



National Park

Patvinsuo

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Patvinsuo National Park is a peaceful hiking destination with wild natural landscapes. The national park is a significant mire conservation and research area, with old-growth forests and lakes and rivers with sandy shores. The park is best suited for visits of one to two days.



A wealth of wildlife

The brown bear, the wolf, the lynx and the wolverine all thrive in the national park. Beavers and their dams can be seen along many of the park's streams. Swans, cranes, geese and many waterfowl, grouse and birds of prey inhabit the park. The viewing tower at Teretinniemi is a good place to watch birds.

The area around Lake Suomunjärvi was first settled in the 17th century. An old barn belonging to the Suomu forest ranger's estate, established in 1860, today houses the Suomu Nature Information Hut.

Hiking in Patvinsuo

The park has about 80 km of well marked trails, including 20 km of duckboard trails. The most popular trail is the Suomunkierto Trail (15 km around). Three shorter nature trails, Kuusipolku, Mäntypolku and Lakkapolku (3-4,5km), are also suitable for children. Hikers can also follow trails leading from the park to the longer Bear Trail (138km) and Wolf Trail (90km).

Free camping areas are available, with campfire sites, firewood and dry compost toilets. Camper vans can be parked overnight at Surkanpuro. Two wells near the Suomu Nature Information Hut contain water that is safe to drink. Waste recycling points are provided at Suomu and Kurkilahti.

Respect the natural environment

There are no litter bins in the park, so visitors are asked to look after their own wastes. Small quantities of safely combustible waste may be burnt on campfires. You can leave biodegradable

Patvinsuon National Park

- 105 km²
- Established in 1982
- Located in Lieksa and Ilomantsi
- All of Finland's national parks are managed by Metsähallitus Natural Heritage Services.

waste in the dry compost toilets. Please take all other wastes to the recycling points.

Instructions on Exploring

PATVINSUO NATIONAL PARK

VISITORS MAY

- hike, ski, row and canoe (expect in restricted areas),
- pick wild mushrooms and berries (expect in restricted areas),
- fish with a simple rod and line or in the ice hole (expect in the streams and rivers and the Lake Hietajärvi),
- lure fish in the Lake Suomunjärvi. Fisher will need to have paid the annual fishing fee and obtained the lure fishing permit, which can be bought from the Suomu Information Hut. The annual fishing fee has to be paid in advance.
- net fishing is only permitted for residents.

VISITORS MAY NOT

- light campfires anywhere during forest fire warnings,
- enter restricted areas outside of trails from 1.3. to 10.7. and enter the environmental research area around Lake Hietajärvi from 1.1 to 10.7 and from 1.8. to 31.12.,
- make campfire and camp outside of sites marked for these purposes,
- use motor boats in any of the park's waters,
- use motor vehicles off public roads,
- let pets off lead,
- fish in the Lake Hietajärvi.

Suomu Nature Information Hut

Suomu Nature Information Hut is open daily in summer expect midday eve. In the hut visitors can buy maps, souvenirs or a cup of coffee or rent boats and canoes. You can also book indoor lodging or sauna and purchase fishing permits. Payment in cash only!

The nearest shop and other services are located in Uimaharju center (40 km) or Lieksa (47km).

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Hietajärvi environmental research area. Movement prohibited outside the marked trails from Jan 1 to July 10 and from Aug 1 to Dec 31. Fishing prohibited.

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| | Mire Reserve | | Varaussauna | | Recycling |
| | Nature information cabin | | Trailer parking | | Nature trail |
| | Information board | | Accommodation | | Hiking route |
| | Parking | | Well | | Road |
| | Campfire place | | Observation platform | | Boom |
| | Cooking shelter | | Observation tower | | |
| | Tent site | | Boat ramp | | |
| | Lean-to shelter | | Swimming | | |
| | Hut to reserve | | Telephone | | |



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