

# Pikkuprovinssi's Löytöretki

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----- Ruutipuisto  
naturetrail

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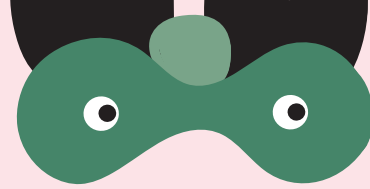


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Welcom to Pikkuprovinssi's Löytöretki!



*Löytöretki is a trail around the Törnävänsaari and Ruutipuisto nature conservation area, with lots to do, see and discover. Enjoy the spring nature, get moving and learn new things! The trail can be walked on your own from 15 to 20 May and it's approx. 1 km long. Part of the trail goes along a forest path and is not accessible.*

*Maybe you've already heard of Öster? Öster is a mole who lives in the Törnävänsaari and Ruutipuisto areas. Öster's favourite things are collecting treasures, studying history, bird-watching and growing all kinds of plants. But Öster also has friends: the wise woodsman, Ruutikki, and the absent-minded ghost, Kustaa. Kustaa's ghost friends are wandering along the trail, can you find all 15 ghosts?*

*Please respect the unique nature of Ruutipuisto and the birds' nesting peace by walking only on marked trails. Welcome to the adventure!*

**1. You are now in Törnävänsaari.** The cows and oxen of Törnävä Manor also used to graze here on the island in the mid-19th century. In the forest pasture, domestic animals had to be protected from predators. You could rattle the pinewood, crackle your mouth, or shake whatever you could get your hands on. Shepherd boys also sang to calm the cows. Find something on the ground to shake, rattle or crackle with!

## **2. Do you recognise these birds?**

*Answers are in the end.*

**3. Nature, its inhabitants and everyone in nature will thank you for not littering and for taking waste out of nature to the appropriate rubbish and recycling bins.** Let's keep nature clean! Did you know that it takes this long for the following rubbish to decompose:

cigarette butt: never decomposes, becomes microplastic.

plastic bag: about 100 years

Plastic bottle: up to 1000 years

pea soup can and soda can: 200-500 years

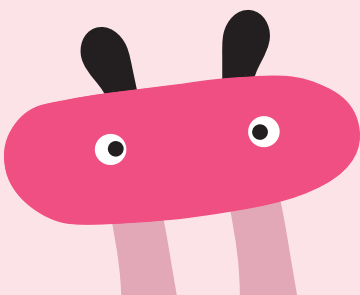
battery: 200-1000 years

cardboard mug: 1-5 years

paper tissue: 1-2 years

chewing gum: 20-25 years

glass bottle: does not decompose



**4. What kind of palace is there in the middle of the forest?** This area was once (back in 1825) the site of Östermyra's gunpowder factory. There are still a few gunpowder factory buildings left there, such as the small boiler room and the large gunpowder drying space. Steam pipes led from the boiler room to the drying space, where the gunpowder was dried. You had to be careful to avoid fires!

Now we arrive at the Ruutipuisto Nature Reserve, which was established in 1948. This area is home to plants and birds that are rare in the Seinäjoki area. All sort of small plants grow in the cavities where a also lives a wide variety of insects. Ruutipuisto is also home to a rare flying squirrel, so move around with respect for the unique nature.

**5. In nature, life is made up of different layers, one living underground, another on the surface, and a third above ground.** But who lives where? Let's consider the underground first. Who likes to wallow in soil, clay or sand? Then think about what organisms can be found on the surface, which ones can be found above it, and which ones feel more comfortable a little higher up in the bushes or trees. How many layers and their inhabitants can you come up with? Will you make it all the way to the sky?

**6. Can you recognise the plants in the pictures?** You can find these plants in Ruutipuisto. *Answers are in the end.*

**7. Use the frame to make your own natural art works, take a friend's photo or a selfie!**

**8. Soon we reach the Kruutisilta bridge, now also known as Lemmensilta bridge.** The bridge used to be wider and horse-drawn carts were used to transport gunpowder ingredients across it. In the old days, dances - which were then called jumps - were also held on Kruutisilta. Show how you dance or jump over the bridge!

**9. To survive, many animals must remain very quiet and stay hidden from predators.** How would you do that? Try to move as quietly as possible without leaving a trace. Can you walk without making a sound? Can you move without leaving a trace?

**10. Do you want to see the Öster mole and get a peek into his home?** To solve the word puzzle, put the letters in the right order. What word emerges? Do you find it on the map? There you can find little Öster! But shhhh, keep it down because Öster, tired from his spring work, is sleeping!

Letters: A E C F

**Answers: 2.** 1. blackbird 2. fieldfare 3. bullfinch 4. blue tit 5. robin 6. great tit 7. crow 8. sparrow 9. wagtail **6.** 1. fern 2. wood sorrel 3. chickweed winter-green 4. lily of the valley 5. fireweed 6. daisy 7. tansy 8. violet 9. kingcup

