HIETASAARI

The Hietasaari recreational area is mainly post-glacial rebound with lush vegetation and old garden and park trees, dotted with old villas and gardens. Visitors to the area can acquaint themselves with different kinds of vegetational zones, coastal meadows and forests, young and grove-like peaty forests, and the various types of birds indigenous to the area.

Hietasaari is located next to the city of Oulu, very close to the city centre, and is connected to the Nallikari recreational area. The main starting point of the nature trails is at Nallikari. Arrival by car or bus is via the Toppilansalmi bridge. By foot or bike, Nallikari is about 3 kilometres from the city centre, through the Pikisaari and Oulujoki scenic bridge route. The local bus runs from the Oulu city centre straight to Nallikari.

### HIETASAARI ROUTE 5.2 KM

On the longest route of the area, you can see all of Hietasaari’s essential sights. The route runs South from Nallikari, along the coastline. The Loistikari viewing platform and campfire spot are located along the route, along with the Rantakurvi birdwatching tower, from where the route turns east. The route continues through the Johteenholvi pine forest, the Salasalmi flood meadows and brush to the old villa grounds, and from there along the bike path back to Nallikari.
KUTTERINKUJA ROUTE 4,3 KM

On this second longest route, you can see all the central sights of Hietasaari. The route is otherwise identical to the Hietasaari route, but shorter on the last part from Johteenhovi back to Nallikari.

LINTUTORNI ROUTE 3,2 KM

The birdwatching tower route runs along the coast from Nallikari past the Loistokari viewing platform and campfire spot to the Rantakurvi birdwatching tower. On the route, you can familiarize yourself with the species and the coastal forests found in the flood meadows. From the birdwatching tower, the route turns north-east and returns to Nallikari.

HIETASAARI ILLUMINATED SKI/SAWDUST TRACK 2 KM

The Hietasaari ski/sawdust track runs from the spa hotel past the campsite towards east and the Mustasaari island’s Holstinpuisto park and loops the park to come back to Nallikari. In Holstinpuisto, you can see many species native to the grove-like peaty forest, old deciduous and coniferous trees and planted Swiss pines.

LOISTOKARI ROUTE 1,7 KM/BEACH ROUTE 2 KM

The Loistokari route and the slightly longer Beach route meander along the seaside, making a small loop deeper into the Hietasaari island.