



Salla

National Park



Xestia sincera

Welcome to a highland wilderness of old-growth forests. The hiking trails of Salla National Park wind along ridges shaped by the ice age, mires, gorges and beside ponds. You can admire the views towards Russia from the top of a fell. Early summer is coloured with the midnight sun, the autumn skies of the wilderness are illuminated by the Milky Way and the Northern Lights. This is the home of the capercaillie – in the middle of nowhere.

A highland of old-growth forests

Salla National Park and its surroundings belong to the Kuusamo highlands. Ridges and gorges and numerous hills make the landscape varied. The highest fell peak offers wide fell views beyond the border to Russia. The mires, springs, and stream shores inhabit rare plants, such as Yellow Marsh Saxifrage. The old mixed forests are an ideal habitat for the emblem species of the national park, the capercaillie. There are rarities living in the old spruce and pine forests, like the threatened *Xestia sincera* moth and a polypore species (*Antrodia crassa*) which is dependent on decaying wood.

Sallatunturi summer routes

Salla National Park summer trails introduce you to the versatile nature of the area. For hiking you can choose from Sky Reachers Journey (4.6 km), Kolmiloukkonen (3.8 km), Kaunisharju (11 km) and Pahakuru Trails (18 km). The trail variety expands outside of the national park, where you can even go as far as Ruuhitunturi (18 km) or Aikkipetsi Trail (25 km), or make a several days hike along the UKK Hiking Trail. With a mountain bike you can get around e.g. Kaunisharju (11 km) or Ruuhitunturi Trail (17.5 km).

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- 98,8 km²
- Founded: 1.1.2022
- Location: Salla



METSÄHALLITUS taking care of the area

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Hiking and protecting nature

- Respect nature and take others into consideration.
- Making a fire is only allowed on designated campfire sites, when the forest fire warning is not in effect.
- Hike litter free. There are no bins on the trails, carry your rubbish back with you.
- You can pick berries and mushrooms, but not stones or plants. Do not disturb animals.
- Keep the pets on a leash.
- Bring your own toilet paper.
- Flying a drone requires a flight plan for AIS Finland (ADIZ border zone)
- Part of the national park is in the border zone, access is prohibited without a border zone permit.
- **The emergency number is 112 - note that there are places without mobile phone coverage in the Sallatunturi area!**



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Yellow Marsh Saxifrage



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