

Hiking trail

GPS coordinates (WGS84):
Start/Finish

Kalajärvi

Seinäjoki

N62 34.464 E23 06.394

SOUTH OSTROBOTHNIA



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Kalajärvi Geological Nature Trail (geologinen luontopolku) and Discovery Forest (havaintometsä) 3.8 km

The trail runs in the vicinity of the Kalajärvi resort in a woodland environment. You will come across information boards that invite you to test your knowledge in a nature quiz and also guide you on along the correct route. The early part of the trail is accessible to all until the rest spot, and so is the path that leads to the old loggers' cabin. In the discovery forest you can find out some interesting forest facts.

Trail rating: Easy

Suitability: The trail is a suitable day trip destination for beginners and families with school-age children. The early part of the trail is suitable for visitors with limited mobility.

Duration: About 2–3 hours

Trail markings: There are information boards at the trail's starting points with thorough details of the route. The accessible section is marked with blue wheelchair signs, and the rest of the trail with blue circles. In addition, there are signposts and 15 information boards (with nature quizzes) that show your location at each point.

3 Facts

- Early part of the trail accessible to all
- Information boards on geology and forest facts
- Kalajärvi resort's services

Getting to the trail

Starting point 1: Parking area, Kalajärventie 6, Seinäjoki (Peräseinäjoki) N62 34.471 E23 06.408

The starting point N62 34.464 E23 06.394 with information boards is located across the road from the Kalajärventie parking area.

Starting point 2: Parking area on the northern side of Alavudentie (road no. 672), at the Kalajärventie crossroads, Seinäjoki (Peräseinäjoki) N62 34.559 E23 06.328

Trail description

The trail starts out from the Kalajärvi resort and soon crosses the road and passes by the alternative starting point. After that it mainly runs in commercial forests, on pine-dominated heaths. Later on, the trail crosses a couple of wetter sections and returns via a forest back to the starting point in the area of the resort.

The information boards offer many interesting insights on the natural world. At one of the quiz checkpoints, you can see feldspar boulders that originate from the Haapaluoma quarry.

There are no residential sites along the trail.

Level of difficulty

The Kalajärvi Nature Trail first follows the Kalajärvi exercise track and crosses road no. 672. The trail then runs in quite even terrain along a broad, built passage and a narrower forest path.

The early part of the trail is accessible to all until the lean-to shelter (the path to the loggers' cabin is accessible as well), and at the end of the accessible section there is about 100 metres of duckboards. It is followed by a path section that has some rocks and roots in places, but the path is still reasonably easy to walk. Halfway through the trail, there is another short section covered with duckboards. Towards the end the trail crosses road no. 672 and returns to the resort, again joining the Kalajärvi exercise track. There are only slight variations in altitude and no steep uphill sections.

Good to know

You will be fine wearing your trainers, but in the rainy season you should come equipped with waterproof footwear.

The trail's start/finish is near a beach.

The trail is only available when there is no snow on the ground. In winter, snow conditions allowing, the trail turns into a cross-country skiing trail from starting point 2 to the lean-to shelter and back via the loggers' cabin.

The trail starts at the Kalajärvi exercise track. A short trail later branches off to the discovery forest and the loggers' cabin. There is also a connection to the Kettumäki-Kalajärvi-Sovintola Trail and the cycling route around Lake Kalajärvi.

Trail facilities

Parking area and information boards at the trail's starting points, benches for resting along the trail, and a rest spot (campfire site, lean-to shelter, firewood shed and usual and accessible dry toilets) at the end of the accessible section.

Tourist information

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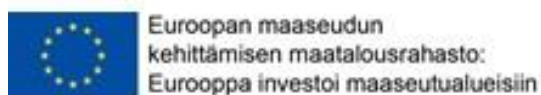
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**Trail map:
Kalajärvi Geological Nature Trail and Discovery Forest 3.8 km, Seinäjoki, Finland**



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