

Hiking trail

GPS coordinates (WGS84):

Starting point

N62 25.636 E21 49.753

Suksenjärvi trail

Teuva

SOUTH OSTROBOTHNIA



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Suksenjärvi Trail 8 km (one way)

The trail starts on the heaths at the Parra Leisure Centre and heads towards the former loggers' cabin at Sivi, passing through commercial forest sites of various ages. A sense of the wilderness can be experienced by Lake Suksenjärvi, where you can climb up two bird-watching towers and spot a wide range of avian species during the spring migration and nesting periods. Along this trail, there are several options for a rest spot from simple huts to lean-to shelters, and all of these rest spots also have a dry toilet.

Trail rating: Medium

Suitability: The trail is suitable for hikers with some experience, but also for fit beginners.

Duration: 3–4 hours one way (8 km) and 5–7 hours there and back (16 km).

Trail markings: The trail is marked with signposts and blue trail markings, and crossroads and rest spots have “You are here” maps.

3 Facts

- A medium trail in varied scenery
- Two bird-watching towers by a lake
- Nice cabins and a lean-to shelter for taking breaks

Getting to the trail

Parra Leisure Centre parking area
Parrantie 27
64700 Teuva
N62 25.616 E21 49.688

In front of the parking area, behind the trees, there is a large trail network map, and near the map you can see wooden signposts (e.g. “Sivin kämppä”).

Trail description

The trail's starting point is by Luonto-Parra's holiday homes. It soon crosses the Itämetsäntie/Mäntymetsäntie crossroads. A bit later it crosses Hautaharjuntie, following this road until it crosses Luovantie. The trail then runs along paths, forest roads and roads by the edges of fields past Lake Suksenjärvi towards the former loggers' cabin, 'Sivin kämppä'. The trail passes through commercial forest sites of various ages, also passing an old-growth forest 'Aarniometsä', logging areas, open fields and thickets by the lake.

Lake Suksenjärvi gives hikers a glimpse of wilderness and is the ideal destination for bird lovers: two bird-watching towers provide vast views over a lake that has become almost overgrown. The lake's birdlife is at its richest during the spring migration in April–May. Birds nesting at the lake include swans, common cranes, wood sandpipers, mallards, common goldeneyes and snipes. Occasionally, you may spot a northern hobby or a western marsh harrier hunting on the lake. During the autumn migration period it is rather quiet at the lake.

At the cabin 'Järvikämppä' and at Sivi ('Sivin kämppä'), you can sign the guestbook and have a nice break in a simple old cabin that will lead your thoughts away from the hecticness of now to a bygone era.

There are no permanent residences along the trail.

Level of difficulty

The trail runs in varied terrain along paths, forest roads, the edges of fields and lakeside tracks. For the most part, it is rather easy to walk. There are some wetter sections where you need to choose the best route to walk as there are no duckboards. There is relatively little variation in altitude and no steep uphill sections. Clear signposts and markings make it easy to follow the trail.

Good to know

The trail passes through some wet sections, so you should wear waterproof hiking boots, or even rubber boots if hiking in late autumn or winter. The wettest sections are at Aarniometsä and around the northern bird-watching tower; in spring, in late autumn and in winter before the snow sets in, the water may reach up to your

ankles. In dry summer weather you will do fine wearing your trainers.

There are some stretches that are overgrown with grass, so it would be good to wear full-length trousers.

You should take a packed lunch and something to drink with you, as well as some toilet paper. Bird lovers surely remember to take their binoculars with them.

There is no organised waste management along the trail, so take a plastic bag with you. This way, you will be able to take away everything that you bring with you.

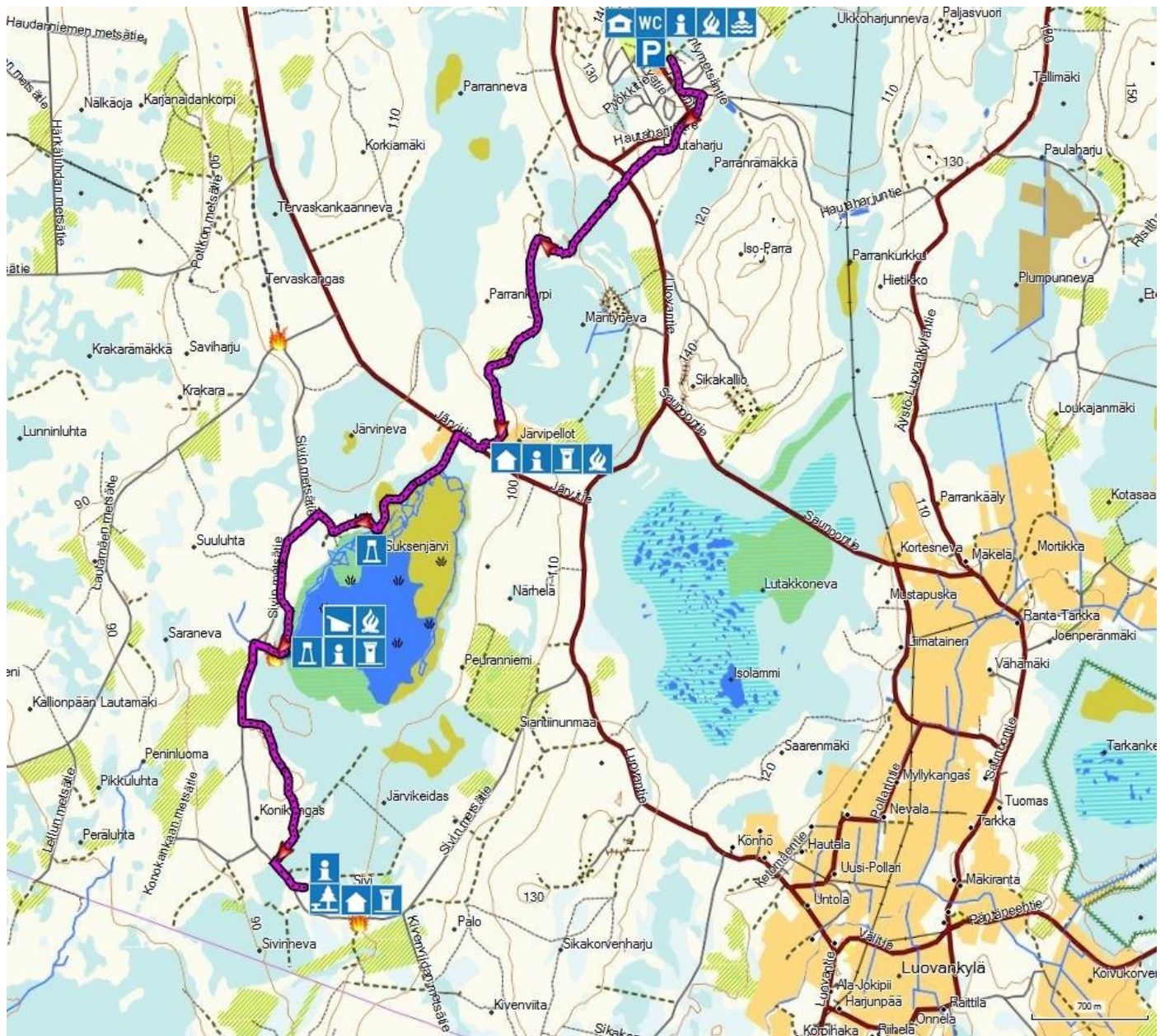
The Suksenjärvi Trail runs from Parra to Sivi and back. The length of the trail is about 8 km one-way; you will hike until the cabin at Sivi ('Sivin kämppä'), turn there and come back the same way, which means the total length of the trail is about 16 km. Another option is to book a taxi to take you back from Sivi to Parra. In the winter skiing season, you can take a circular trail by skiing from the cabin at Sivi to the other side of Lake Suksenjärvi and across Lutakkoneva towards Parra.

The trail is part of the Teuva–Karijoki trail network. There is a connection from the trail to Pappilankangas at Teuva and Kakkori at Karijoki.

Trail facilities

Parking area, covered BBQ area, swimming dock by the pond and toilet (near the starting point); campfire site, firewood shed, information board, dry toilet and rest hut (Järvikämppä); bird-watching towers, lean-to shelter, campfire site, dry toilet (Lake Suksenjärvi), and rest hut with a dry toilet and a firewood shed (Sivin kämppä).

Trail map: Suksenjärvi Trail (= Parra-Suksenjärvi-Sivi) 8 km, Teuva, Finland



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