Southern Konnevesi

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PADDLING ROUTE TO THE ROCK PAINTING AT TOUSSUNLINNA, 18.5 km

Start & Finish:
Pitkälahti Beach, Uimalantie, Rautalampi

Co-ordinates:
N 62° 37,227' / E 26° 49,953'

Map link:
urly.fi/15fW

Difficulty:
intermediate, especially when the wind is blowing from the south or north.

Suitability:
The route is suitable for independent paddler with basic paddling and map reading skills. On large open lake the conditions may vary rapidly. Keep an eye on the weather changes, and seek shelter in time, if necessary.

Duration:
1 to 2 days.

Places & things to see:
The Toussunlinna Stone Age rock painting

Route markings:
Not marked
The lean-to at Sirkkavuori Mountain is located by a private forest road which serves as a snowmobile route in the winter. It is not accessible by car.

The Toussunlinna rock painting is an ideal destination for a paddling trip lasting a day or two. The route starts from the Pitkälahti beach in Rautalampi. There is a parking lot, outdoor toilet, changing booth and a boat ramp. You can stay overnight in a lean-to at Sirkkavuori. The Toussunlinna rock painting is situated in a long and narrow bay, on the west bank at the south part of Lake Hankavesi. You can see the rock painting on the southern end of a sheer cliff wall. Distance from the Pitkälahti beach to the rock painting is 8 km.

On one side of Pitkälahti Bay there is the Rämäkkövuori (also Rämäkkävuori) Mountain, and on the steep mountainside there's a collapsed cave which has inspired the name for Rämäkkä Holidays. The Pitkälahti Bay is a long and narrow, 3 kilometres long bay. After the bay, the route continues straight ahead, leaving the Hankavesi Archipelago behind to the northwest of the route. The route runs towards Mustasaari Island which is right opposite the lean-to of Sirkkavuori Mountain. By the lean-to, there's also an outdoor toilet and firewood shed. You can camp out in a tent by the lean-to. There is no landing stage for paddlers, but it's a natural beach accessible by kayak or canoe. From the lean-to, there's only 1.7 km left to the Toussunlinna rock painting site. If you wish, you can extend your paddling trip all the way to the Törmälä Holiday and Course Centre in Hankavesi and to the Rajasaari Island.

The Toussunlinna rock painting is a classic example of prehistoric Stone Age art. It has been painted on a vertical cliff wall smoothed out by ice, in a place the waters have run through a narrow passage. The figures are visible above a small and narrow rock terrace over an area of about 1 meter x 1.2 meters across. The most well-defined figure portrays a human with bent knees. The other figures appear to be presenting animals.

Services & sights:
- KalajaRetkeily: guided paddling tours, kayak rental, wilderness meals
- Rämäkkä Holidays: restaurant, accommodation, water scooter rental
- Boat taxi: Rautalaine
- Rautalampi Church
- Rautalampi Museum

SOUTHERN KONNEVESI NATIONAL PARK (luontoon.fi):
urly.fi/15fx

HIKING MAP BY METSÄHALLITUS:
urly.fi/15fy

STORY MAP BY RAUTALAMPI MUSEUM:
urly.fi/XRK

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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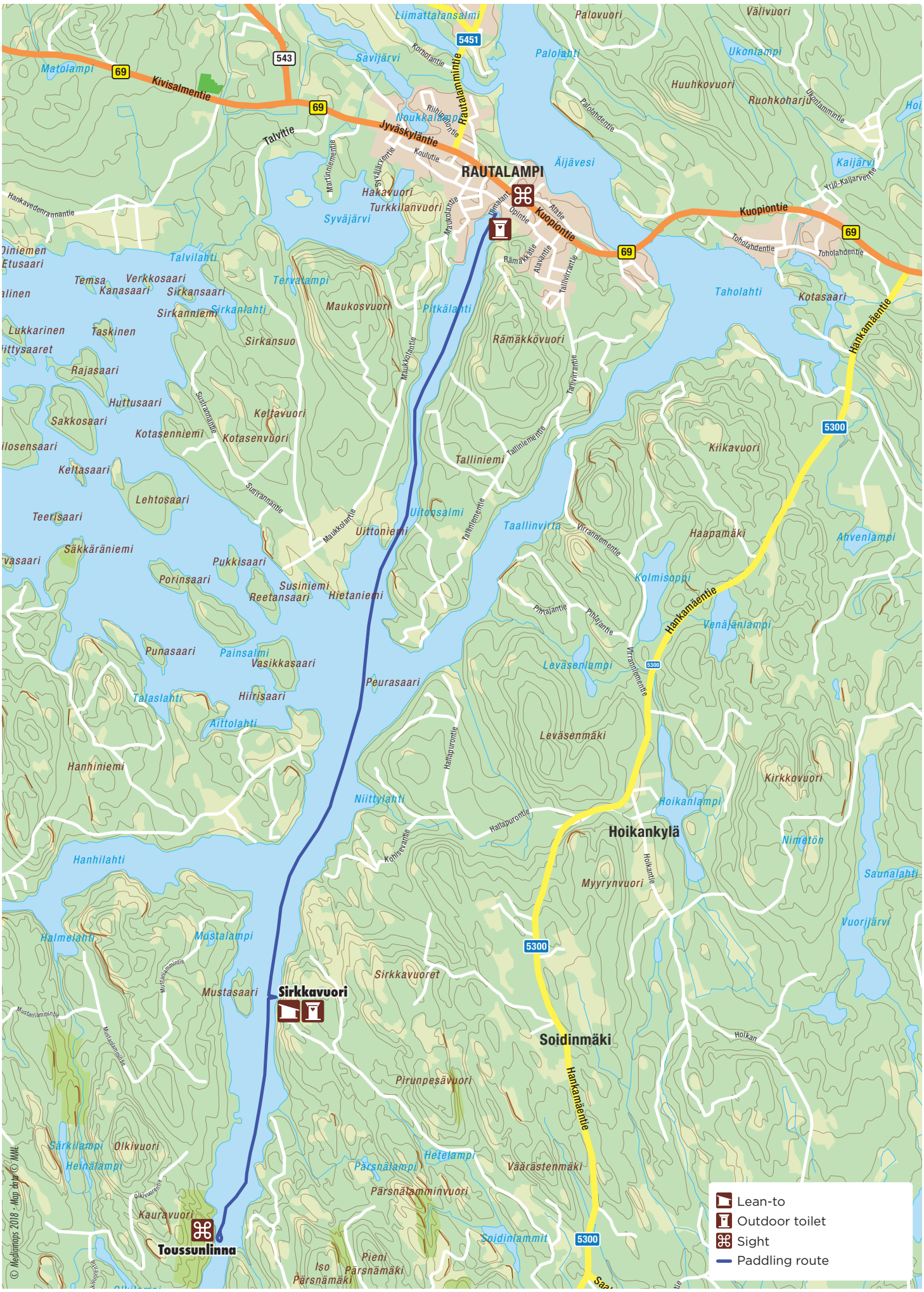

- Lean-to
- Outdoor toilet
- Sight
- Paddling route

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