

PUUMALA
ARCHIPELAGO ROUTE
SAIMAA

Experience the most beautiful part of Finnish Lakeland by bicycle! This 60km ring route offers stunning archipelago scenery with local services, great options for delicacies & accommodation along the way.

Distances:
Mikkeli 70 km • Savonlinna 80 km • Lappeenranta 100 km
Helsinki 300 km • Tampere 335 km

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It is possible to cycle this ring route with a 40 min journey by bike ferry m/s Norppa II. You can start from any point along the way, depending on your accommodation or bike rental point. The route can be done in one day by e-bike, but we recommend to enjoy the area for several days – there's a lot to explore!

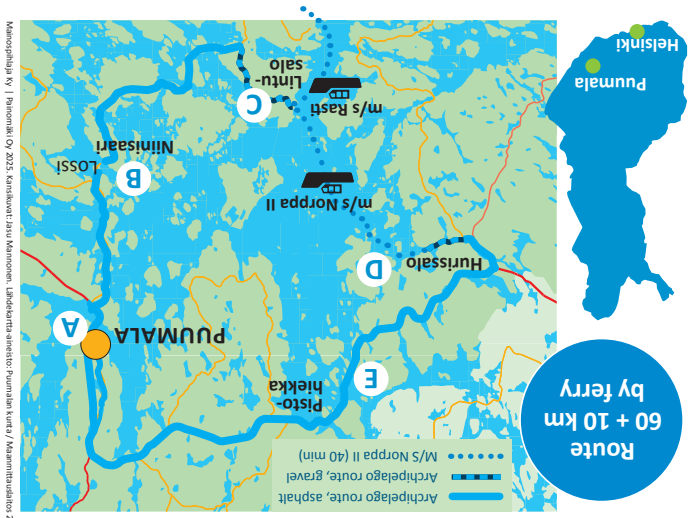
A You may start from the centre of Puumala and cycle along the main road 62 towards Imatra. After the Puumala bridge, turn right onto the Kotniementie road. Go straight on for about 1km and turn onto the Kitulanniementie road. Continue the Luukkolantie road to south. This beautiful route, known as the Puumala archipelago way, encompasses 20km of asphalt roadways winding through 11 islands, crossing 2 bridges and going via the Hätinvirta ferry (free) towards Lintsalo and the waters of the Saimaa ringed seal.

B It is worth visiting at the Niinisaari archipelago village (restaurant Niinipuu, Hanhinittty smithy, Saimaa Canoeing, Liehtalanniemi museum estate) or climbing up to the lean-to on Säkkimäki hill, which is the highest point in the archipelago.

C In Nestorinranta you can stop overnight or at the crepe bar. You could rent a canoe or a rowing boat from Nestorinranta or Hanhinittty and take a day trip to see the Saimaa Unesco Geopark site Kokansaari island (5km away). With a little luck (particularly in May) you might spot a Saimaa ringed seal on the way. The m/s Norppa II takes you and your bike from Lintsalo to Hurissalo (or vice-versa). The bike ferry (approx. 40 min ride) tickets should be booked in advance on our online store vispuumala.fi

D After the ferry ride the journey continues in Hurissalo towards the "Sale" village shop and cafe. Did you know that Hurissalo is the 3rd largest inland island in Finland? Along the main road 62, you could take an extra leap to the Saarijärventie road: impressive "Rakokivet" boulders can be found in 2km. Close to them, Guide-Tiina (at Pienniemi Taiga) rents canoes and kayaks for day trips, also accommodation, enabling you to admire the landscapes of magical Haukkovuori cliffs.

E The Lietvesi kiosk and viewpoint offer cyclists a picturesque stopover before reaching Pistohiekka. The scenic Lietvesi route (5km) ends at the fabulous beaches next to Pistohiekka Resort & Pistocamp. Sahanlahti Resort offers a wide range of services and is located about 10km away. The final 8km leads to the koskenselkä Holiday Village or to the centre village of Puumala. Enjoy your trip!



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NATURE AND GEO-ATTRACTIONS ALONG THE PUUMALA ARCHIPELAGO ROUTE

A RAKOKIVET ERRATICS
Giant granite boulders form a magnificent cave system. Signs from road 62.

B HAUKKOVUORI
The Haukkovuori escarpments rise 81m above the surface of Saimaa , explore by canoe or kayak.

C LIETVESI SCENIC ROAD AND PISTOHIEKKA
Lietvesi is characteristic part of Saimaa north of the Salpausselkäs: the labyrinthine watercourse is punctuated with rocky islands and intersected by stretches of eskers, remnants of the ice age. Pistohiekka's natural sandy beaches are perfect for swimming.

D LOKETON ONKALO
The Loketonvuori fissure is 10-13m deep and 70m long. The distance from Pistohiekka along Honkajoentie is approx. 5km. At Saarijärvi there is a sign and a path to the north-west.

E SAHANLAHTI
Sahanlahti is a charming resort with local food restaurants & accommodation, beach & activities. There used to be a water-driven sawmill in the area - now you can cross the rapids on a charming wooden bridge.

F TUPAVUORI
Tupavuori, located near Sahanlahti, is also one of the Saimaa Geopark attractions. The bedrock features a large boulder and a crevice cave, whose hall-like space can be accessed through a fissure. The cave was formed when horizontal and vertical crevices deepened as the continental ice plucked boulders from the bedrock. The cave is dark and going there alone or without safety gear is not recommended.

G ELSA HEPORAUTA PATH 22KM
The path is accessible from Sahanlahti or Hylkeenlahti (parking lot). The route goes around the Torikko lake and there's a Salakkasalmi lean-to, outhouse and a campfire area.

H PUUMALANSALMI AND BRIDGE
Check the viewpoint! There's a lift for bikes too. Puumalansalmi strait is crossed by the 4th longest bridge in Finland from which Saimaa's labyrinthine features are visible. This was caused by bedrock fault zones, where the bedrock is more fragmented than the surrounding bedrock. During the ice age, the eroding continental ice sheet transported rock material from these zones, which made them deeper than the surrounding environment. Nowadays many of these fault zones are under water.

I SALPALINJA
Salpalinja is a 1200km long line of bunkers that was built in 1940-1941 and 1944 to defend the eastern border of Finland. The bunker in Puumala is the no.4 accommodation bunker for 20 men. There is, for example, crew space, a well and a machine gun emplacement in the bunker. The bunker is located in Puumala center, Pappilantie 2. Guided in July.

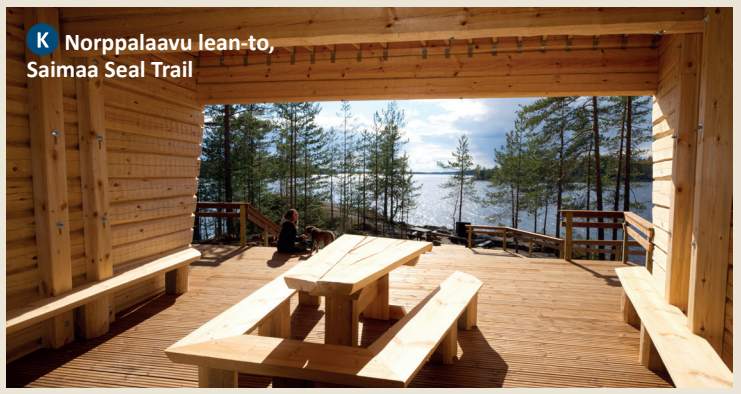
J KUKKEISTENPOLKU 10KM

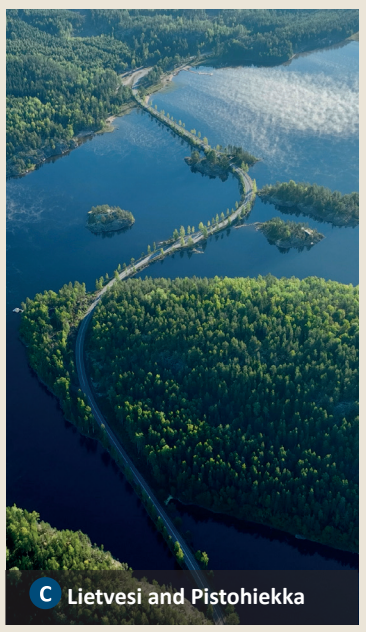
K SAIMAA SEAL TRAIL 13KM

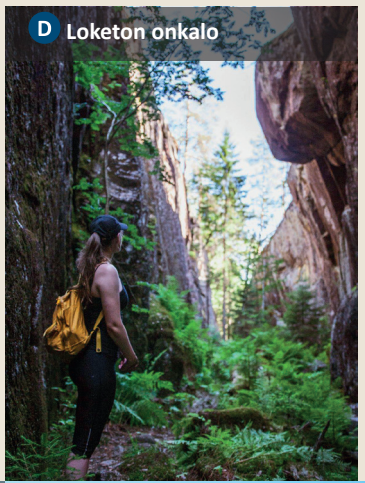
L KERMINHIEKKA

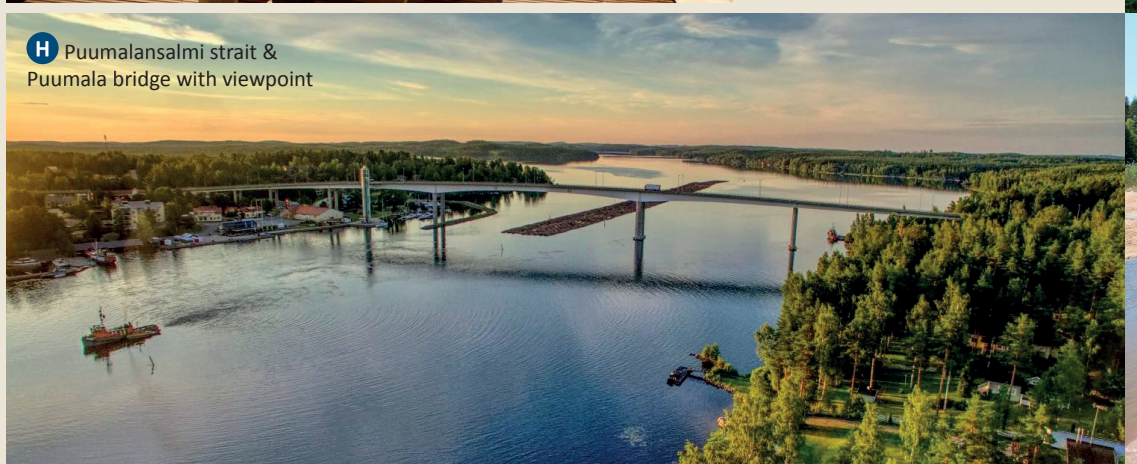
M ROKANSAARI
Rokansaari paradise island is dominated by eskers, kettle ponds and various shore features, such as beach banks and ridges. They were formed during Saimaa's various stages. There are trenches which were dug into the sandy ground during World War I, as well as a Stone-Age dwelling site. Rokansaari is a beautiful day-trip destination, offering beaches, harbour & cabins.

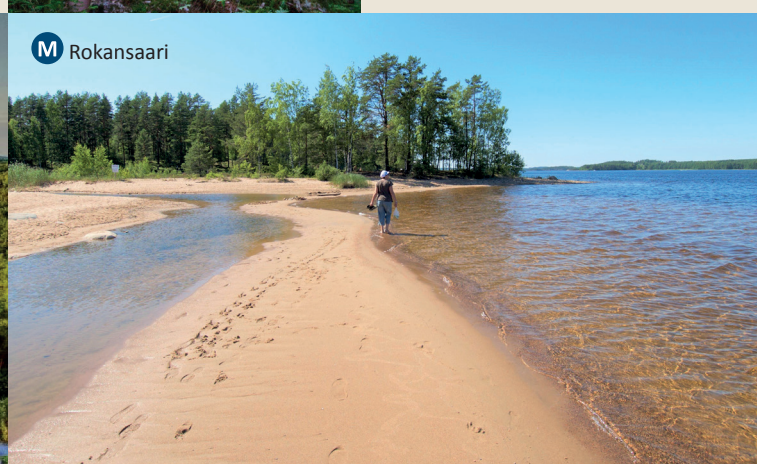
N SUURISUO
Suurisuo is a largely natural area of around 100 hectares, whose rocky forest islets and pools increase its landscape value. There was a moss factory working in Suurisuo from 1925 until the beginning of the 1970s.


K Norppalaavu lean-to, Saimaa Seal Trail


C Lietvesi and Pistohiekka


D Loketon onkalo


H Puumalansalmi strait & Puumala bridge with viewpoint


M Rokansaari

OKKOLA WELLNESS TRAIL 1,5KM (see number 4)
The 1-5km woodland trail is meant for walking and recreation. The trails begins in Okkola, near the Niinipuu Restaurant.

O SÄKKIMÄKI
The highest hill of the southern archipelago is Säkkimäki (133m above sea level). There used to be a Russian-built triangulation tower dating from 1912 on the top of the hill. Now there is a lean-to and a campfire site.

NESTORINRANTA THEMATIC TRAILS 1–3KM (see numbers 10 & 11)
Four different paths that can be combined. Along the paths are activities to tempt your senses. The paths are accessible from both the beach and the main building.

P KRISTUKSENHAUTA
Rectangular fissure 3 meters deep and 11 meters long in the rock at Karkia, Luukkola. Location: N=6811563.072, E=568656.058

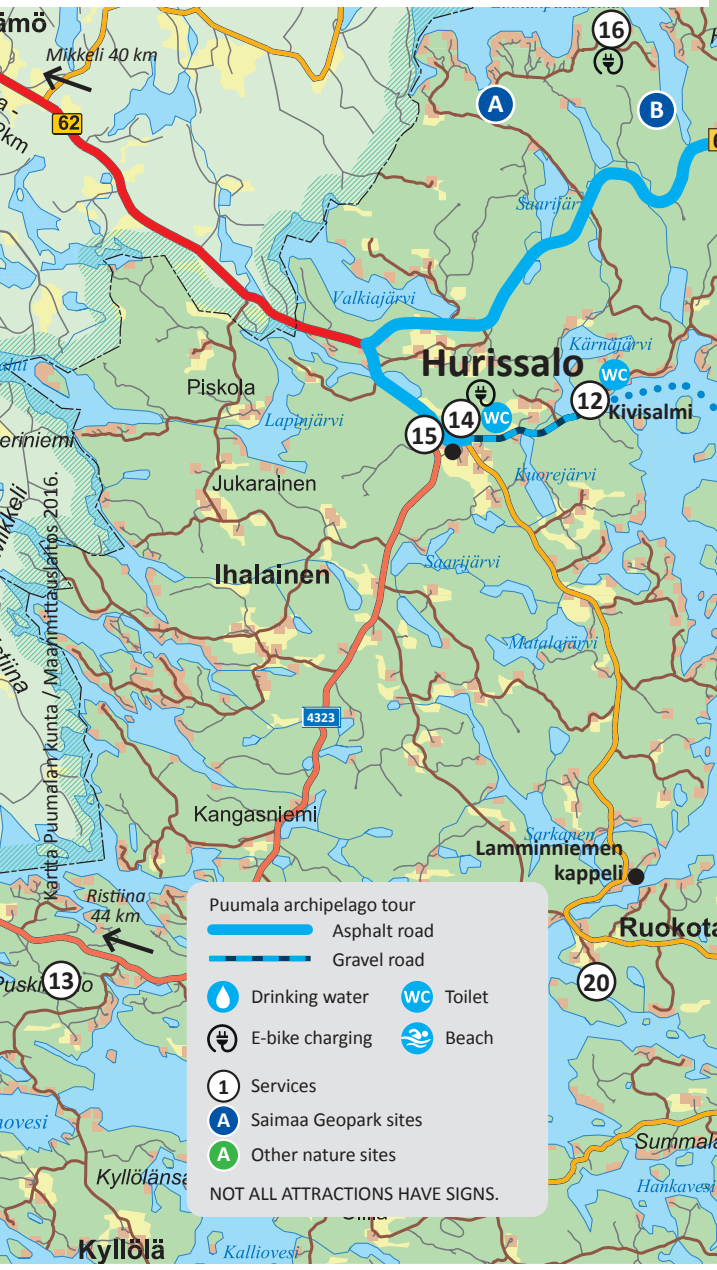
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The sites are marked on the overleaf map by letters:

A Saimaa Geopark sites
A Other nature sites

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