



KERKONKOSKI RAPID TOUR – BOATING & WATER TOURING ROUTE, 88 km

Start & Finish:

Törmälä Holiday and Course Centre, Konnekoskentie 552, Rautalampi

Co-ordinates:

N 62° 36,076' / E 26° 43,337'

Map link:

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Difficulty:

challenging

Suitability:

suitable for those with advanced water navigation and wilderness skills.

Duration:

3 to 5 days

Places & things to see:

Konnekoski Rapid, Kivisalmi Inlet, Noitanen Island & Murhaluoto ("Murder Skerry") & Kiesima Channel, the Village of Kerkonkoski and the channel milieu, Säynätsalmi Inlet, Nokisenkoski Rapid & the manors of Rautalampi.
Route markings: none.

Route: Törmälä - Kivisalmi 12 km (starting from the downriver of Konnekoski Rapid is also possible. That way you can avoid descending the rapids with a boat, and it cuts 3 km off from the total length of the route).

Kivisalmi - Koipiniemi 8 km; Koipiniemi - Noitanen 6 km; Noitanen - Kiesimä 6 km; Kiesimä - Kerkonkoski 9 km; Kerkonkoski - Säynätsalmi 12 km; Säynätsalmi - Nokisenkoski 3 km; Nokisenkoski - (17.5 km Vihta-Paavontie boat harbour & Parking lot) - Toholampi beach 20 km; Toholampi beach - Rajasaari 8 km; Rajasaari - Törmälä 4 km

The route starts at the Törmälä Holiday and Course Centre in Rautalampi. Located half-way of the route, the Village of Kerkonkoski and the channel milieu with its shops and restaurants offer a refreshing break and a place to stay overnight for boaters and paddlers. The village is situated along the road 545 that runs between Suonenjoki and Vesanto. The Kerkonjoki River runs through the village centre, connecting Lakes Kiesimäjärvi and Niinivesi.

The Kerkonkoski Rapid Tour is a classic, long water touring route, which has traditionally been rowed along with church boats and paddled with canoes and kayaks. The route is a challenging circular route with one Class 2 rapid, the Konnekoski Rapid. You can avoid descending Konnekoski, though, if you start below the rapid and finish just above the rapid at the Törmälä Holiday and Course Centre. You can well start the tour from Kivisalmi, Kerkonkoski, Säynätsalmi or Nokisenkoski, too.

Along the route, there are many historical and natural sights like Konnekoski, Kivisalmi, Noitanen Island and Murhaluoto (Murder Skerry). Also places like Kiesimä and Kerkonkoski Channels, Säynätsalmi, Nokisenkoski and Tyyrinvirta are worth checking. Don't miss the Sahala, Korhola, Karjala & Ropola Manors in Rautalampi, or the Hankavesi Archipelago, either.

Stopping places: Rajasaari, Törmälä, Konnekoski, Ruohosaari, Kivisalmi, Koipiniemi, Noitanen, Kiesimä, Kerkonkoski, Korkeasaari, Säynätsalmi, Nokisenkoski, Vihta-Paavontie boat landing stage & Rautalampi/Toholahti beach

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 unexperienced.

Descending the Konnekoski Rapid with any type of vessel requires advanced skills to navigate in the current. However, you can avoid the rapid altogether by starting downstream and finishing above the rapid.

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 and Northern Konnevesi Lakes change how the waves behave. So please take the weather conditions into consideration.

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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*Please remember that
during a forest fire warning,
making fire is strictly prohibited.
You can use a camping stove
provided that you observe special
caution.*



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