



KÄPYNÄN KIERROS TOUR 4.3 km

Start & Finish:

Hanhitaipale Fishing Port, Satamatie 140, Rautalampi

Co-ordinates:

N 62° 33,534' / E 26° 43,235'

Map link:urly.fi/15fY**Difficulty:**

Easy

Suitability:

Beginners

Duration:

2 and a half hours

Things to see:

the Tafoni of Saukkosaari Island, beaver habitat, the Old Man Käpynä (figure in rock)

Route markings:

none.

Although easy and short, this paddling route will show you many sights of the National Park: the remarkable Tafoni of the Saukkosaari Island, the Old Man Käpynä figure rock, and the habitat of the beaver. The Tafoni of Saukkosaari Island are the result of weathering, but they seem man-made engravings. Close to the tafoni there is an overhang cave, and you can fit under it with your kayak or canoe.

The Route starts from the Hanhitaipale Fishing Port and takes you to see the tafoni and the overhang cave of the Saukkosaari Island. After that, having circled around the island, you will come to a narrow passage which used to belong to the beaver. If there's enough water, you can paddle through the passage. If not, you will have to pull your canoe/kayak a short distance to get past it. Those with a sharp eye can spot a smiling face on the eastern cliff of the Käpynänvuori Mountain. That is the Old Man Käpynä, a rock figure that clearly has human features. The Varpusenlinna (Sparrow's Castle) Island is a beautiful, small island west from the Saukkosaari. Because the Varpusenlinna is private land, it is not recommended to go ashore.

If you wish to avoid the beaver dam, you can just go to see the tafoni, come back to the north tip of Saukkosaari, and continue along the west side of the island towards the Käpynänvuori Mountain to see the Old Man Käpynä. After that, you can circle around the Käpynänsaari Island and go see at the passage what the beaver has been up to. Then you can return back to the route via the northern tip of the Käpynänsaari Island. That makes the total length of the route 6 km.

Services & sights:

- Hanhitaipale Fishing Port: boat pier, outdoor toilet, information board of Metsähallitus
- Törmälä Holiday and Course Centre: restaurant, café, information services for the National Park, cottage & granary accommodation
- KalajaRetkeily: guided paddling tours, kayak rental, lean-to dinners
- Close by: Southern Konnevesi National Park hiking trails: Kalajan kierros Trail (4.6 km), Three Mountains Hiking Trail (16 km), Loukkuvuori Trail (2.8 km)

**SOUTHERN KONNEVESI
NATIONAL PARK**
(luontoon.fi):
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**HIKING MAP BY
METSÄHALLITUS:**
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**STORY MAP BY
RAUTALAMPI MUSEUM:**
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making fire is strictly prohibited.
You can use a camping stove
provided that you observe special
caution.*



