

Lietteiden reitti (Trail of Sandflats), Pori, line trail | 8,0 km

Lietteiden reitti (trail of sandflats) takes you to the finest nature destinations of Yyteri Peninsula, as well as to the Bothnian Sea National Park. Enjoy of the magical atmosphere of coastal forests and meadows and admire the magnificent sceneries opening up to the sandflats from the nature observation towers. During the migration seasons, Finland's best known destination to observe waders is the sandflat area of Yyteri, where almost 30 species stop by yearly. Here, you can also observe the impressive common shelducks. So do not forget to pack your binoculars!

SIGHTS

- The sandflats of Yyteri, internationally important bird area
- Bothnian Sea National Park
- Rich birdlife

Difficulty level: Medium (official rating)

Suitability:

1. Hikers

2. Bird watchers and nature observers

Duration: 3 – 5 hours

Trail markings: Red colour on signposts and wooden poles

Trail description

The trail can be accessed most conveniently from the parking areas of the Langoura and Leveäkari nature observation towers. You can start the trail also from the parking area of Yyteri beach, but this option will increase the total length of the trail. The southern part of the trail takes you round the reedy Bay of Riitsaranlahti, visits the Bothnian Sea National Park and offers optimal bird and nature observation possibilities from the Leveäkari, Huhtala and Langoura towers. At the sandflats of Yyteri and along the northern part of the trail there are several towers more from which you can admire the scenery opening up to the sea, sandflats and coastal meadows. The northern end of the trail is located on the sand dunes, where it is connected with the trail of Santojen lenkki (trail of sands). The majority of the trail Lietteiden reitti is situated within the Natura area of Preiviikinlahti Bay, which is also an internationally important bird protection area.

Good to know

The nature observation tower and ecological toilet of Langoura are wheelchair accessible and the Leveäkari tower is partly covered. At the Langoura and Sannannokka towers, there are information boards presenting the typical birds of the area. The route of the migratory birds follows the western coast of Finland, which makes the Preiviikinlahti Bay one of the richest bird destinations of the country especially in May, August and September. The nearest services and campfire site can be found in the vicinity of the Yyteri beach, along the trail Santojen lenkki. The trail Lietteiden reitti has no official starting point, as it can be accessed from several places.

Difficulty level

The trail is mainly easy and flat, but at some points there are roots and rocks on the path. There are practically no differences in altitude at all on the trail. The trail has long duckboard sections which are all in good shape. In addition to the duckboards, you hike on gravel and dirt roads, uncoated forest paths and sand dunes. Duckboards, steps leading to the nature observation towers, roots and rocks may become slippery in wet conditions. In spring and autumn, it is possible that the section between Langoura and the sandflats becomes very wet. The right equipment for this trail includes clothing according to the weather, sturdy footwear, sufficient provisions of food and water and possibly also an extra coat for the breaks. A map and compass provide additional support on the trail, but they are not necessary.

To start the trail

Parking area of Langoura nature observation tower (Huhtalanraitti 206) N61° 32.293' E21° 33.980'

Parking area of Leveäkari nature observation tower (end of the road Rantahaantie) N61° 31.746' E21° 36.383'

Yyteri square (Yyterin aukio, parking: end of the road Yyterinsantojentie)

 $N61^{\circ}\,34.040'\,E21^{\circ}\,31.547'$

With public transportation: There is a local traffic bus stop at the Yyteri square. <u>www.porinlinjat.fi</u>



Maps and guides

The Yyteri hiking trail map:

pori.fi/kulttuuri-ja-liikunta/ulkoilu www.visityyteri.fi/yyterinniemen_retkeilyreitit

PoriStory - Ulkoile Porissa! arcgis.pori.fi/storymaps/

Accommodation and restaurants

The nearest accommodation providers can be found along the trail of Santojen lenkki:

Yyteri Resort & Camping www.suomicamping.fi/en/yyteri

Yyteri Beach Lomakeskus www.visityyteri.fi/yyteri-beach-lomakeskus

Virkistyshotelli Yyteri virkistyshotelli.fi/

Links

Visit Pori www.visitpori.fi/en

Visit Yyteri www.visityyteri.fi/english

Region of Satakunta www.satakunta.fi/en

Bothnian Sea National Park www.selkameri.fi/home-en/

Visit Satakunta (Satakunnan matkailuyrittäjät ry) www.visitsatakunta.fi



