



National Park

Pallas-Yllästunturi



Pallas-Yllästunturi National Park protects the chain of fells of Western Lapland. The park is the third largest national park in Finland and its highest point is Taivaskero fell, 809m. In the north the landscape is characterized by gently sloping, upland-like Ounastunturi fell. The southernmost fell of the chain, Yllästunturi, rises among old forests. Part of the fell is outside the boundaries of the national park.



Nature of the National Park

Nature of the national park is diverse. Habitats vary from forests and mires to fells. In the summer up to 150 different species of birds can be found inside the park. In the winter the landscape becomes alive with Rock Ptarmigans living up on the treeless fells, Willow Grouses in the bushes of Mountain Birch and Siberian Jays, Crossbills and Siberian Tits living in the forests. Brown Bear is one of the large carnivores permanently living in the park. In the park you can find almost all the plants which grow in the Northern Lapland except those requiring soil which contains limestone. In addition to its protective and recreational tasks, the park is very important to researchers. Important international research is done in the fields of air quality, forests of tree line, effects of tourism and the ecology and changes of the population of different voles and Norway Lemmings. Reindeer and reindeer herding is still an important part of the life in National Park.

Services of the Park

There are several different trekking trails in both winter and summer, nature trails, fireplaces, open and reservation huts as well as rental huts. Three visitor centers give out information. Villages with their tourism services surrounding the park add more to the experiences of nature and culture.

Respect the nature

You can participate in protecting the unique nature of the national park by following the rules and instructions of the park and following the litter-free rules of trekking.

Pallas-Yllästunturi National Park

- Was founded in 2005
- Area is approximately 1020 km²
- Located in the municipalities of Enontekiö, Kittilä, Kolari and Muonio
- Metsähallitus, Parks & Wildlife Finland, maintains all the 40 national parks in Finland

Instructions to the visitors

YOU ARE ALLOWED TO

- Move around on foot, skiing, rowing or paddling except in the restricted areas
- Cycling is allowed in trails marked for it
- Pick berries and mushrooms

RESTRICTED

- Making fire and camping is allowed only at the locations marked for this purpose except wilderness areas where camping is allowed anywhere and making fire is possible close to water using dry wood
- In the restricted areas of Onnasjärvi, Onnasjoki, Pyhäjoki and Varkaankuru moving around is limited in the summer

FORBIDDEN

- To make a fire during forest fire alarm
- Letting pets loose
- Moving with motored vehicles
- Littering and destroying constructions
- Collecting plants and soil
- Catching, chasing and killing animals
- Moving in the restricted areas of Hanhivuoma, Pahakuru, Suaskuru and Haltioletto all year round

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Additional information

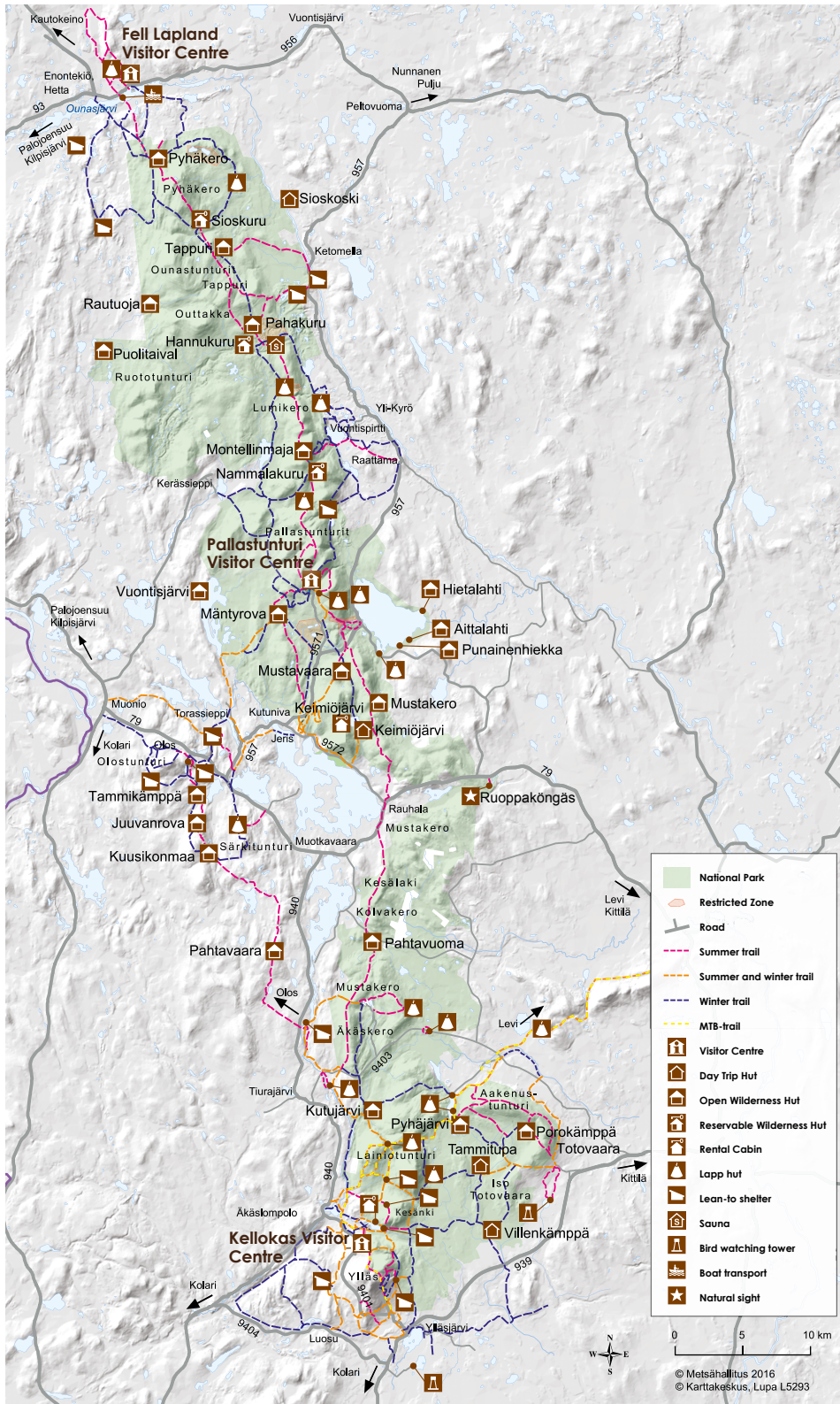
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- www.nationalparks.fi/pallas-yllastunturinp
- Maps: www.retkikartta.fi, Ylläs-Levi Outdoor map 1:50 000, Pallas, Hetta, Olos Outdoor map 1:50 000, Galazo Pallas Ylläs Aakenus 1:50 000

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HETTA AND OUNAS

- Peurapolku - learn about history of reindeer, 2 km
- Jyppyrä Scenic Spot, 1.6 km
- Kuntopolku, Circuit Trail at Jyppyrä, 4 km
- Palosenjärvi Circuit, 9.5 km
- Pahtajärvi Circuit, 18 km

PALLAS

- Nature Trail in Vatikuro, 3 km, at the tree line
- Pyhäjoki Nature Trail, 3.5 km, in the grove-like spruce forest
- Nature Winter Trail at Pallas, 3 km, on the fell in winter
- Taivaskero Circuit, 9 km, an ascent of 340 m
- Palkaskero Circuit, 7 km, an ascent of 240 m

YLLÄS

- Cloudberry Trail (Hillapolku), 6 km, learn about plants at Kesänkijärvi Lake
- Kiiruna Circuit (Kiirunan kieppi), 15 km, geology
- Varkaankuru Nature Trail, 3.5 km, in deciduous woodland
- Prey Trail (Saalistusjotos), 5 km, about searching for prey
- Star Trail (Tähtipolku), 8 km, northern sky
- Äkässaivo Circle Trail, 3 km

HIKING TRAILS

- The Hetta - Pallas Trail, 55 km, open and reserved wilderness huts, lean-to's
- The Pallas - Rauhala - Ylläs Trail, 72 km, limited services
- The Pallas - Olos Trail, 28 km, open wilderness hut
- The Ylläs - Olos Trail, 54 km, open wilderness huts
- The Ylläs - Levi Trail, 50 km, MTB -Trail, open wilderness huts

