



## Koli National Park

- Location: Joensuu, Kontiolahti, Lieksa
- 30 km<sup>2</sup>
- Established: 1991



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Metsähallitus manages cultural landscapes within the national park, at the same time preserving traditional farming methods. Swidden fields are cleared and burnt in the park's forests, meadows are mown by hand, and cattle graze the park's pastures.

### Hilltops and meadows – Koli's inviting trails

Visitors can choose from several thematic nature trails, including Kasken Kierros (swidden farming, 5 km), Paimenen Polku (old pastures, 2.5 km), Ennallistajan Polku (forest habitat restoration, 3.5 km) and Kolinuuron kierros (geology, 3 km), or other round trails including the 1.5-km Huippujen Kierros (touring the highest hilltops) and the 7-km Mäkrän Kierros. For a tougher trek hikers can follow the 60-km Heräjärven Kierros. In winter trails are maintained in the park for cross-country skiers.

### Visitor Centre Ukko

Ukko's permanent exhibition focuses on Koli's natural features and cultural history. Delightful audio-visual presentations and temporary exhibitions are also provided for visitors. The Visitor Centre Ukko is an excellent place to start exploring Koli National Park, as it provides information about trails and the park's other attractions.



## Please help us to protect nature:

- Please respect nature and other hikers!
- Leave no traces of your visit behind. Safely combustible wastes can be burnt at campfire sites. Please take any other wastes away when you leave the park.
- Light campfires is allowed in the sites provided in the camping areas marked on the map. Lighting campfires is forbidden if the forest fire warning is in effect.
- You may freely walk, ski and row, in the park, except in restricted areas.
- Please keep pets on lead.
- Snowboarding and downhill skiing are forbidden on the natural slopes at the most important lookout points (Ukko-Koli, Akka-Koli and Paha-Koli). In addition, landing at and entering some of the islands is forbidden 15.5. - 15.7. to protect nesting birds.
- You can pick wild mushrooms and berries, but please do not collect plants or stones.
- Fishing is allowed with a simple rod and line or in an ice-hole in accordance with fishing legislation.
- Camping is only allowed in designated the camping sites.
- Cycling is allowed only on routes marked for this purpose.
- Parking cars is only allowed in designated parking areas

[www.nationalparks.fi/koli](http://www.nationalparks.fi/koli)  
 > Rules and regulations

### Emergency number 112

Note that there are some areas in the park without signal.



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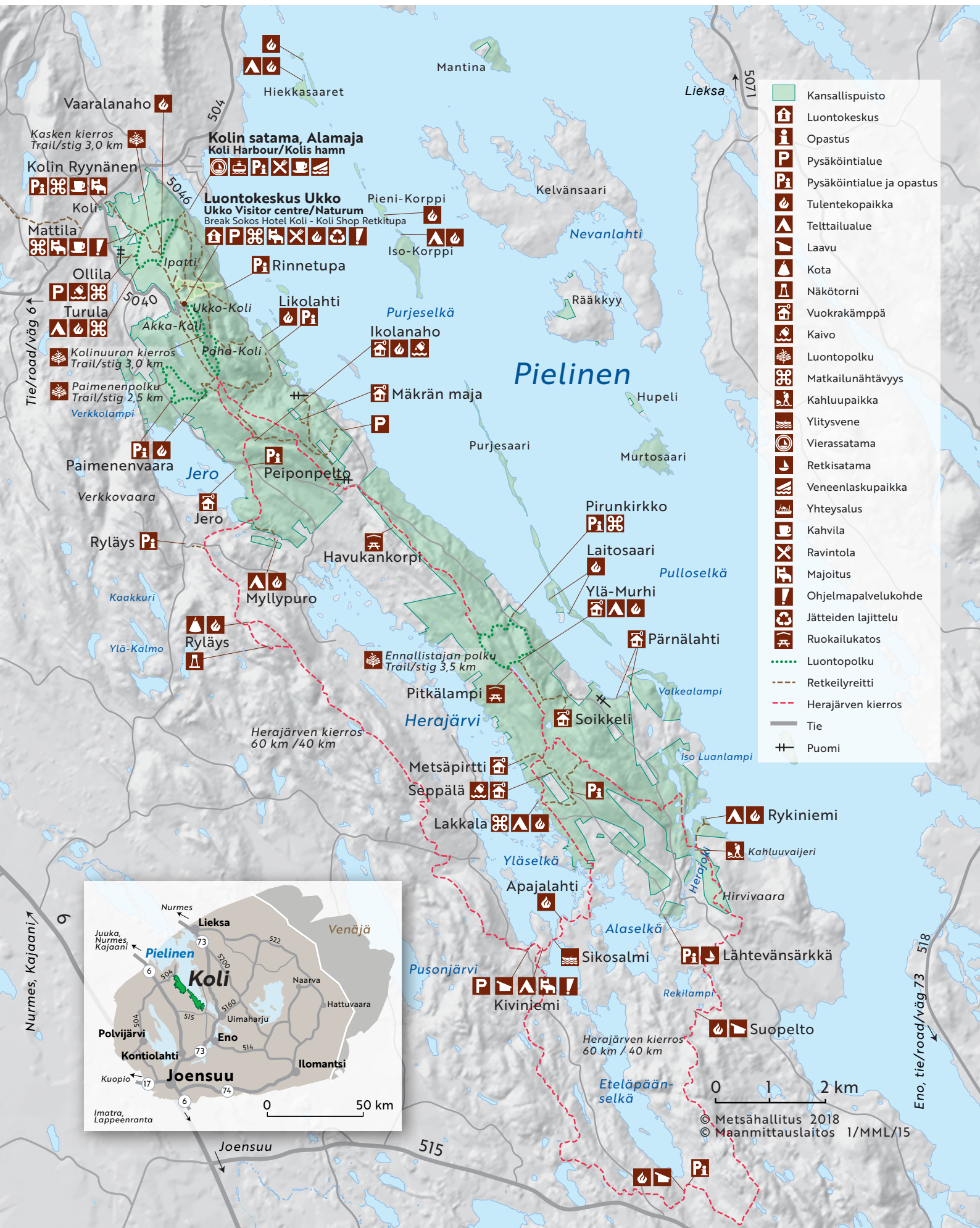
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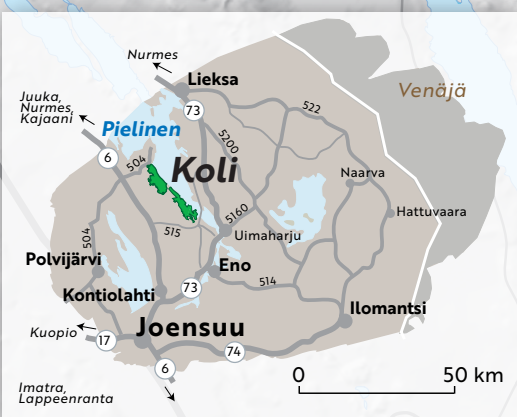


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- Kansallispuisto
- Luontokeskus
- Opastus
- Pysäköintialue
- Pysäköintialue ja opastus
- Tulentekopaikka
- Telttailualue
- Laavu
- Kota
- Näkötorni
- Vuokrakämpä
- Kaivo
- Luontopolku
- Matkailunähtävyys
- Kahluupaikka
- Ylitysvene
- Vierassatama
- Retkisarjama
- Veneenlaskupaikka
- Yhteysalus
- Kahvila
- Ravintola
- Majoitus
- Ohjelmanpalvelukohde
- Jätteiden lajittelu
- Ruokailukatos
- Luontopolku
- Retkeilyreitti
- Heräjärven kierros
- Tie
- Puomi



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