



River Paddling • Fishing

# Savukoski Wilderness Rivers



**The natural beauty of Savukoski rivers is enjoyed by fishers and paddlers. Rivers Kairijoki and Kemijoki are good for paddling for those acquainted with the basics of river paddling.**

## Paddle to a lean-to shelter

On Savukoski rivers Kairijoki and Kemijoki one can paddle with one's own kayak or with rented paddling equipment. Please contact the local entrepreneurs for canoe rent and transfer services. Metsähallitus sells fishing permits for the area ([eraluvat.fi](http://eraluvat.fi))

On the shores of rivers Kemijoki and Kairijoki one can have a break at the lean-tos and cooking areas of Metsähallitus. The shores of Kairijoki are easily accessed. In addition to fishers one may spot also mountain bikers and reindeer along the shore paths.

There are also other rivers in Savukoski suitable for paddling: rivers Luirojoki, Luttojoki, Nuortijoki, and Suomujoki. In the rivers there is mostly class I rapids: the paddling area is broad and can be seen well, and the obstacles are easy to cross. Savukoski municipality offers paddling maps for the area ([korvatunturi.fi](http://korvatunturi.fi)). Please note that water level may affect to paddling conditions and routes.

## Connections

A good starting point for paddling on river Kairijoki is for example Majavasokka lean-to shelter Kairijoki (57 kilometres from Savukoski village). There are no official parking areas. At river Kemijoki one can take off to paddle for example from Ruuvaoja.



**Different lures for fishing.**

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## Kairijoki, Kemijoki

- Location: Savukoski
- Maps for paddling: Savukoski municipality, [korvatunturi.fi/en/tekemista-artikkeli/canoeing/](http://korvatunturi.fi/en/tekemista-artikkeli/canoeing/)



## Metsähallitus, manager of the area

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- [nationalparks.fi/savukoskivisitorcentre](http://nationalparks.fi/savukoskivisitorcentre)
- [nationalparks.fi/kairijoki](http://nationalparks.fi/kairijoki)

## Hiking and protecting nature

- Respect nature and take other hikers into consideration
- Make a fire only on designated fireplaces. Open fire is prohibited if the forest fire warning is in effect.
- Hike litter free. There are no litter bins in the area, carry your rubbish back with you.
- You are allowed to pick berries and mushrooms, but not stones or plants. Do not disturb animals.
- Keep the pets on a leash.
- Bring your own toilet paper.
- Driving motor vehicles outside official roads is prohibited.
- Instructions and permits for fishing from Savukoski Visitor Centre Korvatunturi and from website [eraluvat.fi/en/](http://eraluvat.fi/en/).

**The emergency number is 112 – know where you are – there might be gaps in mobile phone networks.**



