



# AURINKO-ILVES, ASIKKALA

## CONNECTING TRAIL TO EVO HIKING AREA

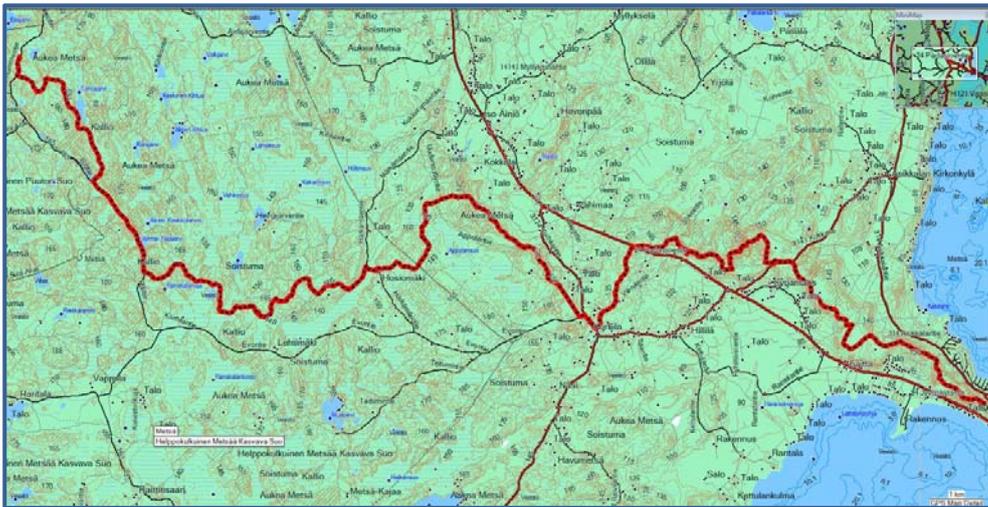


**TRAIL DIFFICULTY:** Medium  
**DISTANCE:** 30 km  
**DURATION:** about 7- 9 hours depending on breaks

### ROUTE DESCRIPTION:

The 30 km long Aurinko – Ilves trail is a connecting trail to the Evo hiking area. The path starts from Päijännetalo House in Asikkala- / -Vääksy, but you can also access the path at **Asikkala Sports Centre**. The path ends at the car park at Haarajärvi in the Evo hiking area.

**How to get there:** Asikkala -/Vääksy is well connected by bus from Lahti, Sysmä or Padasjoki. The nearest bus stop is located in the old centre of Vääksy, which is about 600 m from Asikkala Sports Centre. The trail ends at the car park at Haarajärvi from where you can get back to Asikkala / Vääksy either by car, taxi or by hiking back. Alternatively, you can continue to enjoy your hiking in the Evo hiking area: we recommend that you bring a tent with you. If you don't want to hike back the same route, you can hike to the village of Padasjoki along the



Päijänne –Ilves trail. Padasjoki is well connected by bus to Asikkala -/ -Vääksy and Lahti.

The trail is suitable for hiking and in parts for Nordic walking. It is **marked with special signs and yellow and -/ or orange painted marks and ribbons**. The trail goes through a variety of forest and cultural landscapes in which traces of the Ice Age can be seen.

**Attractions along the trail include deep kettle holes (*syrjänsuopat*)** in the northern part of Aurinkovuori, which

were formed during the Ice Age. Kuurnamäki offers beautiful views over the surrounding rural landscape, although about 1 km of the path is mostly covered by long grass and bushes. After crossing Highway 24, the trail passes through some beautiful countryside and village scenery. The rest of the trail (about 18 km) runs mainly along forest tracks with the exception of few shorter parts, where it passes through forests along smaller paths.

**The service facilities along the trail are good.** There are four lean – to – shelters (**Aurinkovuori, Kuurnamäki, Uusimylly and Kaupinsaari**) which also offer campfire sites and toilets. **Cafeteria Vanha Kevar**, which is located about 12 km from the start of the trail, is open during the summer season (June –August, [www.vanhakevar.fi](http://www.vanhakevar.fi)). In addition, at **Seurantalo Kuhilas**, there is a **camping area and campfire site available for use**. More services can

be found in the village of Vääksy. See: [www.asikkala.fi](http://www.asikkala.fi).



The trail can be walked with trainers, but in rainy weather or early in the morning the grass can be wet: therefore **waterproof shoes** or hiking boots can be a better alternative. **Things to remember to take with you: a hiking map, toilet paper** and if you are planning to have a fire at one of the campfire sites, a knife and matches.