



Central Finland

Kotajärvi Trail

Pyhä-Häkki National Park

Nature is not far away, but in Central Finland! Hike and bike in our magnificent forests, experience the crystal-clear lakes, rivers and rapids, and fall in love with our five National Parks!



Hikers on the Kotajärvi trail in Pyhä-Häkki National Park can access the most beautiful primary forest in southern Finland with its over 400-year-old pine trees. The diverse trail takes you from a luminous pine forest to a dim grove of spruces and open marshlands. You will learn more about the carnivorous plants of the mire as well as the woodpeckers and tits hiding in the old forest.

Hiking route 6,5 km



Difficulty
Easy



Duration
2,5–3 h

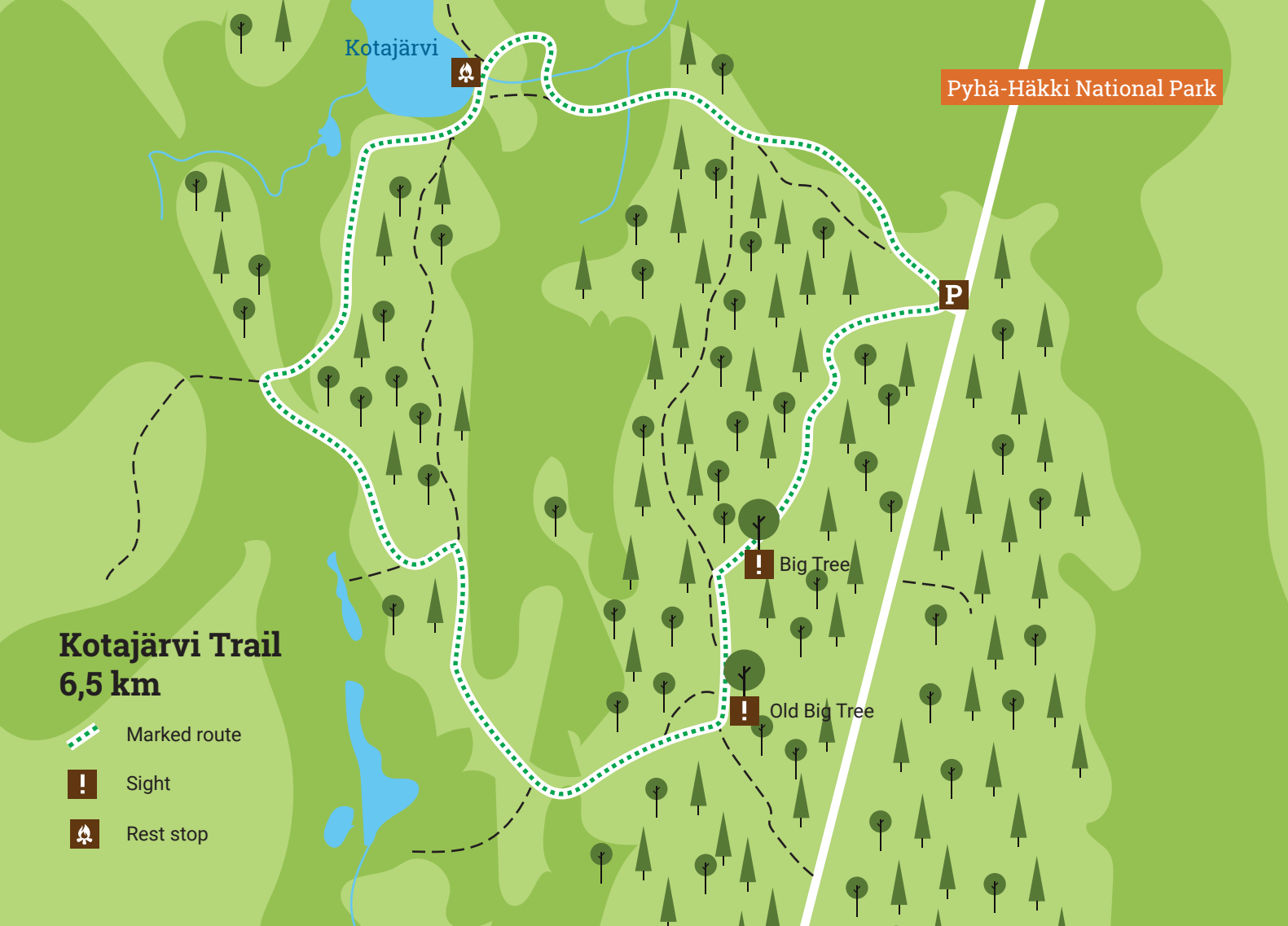


Route markers
Red paint marks and signage



Route description

The Kotajärvi Trail is easy to traverse, and the recommended direction is to go clockwise. The environment of the trail varies between forest and mires, and there are some hills. The sections of the trail on the mire are equipped with duckboards. There are some rootstalks and rocks on the trail. You can enjoy your snacks in a cooking shelter on the beach of the beautiful Lake Kotajärvi or dip your toes into the lake from the dock. The path from the cooking shelter back to the parking lot includes a mix of forest and mire scenery.





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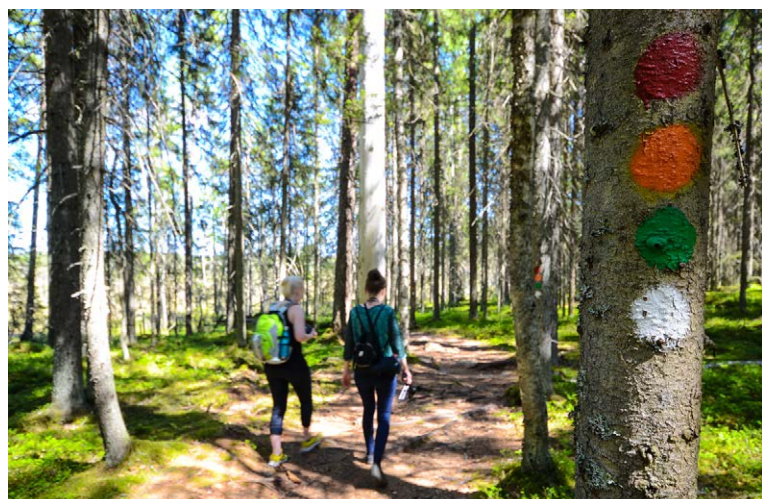
-  Marked route
-  Sight
-  Rest stop

Getting to the trail

Viitasaarentie 2119, Saarijärvi

Good to know

There is an outhouse and a well near the National Park's information point and the parking lot. The trail is long, so please remember to bring some water and snacks with you. There is also an outhouse at the Kotajärvi cooking shelter. You can light a fire at the Kotajärvi cooking shelter's fireplace and at the campfire. If a fire warning is in effect, you can only light a fire in the cooking shelter's fireplace. Please remember to take your trash with you when visiting a National Park.



More information

- [Nationalparks.fi/pyha-hakki](https://nationalparks.fi/pyha-hakki)
- [Saarijarvi.fi](https://saarijarvi.fi)



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