

ARRIVAL

By train Parkano railway station
By bus Matkahuolto in the entire area, Onnibus in Parkano
By bicycle Bikeland.fi/en
By ship Vaasa and Turku
By plane Tampere-Pirkkala, Helsinki-Vantaa, Turku, Pori and Vaasa

TIP Come by train or bus and explore the Geopark by bicycle.

- GEO SITES AND NATURE SITES**
- Alkkianvuori**
Alkkiavuorentie 138, Parkano
62.16613, 22.86304
 - Aumakivi**
Aumakiventie, Isojoki
62.11431, 22.09547
 - Huidankeidas**
Haukantie 387, Kankaanpää
61.99192, 22.04740
 - Hyypänjoki River valley**
Hyypää observation tower
Pantintie 61, Kauhajoki
62.30859, 22.26257
 - Iso-Kakkori**
Luovankyläntie 200, Karijoki
62.35007, 21.76644
 - Kaidatvedet**
Rännärinmuseotie 112, Parkano
62.07311, 23.05848
 - Katikkankanjoni**
Kiviluomantie 461, Kauhajoki
62.24187, 22.32204
 - Katselmankallio**
Katselmantie 100, Siikainen
61.95860, 21.92189
 - Kauhaneva**
Kyrönkankaantie 347, Karvia
62.20519, 22.44806
 - Kivijata**
Lauhanvuorentie 603, Isojoki
62.12642, 22.09738
 - Kuninkaanlähde**
Kuninkaanlähdentie 392, Kankaanpää
61.77471, 22.52825
 - Käskyvuori**
Käskyvuorentie 346, Kihniö
62.3134, 23.12166
 - Lauhanvuori**
Lauhanvuorentie 656, Isojoki
61.15275, 22.17421
 - Mustansaaenkeidas**
Konkarantie 2, Isojoki (drive through the yard for another 1 km)
62.01866, 21.84686
 - Neva-Lyly**
Alkkiantie 145A, Karvia
62.19507, 22.84230
 - Pyhäniemi**
Pyhäniementie, Kihniö
62.17812, 23.15177
 - Soininharju and Niiniharju**
Jämintie 659, Jämijärvi
61.77753, 22.71696
 - Spitaalijärvi**
Lauhanvuorentie 639, Isojoki
62.13888, 22.16408
 - Susiluola**
Susiluolantie 262, Karijoki
62.30300, 21.66253
 - Uhrilähde and Kylmänmyllynlähde**
Uhrilähtentie 119, Jämijärvi
61.78078, 22.76065
 - Vaarinnevankeidas**
Kyrönkankaantie 1174, Jämijärvi
61.75482, 22.73283
- CULTURAL SITES**
- Aitoneva Peat museum**
Aitonevantie 358, Kihniö
62.19536, 23.30882
 - Alkkia cultural environment route**
The info panels will be finished during 2023
Alkkiantie 1179, Karvia
62.18559, 22.78635
 - Alpo's savannah**
Sarapohjantie 173, Kauhajoki
62.3058, 22.57354
 - Anne's Art Café**
Sarapohjantie 173, Karvia
62.18737, 22.59362
 - Arts Route from the Kammi-kylä village to Skantz**
The starting point of the route: Jokelantie 32, Nummijärvi
62.29174, 22.44829
 - Circle of Art**
Jämintie 2 D, Kankaanpää
61.80546, 22.39320
 - Cultural Centre Skantz**
Karviantie 720, Karvia
62.07834, 22.51538
 - Glass porches of Siikainen**
Siikainen Local history museum
Kirkkotie 3, Siikainen
61.87151, 21.81940
 - Haapajärvi farm**
Herranmetsäntie 846, Siikainen (no motorway to the destination)
61.98096, 21.95932
 - Hämes-Havunen**
Koskenkyläntie 312, Kauhajoki
62.38943, 22.23800
 - Kammi-kylä village**
Jokelantie 32, Kauhajoki
62.29123, 22.44818
 - Kankaanpää Marketplace**
Kauppatori 2, Kankaanpää
61.80444, 22.43939
 - Kankaanpää Museum**
Museokatu 10, Kankaanpää
61.84643, 22.46561
 - Kauhajoki Parliament museum**
Eduskunnankatu 8, Kauhajoki
62.42769, 22.17616
 - Kyrönkankaantie road**
Nummijärventie 591, Kauhajoki
62.278496, 22.435940
 - Lankoski**
Hongontie 8, Kankaanpää
61.99404, 22.25596
 - Niinisalo Military canteen**
Kotitie 32, Kankaanpää
61.83919, 22.46881
 - Parkano Forestry museum**
Rännärinmuseotie 112, Parkano
62.08000, 23.05836
 - Parkano ITE-summer town**
Parkanontie 37, Parkano
62.00688, 23.02429
 - Puumila**
Kuruntie 1-3, Kihniö
62.20262, 23.17759
 - Susiluola Information center**
Alakyläntie 2, Karijoki
62.30721, 21.70734
 - Viinikanjoki**
Rantakatu 1, Parkano
62.01153, 23.03033

WELCOME TO THE GEOPARK

Experience the peace and mystique of the wild mires and discover the traces of ancient geological drama. Lauhanvuori - Hämeenkanngas UNESCO Global Geopark invites you to enjoy nature in all seasons.



SPRING Admire the mires as they come to life after the winter and as migratory birds start making their beautiful music.

SUMMER cycle through the idyllic rural landscapes and enjoy the sounds and scents of nature.



AUTUMN Be enchanted by the mires in their autumn colours and pick delicious berries and mushrooms.

WINTER Ski in the quiet forests and search for animal tracks on the snow. Afterwards, enjoy the atmosphere and warmth of a campfire.



WHAT IS A GEOPARK?

The UNESCO Global Geoparks tell about the story of our planet through their valuable geology, nature, landscapes and cultural heritage. Geoparks, World heritage sites and Biosphere reserves are UNESCO's three prestigious designations for regional areas. Geoparks use measures such as sustainable tourism to promote environmental education, sustainable development and the preservation of geological heritage in their area.

In 2022, UNESCO Global Geoparks Network consisted of 177 Geoparks in 46 countries. Four Geoparks in Finland are a part of the network: Rokua, Lauhanvuori - Hämeenkanngas, Saimaa and Salpausselkä. Impact Crater Lake Geopark is currently applying for membership in the network.



BUILD YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Contact us so we can help you design your own Geopark experience!

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Information, brochures and maps are also available from tourism service companies in the region.

You can buy new experiences from the Geopark online store ihgeopark.johku.com



Instagram: @IidaHajamäki

FROM MOUNTAINS TO MIRES

The Geopark tells us how the local mountains, which raised almost two billion years ago, eroded over time, forming the current, vast landscape of mires, forests, river valleys and eskers. The local stones, rock and soil retain memories of the rise and destruction of the ancient mountains. The area contains one of the largest wild mires southern Finland, still in its natural state.

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Instagram: @RonjaKuokkanen

DINING EXPERIENCES

Taste the produce of the mires and the forests as well as the delicacies of the small local farms. Wash it all down with some local berry juice. Come make new culinary memories on your Geopark trip.

GUIDED JOURNEYS TO NATURE

Expert local guides help you immerse in the Geopark' sites and stories, which span two billion years. You can hike, cycle and go paddling. Rental equipment is also available for your adventures in nature.



Instagram: @NinaRautaharju

THE TWO BILLION YEAR TOURS

Experience two billion years of Finnish history in the best possible way by pedalling through it. On the Two Billion Year Tours, you can experience the Geopark's geological story on the seat of a bicycle. Explore the Geopark on the Traveller cycle touring routes or take a day trip on the shorter, local Enjoyer routes. Real adventure awaits on the Adventurer mountain bike trails and gravel road routes.



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GET MOVING

The Geopark's hiking trails allow you to take relaxing day trips to the finest sights and attractions in the area. Experience the Geopark's unique nature in peace and quiet, and enjoy your lunch at a campfire. You can also take longer trips, set up your tent in the campsites and spend unforgettable nights in nature. The Geopark's versatile hiking trails lead you to magnificent national park landscapes, to duckboard trails in the wild mires, to rugged rock formations, to bright and sunny heath forests, to clear springs and to the cultural landscapes of the countryside.



HIKING AND CYCLING WITH CHILDREN

The Geopark has several hiking destinations, with easily traversable trails that allow children to explore its fascinating nature. Duckboard trails lead small explorers to the peculiar inhabitants and wonderful little sights of the mires. Many of the Geopark's mountain biking trails follow easily traversable routes, which also makes them ideal for cycling adventures with the whole family.



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Instagram: @TerttuHermansson

NATURE WORKS WONDERS

The mires' smells, the forest's hum, the wonderful flavour of bilberries and fresh spring water, and a dip in a pond. Your muscles move slowly and your mind calms down in the quiet solitude of the wilderness. Take a break from your daily life and come relax!



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TIP Print out some of our cheerful Geopark colouring pictures and use them to explore the destinations in advance at home. Mappa.fi



Instagram: @ReaKarunnen

RESPONSIBLE TOURISM

1. Follow outdoor etiquette
2. Take residents of the area and other travellers into account.
3. Choose local services and products.
4. Choose low-emission transportation.

Read more: Lhgeopark.fi/en

SOME IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

OUTDOOR ETIQUETTE

1. Respect nature - leave no trace in it. Keep your pets on a leash.
2. Mainly use marked trails and follow the rules for different modes of travel. Check the areas and times in which access is possibly restricted at your destination.
3. Camp only where it is allowed. Do not wash the dishes or yourself directly in a water body. Follow the rules of wilderness huts.
4. Light your campfire only where it is allowed and use a camping stove where possible. Do not light a fire when a forest or grass fire warning is in effect.
5. Do not litter.

Please note that many sights and attractions have specific restrictions and instructions, which are listed on their own websites.

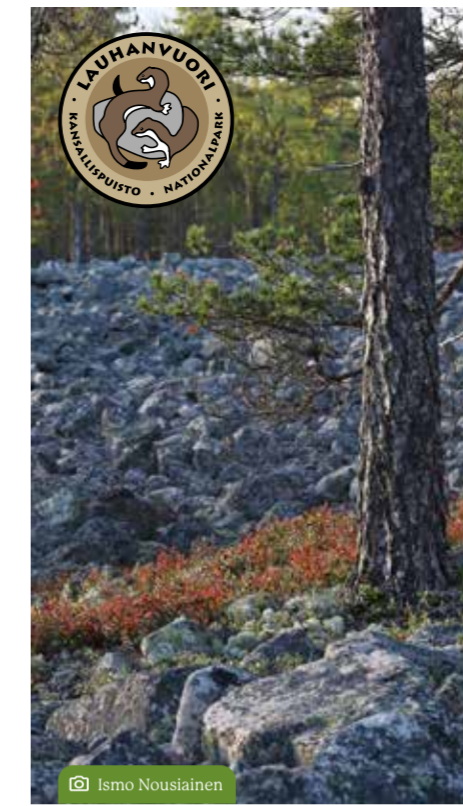
Read more: Nationalparks.fi/hikinginfinland/visitingguidelines

HAVE A SAFE HIKE

1. Familiarise yourself carefully with the site and the trail markings in advance. Information and maps are available at Lhgeopark.fi/en and on the websites of individual locations.
2. Select a route that suits your level or the level of your group.
3. Download the 112 Suomi app to your phone. Make sure to keep your phone battery charged.
4. Consider the seasons and their impact on weather conditions and on the length of daylight hours.
5. Make sure to have first-aid equipment, enough food and drink, clothing and equipment appropriate to the weather and spare clothes.
6. Be prepared for encounters with various wild animals, ranging from mosquitoes to elk.



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LAUHANVUORI NATIONAL PARK

"Walk up Lauhanvuori Hill and climb the viewing tower to get panoramic views over the forested lowlands stretching off to the shores of the Gulf of Bothnia. The hillside forests contain geological traces showing how the scenery has changed since the Ice Age, including extensive boulder fields and banks formed along ancient shorelines. The park's ski-trails are well maintained during the winter."

Read more: Nationalparks.fi/lauhanvuorinp



Instagram: @MirjaKoivisto

KAUHANEVA - POHJANKANGAS NATIONAL PARK

"Wild windswept bogs extend westwards from the old medieval road that leads northwards through the pine forests of Kyrönkangas. This is a great place to come and watch birds, especially in the springtime when songbirds sing in the woods and marshes. The marshes offer peace and proximity to nature at any time of year."

Read more: Nationalparks.fi/kauhaneva-pohjankangasnp



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HÄMEENKANGAS

"The vast Hämeenkanngas ridge area with its surrounding mires is a valuable location due to its natural features and species. The landscape is dominated by ridges covered in pine forest and lichen filled heathland forests. At lower altitudes the terrain is dotted with raised bogs and springs. High ridge backs, slopes and level heathland forests offer excellent and versatile hiking terrain for those who enjoy exercise."

Read more: Nationalparks.fi/hameenkangas

Information on all the great sights and attractions of Geopark is available at Lhgeopark.fi/en.



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