

KELVENNE TRAIL, PÄIJÄNNE NATIONALPARK



TRAIL DIFFICULTY: Medium
DISTANCE: 9.1 km
DURATION: about 2- 4 hours depending on breaks



ROUTE DESCRIPTION:

The Kelvenne trail is situated in Päijänne National Park and is especially suitable for a day trip. The trail can be walked either from the south of the island (Kirkkosalmi) to the north (Likolahti) or vice versa. M/S Elbatar sails to Kelvenne Island from Padasjoki four times a week in July and once a week from Asikkala. Kelvenne Island can also be reached by boat taxi from Padasjoki or by charter cruise (Asikkala, Padasjoki or Sysmä) during summer.

The trail is suitable for hiking and Nordic walking and it is accessible from May to September. The path starts at Kirkkosalmi on the west of the island and is marked with blue painted marks, which you should follow, because there are a number of other paths that crisscross the trail.

The trail passes through beautiful esker and lake scenery. The forest is mainly dry and peaty, but at the lakeside there are also many deciduous trees. There are a number of sheltered bays which are beautiful places to rest, and there are also several campfire sites. Beside the esker landscape, the effects of the Ice Age can also be found in the form of kettle holes: one of the kettle holes has formed a small lake in the middle of Kelvenne Island. The varied trail passes beautiful sandy beaches, peaceful forests and tops of high eskers. In some places the rocky path and the elevation of the path may slow you down.

Please note: After about 7 km, before you reach the Karhunkämmen campfire site, the trail divides into two, one taking you to the campfire site along the shore, while the other one goes along the esker.

The service facilities along the trail are good: there are eight good campfire sites that also have toilets and firewood. In addition, the island has three camp sites. The closest accommodation and restaurant services can be found in the village of Padasjoki, www.padasjoki.fi



Trainers are suitable for this trail, although in some rocky places hiking boots can be a better alternative. **Things to remember to take with you:** toilet paper and if you are planning to have a fire at one of the campfire sites, a knife and matches.

