



## Cycle to prehistory and National Landscape in Pyhäjärvi Lake District, Eura-Säkylä

### Circle Route | 40 km

*The route goes along the lake Pyhäjärvi, the regional lake of Satakunta and through the historically valuable national landscape of lake Köyliönjärvi. Along the route there are interesting prehistoric sights such as ancient monuments and museums. The route leads the cyclist to prehistory and to the early stages of the arrival of Christianity to Finland*

#### Sights

- Prehistoric sites
- Kauttua Works village
- National landscape of lake Köyliönjärvi

**Difficulty level:** Easy

**Suitability:** Cycling hobbyist

**Duration:** 1-2 days

#### Route description

The starting place of the route is the Naurava Lohikäärme Information Centre of Prehistory (1), from where the route goes towards the works area of Kauttua Ruukinpuisto. The ancient monument areas Käräjämäki (3), the ancient park of Luistari (4), the hill fort of Kauttua (9) and the ancient remains of Harola (10) are located on the first part of the route. The route goes through the works area Kauttua Ruukinpuisto where you have a possibility to visit buildings designed by the famous architect Alvar Aalto and get to know to the valuable ironworks milieu. The route continues along a cycling lane to Säkylä following the lake Pyhäjärvi. On the way to Säkylä you can enjoy the beautiful lake scene. From Säkylä the route continues towards Kankaanpää. There you can visit Kuninkaanlähde spring (16) which was named after the visit of King Gustav III in 1775. The route continues along a cycling lane to Kirkkosaari following the lake Köyliönjärvi. On the way to Kirkkosaari (18), you can admire the cultural landscape of lake Köyliö which is nationally valuable nature reserve area and visit the museum school (17) in Yttilä. According to a well-known Finnish legend, a peasant Lalli killed Bishop Henry on the ice of lake Köyliö in 1156. Bishop Henry had come to Finland to spread Christianity. The route goes through Kirkkosaari and continues along a cycling lane to Kepola. The statue of Lalli (19) is located in Kepola. In Kepola, you can also visit Räisälä museum (20). The route goes along a road side to Kauttua where the route goes back to the starting point.

There are different types of activities along the route. In Säkylä, in the vicinity of Eenokki there is a disc golf area and lake Pyhäjärvi offers an opportunity for fishing, canoeing and boating. There are several beaches along the route and in Katismaa Saari (14) you can also go to UIF the sauna. In Säkylä, Kiviterassi (12) and the barbecue shelter (15) located near the beach in Kankaanpää are great resting places for picnic and there are also campfire sites. There are two tourist information offices along the route, and these are located in Kauttua in Kahvila Kyöpeli (7) and in Säkylä in Villa Linturi (21). There is a parking space at the starting point.

Equipment needed: bicycle (own) and helmet.

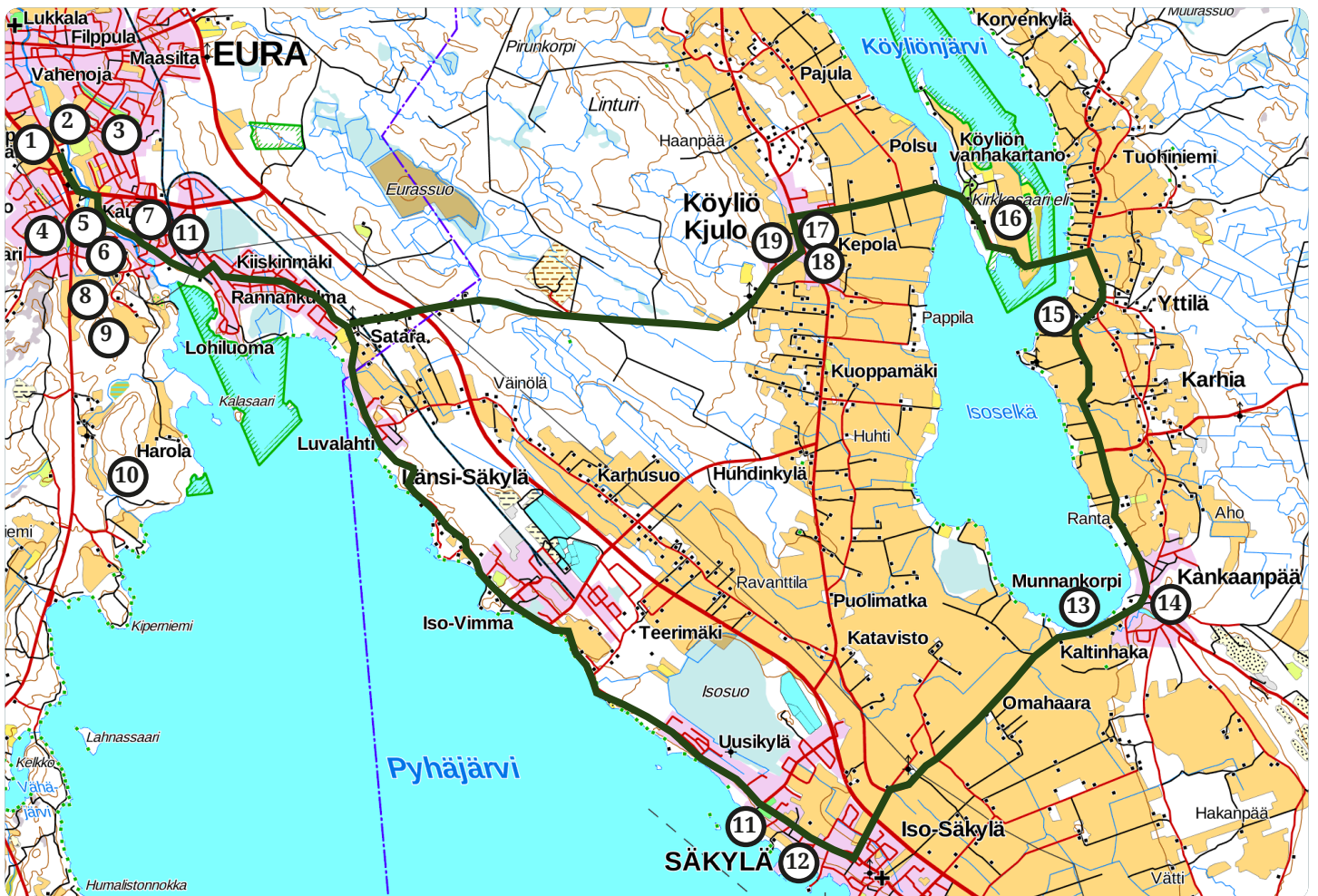
#### Difficulty level

There are small differences in altitude along the route, but the terrain is mainly flat. The route goes on mostly along cycling lanes and paved roads that are in good shape. On the road between Säkylä and Kankaanpää there is a section where you should be careful. The road has little traffic but both the road and the road side are quite narrow and there is a ditch right next to the road. Altogether the route is not very demanding and there are several rest places along the route so it is also suitable for beginners.

#### To start the route

Eurantie 18  
27510 Eura  
*N61° 07.623' E22° 08.043'*

**With public transportation:** Eura bus station is located 0,5 km away from the starting point of the route. Further information: [www.satakunnanliikenne.fi](http://www.satakunnanliikenne.fi)



## Maps and guides

[www.outdoorsatakunta.fi](http://www.outdoorsatakunta.fi)

## Accommodation and services

### Hotel Kauttua (11)

Apartment hotel  
Tel. +358 (0)41 503 7688  
[www.hotelkauttua.fi](http://www.hotelkauttua.fi)

### Huvila Haapsaari (12)

Hotel rooms  
Tel. +358 (0)50 558 6688  
[www.huvilahaapsaari.fi](http://www.huvilahaapsaari.fi)

### Ilo Adventures

Tel. +358 (0)50 304 3867  
[www.iloadventures.com](http://www.iloadventures.com)

### Jokisauna (5)

Tel. +358 (0)40 715 3505  
[www.jokisauna.com](http://www.jokisauna.com)

### Katismaan Saari

Tel. +358 (0)45 607 2717  
[www.katismaansaari.fi](http://www.katismaansaari.fi)

### Kauttuan Klubi (6)

Hotel  
Tel. +358 (0)50 518 3680  
[www.ablstrominruukit.fi/kauttua](http://www.ablstrominruukit.fi/kauttua)

### Lounasravintola idylli (2)

Tel. +358 (0)2 86 45 460  
[www.lounasravintolaidylli.fi](http://www.lounasravintolaidylli.fi)

### Pyhäjärven Vuokrawenhe

Tel. +358 (0)50 550 8370

### Säkylän erä- ja kalastusmatkailu

Cottages  
Tel. +358 (0)400 124 241  
[www.sakylanerajakalastusmatkailu.fi](http://www.sakylanerajakalastusmatkailu.fi)

## Links

### Leader Pyhäjärvisoutu

[www.pyhajarvisoutu.fi/matkailu](http://www.pyhajarvisoutu.fi/matkailu)

### Eura municipality

[www.eura.fi](http://www.eura.fi)

### Säkylä municipality

[www.sakyla.fi](http://www.sakyla.fi)

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