

Hiking trail

GPS coordinates (WGS84):
Start/Finish

N62 32.493 E24 10.173

Kierinniemi

Ähtäri

SOUTH
OSTROBOTHNIA



October 2014

Kierinniemi Nature Trail 2.7 km

The Kierinniemi Nature Trail meanders around a cape all but surrounded by a lake and includes information boards describing the history of the forest. You will find an old dead standing pine and moss-covered trenches along the trail. The trail provides hikers with some challenges too, as they will have to negotiate the occasional wind-felled tree and some variation in altitude.

Trail rating: Medium

Suitability: The trail is a suitable day trip destination for adults and school-age children, both beginners and more seasoned hikers.

Duration: 1.5 hours

Trail markings: The trail is marked with signposts and red trail markings.

3 Facts

- Peaceful forest trail surrounded by a lake
- Information boards and an old dead standing pine
- Wind-felled trees and variations in altitude

Getting to the trail

Ähtäri Zoo Camping parking area
Karhunkierros 229
63700 Ähtäri
N62 32.415 E24 10.372

Starting point is located some 300 m from the parking area, at the northern lakeside corner of the camping site. N62 32.493 E24 10.173

Trail description

The trail runs in the forest by Lake Hankavesi on the cape of Kierinniemi, where the middle part of the northern end rises about twenty metres above surface level of the lake. At couple of points, the trail runs by the lakeshore. Pines and spruces dominate the scenery, with undergrowth mainly consisting of mosses, bilberries and lingonberries.

You can still see the damage caused by the storms in the autumn of 2001, as some of the downed trees have been left there for environmental reasons. You can also see a dead standing pine that is a few hundred years old, and the now moss-covered and decomposing trenches built by the Russians at the beginning of the 20th century but never used.

There are information boards along the trail describing the history of the forest in the area.

There are no residential sites along the trail.

Level of difficulty

The Kierinniemi Nature Trail runs in a diverse forest terrain. At the start of the trail, there are duckboards in the wet sections. The slopes are quite gentle both going up and coming down. Some rocky and root-filled sections as well as fallen trees will slow you down in places. There is some variation in altitude, but only one steeper (>30%) part along the trail. Clear signposts and markings make it easy to follow the trail.

Good to know

The trail should be hiked in a counter-clockwise direction.

The trail is very narrow in places, and at some points young trees spread out onto the trail, so you should wear long sleeves and full-length trousers. Trainers are fine, but hiking boots are a good choice too. Some of the signposts read 'metsäpolku', some 'luontopolku', but they both refer to the same trail.

The Kierinniemi Nature Trail is one of the trails in the Ähtäri resort. It has a direct connection to the Nallenpolku Trail.

Trail facilities

Information board at the trail's starting point and several information boards along the trail.

Tourist information

[Ähtäri Zoo Resort Oy – Ähtäriin Matkailu](#)

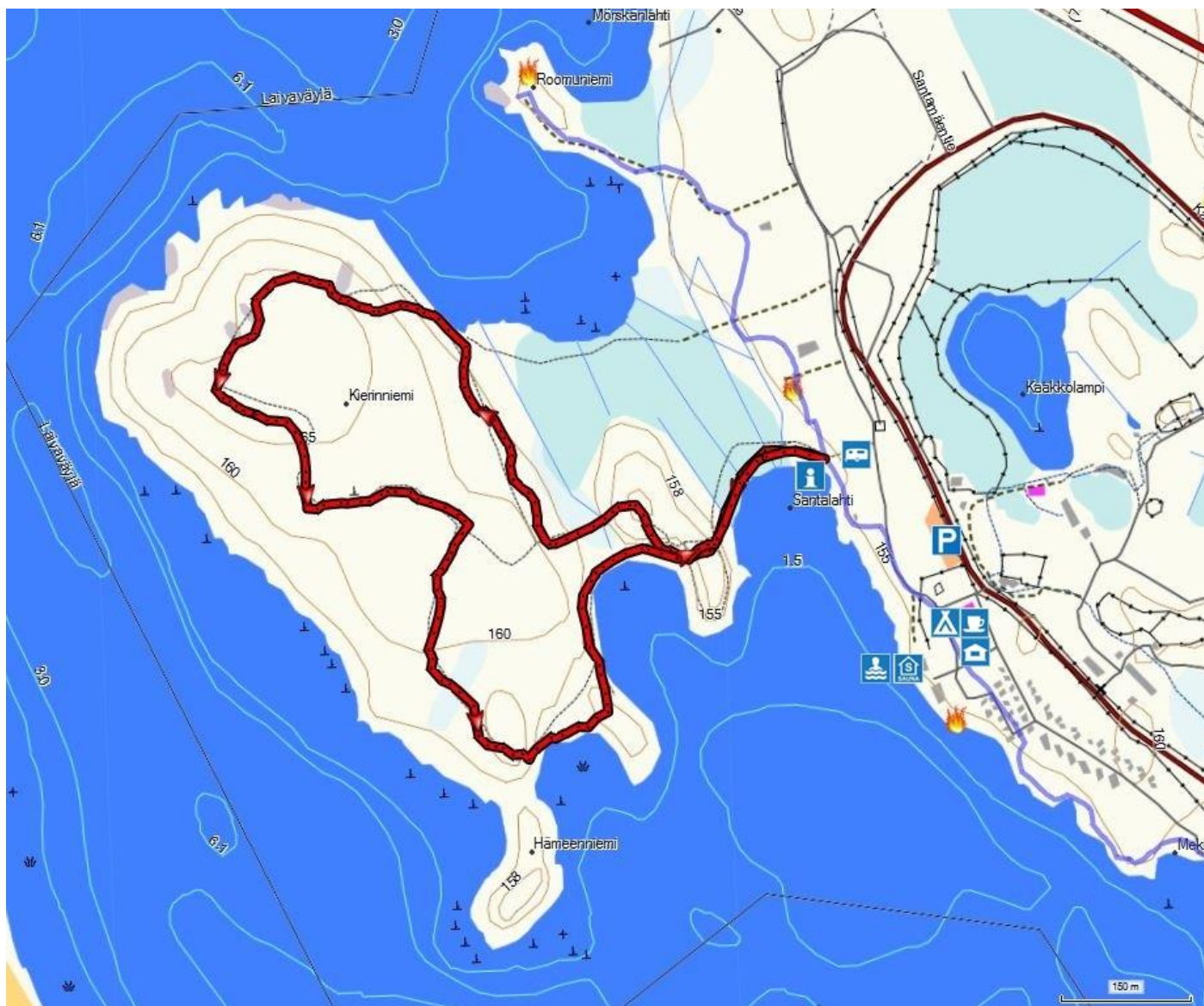
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Trail map: Kierinniemi Nature Trail 2.7 km, Ähtäri, Finland



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