



Posionjärvi paddling route

Route description

Posionjärvi lake extends from the centre of Posio to the west and northwest, all the way to Keski-Posio and Perä-Posio. Beyond the centre of Posio, some residential areas and summer homes can be seen along the shores, but there are also plenty of forests and wetlands, as well as numerous islands in their natural state.

The sheltered and interesting paddling route heads to the Maaninkasaaret islands, which are like a charming miniature archipelago. There is also a bird observation tower on the mainland to the east of the Maaninkasaaret islands. Another interesting place to visit is the historic cemetery of Sarvisaari.

You can paddle around Posionjärvi as a day trip, either as a shorter loop from the centre of Posio to the Maaninkasaaret islands and back, or by paddling from Keski-Posio to the centre.

Start of the route

Posionjärvi lake is easily accessible. It is easy to paddle around it, starting either from the boat dock in the centre of Posio, or from next to the dock. When leaving from Keski-Posio, a good starting place is Hevossalmi, for example, as you can launch a canoe or kayak from its north side.



Route information

Route length: circular route 7 km, from Keski-Posio to the centre 9 km

Duration: 2–3 hours

Level of difficulty: Easy

Suitability: Tourists, hikers, canoe and kayak fishers

Ease of paddling: Good

Route markings: GPX track

Availability: 1 June–15 October (or until the lake freezes)

Further information:
www.italappi.fi/en/outdoor



Good to know

The routes presented here are suggestions that the user should apply and modify according to their needs, skill level and weather conditions. Posionjärvi is mainly quite narrow and sheltered. In addition, there are many islands of different sizes in the lake, which provide protection from the wind and bring variety to the landscapes along the route. The route is suitable for day trips for paddlers of all skill levels, but can also be combined with paddling in Kitkajärvi lake, for example.

It is recommended that you bring equipment suitable for lake paddling, such as a kayak, canoe or SUP board (taking the weather conditions into account).

Since the route is not marked on the terrain, a map, GPS device or navigation app is necessary. Nutritional snacks and sufficient drinks should be packed for the entire trip. The weather in Lapland can be unpredictable, so weatherproof clothing and layering are recommended. For emergencies, it is a good idea to download the 112 Suomi app to your phone and bring basic first aid supplies with you.

