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Nallenpolku Trail 4.3 km

Set in a beautiful lake landscape, the easy-to-walk Nallenpolku Trail winds through the Ähtäri resort. The trail is lit for the most part, and along the trail you will find three boards with interesting stories about the local history. After reading them, you will know how John III of Sweden is connected with Ähtäri, why Annikka Matintytär was put in the stocks for two Sundays, and when Russian soldiers once moved in the area. Along the trail, there are benches for resting, a summer café, and even accommodation services.

Trail rating: Easy

Suitability: The trail is ideal for those who value trails that are easy and safe to walk. **Duration:** About 2 hours one way 4.3 km from the Moksunniemi lean-to-shelter to the Roomuniemi Lapp 'kota' hut (ca. 3–4 hours there and back, 8.6 km).

Trail markings: The trail is marked with signposts and yellow paw signs.

3 Facts

- Easy-to-walk, lit trail in a lake landscape
- Information on the area's history
- Services along the trail

Getting to the trail

Starting point 1: Moksunniemi lean-to shelter (parking area is located next to the starting point) Moksunsalontie 36, Ähtäri N62 31.203 E24 12.541

Starting point 2: Ähtäri Zoo Camping parking area Karhunkierros 229 63700 Ähtäri N62 32.415 E24 10.372

At Ähtäri Zoo Camping, the Nallenpolku Trail runs in the area between the road (Karhunkierros) and the lakeshore. From the camping area, the distance to the Roomuniemi Lapp 'kota' hut is about 900 m and to the Moksunniemi lean-to-shelter 3.4 km.

Trail description

The trail meanders through the Moksunniemi area, which has been earmarked for holiday homes, offering a mix of lakeside and mixed forest scenery. The starting points for the trail are by Lake Hankavesi. At Moksunniemi, the trail runs right by a swimming spot.

In the Nallenpolku Trail's immediate vicinity, there are many second homes and holiday homes to rent. The trail goes past Hotel Mesikämmen and runs through the Ähtäri Zoo Camping site. There are information/story boards along the trail that reveal interesting facts about the area's history.

Level of difficulty

The Nallenpolku Trail runs in varied terrain, mostly along roads and other broad passages. There are only a few sections with actual narrower "paths". There is some variation in altitude along the trail, but the uphill and downhill sections are quite gentle. By the hotel, there are stairs with a handrail.

Clear signposts and markings make it easy to follow the trail. The trail is lit for almost all of its length, so you can walk it even at dusk.

Good to know

You can walk the trail in your normal outdoor clothing and a pair of comfortable shoes. On a warm day you should take a water bottle with you.

There is a direct connection from the Nallenpolku Trail to the Kierinniemi Nature Trail. Both of them are trails in the Ähtäri resort.

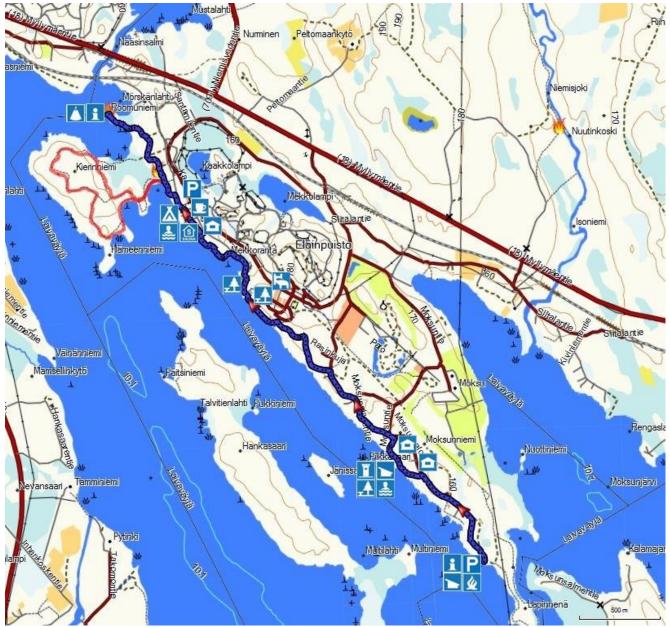
Trail facilities

Parking area, information/narrative board, leanto shelter, campfire site and firewood shed at the trail's starting point (Moksunniemi); beach, changing shelter, dry toilet, lean-to shelter, benches for resting, summer café, BBQ hut, firewood shed, information/narrative boards along the trail.

Tourist information

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Trail map: Nallenpolku Trail 4.3 km, Ähtäri, Finland



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