



Korouoma Nature Reserve

- Established: 1996
- Area: 25,70 m²
- Location: Posio



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Korouoma

Explore the Korouoma Canyon!

Korouoma Nature Reserve provides a variety of opportunities for hiking, nature observation, admiring the views, and discovering how nature was used throughout history. The area is peppered with numerous ponds, lakes, and small rivers. It is easy to walk on the pine-dominated heaths. In winter, you can go snowshoeing in the canyon. Korouoma is also the best destination in Finland in wintertime for ice climbing enthusiasts.

Old horse roads and natural meadows

People began to utilise the forests in the area towards the end of the 19th century. The logs were felled in winter and transported from the forest by horses to be stored along streams and rivers, ready to be floated in the spring. Here and there, you can still see vestiges of the log floating era. The wilderness farms in the area had sheep and cattle grazing at the bottom of the canyon. The natural meadows are managed today by regular mowing, and some of the meadow barns have been restored for future generations.

Hiking Trails

Piippukallion pihaus, 5 km, Circle Trail

Level of difficulty: Very demanding due to the altitude differences, rocks and roots. Walkable only when the ground is unfrozen.

Duration: 3-4 hours.

Starting point: Saukkovaara parking area.

Trail description: Piippukallion pihaus Trail starts from the Saukkovaara parking area and runs to the Kanjonilaavut campfire site. From there, the trail continues along the bank of River Korojoki and ascends, along the former horse road, to the Piippukallio lean-to shelter. Next, the trail descends, via the lookout points, to the shore of River Korojoki. The trail then ascends, via the Kanjonilaavut lean-to shelters, back to Saukkovaara.

Hiking structures: Kanjonilaavut lean-to shelters and Piippukallio lean-to shelter.

Things to see: River Korojoki, flood meadows, rugged rock walls and views from Piippukallio and elsewhere along the trail across Korouoma Canyon.

Trail marking: Green paint marks on trees.

There are also blue and red ribbons along the trail, making it easier to keep on the trail.

Recommended direction: Clockwise.

Koronjää, 5 km, Circle Trail

Level of difficulty: Demanding due to altitude differences.

Duration: 1-2 hours, when the ground is unfrozen.

Starting point: Saukkovaara parking area

Trail description: The only trail in Finland where you can admire gorgeous frozen waterfalls in winter and beautiful river scenery in summer, and always sense the presence of the magnificent cliffs. The trail starts at the Saukkovaara parking area and runs to the Hannunkallio viewpoint. From there it descends to the banks of the River Korojoki, where you can admire three large frozen waterfalls in the winter (Jaska Jokunen, Mammutti, and Ruskeavirta). The trail then ascends via the Kanjonilaavut lean-to shelter back to Saukkovaara.

Hiking structures: Nine information boards. Hannunkallio viewpoint, equipped with railings and wooden benches. The steepest parts are equipped with rope railings of the trail to make the going easier. A lean-to shelter and campfire sites.

Things to see: Hannunkallio viewpoint, River Korojoki, flood meadows, the canyon and its rock walls. Magnificent frozen waterfalls in winter.

Trail marking: Wooden poles with green ribbons and yellow reflectors.

Recommended direction of travel: Clockwise.

Korouoma Hiking Trail, 20 km

Level of difficulty: Intermediate.

Starting point: Saukkovaara and Lapiosalmi (Lastenlampi).

Trail description: The trail runs through the majestic landscape of the Korouoma Canyon with its cliffs and eskers. The trail starts at Saukkovaara, descends into the canyon, and then follows the River Korojoki upstream. There are several maintained flood meadows along the trail. Towards the end, the trail climbs onto the eskers, offering splendid views of crystal-clear lakes.

Hiking structures: Six lean-to shelters, one open wilderness hut and one day trip hut and one wilderness cabin.

Things to see: River Korojoki, flood meadows, the canyon with its rock walls, patches of herb-rich forest, eskers at the north-east corner and the crystal-clear lakes.

Trail marking: Orange paint marks on trees.



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Canyon

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Korouoma is a protected area, where the following are...

allowed

- walking and skiing
- angling and ice-fishing in lakes and ponds
- berry and mushroom picking

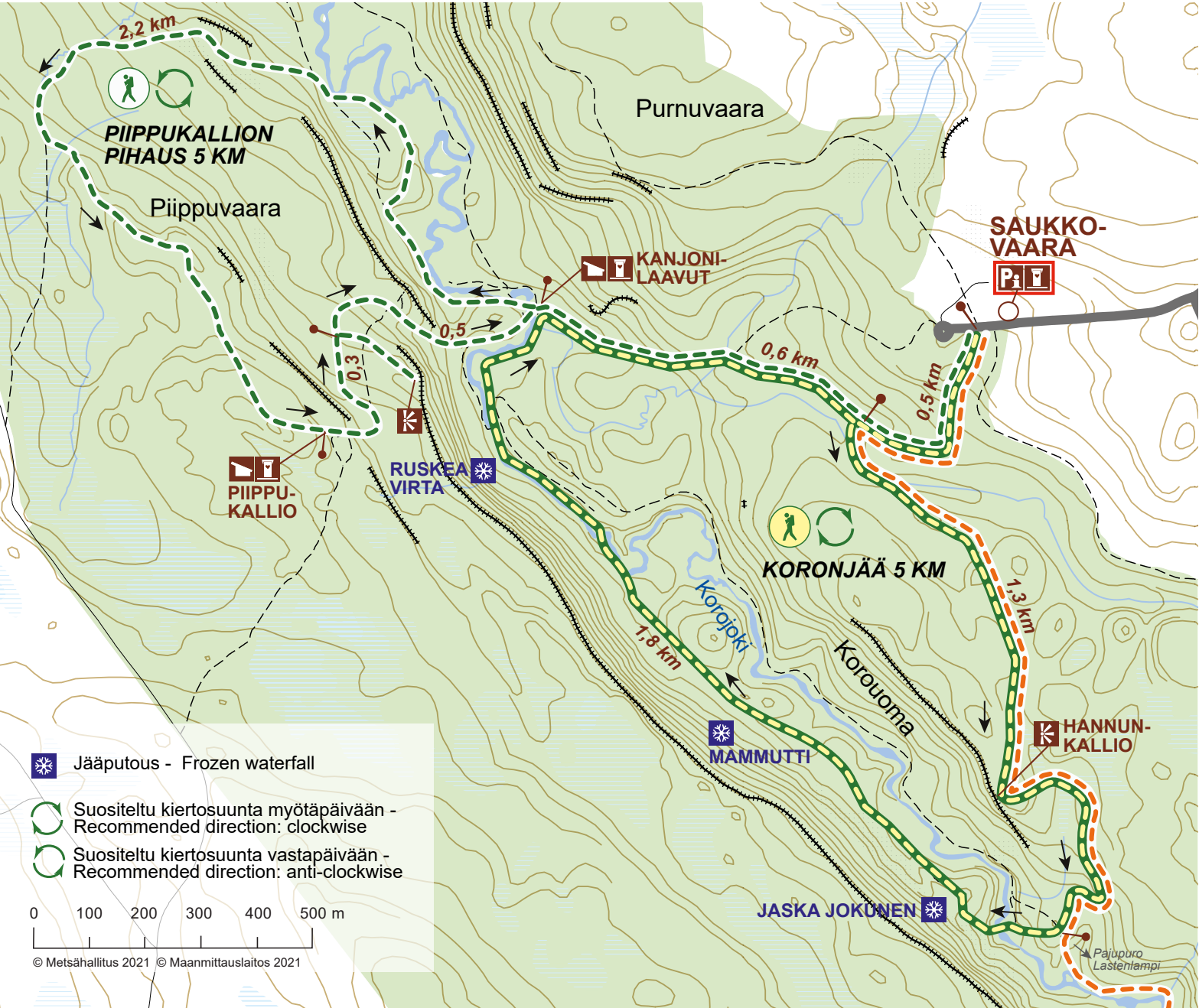
restricted

- making a campfire and camping is allowed on the designated sites. If a forest or grass fire warning is in effect, lighting campfires is forbidden.
- lure fishing requires a permit

forbidden

- littering or damaging structures
- pets running free
- collecting plants or invertebrates
- damaging animals and nature
- snowmobiling and off-road traffic using a motor vehicle

The emergency services number is 112 - canyon has poor mobile network coverage!



Directions

From Rovaniemi to Koivuköngäs is 100 km and to Saukkovaara 115 km (Rovaniemi–Posio, road no. 81). From Posio to Saukkovaara is appr. 30 km (road no. 81), and to Lapiosalmi 20 km (Posio – Ranua road). The road to Saukkovaara turns at the village of Pernu.



Look after the environment!

Take all your rubbish away with you. Combustible waste may be burned at campfire sites, and biodegradable waste may be composted in the dry toilet.