



SAVO GRAVEL

Over 800 km of cycling routes in the heart of Savo



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Over 800 kilometres of
cycling through the
rural landscapes of Savo



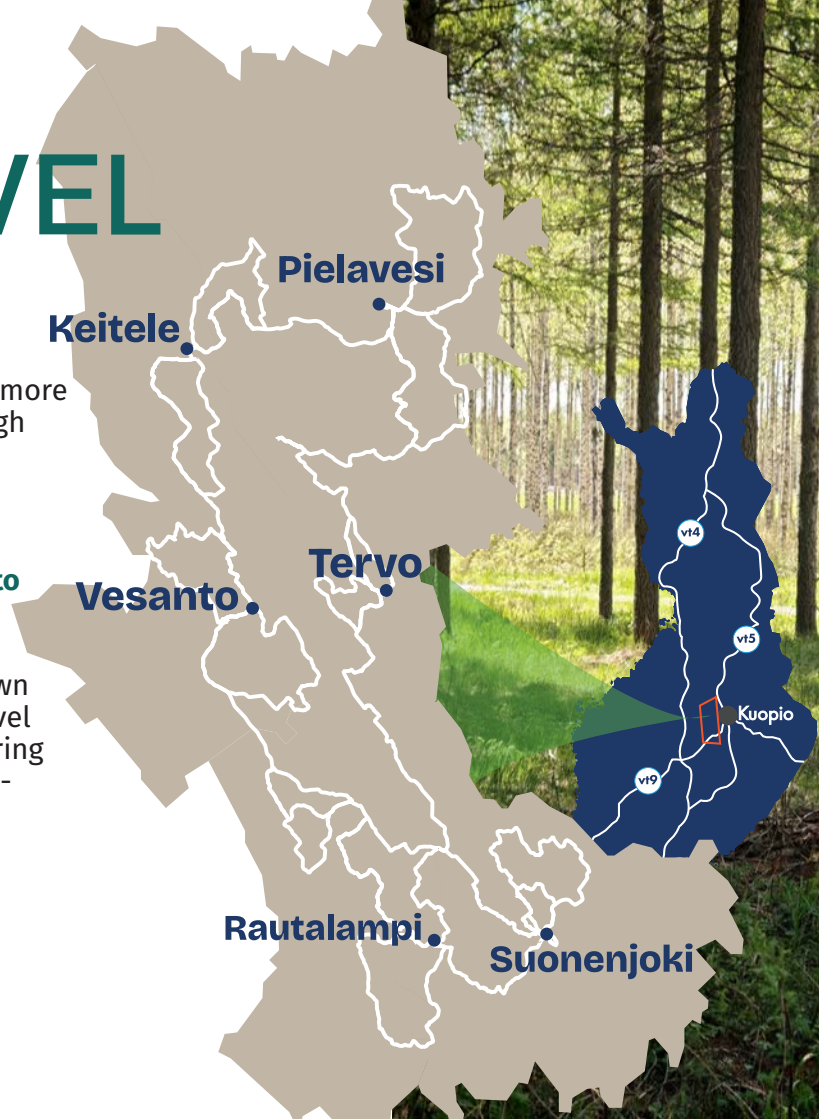
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Deep in the heart of Savo, Savo Gravel offers more than 800 kilometres of rideable routes through peaceful Finnish countryside:

- » **12 varied loop routes ranging from 30 to 60 kilometres**
- » **A 300 km circular route linking all areas into one long-distance experience**

Whether you prefer relaxed cycling at your own pace or enjoy testing your stamina, Savo Gravel takes you from quiet forest roads to shimmering lakeshores and onward to the rolling landscapes of a national park.

This is Savo Gravel.



Route classifications & riding experience



Mood:

Relaxed

Easy-going riding with a relaxed, unhurried feel. Gentle progress along village outskirts and quiet roads. Time passes effortlessly as the kilometres roll by.

Lively

Lively and varied riding. At times faster-paced, at times unhurried, with rolling and winding terrain and frequent changes in rhythm.

Challenging

Heart rate rises, breathing deepens. At moments you give it everything, pushing through the final climb with determination. Rewarding riding that challenges you physically, without the pressure of racing.

Riding experience:

Fast & Flowing

Smooth and brisk riding. Not technically or physically demanding, with fast-flowing surfaces.

Dynamic

Rolling terrain with short climbs and curves. A sense of flow with frequent shifts between relaxed and more energetic riding.

Power

Determined pedalling with longer and steeper climbs. Sections that test leg strength and stamina – be prepared to push and work for your progress.

Mood: Lively

Experience: Dynamic

Kärkkäälä loop SUONENJOKI

Experience scenic views, strawberry fields and the Lintharju ridge trails.

The route begins in the scenic ridge terrain of Lintharju, following easy-going ski tracks and forest paths. Soon, the ride opens up into a varied combination of forest gravel roads and idyllic village lanes.

Gentle climbs create a pleasant rhythm, while the winding and hillier roads between Mustolanmäki and Kärkkäälä raise the heart rate just enough to keep things interesting.

This moderately challenging route rewards riders with beautiful scenery and is well suited to gravel cyclists with a basic level of fitness.



Route descriptions
behind the QR codes
Komoot.com

Mood: Relaxed

Experience: Fast & Flowing

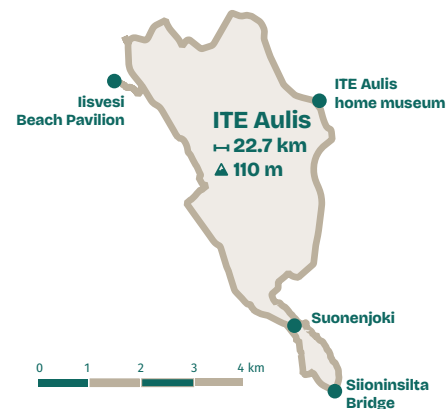
ITE-Aulis SUONENJOKI

Discover a unique ITE art destination and take a break at Iisvesi Beach Pavilion.

Named after renowned Finnish ITE artist Aulis Jalkanen (1935–2023), this route invites you to enjoy relaxed cycling combined with culture.

Easy gravel and asphalt roads take you to the artist's home museum and onward to the lakeside scenery of Iisvesi. An old railway embankment provides smooth rolling, while gentle climbs at Karsikonmäki add variation without technical difficulty.

An excellent choice for cyclists of all levels.



Mood: Challenging

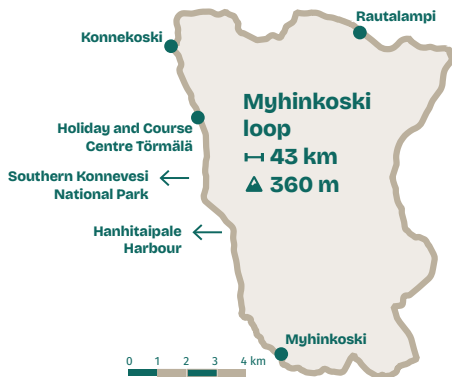
Experience: Power

Myhinkoski loop RAUTALAMPI

Detour into Southern Konnevesi National Park and experience Kalajanvuori.

The route begins on quiet asphalt roads and cycle paths before a long, rewarding climb. After Hoikankylä, the surface changes to gravel roads and winding village lanes.

The hills between Saahkari and Hankamäki offer physical challenge and fast descents. A rougher section near Myhinkoski adds a touch of ruggedness, but overall the route remains firm and versatile. **A great choice for adventurous riders with a solid basic fitness level.**



Mood: Relaxed

Experience: Fast & Flowing

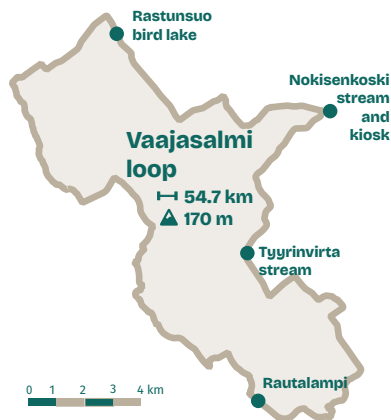
Vaajasalmi loop RAUTALAMPI

Take a break at Nokisenkoski kiosk and admire the rapids.

This easy-going route alternates between asphalt and gravel, offering enjoyable riding throughout.

Wide paths lead to a winding asphalt road towards Vaajasalmi, after which the scenery opens onto the flat service roads of the former Rastunsuo peat production area and the forested landscapes around Sääksjärvi.

Gentle climbs add variation, making this route **suitable even for beginner cyclists.**



Route descriptions
from Komoot.com:



Myhinkoski



Vaajasalmi



Kiesimä



Mood: Relaxed

Experience: Fast & Flowing

Kiesimä loop KERKONKOSKI

Explore the canals connecting the waterways of Kerkonkoski and Kiesimä.

A calm adventure circles Lake Kiesimä along wide gravel roads and quiet country lanes.

Firm forest sections roll smoothly and elevation changes remain modest.

Technically easy, **the route is ideal for sightseeing, beginner cyclists and relaxed day trips.**



Mood: Lively

Experience: Fast & Flowing

Hautomäki ja Äyskoski loop

TERVO

Climb the Tervämäki observation tower or pause by the rapids at Äyskoski.

Two interconnected loops offer varied yet accessible gravel cycling. Well-maintained gravel roads run through fields and lakeside scenery, rolling smoothly until the climb to Tervämäki provides a clear highlight. The remainder of the route continues along peaceful gravel roads and short paved sections.

Overall, the route is easy and highly rewarding.

Hautomäki and Äyskoski loop

↔ 46.2 km

▲ 250 m



Route descriptions behind the QR codes:



Hautomäki-
Äyskoski



Vesanto-
järvi



Oinaskylä

Mood: Challenging

Experience: Dynamic

Vesantojärvi loop VESANTO

Search for the Sydänmaapaalu and enjoy varied terrain.

The route begins along easy asphalt and gravel roads beside Lake Vesantojärvi and open fields. After Kuuslahti, it continues onto narrow, peaceful country roads. Elevation increases towards the end, with the climbs of Vesämäki adding a pleasant challenge.

Suitable for cyclists with a basic fitness level who enjoy variation in scenery and terrain.

Mood: Challenging

Experience: Power

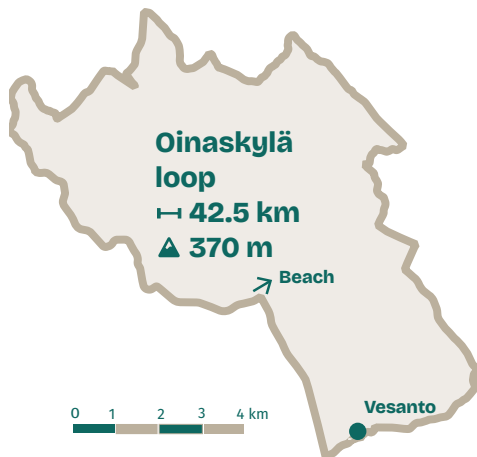
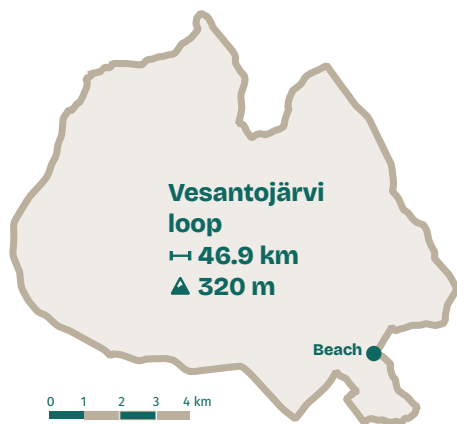
Oinaskylä loop VESANTO

Enjoy wilderness-like silence while cycling gravel roads.

The route starts with a climb through blackcurrant fields towards Kulmakylä, then continues onto quiet gravel and forest roads.

After Riivikonkylä, the surface becomes more varied, yet riding remains easy. Beyond Oinaskylä, the route follows clear forest roads.

This route offers **tranquillity, a sense of wilderness and just enough elevation** without technical difficulty.





Mood: Lively

Experience: Fast & Flowing

Leppäselkä loop

KEITELE

Take a break at the Leppäselkä recreation area or visit the Hetejärvi birdwatching tower.

An easy start on cycle paths leads onto firm gravel roads. After Leppäselkä, the terrain becomes more varied, with gently rolling gravel roads in Kummunkylä. Along Lake Koutajärvi, flat gravel roads run through open countryside before returning to asphalt.

Technically easy, yet pleasantly diverse.



Mood: Lively

Experience: Dynamic

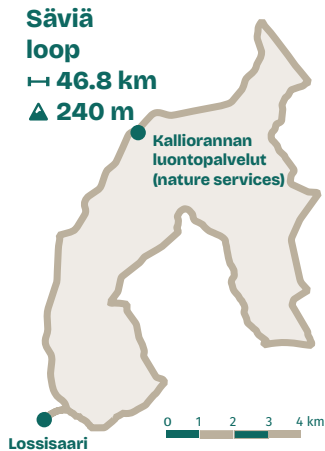
Säviä loop

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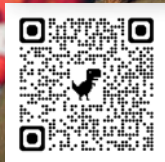
Take a swim at Lossisaari beach or enjoy local services.

The route begins on easy gravel roads and flat forest tracks through wetlands, perfect for relaxed rolling. Midway, the scenery opens into farmland, while the final section features hillier gravel roads that gently raise the heart rate.

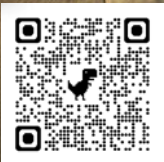
Overall **an easy to moderately challenging route**, followed perfectly by a refreshing swim at Lossisaari.



Route descriptions
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Leppäselkä



Säviä

Mood: Challenging

Experience: Power

North loop

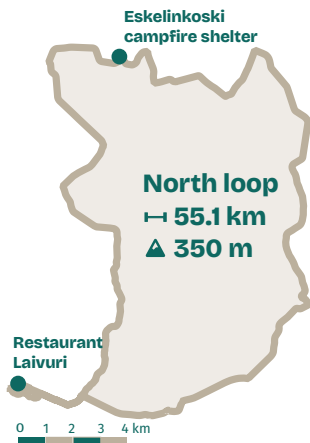
PIELAVESI

Experience the climbs of the Mäkien kylät villages and take a break at Eskelinkoski.

The route starts gently on town streets before moving onto well-maintained gravel roads.

The climbs of Honkamäki and Heinämäki provide the main challenges, balanced by long stretches of smooth rolling through rural landscapes. The final section descends back towards the centre.

A moderately challenging route for active gravel cyclists.



Mood: Relaxed

Experience: Dynamic

Jautlandia

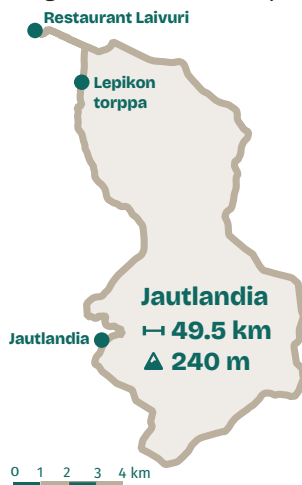
PIELAVESI

Solve the mysteries of the Jautlandia geocaches!

An easy paved start warms you up before the Honkamäki climb. The route then continues onto quiet gravel roads and forest scenery offering smooth, enjoyable riding.

After the geocache section, the return follows varied gravel roads with gentle elevation changes.

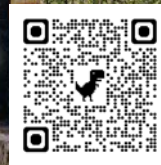
A moderately challenging route combining adventure, landscapes and a touch of brainwork.



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North loop



Jautlandia

Mood: Lively

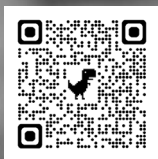
Experience: Dynamic

VisitSavo Circular Route – 300 km

If you are looking for a bikepacking-style adventure, the VisitSavo Circular Route is an excellent choice. This long-distance loop passes through six rural municipalities in Savo, linking each area's gravel routes into one continuous journey. It brings together the best highlights of every region into a single, memorable ride.

Accommodation, dining and attractions can be found at:

www.visitsavo.fi



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