

## Hiking trail

GPS coordinates (WGS84):  
Start/Finish  
N62 12.914 E22 26.867

Kauhalammi Trail  
Kauhajoki  
SOUTH OSTROBOTHNIA



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## Kauhalammi Trail 5.1 km

*The trail runs in the Kauhaneva-Pohjankangas National Park, passing a peaceful avian oasis in the wilderness along a former royal travel route. From the observation tower at the borderline between a forest and a mire, visitors can observe life on a raised bog with hummocks, and hikers with a keen eye and a camera can always find some wonders of nature to capture in a photograph. When it is time to eat your packed lunch, you can have a break in the observation tower or at its base, at the Salomaa campfire site, or by Kauhalammi Pond. The highlight of your summer hike could be a plunge from the swimming dock into the refreshing waters of the pond.*

**Trail rating:** Easy

**Suitability:** The trail is a suitable day trip destination for all, including beginners (but is not accessible to all).

**Duration:** About 3 hours

**Trail markings:** There is an information board and a map at the start of the trail with thorough details of the route. Along the trail, there are signposts at all trail crossroads. The trail is otherwise unmarked.

### 3 Facts

- Easy-to-walk wilderness trail in a national park
- Soothingly beautiful mire scenery
- Nice rest spots along the trail

### Getting to the trail

Parking area by the Kyrönkangas summer road (a museum road)

Nummikangas, Kauhajoki  
N62 12.938 E22 26.838

Driving directions: From Nummijärvi Camping, drive along road no. 6700 (Karviantie) south towards Karvia for about 2.1 km. The Kyrönkangas summer road (a museum road) then branches off slightly to the right and up. Drive along the summer road for about 5.2 km until you arrive at the parking area on the right-hand side of the road.

Please note that you can also access the Kauhalammi Trail from the south, from the direction of Karvia: Start Kyrönkankaantie 347, Karvia N62 11.698 E22 26.985.

## Trail description

The trail first runs along the Kyrönkangas summer road, which is surrounded by the heaths of Nummikangas, soon veering off onto a forest trail lined with pines. Arriving at the observation tower by the Kauhaneva Mire, you will notice that the pines are more stunted and accompanied by heather, moss and marsh Labrador tea.

The observation tower offers a view of Kauhaneva, the largest raised bog with hummocks in South Ostrobothnia. When leaving the tower, the trail soon joins the summer road and continues along it until turning onto the duckboards at Kauhalammi Pond. The duckboard section follows the edge of the pond and the puddle mire area towards Pohjankangas, where the trail turns into a forest path that leads to the Salomaa rest spot. From there it continues to the summer road taking you straight to the starting point at Nummikangas.

Together with Kampinkeidas Mire on its northwestern side, Kauhaneva forms an internationally significant mire complex. Raised bogs consist of drier hummocks and between them deceptively soft and wet hollows, or puddles with open water. On the dry hummocks grow Sphagnum moss, and here and there some stunted pines. Large puddles between the hummocks are a good habitat for mire birds. On Kauhaneva, there are hundreds of puddles with clear open water. Walking on the mire, you can observe the lives of little gulls.

There are no residential sites along the trail.

## Level of difficulty

The trail runs on even ground along forest roads and paths and includes a 1.6-km duckboard section across Kauhaneva Mire. The duckboards are stepped at some points, so you should walk carefully. There are only a few rocky or root-filled sections on the forest paths, and most of the trail is very easy to walk. The trail is not marked, but clear signposts at trail crossroads make it easy to follow the right trail.

## Good to know

When starting out on the trail, it is good to remember three things: 1) the starting point is Nummikangas; 2) the first stop is Kauhalammi; 3) the furthest stop is called Salomaa. When you keep these in mind, you will manage fine without a map by just following the signposts.

At Kauhalammi, the Kyrönkangas summer road is sunken, so there is usually water on the road well into the summer which means rubber boots are needed in this section of the trail. Otherwise you will be fine wearing a pair of comfortable shoes, such as trainers. *Tip for those not wearing rubber boots:* in both directions, you should travel the stretch between Nummikangas and Salomaa along duckboards. You should then reserve slightly more time for your hike.

You should take some toilet paper with you. In warm weather, it is a good idea to have a bottle of water, your swimwear and a towel with you. Don't forget your camera.

There is no organised waste management along the trail, so take a plastic bag with you. This way, you will be able to take away everything that you bring with you.

The trail has no recommended walking direction, so be prepared for meeting someone coming from the opposite direction.

National cycling route no. 44 runs along the Kyrönkangas summer road through Kauhaneva-Pohjankangas National Park. The Kyrönkangas summer road is an unpaved road classified as a museum road.

## Trail facilities

Parking area and dry toilet near the trail's starting point; information board at the starting point, observation tower, two rest spots (campfire site, firewood shed, well, dry toilet), information boards, swimming dock and two spots for resting along the trail.

## Information for visitors

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## Trail map:

### Kauhalampi Trail 5.1 km, Kauhajoki, Kauhaneva-Pohjankangas National Park, Finland



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