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### Liminka

# Liminka Bay Visitor Centre



At the Liminka Bay Visitor Centre, you can receive tips for your excursions and explore the life of birds at the most beautiful nature exhibition in Finland. The visitor centre is easily accessible and a popular day trip destination for both families with children and bird-watchers.

#### Liminka Bay Visitor Centre

Located in Virkkula, Liminka, the visitor centre inspires you to explore the enchanting world of birds. The interactive Eight Seasons of Birds exhibition offers information and experiences for visitors of all ages. At the exhibition facilities, there are colouring-in tasks, a wetland-themed game, a fishing and hunting hut with a scenic view, as well as bird games and a relaxing bird's nest where children can listen to fairy tales. The visitor centre hosts temporary exhibitions and events in different seasons. The facilities are accessible. Hotel-Restaurant Liminka Bay provides café and accommodation facilities.

#### A Wetland Nature Trail and the Kukkala Garden

The Rantaniitty Trail highlights the biodiversity of the wetland. The accessible gravel trail, which is 650 metres long in one direction, starts from the visitor centre's yard. It is also suitable for those who walk with a pushchair. The trail runs in a meadow scenery to the shoreline, and you can stop and watch sheep grazing on the seaside meadow. There are information boards that introduce the world of the wetland, and at the end of the trail, there is a rest spot.

Kukkala, a learning environment next to the visitor centre building, showcases various habitats and plants on the shores of Liminka Bay, by means of its flower plantings.

#### Visitor Centre's Yard

At the playground, children can ride on a spider web swing and climb on jungle bars. The yard also boasts a cooking shelter with three campfire sites and space for about 30 people. There is an accessible dry toilet in the yard. Remember to bring some toilet paper with you! There is a mixed waste point alongside the cooking shelter, by the wall of the grey outbuilding. A recycling point for clean cardboard, paper, glass and metal is located by the woodshed.

#### Virkkula Bird-watching Tower

At the Virkkula bird-watching tower, you will see birds from morning to night. You may borrow binoculars that are suitable for both adults and children at the visitor centre. The wide gravel trail, which is 600 metres long in one direction, is accessible with a pram or a wheelchair. The lower storey of the tower is roofed and accessible. Close to the tower, at Hyrynrinta, there is a lean-to shelter for making a campfire.

**SEASON:** Liminka Bay Visitor Centre is open all year round. The nature trails are not maintained in the winter.

**STARTING POINT:** Liminka Bay Visitor Centre. Rantakurvi 6, 91900 Liminka.

**SERVICES:** Visitor centre, playground, campfire sites, Hyrynrinta lean-to shelter, Virkkula bird-watching tower, wetland nature trail and rest spot.

**DIFFICULTY:** Easy. The visitor centre's facilities, the campfire sites, nature trails and the bird-watching tower are accessible.

**EQUIPMENT:** Weather-appropriate clothing, waterproof boots. Binoculars.

**DIRECTIONS:** The Visitor Centre is located in Liminka, 35 km from the centre of Oulu and 5 km from the centre of Liminka, towards Lumijoki. Signposts from Highway 8. The nearest airport is Oulu Airport in Oulunsalo, 24 km northwest of the centre of Liminka. The closest railway station is in Oulu city centre. There is space for about 30 cars in the parking area, as well as two accessible parking spaces. During winter maintenance, the parking area may have less capacity.

#### INSTRUCTIONS AND RULES:

- Lighting a campfire is only permitted at designated sites, using firewood that has been reserved for the purpose.
- The lighting of a campfire is always forbidden if a forest fire warning is in effect in the area ([en.ilmatieteenlaitos.fi](http://en.ilmatieteenlaitos.fi)). The ban does not concern the cooking shelters or other fireplaces with a chimney.
- Cycling, car parking and driving motor vehicles are only allowed in designated areas.
- Pets must be kept on a leash in the area.
- Damaging the soil or bedrock is forbidden.
- Disturbing wild animals or destroying their nests, catching invertebrates, as well as collecting or damaging plants are forbidden.
- Do not litter or damage any structures!

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**BIRD-WATCHING TOWER**

**PATH TO TOWER 0.6 KM**



**NATURE TRAIL 0.6 KM**

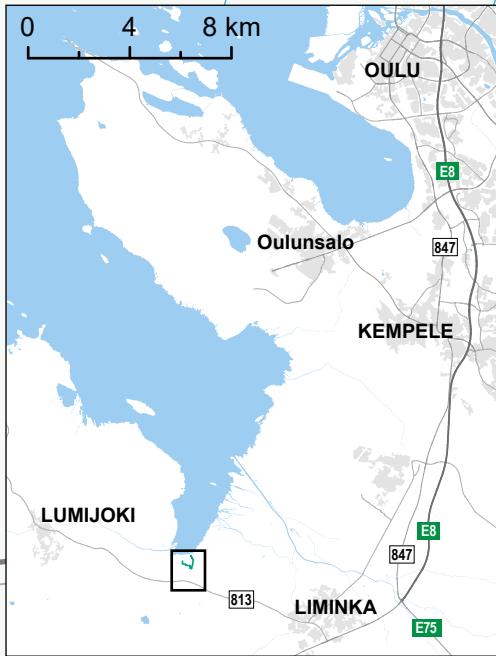


**KUKKALA**



**LIMINKA BAY VISITOR CENTRE**

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Natura 2000 area  
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Accessible parking  
Esteetön pysäköinti

Bird-watching tower  
Lintutorni

Accessible services  
Esteettömiä palveluja

Nature centre  
Luontokeskus

Cooking shelter  
Keittokatos

Bus stop  
Bussipysäkki

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Parking  
Pysäköinti

Lean-to shelter  
Laavu

Dry toilet  
Kuivakäymälä

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Camper parking  
Matkailuajoneuvopysäköinti

Picnic site  
Ruokailupöytä

Toilet  
Käymälä