



SILMUTSAARI ISLAND ROUTE 10 KM

Start & Finish:

Häyrylänranta Harbour, Satamatie 60, Konnevesi

Co-ordinates:

N 62° 37,526' / E 26° 20,714'

Map link:

urly.fi/15fO

Difficulty:

intermediate

Suitability:

the route is suitable for an 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:

5 hours

Things to see:

osprey habitat

Route markings:

none on the route.

The route starts from the Häyrylänranta Harbour, goes around the Mieronvirta Current from the north and follows the shores of Cape Matkamestenniemi towards the northeast. The route continues around Silmutsaari Island. You might want to choose to paddle clockwise or counter-clockwise depending on which direction the wind is blowing from and how hard. The Soskalansalmi Inlet is a sheltered section to paddle. On the eastern part of Silmutsaari Island there is a nature preservation area which shows the nature of the archipelago in its original state.

Especially on the eastern side of the island the lake has a natural sand bottom. There are skerries on the eastern side of Silmutsaari where the ospreys nest. On the north-eastern tip of the island there is a red sauna, and you can go ashore there if there are no-one at the sauna. Please don't disturb the nesting ospreys. There is a lean-to at the north-western tip of Silmutsaari. There is no landing stage by the lean-to, but the beach has a sand bottom. The total length of the paddling route is about 10 km and it will take about 2 and half hours to complete. When it's calm, the route is easy, but when it's windy, the route becomes challenging. The whole of the route follows the shoreline of Cape Matkamestenniemi. If needed, you can go ashore at Matkamestenniemi. The name of the road is Tillintie.

Services and Points of Interest:

- Häyrylänranta Harbour, Konnevesi
- E-K Lines Oy: Caravan area, cruises to the national park, kayak rental, guide services, harbour kiosk
- Lunch Café Ranta Hätävara: café & store with local produce
- MVH Services: cruises to the national park
- KalajaRetkeily: Guided paddling trips, kayak rental, lean-to dinners
- Showers and toilets are free to use for the customers.

**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.*



