Finnish National Parks

Suomi - Finland





There are 40 national parks in Finland. They're scattered around the country's archipelago, lakes, forests, peat lands and fells, and showcase the areas' various natural characteristics, such as rapids, rift valleys and eskers. Besides enjoying the scenery and spotting animals and plants, the parks present ideal opportunities for recreation like hiking, climbing, snowshoeing and other outdoor pursuits. The national parks are extensive nature conservation areas with the crucial task of ensuring biodiversity and giving people the opportunity to relax and enjoy nature. The parks have marked hiking routes, nature trails and campfire sites. Visitors can also stay overnight in the national parks at designated camping sites or shelters and huts. More information is available on each 40 national park's website.

Information on hiking areas (www.nationalparks.fi):

- Arctic Circle
- <u>Evo</u>
- <u>Inari</u>
- <u>Iso-Syöte</u>
- Kylmäluoma
- <u>Oulujärvi</u>
- <u>Ruunaa</u>





Nature centres

You should start your hiking trip by getting to know the <u>nature centre</u> that is available for some of the parks. The nature centre will provide you with more information on the area and its services.





WHAT MAKES AN AREA A NATIONAL PARK?

The national parks are extensive nature conservation areas with the crucial task of ensuring biodiversity. Outstanding picturesque scenery and panoramic views are also characteristic for them. But Finnish national parks have not been established only to protect nature; the goal is also to give people the opportunity to relax and enjoy nature.



GOOD SERVICES

All Finnish national parks have marked hiking routes, nature trails, information boards and picnic sites, many of them with a campfire site. In most parks, there are tent sites, rentable cabins and unlocked huts where anyone can stay. Nature tourism entrepreneurs also provide services, such as guided tours and accommodation services outside but yet close to the parks.













Finland's Top Natural Attractions – from Southern Archipelago to Northern Fells

Pallas-Yllästunturi National Park

• Lapland

Urho Kekkonen National Park

• Lapland

- Pyhä-Luosto National Park
 - Lapland
- Oulanka National Park
 - National landscape, NE Finland
- Syöte National Park
 - NE Finland





Koli National Park

- National landscape, Eastern Finland
- Kvarken Archipelago Nature Reserve
 - Finland's first natural heritage site,
 Western Finland
- Linnansaari National Park
 - \circ Lake District, Eastern Finland
- Nuuksio National Park
 - Next to Helsinki, Southern Finland
- <u>Archipelago National Park</u>
 - National landscape, Southern Finland





