

# PULKKILANHARJU TRAIL, PÄIJÄNNE NATIONALPARK



**TRAIL DIFFICULTY:** Easy  
**DISTANCE:** 4.4 km, of which about 2 km is part of a nature trail  
**DURATION:** about 1- 2 hours

## ROUTE DESCRIPTION:

The Pulkkilanharju trail is situated in Päijänne National Park and is suitable for a day trip. The Pulkkilanharju trail can be reached either by car or bus via road 314 from the villages of Vääksy and Sysmä.

The trail is suitable both for hiking and Nordic walking and it can be walked from May to September. **The path starts below Karisalmi Bridge** but it can also be walked counter-clockwise. The trail is marked with **blue painted marks** and **about 2 km of the trail is part of a nature trail.**

The trail passes through beautiful esker and lake scenery. At the beginning of the trail (or at the end of the trail if you walk counter-clockwise) there are steep steps down to the beach from the top of the ridge. **Otherwise the path is relatively easy and is suitable for families with young children.**

You can walk either the 2.3 km-long nature trail, or the whole marked trail, the length of which is a little more than 4 km in total. The trail crosses a few forest roads where you should pay attention to blue painted marks on the trees. The trail can be completed under an hour but those who walk it more slowly can enjoy the beautiful nature and lake scenery surrounding them.

**The service facilities along the trail are limited.** There is no campfire or camping facilities along the trail. A toilet is situated close to the starting point of the trail (at the car park). During the summer season, there is a small shop where you can buy refreshments. In addition, about 3 km before Karisalmi Bridge you will find Cafe - Restaurant Reimari, which is open during the summer season. The nearest tourist facilities (accommodation, etc.) are located within a 5 to 12 km radius. In addition, in the village of Vääksy, there is accommodation and catering services-, as well as shops, [www.asikkala.fi](http://www.asikkala.fi).



The trail can be walked in trainers, although in some rocky places hiking boots can be a better alternative.