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	Winter trail		Information board		Accessible destination		Disc golf
	Ski track on ice		Parking		Lean-to shelter		Winter trail
	Lighted ski track		Campfire site		Hut		Bird observation platform
	Ski track		Outdoor toilet		Guest marina		Open wilderness hut
	Paddling route		Bathing area		Boat launching ramp		Reservable hut
	Nature trail		Nature attraction		Birdwatching tower		Anchorage
	Hiking trail						
	Natura 2000 site						
	Valuable bird nesting area						



# LAAJALAHTI • ISOKARI

LAAJALAHTI NATURE TRAIL AND SHORELINE TRAIL •  
ISOKARI • KIRKKOLEHTO WETLAND • HICKARÖ



## MAP 6

### LAAJALAHTI SHORELINE TRAIL (1.7 KM)

*Difficult accessible trail* – the initial section of the trail starting in Laajalahti parking area follows an easy duckboard path. There is an accessible toilet as well as a barbecue shelter along the trail. The trail section after the barbecue shelter follows a gravel-surfaced path. This is a circle trail marked with signposts.

The first section of the trail leads along duckboards through dunes to the seashore. From here, the trail continues through a pine forest near the shore before turning back towards the parking area. Along the trail hikers will find a barbecue site, bathing area, changing rooms, accessible toilet, birdwatching tower and two campfire sites near the shore. The city provides firewood for the barbecue at Laajalahti bathing area. The trail is maintained for hikers in winter.

### LAAJALAHTI NATURE TRAIL (3.3 KM)

*Easy trail* – The trail runs partly along duckboards. It is marked with signposts and paint spots. This is a circle trail.

The nature trail starts near the parking area. It meanders in a herb-rich forest and leads along duckboards through shoreline reeds. Plenty of information about the local nature is provided on the trail, and there is a birdwatching tower and hide. In terms of landscape and vegetation, Laajalahti is an outstanding destination for a nature excursion with its pine forests, fossil sand dunes, beaches, alder groves and extensive coastal meadows. The Natura site consists mostly of aquatic and littoral nature and coastal forests. Bird life in the area is one of the most diverse in the region. While there is no winter maintenance on the trail, hikers are welcome to use it. Laajalahti is one of the highlight destinations of Kokkola.

### KIRKKOLEHTO WETLAND

*Difficult accessible trail* – The wide trail is paved with gravel.

You can experience the diversity of nature on this trail that follows the edges of Kirkkolehto wetland. A wide range of fish, birds, insects and plants thrive in the vicinity of a multiform wetland. The purpose of the wetland is to clean solids from Suntti catchment. The wetland also serves recreational and educational purposes. There is a campfire site along the nature trail. The city does not provide firewood for the destination, which is why hikers should bring their

own firewood. Hikers are welcome to use the trail in winter, but there is no winter maintenance except on Suntinvarsi cycle paths.

### HICKARÖ

There is a campfire site on the shores of Lake Öjanjärvi, with a dock and a toilet nearby. The area is also suitable as a day trip destination for people with reduced mobility and a starting point for a paddling trip. The outdoor toilet can accommodate a wheelchair, but there are no armrests or space for turning. The city does not provide firewood for the destination, which is why hikers should bring their own firewood.

### ISOKARI (0.8 KM)

*Accessible trail* – The initial trail section along duckboards is accessible as far as the boulder. There is an accessible toilet at the start of the trail. The duckboard trail has handrails and seats. Hikers return along the same trail, the length of which is 0.1 km in one direction.

*Medium difficulty trail* – The section around the island and paths leading to Isokari villas and the cellar. The trail is partially overgrown with grasses and slightly rocky. Some of the trail markings are missing.

Along the nature trail that leads around the island through a herb-rich forest, there are boards with information on the island's history and nature, a viewing platform and a rest stop. Broadleaf trees dominate most of Isokari island. There is a large erratic boulder on the northwest shore suitable for bouldering. The island's nature is dominated by the sea and lush herb-rich forests. There are rocky coastal meadows on the northern shore. Visitors can observe birds in Ykspihlajanlahti Bay from the island and from the birdwatching tower all year round. While there is no winter maintenance on the trail, hikers are welcome to use it.

### CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRACKS

Some of the ski tracks follow the same routes as the hiking trails. Please note this when hiking. The ski tracks of Ykspihlaja, Kirkonmäki and Halkokari and part of Santahaka tracks have lights. There is also a track for skiing with dogs in Kirkonmäki.



- *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.*

## Access

### Laajalahti

Hietanokantie 238

From Vaasantie road, turn at the sign to Laajalahti bathing area and follow the signposts. The parking area is at the end of Hietanokantie road. Signposts in the parking area point to the nature trails and bathing area.

### Hickarö

Rantatie 265.

The parking area is next to the road. The uneven parking area may be challenging for people with reduced mobility.

### Isokari

Isokarintie 13

Isokari is accessed through Lahdenperä industrial estate. From Pohjoisväylä turn to Kölitie road, continue left to Lahdenperäntie road and turn immediately to the right to Isokarintie. The parking area is at the end of the road. The trailhead is on the right-hand side of the parking area when approaching along the road. There is a pedestrian and cycle path next to Pohjoisväylä road.

### Kirkkolehto wetland

Heinolankaari

There is no actual parking area for Kirkkolehto wetland. However, there are several parking areas in the vicinity, and the wetland can be easily reached from the city centre by cyclists and walkers.

## EMERGENCY NUMBER

# 112

### Maintenance

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|--|----------------------------|--|-------------------|--|----------------------------|--|---------------------------|
|  | Lighted ski track          |  | Information board |  | Accessible destination     |  | Fishing dock              |
|  | Paddling route             |  | Pysäköinti        |  | Lean-to shelter            |  | Boat launching ramp       |
|  | Ski track                  |  | Outdoor toilet    |  | Ski track allowed for dogs |  | Bathing area              |
|  | Winter trail               |  | Campfire site     |  | Guest marina               |  | Winter trail              |
|  | Nature trail               |  | Disc golf         |  | Birdwatching tower         |  | Bird observation platform |
|  | Hiking trail               |  |                   |  |                            |  |                           |
|  | Natura 2000 site           |  |                   |  |                            |  |                           |
|  | Valuable bird nesting area |  |                   |  |                            |  |                           |