

Päijänne-Ilves

Medium 13 km 78 m 3-5 h

Tuomasvuori observation tower | Frans Joosef Pond, nature reserve area | Forest brooks and ponds

The Päijänne-Ilves trail forms a connection to the Evo Hiking Area. It contains nicely varying terrain, including villages, forests, swamps and dry peaty forests. The Cudgel War memorial adds a touch of history, and Frans Joosef Pond's nature reserve lets you experience pristine nature. Another noteworthy landmark is an exceptionally large boulder close to the end of the trail.

Description

The diverse Päijänne-Ilves trail starts from Padasjoki Marina. It includes paved pedestrian and bicycle routes, gravel road, forest road, fields and forest paths. The start of the trail is easy to walk and there is not much elevation. Before the middle section of the trail, in the village of Nyystölä, there is a Cudgel War memorial, after which you can make a separate trip to the Nyystölä birdwatching tower. The end of the trail is more difficult, as it includes more incline and rocky places, and the scenery also becomes more forested. There is one lean-to shelter along the trail, Nuijamiehenkolo, about 10 km from the starting point. There is also a compost toilet next to the shelter. After the lean-to, the trail continues towards the Frans Joosef Pond nature reserve and on towards Tarus, where there is a campfire site, swimming beach, camping site and parking area.

Good to know

From the end point of the trail, you can continue using the extensive trail networks of Tarus and Evo Hiking Areas or onto the Aurinko-Ilves connecting trail leading to Vääkysy (see page 12). There is one lean-to shelter along the trail. The Tuomastornit observation towers near Padasjoki Marina are definitely worth visiting. A wide range of services is available at the Padasjoki Marina and in the centre of Padasjoki at the beginning of the trail.

Difficulty

This medium trail takes about 3 to 5 hours to walk. It can be walked in running shoes, but in rainy weather and early in the morning the grass is wet, so waterproof shoes are recommended. Due to the challenging rocky sections and inclines, hiking boots may be a better choice. In addition, take a map, knife, matches and toilet paper with you.

How to get there

The trail starts from Padasjoki Marina. You can travel by bus to the centre of Padasjoki, which is about 2 km from the starting point. The end of the trail in Tarus is about 3 km from the nearest bus stop (which is on highway 24).

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STARTING POINT:

Padasjoki Marina, Laivarannantie 41, Padasjoki
N61 21.744 E25 17.705

END POINT:

Iso-Tarusjärvi, Taruksentie 290, Padasjoki
N61 17.295 E25 15.562

TRAIL MARKINGS: Yellow painted marks and ribbons

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