

## Niivermäki conservation area

The Niivermäki Conservation Area owned by the City of Kouvola was established by a decision of the Centre for Economic Development, Trade and the Environment on 4 July 2014 through the METSO programme. The area belongs to the southern part of the Northern Coniferous Belt, also known as the Southern Boreal Zone. The wooded swamps, tree-lined cliffs, precipices and crags of this 30-hectare forest offer a range of habitats for many species, even some very sensitive ones. The biodiversity of the area's old forest, which has been preserved in its natural state, is also increased by large and ancient broadleaved trees and decaying trees. Its conservation value is also based on the many different species that the area is home to. The triangle formed by Niivermäki and its nearby rocky outcrops is an excellent example of a landscape comprising rock-based ridge and mountain formations orientated in a south-west to north-east direction.

Niivermäki is a unique place in the middle of a population centre, which is easy to start to explore. Signboards along the nature trail that goes around the area explain Niivermäki's nature and sights. In the shade of the old forest, you can enjoy the features of the wilderness and a forest setting right in the middle of a town. Take a break at the observation tower and try to spot ravens and other local birds. In this forest, felling was last carried out in the 1950s, and since then it has been allowed to grow naturally. The forest radiates a magical, old-forest atmosphere and, in its shade, you can escape the daily grind!



### Transport connections

Niivermäki Conservation Area is situated in the Kuusankoski district of Kouvola in the vicinity of Kuusaantie and Highway 6. Parking spaces in the neighbourhood can be used for parking. The area is easily accessible on foot or by bike. From Kouvola and Kuusankoski to Niivermäki, take buses 1,2 or 7. Timetables and bus-stop information can be found on the websites of Matkahuolto and the City of Kouvola.

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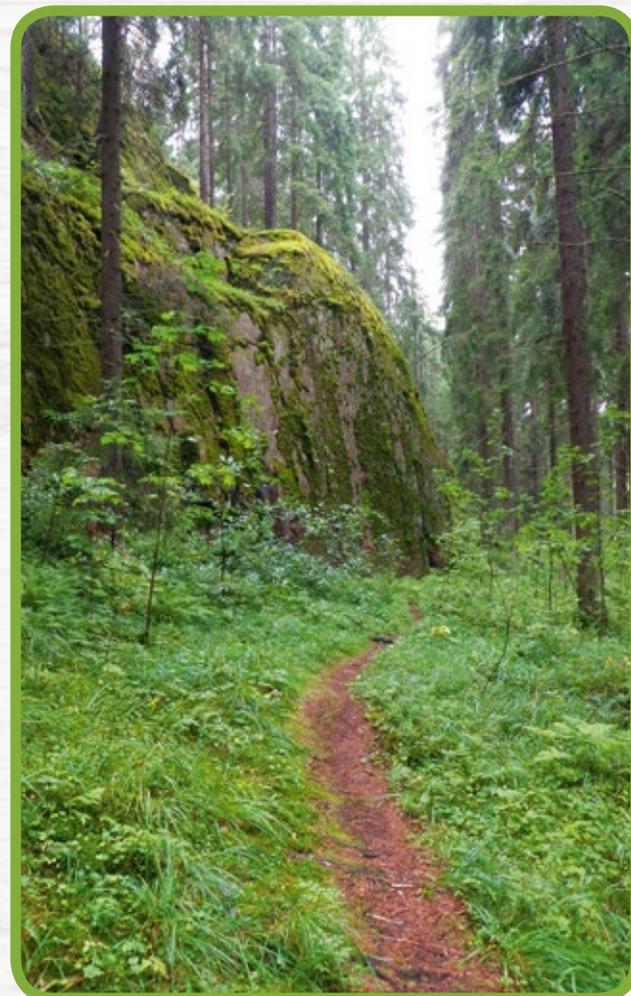


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# NIIVERMÄKI

## conservation area and nature trail



## WELCOME TO NIIVERMÄKI!

In order to ensure that you and other people have a nice time in the area, please observe the following rules. If you do, you will also be a part of conserving nature in the area!

*Only leave your footprints behind!*

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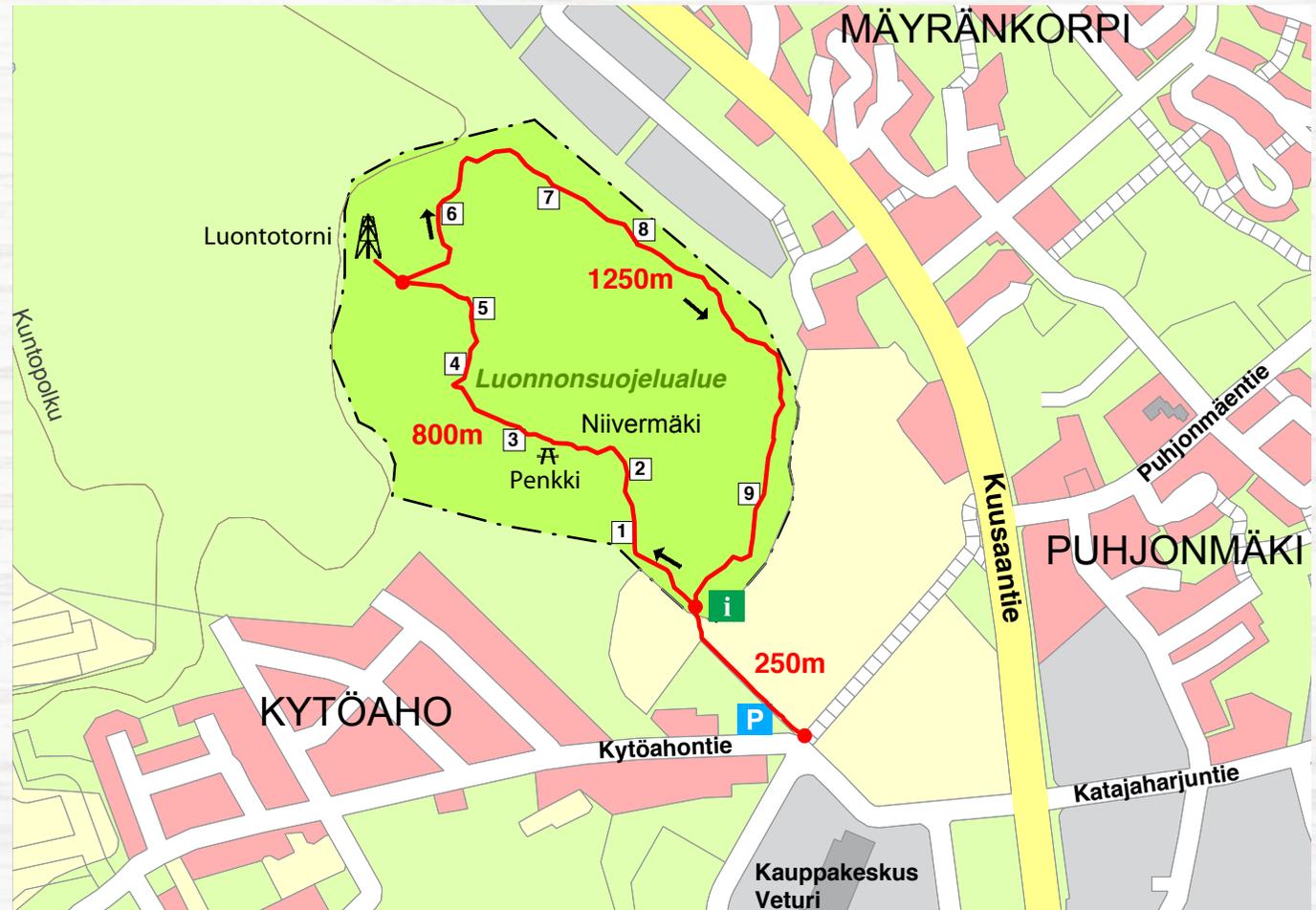
### PERMITTED

- to move about on foot or on skis
- to pick berries and mushrooms by hand
- to move about on the prepared paths/tracks

### FORBIDDEN

- to light an open fire
- to operate an engine-powered vehicle
- to leave litter and damage structures
- to harm the soil, vegetation and other elements of nature and to disturb the animals
- by law to let dogs off the leash during the bird nesting period 1 Mar – 19 Aug

In rainy or frosty weather, the duckboards are slippery so walk with care. In windy weather, decaying trees may fall and branches may drop to the ground. Moving on the paths is done at your own risk. In winter, snow is not cleared from the paths.



## Nature trail

The length of the nature trail is 2.1 km and it is marked on the terrain. Along the trail are signboards giving information on the nature in Niivermäki, as well as a bench and observation tower.

### The raven trail

A special trail for children has also been planned at niivermäki. On the raven trail, you can learn about forest nature from kaarne the raven. If you want, you can print out a nature-spotting card from the city's own website in the nature trail section.



### Boards:

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| i. Introduction  | 6. Decaying wood                       |
| 1. Old forest  | 7. Cliffs and their underlying forests |
| 2. Rapakivi and glacial erratics                         | 8. A streams and ferns                 |
| 3. The destruction of the engraver beetle                | 9. The forest renews itself            |
| 4. Aspen   | ⌘ bench                                |
| 5. A carr and a rivulet                                  | --- Conservation area                  |
| ⌘ Observation tower:<br>a forest in the middle of a town |  |