

TransParcNet Meeting 2019

Theme: Management Challenges in Transboundary Parks

11th to 14th of June 2019

and a post-trip 14th to 16th of June

Oulanka National Park, Kuusamo, Finland

and Paanajärvi National Park, Russia.

We warmly welcome you to the 11th TransParcNet-meeting hosted by Oulanka-Paanajärvi Transboundary Parks (FI/RU)!

We hope you to arrive to Kuusamo during Tuesday the 11th and the programme will start on Wednesday morning the 12th. We will have two intense days both in a conference room and in the nature and we will end our meeting with a closing dinner on the 13th of June. On Friday the 14th you will either start your journey back home or join us to a post-trip to Paanajärvi National Park in Russia.

Getting to Paanajärvi National Park in Russia is not easy but is definitely worth the effort. Because of the border crossing formalities, long distances and bad condition of roads, it is impossible to organize a day-trip to Paanajärvi National Park. That is why the meeting will be held in Finland and visiting Paanajärvi NP is optional and organized as a post-trip.

Venue

The meeting will be held at a wilderness hotel [Basecamp Oulanka](#), Kuusamo, Finland and in [Oulanka National Park](#). You will stay in the national park or right next to it your whole stay.

Travel

Since Oulanka-Paanajärvi is situated on the edge of Europe, you need to take time to travel. We recommend you to come by plane firstly to Kuusamo or secondly to Oulu. There are one to two daily connections from Helsinki to Kuusamo and several connections to Oulu.

Oulu is situated 220km from Kuusamo but there is a good three-hour-long bus connection from Oulu to Kuusamo. See the recommended timetables as an attachment. Shuttle will be organized between Kuusamo Airport, Kuusamo Bus Station and the venue.

If you wish to travel by train, one of the nearest train stations is also in Oulu. Bus station is situated right next to the railway station.

If you are planning to come by car, please find the route by using for example Google Maps.

Post-trip to Paanajärvi 14th to 16th of June

For a visit to [Paanajärvi National Park](#) in Russia you need a Russian visa. We advise you to contact the Russian Embassy in your own country and start the process of applying a visa immediately. Unfortunately Paanajärvi National Park cannot help you with the so called Russian Tourist Visa Invitations.

Please note that this trip requires long hours in a mini bus on quite bad gravel roads. We will visit the Paanajärvi Visitor Center in a small village of Pääjärvi before entering the national park. The accommodation in the park area is very basic with no electricity or running water. You get to feel the true wilderness around you and visit the most impressive sites of Paanajärvi National Park.

There is a quota of maximum 20 persons for this trip. Please contact us if you are interested in attending the post-trip.

Accommodation and costs

You will stay in a wilderness hotel right next Oulanka National Park. There is a restricted number of single rooms in the hotel.

Cost for accommodation per night per person:

- Single room 50e
- Double room 40e

Transboundary meeting fee will be announced at the time of registration.

There will also be an additional fee for the post-trip.

Registration

The registration will open in the end of March and deadline for registration is 28 April 2019.

Should you have any questions

Please contact National Park Superintendent Ms. Sari Alatossava sari.alatossava@metsa.fi or Senior Advisor Ms. Paula Aspholm paula.aspholm@metsa.fi.



Schedule for recommended flights and busses

ARRIVAL

11th of June 2019

FINNAIR HELSINKI- KUUSAMO 11:50 ✈️ 13:30 Recommended flight!

FINNAIR HELSINKI-OULU 13:00 ✈️ 14:00 (bus connection Oulu-Kuusamo 15:00-18:00)*

FINNAIR HELSINKI-OULU 14:00 ✈️ 15:00 (bus connection Oulu-Kuusamo 16:20-19:30)*

FINNAIR HELSINKI-OULU 16:00 ✈️ 17:00 (bus connection Oulu- Kuusamo 18:40- 21:40)*

NORWEGIAN HELSINKI- OULU 15:55 ✈️ 17:00 (bus connection Oulu- Kuusamo 18:40- 21:40)*

DEPARTURE

Friday 14th of June

FINNAIR KUUSAMO-HELSINKI 13:50 ✈️ 15:30 Recommended flight!

FINNAIR KUUSAMO-HELSINKI 21:30 ✈️ 23:10 Recommended flight!

FINNAIR OULU- HELSINKI 09:45 ✈️ 10:45 (Bus connection Kuusamo-Oulu 05:30-08:30) *

NORWEGIAN OULU- HELSINKI 11:45 ✈️ 12:50 (Bus connection Kuusamo-Oulu 05:30-08:30)*

Sunday 16th of June

FINNAIR KUUSAMO-HELSINKI 20:15 ✈️ 21:55

FINNAIR OULU- HELSINKI 14:30 ✈️ 15:30 (bus connection Kuusamo-Oulu 09:20- 12:20)*

FINNAIR OULU- HELSINKI 17:30 ✈️ 18:30 (bus connection Kuusamo- Oulu 11:15-14:25)*

NORWEGIAN OULU- HELSINKI 17:00 ✈️ 18:05 (bus connection Kuusamo- Oulu 11:15-14:25)*

NORWEGIAN OULU- HELSINKI 20:10 ✈️ 21:15(bus connection Kuusamo-Oulu 16:00-19:00)*

*) The bus from Oulu to Kuusamo starts from the Oulu bus station. There is a bus connection (about 45 min) between the Oulu airport and bus station. A taxi from/to the bus station in Oulu to/from the airport takes about 20 minutes and costs about 30 euros (1-4 passangers).

Flight and bus schedules might change, please check timetables/reservations:

<https://www.finnair.com/>

<https://www.norwegian.com/>

Bus Oulu- Kuusamo <https://www.matkahuolto.fi/en/>

Bus Oulu airport- Oulu railway station <https://www.oulunjoukkoliikenne.fi>

