

Soomaa National Park

- raja algus; the start of the trail
- infotahvel; information board
- vaatetorn; looking tower
- lõkkekoht telkimisega; campfire site with camping spaces
- parkla; parking
- puhkekoht; rest area
- okasmets; coniferous forest
- rohumaa; meadow
- matkarada; hiking trail
- lehtmets; deciduous forest



Tõramaa wooded meadow

Nearly 300 species of vascular plants have found on **restored floodplain meadows of Halliste river**. Soomaa park's flora comprises 539 vascular plant species, of which 24 species are spore-bearing plants, gymnosperms 4 kinds of plants and 511 species of angiosperms. Soomaa flora have 33 protected plant species, 15 Red Data Book of Estonia species and 5 species which are referred to the notes of the Habitats Directive (Suurkask 2010).

Wooded meadows are sparse, marshy plains stand on swampy, adequately moist, dry ground, used as a land of grass and often after grazing as pasture. On the meadows mainly grow deciduous trees and shrubs, per group, or individually, coniferous trees are rare. Herbaceous plants can be very rich in species, depending on soil characteristics, age and maintenance of the wooded meadow. There is a classic meadow covered with scattered oak trees on the banks of Halliste river. Wooded meadows are habitats for Siberian iris, Shining Meadow Rue and Meadow Gladiolus. Wide homogeneous areas are covered by Meadowsweet and Sedges in the summer. Tõramaa wooded meadow has been well maintained.

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

Access to the Tõramaa wooded meadow 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. To the National Park Nature Center remains 14,4 km. Pass the NP Center and drive about 500 m, there is a signpost which leads you to the wooded meadow and the observation tower.

Tartu – Viljandi direction: Drive along Tartu – Viljandi – Pärnu road to Kõpu settlement. After passing Kõpu cemetery turn to the right to Kõpu – Jõesuu road. The signpost showing to Tõramaa wooded meadow and observation tower is another 23,8 km. NB! Heavy rain and spring floods make the access to Tõramaa wooded meadow difficult.

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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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