres with changing and permanent exhibitions. They can help you find the best hiking trails and services. Visitor Centres and several local sites are accessible with an assistant.

Fell-Lapland Visitor Centre Peuratie 15, 99400 Enontekiö, tel. +358 (0)206 39 7950, tunturi-lappi@metsa.fi

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Pallas-Yllästunturi National Park

- 1020 km² • Established: 2005
- Location: In the municipalities of Enontekiö, Kittilä, Kolari and Muonio.



National park

Pallas-Yllästunturi

English

Finland's most popular national park consists of the Pallas-Ounastunturi National Park established in 1938 and the Ylläs-Aakenustunturi old-growth forest protection area annexed to it in 2005.

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Keep in mind! **OUTDOOR ETIQUETTE**

1. Respect nature - leave no trace in it.

Don't stack or pile up rocks or collect plants. Do not disturb animals. Keep your pet on a leash.

2. Mainly use marked trails and follow the rules for different modes of travel.

Close the reindeer gates. Cyclists are not allowed to go off-trail.

3. Only pitch your tent on sites where camping is allowed. Do not wash the dishes or yourself directly in a water body. Follow hut rules.

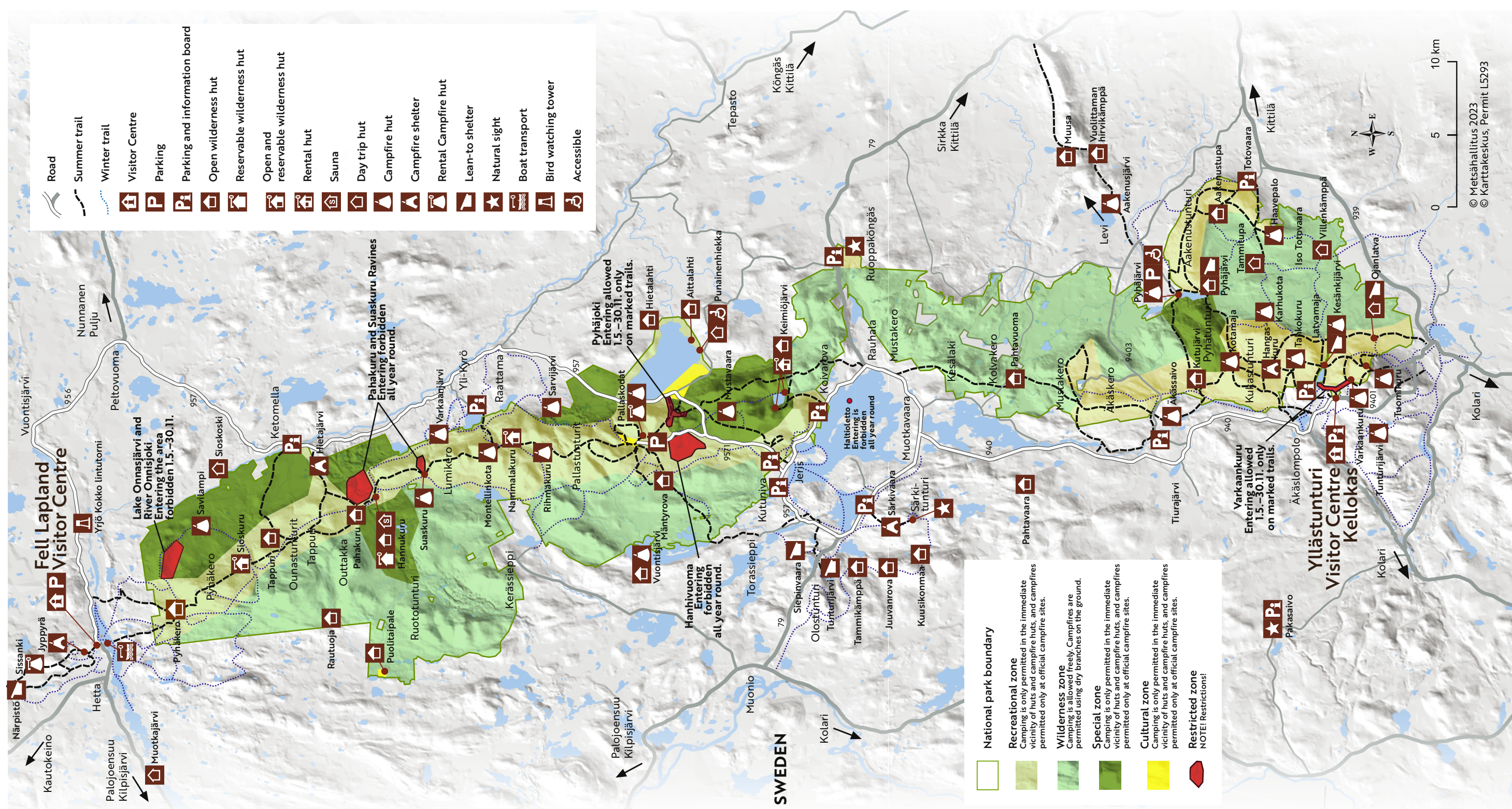
The campfire huts are intended for daytime use.

4. Only make fires where it is permitted and use a portable camping stove if you can. Do not light a fire when a wildland fire warning is in effect.

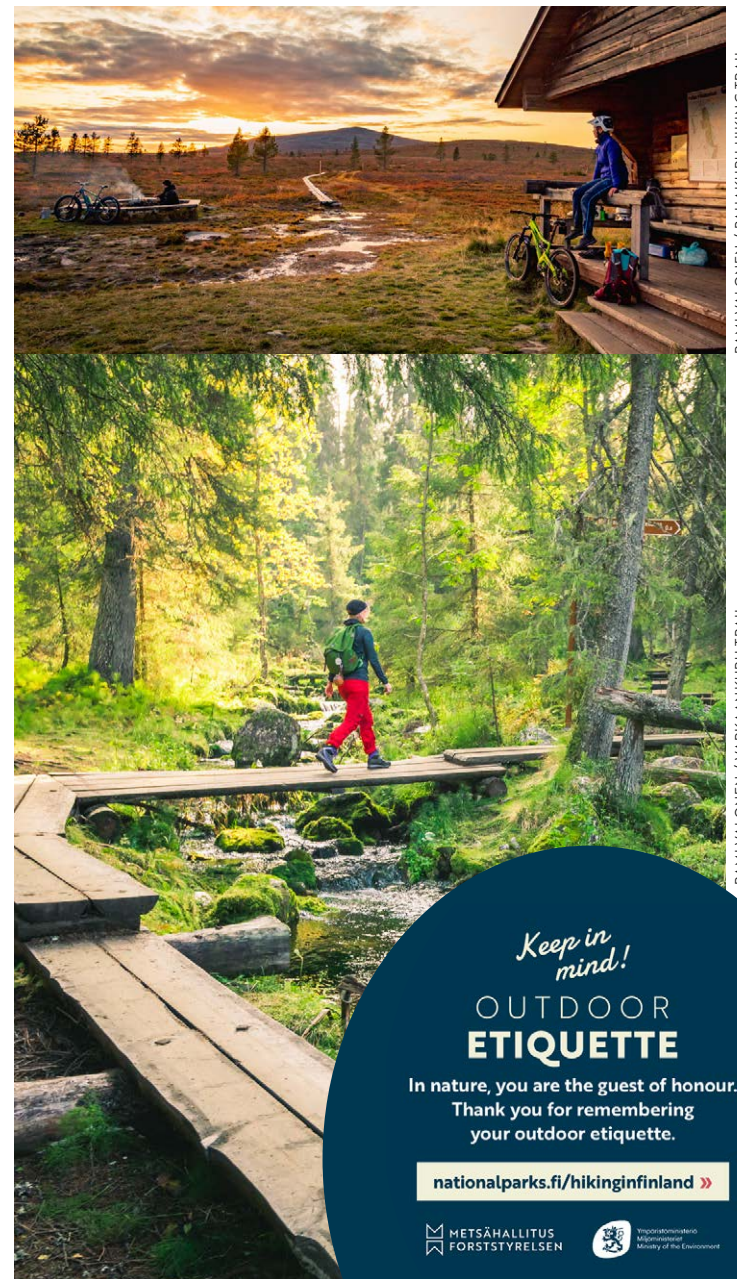
5. Do not litter. Take the trash with you.

6. Share responsibly.
Make sure that the GPS trails and social media content you share comply with the rules of protected areas.

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Nature conservation and recreation
Pallas-Yllästunturi National Park is divided into five zones, which have regulations restricting movement, camping and making campfires. By following them, we protect nationpark's sensitive nature.



Keep in mind!
OUTDOOR ETIQUETTE
In nature, you are the guest of honour. Thank you for remembering your outdoor etiquette.
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