



THE OFFICIAL HOMETOWN
OF SANTA CLAUS®

MAP DESCRIPTION



- Nature trail
- ▼ Starting point
- P Parking area
- 🗼 Bird watching tower

Koivusaari Nature Trail



The Koivusaari Nature Trail is in the Ounasjoki estuary, 2.3 km north of the centre of Rovaniemi. The easy-to-follow duckboard trail is 2.5 km long. Information posts narrate the history of the island and its flora and fauna. There is a floating bird tower at the southern end of the island. Along the trail there are picnic benches for hikers.

In the spring, the estuary islands are covered by flood water. They form an important historical landscape and have

significant flora and fauna. The islands provide shelter for nesting and migratory birds. A total of 135 bird species have been found on the islands, of which 90-100 nest in the area or been seen there during the nesting period. Many species are rare or endangered. There are also several rare plants growing in the estuary. There are fertile meadows amidst the flood-sensitive beaches of the estuary islands and Koivusaari island was used as pasture until the 1960s. Today, sheep still graze there in the summer.

i Information via Rovaniemi Nature app from autumn 2018

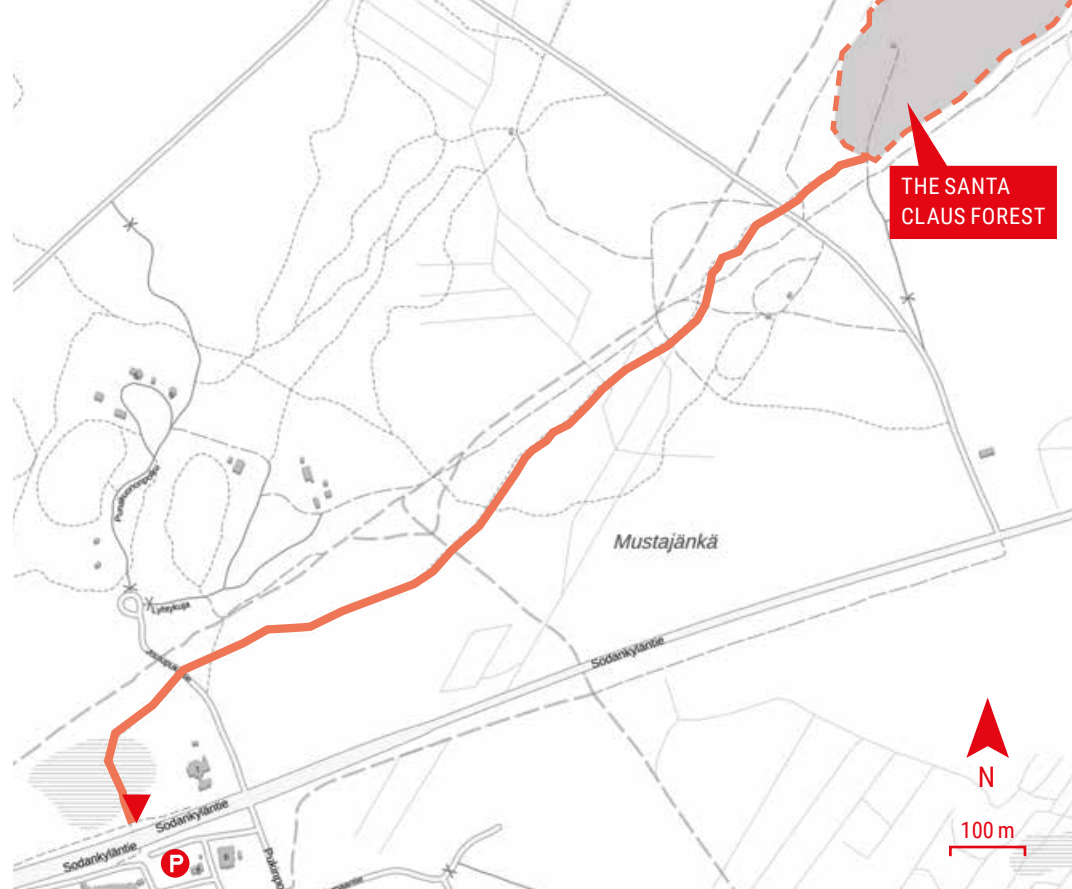
🌿 The trail has info signs about nature

The Santa Claus Forest Nature Trail



The Santa Claus Forest Nature Trail starts 7.8 km north-east of Rovaniemi, on the Arctic Circle. The 1.5-kilometre trail begins in the north-western corner of the Santa Claus Village. The trail passes through string bogs, coniferous bogs and semi-dry moorland. The trail is covered with gravel or duckboards and easy to navigate. Information posts introduce the local nature. The trail ends at the entrance to the Santa Claus Forest.

The Santa Claus Forest is open to visitors and offers a covered picnic area in the middle of the forest on a grassy hill. Tourists and local people have planted thousands of commemorative spruce trees in the Santa Claus Forest. The trail can only be used during frost-free periods. At the starting point of the trail, in Santa Claus Village, a comprehensive range of services can be found.




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 Nature trail

 Starting point

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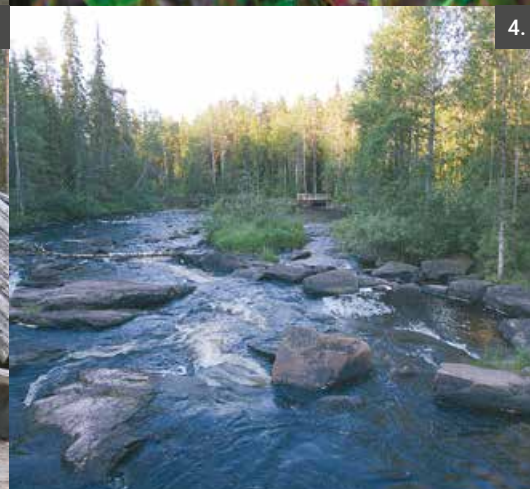
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1. Koivusaari Nature Trail

2. The Santa Claus Forest Nature Trail

3. Puistolampi

4. Kõnkäänsaari & Kielosaari

Puistolampi accessible trail



Puistolampi accessible trail can be found 6.8 km north-east of the centre of Rovaniemi. It starts 1.9 km from Santa Claus Village on the Arctic Circle, in the Puistolampi parking area next to the Pukinpolku path, from where the trail runs south. The 700-metre trail can only be used in frost-free periods. The trail splits into two, with the western branch passing over a meadow full of beautiful wildflowers, before continuing to a nearby bog.

The Puistolampi pond is surrounded by a sandy beach and suitable for swimming. Next to the pond is a playground, some benches and changing rooms. The trail borders sandy beaches and parkland with shrubs and beautiful flower beds, and in summer it is especially popular among families with children, for whom there is a playground next to the pond.



The trail is accessible

— Nature trail



Starting point



Parking area



- Nature trail
- ▼ Starting point
- ▶ Lean-to
- 🔥 Fire place
- P Parking area

Könkäänsaari Accessible Nature Trail & Kielosaari Plant and Fungus Trail



The Könkäänsaari and Kielosaari trails are located about 25 km north of the centre of Rovaniemi. The Könkäänsaari accessible trail starts at the Vaattunkiköngäs car park and is well suited for families and visitors with limited mobility. The route takes a suspension bridge across the Vaattunkiköngäs rapids and then circulates the Könkäänsaari island, famous for its rich and diverse flora and fauna. The trail is about 1.5 km long and there are information boards along the route introducing the river estuary's nature. The trail has frequent rest areas and benches and at the south-eastern corner of Könkäänsaari island, there is an accessible rest area, pier and toilet. The nature trail is classified as an easy

hiking route/challenging wheelchair route, and wheelchair users need an assistant or an electric wheelchair. In winter the trail is suitable for snowshoeing.

The Kielosaari plant and fungus trail is located next to Könkäänsaari. The starting point of the trail is about 0.7 km from the Vaattunkiköngäs parking area, along the Könkäänsaari accessible nature trail over the Kielosaari pedestrian crossing point. The 400-metre long trail introduces the lush vegetation of the islands and their plentiful fungal varieties. The duckboard trail is circular, which means that you can return to Könkäänsaari at the end of your visit or continue to the Könkäinen trail.

- 🌿 The trail has info signs about nature
- 🗺️ The trail is accessible

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The listed trails are all easy-to-access nature routes and part of the Rovaniemi Nature project. Check out the brochure's nature trails on the project's website and download the Rovaniemi Nature app for your mobile phone for information on the route and the featured nature. The Rovaniemi Nature app will be launched in autumn 2018. luonto.rovaniemi.fi