



Meiekose study trail

Study trail starts almost at the borderline between Viljandi and Pärnu counties which is about one kilometer from the Visitors' Center towards Jõesuu. It is forbidden to drive or ride a motorvehicle on the trail. Meiekose trail leads along the old Kõpu – Jõesuu causeway to sightsee the meadows on Tõramaa River Delta, which are part of the Soomaa heritage. 2.8 km long track's sights are flood plains, different types of plants, beautiful bends of a river, knotty oak trees. Trail can be travelled on foot, bicycle or horseback and on skis in winter. Journey can begin whether from Tõramaa or Meiekose. The trail drops in an old farmstead sites, Lilleniidu, Tammerada and Metsaheinamaa. The trail is equipped with info stands.

There are several rare plant species on **small Lilleniidu**, that flower during the summer. It is not allowed to collect protected plants. If you decide to walk the **Tammering** you extend the hike approximately 0.5 km. On riverside meadow grow mighty knotty oaks, which are more than three hundred years old.

Metsaheinamaa. On Raudna and Tõramaa river mouth catches the eye species rich and picturesque flood plain meadow. The place is suitable to rest and make fire.

We recommend that you first visit the National Park visitor center before heading out to the hiking trails.

Access to Meiekose study trail from Tallinn – Pärnu – Tori direction:
drive to Tori settlement. Turn to Võlli road which bounds for national park, thence along the Jõesuu road to Jõesuu settlement (6 km). Before reaching the settlement Jõesuu signpost indicates the road to the right. Drive to Riisa village cross the Halliste bridge drive 5,2 km further until the parking lot and the signpost which marks the beginning of the hiking trail.

Tartu – Viljandi direction: Drive along Tartu – Viljandi – Pärnu road to Kõpu settlement. After passing Kõpu cemetery turn to the right to Kõpu – Jõesuu road drive 25 km until the parking lot and the signpost which marks the beginning of the hiking trail.

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Soomaa National Park

Soomaa National Park is created in 1993 to protect large raised bogs, flood-plain grasslands, paludified forests and cultural heritage in south-western Estonia. The area of the park is 396 square kilometers and it is located in Pärnu and Viljandi county border. Soomaa park's diverse landscapes provide suitable habitats for different bird and animal species. The sights in Soomaa National Park are: big and virgin peat-bogs, numerous rivers, species-rich water meadows and wooded meadows. Soomaa is characterized by recurring floods every year. The flood is called "the fifth season", when the high water-level floats over the potamic meadows and floodplain forests. In Soomaa National Park the history of human habitation goes back to the Stone Age. Numerous stone and bone findings in Riisa and Sandra villages bear witness to the ancient settlements.

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