



## SOUTHERN KONNEVESI BOATING AND WATER TOURING ROUTE, 54 km

### Start & Finish:

Häyrylänranta Harbour, Satamatie 60, Konnevesi

### Co-ordinates:

N=6944068.070, E=466358.626

### Map link:

[urly.fi/15fO](http://urly.fi/15fO)

### Difficulty:

challenging

### Suitability:

suitable for those with advanced water navigation and wilderness skills.

### Duration:

3 to 5 days

### Places & things to see:

The Karsikko (memorial tree) island of Northern Lanstu, osprey habitat, Lapinsalo, sandy beaches of Pyysalo, National Park hiking trails

### Route markings:

there are no route markings on the waterway

**Route:** Häyrylänranta - Haukisaari 4 km; Haukisaari - Lapinsalo 8 km; Lapinsalo - Pyysalo 3 km; Pyysalo - Enonranta 5 km; Enonranta - Kaituri 10 km; Kaituri - Pyysalo 8 km; Pyysalo - Lanstu Islands 4 km; Lanstu Islands - Silmutsaari 11 km; Silmutsaari - Häyrylänranta Harbour 5 km

**Route description:** The boating and water touring route of Southern Konnevesi shows you the main attractions of the lake. The route starts from the Häyrylänranta Harbour and runs through the Mieronvirta Current towards the Haukisaari Island. Osprey is abundant, and it's nesting in the archipelago, which has many exciting stories to tell from the era of the Great Wrath. Those stories are available to read on the story map of Southern Konnevesi, provided by the Rautalampi Museum.

On the islands of Northern and Southern Lanstu, there is a place with old memorial trees, called a Karsikko. It's protected by the Antiquities Act. The Karsikko tradition dates back to a time when those who were dead, were transported to Rautalampi to be buried on church grounds. Karsikko was made by axing a tree or cutting a spot in which the initials and the year of death were carved. Most of the Karsikko trees have already fallen, and it is easier to see what a Karsikko tree was like by going to the Konnevesi Local Heritage Museum. Going ashore the Northern Lanstu Island is not recommended, because nature there is very delicate. You can enjoy the beauty of the Lanstu Islands best on water.

However, you can go ashore the Lapinsalo Island with a bigger boat, too. There's a narrow, picturesque inlet in the middle of the island, and a landing stage right in the vicinity of the lean-to/hut. What makes the Lapinsalo area even more wilderness-like is its location on a large open lake. A few kilometres away, there's another large island with a lean-to, Pyysalo, whose sandy beaches are one of the most beautiful places to spend a summer day.

In Enonranta, there's a landing stage for boats, a lean-to/hut and access to the hiking trails of the Southern Konnevesi National Park. The 2.8 km long Loukkuvuori Trail is short but challenging hiking trail to the scenic spots of the national park. The Loukkuvuori Trail is connected to the Three Mountain Hiking Trail, which is a 14 km long trail through a challenging terrain. Especially wonderful is the excursion harbour of the Kaituri Island, located in the Kodanovinen Archipelago. In Aittosalmi, there's a historical rock painting called Ristikivi. The route will lead back to the Häyrylänranta Harbour via Silmutsaari Island, where there's a place to take a break, too.

**Warning!** Please observe caution when moving outside the boat lanes, because the Southern Konnevesi Lake is peppered with shallows and shoals in surprising places. The waters are challenging for the inexperienced. Risk of hypothermia is real throughout the summer, if you are to fall in the water. The waves can be strong; the large open waters, water bouncing off the cliffs and shoals of the Southern Konnevesi Lake change how the waves behave. So please take the weather conditions into consideration.

### SOUTHERN KONNEVESI NATIONAL PARK (luontoon.fi):



[urly.fi/15fx](http://urly.fi/15fx)

### HIKING MAP BY METSÄHALLITUS:



[urly.fi/15fy](http://urly.fi/15fy)

### STORY MAP BY RAUTALAMPI MUSEUM:



[urly.fi/XRK](http://urly.fi/XRK)

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making fire is strictly prohibited.  
You can use a camping stove  
provided that you observe special  
caution.*





