

# Hartola, Kuninkaanpolku Trail

Easy 3.8 km  
20 m 1-3 h



Pristine Tainionvirta river | Itä-Häme Museum | Atmospheric peatland forest

The Kuninkaanpolku Trail in Hartola is a fascinating mix of nature and culture. Stop on the Ekonkoski arched bridge to see trout swimming in the bright water. Continue with a relaxing walk through the pleasant peatland forest. Cross a gently rocking suspension bridge to the lovely surroundings of the Itä-Häme Museum, which showcases the varied history of the region.

## Description

Kuninkaanpolku Trail can be started from the Linna Hotel or Itä-Häme Museum. When starting from the Linna Hotel, the first section of the trail passes lovely old buildings belonging to the folk high school Itä-Hämeen opisto. From there, the trail follows an idyllic country road towards the arched bridge crossing the pristine Ekonkoski rapids in River Tainionvirta. After the bridge, the trail continues along the road until it turns right into the forest. The path leading through the forest is clearly marked. The landscape consists of peatland forest, and you can give your feet a soothing peat treatment if you wish. After the forest section, the trail follows a field to the sports ground, from where a suspended bridge across River Tainionvirta leads to the beautiful surroundings of Itä-Häme Museum. After the museum, the trail continues to the old Hartola Church monument and makes one more turn towards the river before leading to the Kaikulantie road and back to the starting point along a lovely birch path.

## Good to know

There are two swimming beaches along the trail: next to the sports field, and near Kaikulantie. In addition, there is a winter swimming place near the museum. In the winter, there are ski tracks in the forest sections of the trail and, therefore, it can only be walked during the snow-free seasons. The town of Hartola with its services is quite close to the trail. River Tainionvirta is also a good canoeing destination (see p. 16) and one of the most popular rapids fishing places in Southern Finland.

## Difficulty

The trail consists of paths, dirt roads and pedestrian routes, and is very easy to walk. The hardest sections are between Ekonkoski rapids and the sports grounds, where the path leads through fairly damp swamp terrain. For this reason, waterproof shoes are recommended, unless the weather has been very dry.

## How to get there

The trail can be started from the Linna Hotel or Itä-Häme Museum. Hartola has good bus connections.



### STARTING POINT:

Linna Hotelli, Kaikulantie 86, Hartola, N61 34.269, E26 02.183

Itä-Häme Museum, Koskipääntie 4, Hartola, N61 34.128, E26 01.015

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