Pilpasuo is a vast wetland area with minimal ditch drainage, preserved almost in its natural state. The flora and fauna are very diverse and wilderness-like for a place so close to the hustle and bustle of the city. The forests that surround the wetland range from dry heaths to lush spruce forests. Most of Pilpasuo lies on a 3000-year-old coastal meadow, which was at the time part of the Oulujoki river estuary.

23 different types of wetland have been identified at Pilpasuo. The diverse nature makes Pilpasuo a favourite of birds. Meadow pipits and western yellow wagtails are especially prevalent. Pilpasuo is also home to many flowers, like the pink bog rosemary, bogbean and leatherleaf, which blooms when May turns to June.

The Pilpasuo nature trail starts from the parking area located alongside the Pilpaselkä forest road. The first rest stop is at the edge of the bog surrounding Pahalampi, 300 metres off. After Pahalampi the route continues through boggy areas to the Pilpakangas pine forest, where the second rest stop is located at about halfway through the hike. The rocky AlaKorkiaakangas peak path runs past the ancient beach and takes you back to the marshlands. After the swamp near the pond, the hike reaches its conclusion at the starting spot.
LYSTIREITTI ROUTE 1 KM

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The Pahalampi nature trail also starts from the Pilpaselkä forest road’s parking area. The only rest stop on the short trail is at the start of the hike, at the edge of the bog surrounding Pahalampi. The signs on the crossroads point out the recommended direction.

**Sights and attractions:** Pahalampi, Alakorkiakan-gas ancient beach, open bog, rare black alder forest

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### Services
- Lean-to
- Campfire spot
- Parking area
- Ancient beach site

### Hiking routes
- Pilpasuo nature trail, sense-invigorating route
- Lystireitti route
- Tervareitti route