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• More information:

www.nationalpark.fi/bothniansea,
www.selkameri.fi,
www.excursionmap.fi

• Fishing and hunting permits:
www.eraluvat.fi (in Finnish)



Useful information

• Local tourist information points



National Park

Bothnian Sea



Take a sea trip back to bygone days by visiting beautiful and historic lighthouse islands. Discover rich marine life by diving into the pristine waters of the Bothnian Sea. Refresh your body and soul by experiencing bracing sea winds and the national park's splendid seascapes.

Facilities for visitors

Fascinating lighthouse islands and the rocky islands of the outer archipelago are ideal destinations for short trips of a day or two. Going ashore and camping out for short periods are permissible. The excursion harbours shown on the map offer a variety of services.

Fishing with a simple rod and line or ice fishing tackle is not subject to fees or permits. Anyone fishing using other equipment in state-owned waters in the National Park must pay the national fisheries management fee, but no permit is required from the owners of the waters.

The local fishing regulations of the City of Rauma apply in waters within the park that belong to the city. Waterfowl can be hunted in the autumn on the islands of Harmaaletto in Uusikaupunki, Bokreivit in Rauma, Räyhät in Pori and Kasalabodan in Merikarvia, with a hunting license purchased from Metsähallitus.

Attractions within the park

• **Säppi lighthouse island** is a delight for nature lovers and anyone interested in local heritage. You can land on the island in your own boat or a charter boat.

• Around **Preiviikinlahti Bay** there are several trails, towers and platforms for hikers and birdwatchers. The towers at Huhtala and Leveäkari and the Langoura platform lie inside the National Park.

• An old fishing hut on **Munakari island** has been converted into a day hut. You can land here in your own boat or take a charter boat.

• **Kylmäpihlaja lighthouse island** and the fortified **island of Kuuskajaskari** have many facilities for visitors. A ferry service runs during the summer, and visitors may also come in their own boats.

• **Isokari lighthouse island** offers tourist services and, in summer, guided tours of the lighthouse. A regular ferry service to Isokari runs in the summer, and visitors can also use their own boat or hire a charter boat.

• **Katanpää**, which was earlier home to convicts and conscripts, but today it is a popular destination for holidaymakers, with various facilities available. A regular ferry service runs in the summer, and visitors can also use their own boat or hire a charter boat.

Look after the environment

There are no waste collection bins in the area. Please take any litter or other waste away when you leave.

Bothnian Sea National Park

- Established in 2011,
- Total area approximately 940 km², with 98% of this area covered by sea,
- Extends north-south for a distance of 160 km, from Merikarvia to Kustavi,
- Managed by Metsähallitus Parks & Wildlife Finland, like all of Finland's national parks.

VISITORS MAY:

- walk, ski, row, canoe and travel by boat (though during the spring and summer visitors are asked to avoid landing on small islands where many sea birds nest),
- pick wild berries and mushrooms,
- fish (with the appropriate permits),
- dive in the park's waters,
- camp out for short periods,
- light campfires at the sites specially provided.

VISITORS MAY NOT:

- light campfires when forest fire warnings are in effect,
- let pets off lead,
- disturb other visitors,
- collect or damage trees, bushes, other plants or non-edible fungi,
- damage or remove soil, rock, stone and minerals,
- drive motor vehicles off road,
- catch or collect invertebrates,
- kill, catch or disturb wild animals or destroy birds' nests,
- hunt wild animals or birds without the appropriate permits,
- leave litter or damage the park's facilities.

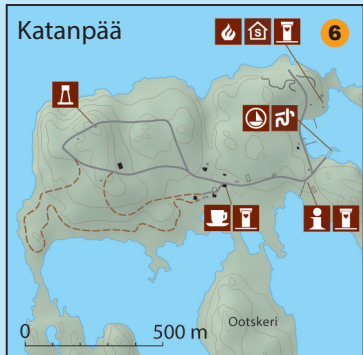
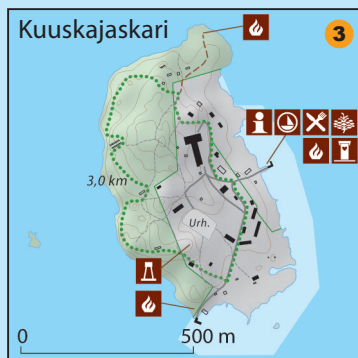
More official rules for visitors will be defined at a later date in the regulations to be established for the Bothnian Sea National Park. These regulations will specify islands where landing will be restricted during the nesting season, an also designate sites where camping will be permitted.

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- Sea area of the National Park
- Land area of the National Park
- Land area belonging to the National Park owned by Rauma City

- Information
- Parking
- Guest harbour
- Guest jetty
- Excursion harbour
- Campfire place
- Cooking shelter
- Lean-to shelter
- Wilderness hut
- Sauna
- Camping site
- Nature trail
- Observation platform
- Observation tower
- Lighthouse
- Special point of interest
- For disabled
- Cafe
- Restaurant
- Accommodation
- Waterbus
- Dry toilet
- Empying of septic tank
- * Does not belong to the National Park

Selkämeri Bothnian Sea



Land area of the National Park

0 20 km