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2–3 h

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## TOP 3

1. Forests shaped by crown snow loads
2. Pieni-Koli's echo cliffs
3. The stunning views from the tallest hill tops

### Koli National Park

# Kolinuuron kierros Trail

Travel back in time to Koli's ancient history to find the rare Koli crystal, cyanite. If you can solve all the magic checkpoints along the route, you might find cyanite and its secrets hiding in the hills!

Kolinuuron kierros Trail takes you on ancient adventure through the geological history of Koli. The trail runs through extinct deserts and oceans, the creation of the Kareliides, and the changes of continental glaciers. There is a treasure hidden along the trail: cyanite, a rare, bluish crystalline mineral that has formed deep within the Koli mountain. Cyanite reveals itself from the crystal mountain to those who cast the spells suggested in the information boards along the trail.

The trail goes first through fell forests shaped by crown snow loads down to the bottom of the Kolinuuro Gorge to a fracture between tectonic plates. From there, the route climbs up to the Pieni-Koli echo cliff with sweeping views over the rugged gorge underneath and the Paha-Koli cliffs that are the stage to many strange local stories. After many adventures, you eventually reach the most majestic tops of the Kolinvuori mountain. Cyanite awaits brave explorers. Are you ready?



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**AVAILABLE:** In the snow-free season.

**STARTING POINT:** Koli Nature Centre Ukko's courtyard, Ylä-Kolintie 39, Lieksa.

**TRAIL MARKINGS:** Red circles on signposts at trail junctions. The signposts have been numbered and the numbers correspond to the numbering of the Koli service and trail map (1:20 000).

**RECOMMENDED GEAR:** Weather-appropriate clothing and shoes suitable for varying terrain, drinks and a packed lunch, trash bag and charged phone.

**SAFETY: The emergency number: 112**  
Koli's peaks and many other scenic viewpoints have a rough terrain and the bare rock areas and steep steps are particularly slippery when it rains. There are no handrails at the viewpoints. Visitors must leave the hilltop during a thunderstorm. Before your trip, always check for any weather warnings: [en.ilmatieteenlaitos.fi/warnings](https://en.ilmatieteenlaitos.fi/warnings)

**INSTRUCTIONS AND RULES:**  
During a forest and grass fire warning, making a fire is not allowed at the Prime Minister's campfire site. Keep pets on a leash and stay on the trail to protect the sensitive nature of the area from erosion. Collecting or damaging cyanite and other natural treasures is prohibited. Please read before your trip: [nationalparks.fi/hikinginfinland/visitorguidelines](https://nationalparks.fi/hikinginfinland/visitorguidelines)  
[nationalparks.fi/kolinp/instructionsandrules](https://nationalparks.fi/kolinp/instructionsandrules)



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