

HUPIISAARET



The Hupisaaret area is a green oasis full of fun in the immediate vicinity of central Oulu. The area consists of several dozens of small islands, separated by small babbling brooks. The area is filled with parks as well as meadows and groves almost in their natural state.

The Oulujoki delta with its islands is a valuable natural vista. The history of the Hupisaaret islands stretches back to the 17th century. During the 18th century, the islands were used for grazing land and for growing hops, among other things. In the 19th century, the Hupisaaret islands were turned into a city park when a children's day-care centre was opened in the area and the island area was renovated. The park area had a garden already in 1826. The islands' flora went wild during the wars, and in 1960, the dams and bridges were repaired, and the

Oulu university botanical gardens were established. The beauty of the botanical gardens, later moved to Linnanmaa, still echoes on Paratiisasaari ("Paradise Island") and Kiikkusaari ("Swing Island"). Late in the autumn, you might catch a glimpse of the spawning habits of the endangered sea trout. The Lasaretinsaari island is one of the most significant cultural-historical attractions of the North Ostrobothnia region due to its history, buildings and scenic landscape.

Other attractions in the Hupisaaret area include the North Ostrobothnia Museum, Art Museum, the new, architecturally magnificent theatre stage pavilion and the Merikoski fishway built next to the river. The fishway enables the migrating fish to rise from the sea, past the power plant to the upper reaches of the Oulujoki river. Next to the fishway, you can see remnants of salmon dams and vetomöjlä, a tar-boat bypass channel terraced into the riverside.



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Starting point	The Kirkkokatu parking area, for example, at Kirkkokatu 1, 90100 Oulu
Duration	Different route choices
Services	Playground, outdoor grill, summer café, restaurants
Track markings	Clear track markings
Difficulty	The routes are mainly accessible by wheelchair or baby stroller. Some routes are not accessible.

The area is crisscrossed with a bicycle and walking path network.

The Kiikkusaari island has a central playground beloved by families with children, an outdoor grill, summer café, rose garden and an exhibition greenhouse open to the public.



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Services

-  Accommodation
-  Campfire spot
-  Parking area
-  Restaurant, cafe
-  Toilets
-  Theater stage
-  Museum

Hiking routes

-  Hupisaaret city park
-  Ainolanpuisto park

