

- Border of the nature conservation area
- Other trail
- Road

- Rocky area
- Swamp
- Water

- Viewing platform
- Campfire site
- Parking area
- Toilet
- Nature attraction / Scenic view

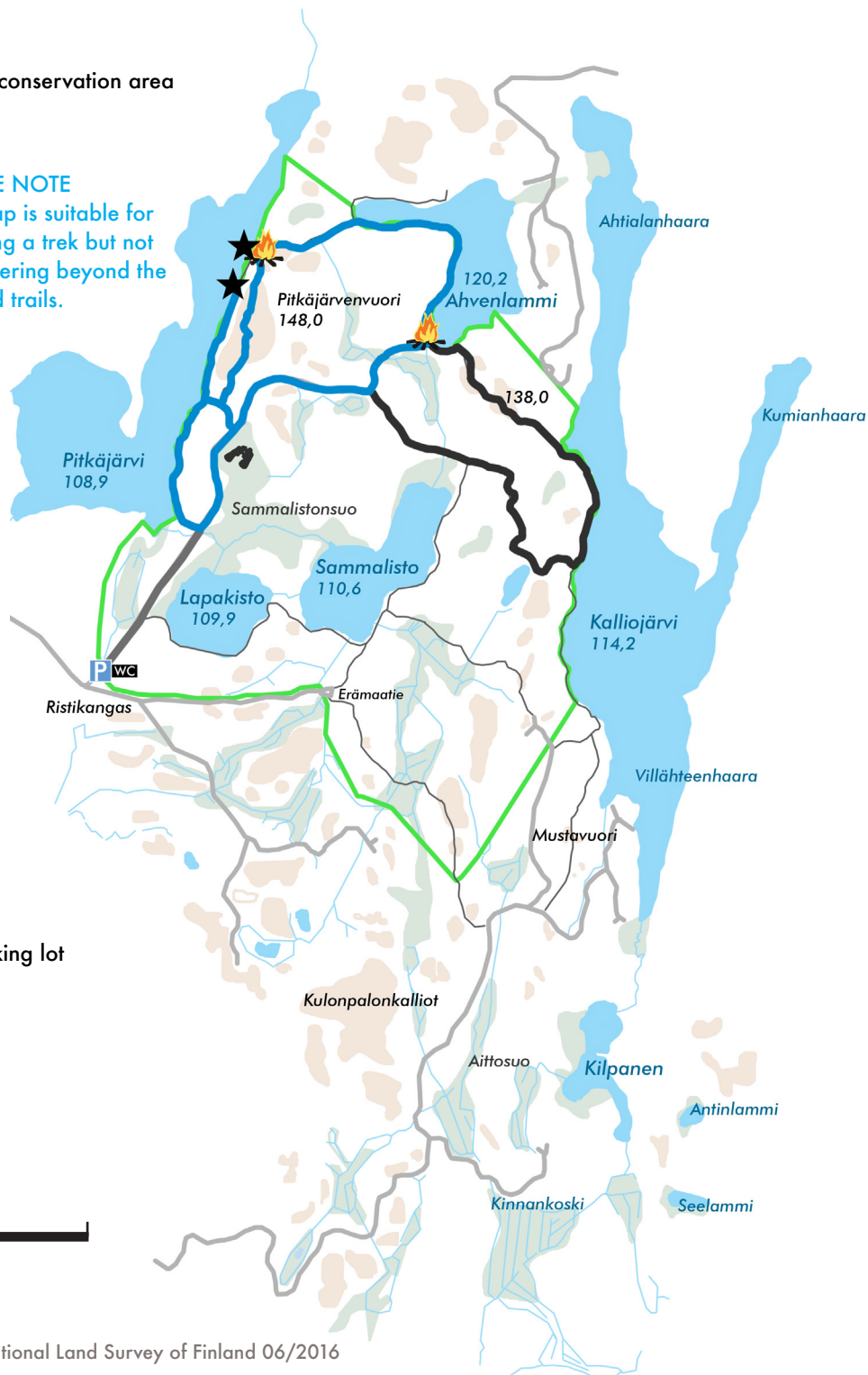
**PLEASE NOTE**  
This map is suitable for planning a trek but not orienteering beyond the marked trails.

Pitkäjärvi trail  
3,6 km

Connection to parking lot  
0,7 km

Ahvenlammi trail  
2,3 km

1000m



# PITKÄJÄRVI TRAIL

## LAPAKISTO NATURE CONSERVATION AREA



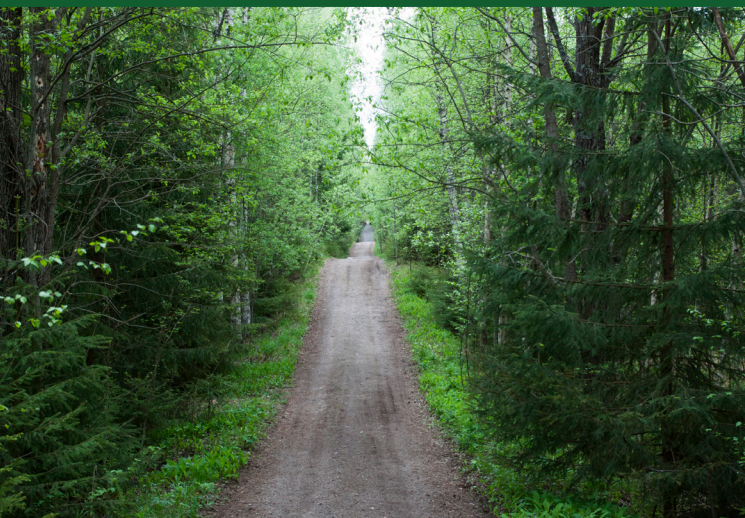


The Pitkäjärvi trail offers some of the most beautiful landscapes of the Lahti region. If you are willing to make the complete circuit, it is recommended to start from the forest road and walk anti-clockwise. This way you can enjoy the best views on the way back.

On the right side at the second crossroads there is a viewing platform overlooking the Sammalisto swamp. From the third crossroads the blue marks will guide you towards the peaceful open campfire site of Ahvenlammi. However, it is possible to take a detour to the fallen rocks on the shore if you turn left at the second crossroads.

route both options end up at the a crossroads further along. From there, it is easier to access the rocks and possible to contemplate them from a small wooden platform.

The rest of the route is best walked along the shore. You will see many old trees that have been felled by beavers and may even spot a pair of whooper swans nesting on the other side of the lake if you are lucky. The trail is easy to navigate, and fallen trees can be by-passed. The trail ends at the familiar forest road, which rises slightly before leading back down to the parking lot.



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Tip! If you are lucky, you might come across a blindworm (*Anguis fragilis*). It looks a little like a snake but it's actually a lizard without legs rather than a snake. This harmless and shy animal is mostly active mainly between dusk and dawn, but can sometimes be seen looking for food on a rainy day or just basking in the sun.

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After the Ahvenlammi campfire site, the trail narrows and follows the shoreline westward. The end of the lake is marshy, and many dragonflies can be seen here. The trail splits, with the left fork taking a gentle climbing up that leads away from Ahvenlammi. Old spruces give way to pines, and after a short hike you will see a lovely campfire site facing the evening sun. This looks out over the edge of a cliff, high above the water. After leaving this vantage point, it is possible to choose either to descend steeply straight to the fallen rocks on the shore or opt to enjoy the landscape first from above. Blue marks guide you to the upper trail, which joins the lower

