



## THE RAJASAARI ISLAND TOUR: Törmälä – Rajasaari – Törmälä, 8 km

### Start & Finish:

Törmälä Holiday & Course Centre, Konnekoskentie 552, Rautalampi

### Co-ordinates:

N 62° 36,104' / E 26° 43,388'

### Map link:

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

### Difficulty:

Intermediate

### Suitability:

The route is suitable for a self-guided paddler with basic paddling and map reading skills. Especially during south or north winds you have to paddle against the wind on the route.

### Duration:

about 4 hours, circular route

### Places & things to see:

the spectacular archipelago of Hankavesi, and the Konnekoski Rapid. You can marvel the Konnekoski Rapid also from land. If you want to paddle through Konnekoski, you will need white water kayaking equipment and experience.

### Route markings:

paddling routes are not marked anywhere, but the paddler has to be able to read the map and navigate with it. The lean-to is marked with a sign indicating an excursion harbour on the shore.

The archipelago of Hankavesi is an ideal place to paddle. Even on windy conditions, you can find shelter from the elements. The waters of Lake Hankavesi are clear, and a natural habitat for the wild brown trout. The water is so pure that you can drink it. On board a kayak or a canoe you can see many water birds and enjoy the nature of the archipelago.

The route starts from Törmälä Holiday and Course Centre and runs on Lake Hankavesi in Rautalampi. Although the lake is peppered with islands, there is room for wind, too, on the open waters of Hankavesi. The preferable way is to paddle from Törmälä via Jänissaari Islands, between Hoikkasaari and Vilosensaari Island, and continue via Lukkarinen and Niittysaari Islands to the Rajasaari Island. Please take the wind conditions into consideration when planning your actual route.

There's a landing stage for paddlers in Rajasaari, covered campfire site and a lean-to, sitting in the midst of a beautiful birches. When you continue on from Rajasaari, you can paddle via Lehtosaari Island and Cape Säkäräniemi towards Niittysaari Island, and onwards through Pappilansalmi Inlet back to Törmälä. If you wish to keep going all the way to Southern Konnevesi, the safest choice is through the Karinkoski Rapid.

### Services & sights:

- 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):



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



