















**MAPS 7-8** 

# PERHONJOKI HIKING TRAIL (13.6 KM/DIRECTION)

See map sheet 8 for part of the trail Difficult trail – Long sections of the trail are rocky and have tree roots.

Easy trail – Vessi campfire site, Äijänsaari hut and campfire site, Haapakoski hut and campfire site, Lahnakoski and Vitsari canoe launching sites

Medium difficulty trail - Isokoski hut and campfire site Perhonjoki hiking trail runs between Vitsari and Lahnakoski in beautiful forest and riverside landscapes. Hikers return along the same route. From this trail, there is a connecting trail to Köykärinmäki and the hiking trails of Oivu and Sokoja.

The 150-kilometre long Perhonjoki River discharges into the sea to the north of Kokkola. Historically, the River Perhonjoki has been used for transporting goods, and a tar pit has been found at Äijänsaari. In the past, Äijänsaari was an island in the River Perhonjoki. Traces of old mills have also been found along the River Perhonjoki. The ruins of an old power station are located at Isokoski. In winter, the trail serves as a crosscountry ski track. Hikers can walk from Lahnakoski to Haapakoski hut in winter, but there is no winter maintenance on this trail.

Along Perhonjoki hiking trail, hikers will find Haapakoski hut, Vessi campfire site, and Isokoski and Äijänsaari huts. For paddlers, there are launching and landing sites at Lahnakoski, Vitsari, Isokoski and Äijänsaari.

# **SOKOJA-OIVU HIKING TRAIL (14.5 KM)**

Medium difficulty trail - The trail may be partly waterlogged in the wet season. Some sections of the trail are overgrown with grasses, and there are some height differences along it.

Difficult trail - The trail section at Sokoja stones is difficult. Some signposts are missing.

You can take a shortcut by following Oivu museum trail, which gives a total trail length of 10.4 km. This circle trail meanders along forests and cultural landscapes with rolling hills. There are two

Lapp huts, a campfire site and an outdoor toilet on the shore of Lake Lillpotten. The trail section on Oivu side runs through an area with a great deal of cultural history interest. One of the largest erratic boulders in Kokkola, Bjonstenen, is found along the trail.

The trail takes in Hurtas lean-to shelter. Hikers can reach the lean-to shelter by turning left at Hurtasberget to the direction of Dalbacka. There is a connecting trail from Lillpotten huts to Gulan. The trail from Sokoja to Lillpotten serves as a cross-country ski track in winter. Hikers can walk the other sections also in winter, but there is no winter maintenance on this

#### **CONNECTING TRAIL OIVU-LAHNAKOSKI** (4.5 KM/DIRECTION)

Easy/Medium difficulty/Difficult trail - Large parts of the trail follow a forest road, however some sections lead along paths and field margins. The lack of signposts adds to the difficulty on some sections of the trail. Visitors return along the same trail. The trail connects Perhonjoki hiking trail to Oivu and Sokoja trails. There is no maintenance on the trail in winter, but hikers are welcome to use it.

# **CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRACKS**

In a snowy winter, there are several maintained ski tracks in the area.



- When hiking, take note of the bird nesting season (from 15 April to 31 July).
- Please follow marked trails to avoid damaging the sensitive nature of this area.
- We follow the principles of litter-free hiking.
- The city does not provide firewood for all destinations, which is why hikers should bring their own firewood.

**EMERGENCY NUMBER** 

#### Access

# Perhonjoki hiking trail

The parking area for the trail is located a short distance after the former school building on the side of the road. There are signposts at the trailhead. The trail ends at Lahnakoskentie road.

#### Sokoja hiking trail Vanha Skrabbintie 19

The trailhead is at Sokoja football field. The parking area is small but in good condition. Please note that parents use this area to drop their children to the day-care centre and pick them up. Storrymningintie is a private road where access and parking are prohibited.

# Connecting trail Oivu-Lahnakoski

Lahnakoskentie 293.

There is a parking area at Lahnakoski landing site for canoes.

# Maintenance

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