

SKATING DIARY

SEASON 2021 -2022

Fri 8.4. At 7 Season has ended

Maintenance has now ended. Many thanks for the season!

wed 6.4. at 10.45 track suitable for kick sleds, 5 km

Last days of season, after yesterdays snowstorm there is 5 km of routes open now. Track suits now to kick sleds, further maintenance will not be made anymore as weather goes really warm thu/fri. Last days of season.

These routes suitable for e-mountain bikes/fatbikes for the following few days!

Other ice route maintenance has ended.



Tue 5.4. at 9.30 NO MAINTENANCE TODAY, TOMORROW AGAIN.

No track maintenance today as there is very high wind and snowfall. Tomorrow morning track maintenance again. Weather forecast changed and it seems that the night temperatures are rising: Wednesday and thursday look ok for skating, but its possible that its the last days of the season.

But only a small change in freezing night temperatures make the skating season to continue. We will monitor this daily!

Current [Track map here](#). Skating tracks start from southpoint of holiday village (900m from rental) and 7 km open.

Sun 27.3. AT 9.15 skating open

Skating open! Situation on ice is ok. 7 km open and work continues.

thu 24.3. re-start of TRACK MAINTENANCE

Weather gets cold again: We will re-start track maintenance! Stormy days friday and saturday, but sunday looks really good. Most likely 7 km of tracks open on sunday.

Other ice route maintenance will also be re-started in the following days.

SAT 19.3. LAST DAY OF SKATING

Track still skatable now! Condition in the morning.

All maintenance of ice routes is now on stop due to warm weather.

Fri 18.3. last days of skating: today skating, tomorrow perhaps

Today we still skate in the morning. Starting from tomorrow weather goes really warm, we keep it possible that skating is possible early in the morning, but we will check. Most likely skating will be paused tomorrow and we will focus on other lovely activities :).

Rental open saturday 9-16, on sunday rentals from restaurant 10-15.

Mon 14.3. morning skatings

Overalla condition is still quite good although days are very warm! On the following days nights are still cold enough for morning skatings. In the early afternoon the ice surface goes soft.

- **WALKING/CYCLING/SKIING PATHS ON ICE:** Same recommodation, go in the morning and stay on the marked track. These paths are open at least for the following days.

fri 11.3. at 10 GOOD CONDITION, MORNING SKATINGS

Overalla condition is good! Weather goes warm on saturday but nights are still cold enough - this means that come skating in the morning (ice surface might get soft in the afternoon). Tracks will be cleaned in the morning at 9 am.

SKATING: Valkialampi (2km) and Kaarnalahti (2 km) in good shape.

Route fom southpoint of holiday village to Kruunupuisto (3 km backforth) is ok also, but the route isnt as wide as normally, so narrow route. [Track map of situation.](#)

- **WAFFLE CAFE OPEN** this weekend fri-sat 12-19 and sun 12-18.
- **WALKING/CYCLING PATHS ON ICE:** Great condition. From southpoint of Tuunaansaari island (holiday village),paths goes to Kruunupuisto (waffle cafe) and Haataansaari island (campfire spot).
- **CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING:** Great skiing conditions, live updates of skiing tracks in [the following link](#). In finnish. Click "Latukartta" to see the last time the route has been maintained.

Mon 7.3. at 11 situation good + about the following weekend

Conditions are stable and we continue things to be good until friday - good freezing temperatures keeps the ice good until late afternoon also. Daily maintenance before 10 am. Check the route info of 4.3.

Starting from friday 11.3., the forecast goes warmer both night and day - which means that skating is recommended in the mornings as ice might go soft in afternoon. Further updates will be given then.

The equipment rental is open on this week monday-friday 10-16 and saturday-sunday 9-16.

FRI 4.3. at 13 overall condition good, 7 km open

Overall condition is good, lot of work done in ice. As forecast is stable, the next diary update will be given when the situation changes, otherwise we will continue to clean the tracks every morning before 10 am.

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2.3.: *Ice surface starts to be good*

MON 28.2. at 13.20 track condition improves

7 km open. Maintenance work carries results, tracks start to be in ok/decent condition! We recommend to come skating in the morning tomorrow as warm day weather. [Track map](#).



28.2. *Conditions start to be ok!*

Sun 27.2. klo 10.45 we skate again!

Situation starts to improve. 7 km of routes. Haataansaari and Kaarnalahti routes are good condition. From southpoint of Tuunaansaari (where start point now) to Kruunupuisto route is bad.

FRI 25.2. NO MORE SKATING TODAY. SATURDAY MOST LIKELY CLOSED, SUNDAY LOOKS REALLY GOOD

18.40: Track is now too soft for skating and more water has come to routes. Walking is recommended in the event until 21.

Most likely track closed on saturday, as in next night (too) small freezing temperatures the water areas in the track start to freeze - which means on saturday the track is unskatable. We will check it in the morning.

Sunday looks really good, as the forecast promises a cold night and 1 cold night should do the trick. The track is narrow, but even.

14.50: New update, ice little bit soft in Valkialampi, but still skatable! Other routes we recommend to move with kick-sled, walking or biking.

11.45: Ice route skatable at the moment and partially good, forecasting difficult

Ice routes opened in morning, we have been able to keep route open although snowstorm yesterday. Valkialampi pond best for skating and suprisingly good condition. Other routes have some water on the route, but ice is hard for skating. **At the moment ice is skatable. Because 0 degrees, the ice surface might get soft for skating during the day - this can be seen later and will be informed because of the evenings skating event.**

WALKING/CYCLING PATH: Next to the route is walking path and its at the moment in ok condition. In the evening you can use this path (from southpoint of Tuunaansaari island-Kruunupuisto).



25.2.: *Some water on the route at 10 am, in Kruunupuisto.*



25.2.: *Valkialampi pond was in the best condition at 10 am.*



25.2.: *Walking/cycling path next to route is quite good to walk. Picture from 10 am.*

Thu 24.2. at 11.45 storm

Storm winds, maintenance at the ice between 9-11.30 but no upgrade for track. Weather doesn't give us possibility to do track maintenance. We recommend other activities today.

Tomorrow's Torch Skating will be organised but with special arrangements, [see more here.](#)

WED 23.2 TRACKS OPEN, CONDITION NOT GOOD AT THE MOMENT

SKATING:

At 14.15: Extreme condition for maintenance continue - lots of work done, but today's ice situation not good. Valkialampi pond has the best ice, its ok condition. Other routes bad. We will work the ice and hopefully it gets better. **Waffle cafe open** between wed-sun in the shore of Kruunupuisto. Open wed-sat 12-19 and sun 12-18.

At 10.00: Routes are open to Kruunupuisto, Valkilampi and Kaarnalahti, about 7 km . Routes shape are not good at the moment, routes will be service today.

ICE WALKING&CYCLING PATHS: Maintained in the morning, with fatbike the condition is ok. (lot of new snow on top).



23.2.: *Maintenance conditions are extreme to put in short. Track is narrow and cannot be widened at the moment.*



23.2.: *Nice conditions for fatbiking and skiing! :)*

TUE 22.2 routes are closed

Mon 21.2. at 12.50 tricky condition FOR MAINTENANCE, ROUTE CLOSED

Ice surface doesn't carry ATV, very close. We were to use other equipments on track, but not the ones that make the ice surface skatable. Next night's snowfall forecast doesn't help. New update tomorrow and work continues every day!

Lovely condition for cross country skiing, snowshoeing and fatbiking!

Sun 20.2. at 8.45

Track doesn't yet carry an ATV. The waters that has covered all of the ice tracks are frozen, but barely carries a walker. It is 50/50 for Monday 21.2. for the areas to be frozen enough to carry an ATV and for us to start opening the tracks.

Rent a fatbike and bike on the ice: Walking/cycling paths open! Paths open from southpoint of holiday village to Haataansaari campfire spot (2,5 km one way) and to Kruunupuisto (1,5 km one way). Guidance from rental.



20.2.: Fatbiking on the ice



20.2.: Ice surface doesn't yet carry

fri 18.2. at 15 new estimate

- **SKATING:** We estimate that skating is re-started between Sunday-Tuesday - Sunday is optimistic. Again lot of snow in the last 24h, this snow has melted on the ice routes making the wet surface even larger. Takes more/long freezing temperatures for it to freeze. New update on Sunday morning at 09.
- **WALKING/CYCLING PATHS ON ICE:** From southpoint of Tuunaansaari island (holiday village), we estimate that the paths along the skating routes are walkable on Saturday. Also with fatbikes should be ok to go also. The paths are now driven with snow sled and hopefully the route is frozen tomorrow. Paths goes to Kruunupuisto and Haataansaari island (campfire spot).

- **CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING:** Great skiing conditions, live updates of skiing tracks in [the following link](#). In Finnish. Click "Latukartta" to see the last time the route has been maintained.

Wed 16.2. at 12 situation unchanged

Warm week with no cold nights, lot of water on ice. Our estimate stays the same and weather forecast looks quite the same, somewhere around Sunday/Monday might be the re-opening of tracks. Saturday is unlikely.

Mon 14.2. at 9.30 routes closed

Warm weather and yesterday's snow made the tracks covered in water, routes closed for now. Warm temperatures forecasted for the next 4 days, which makes predicting challenging - luckily there is cold forecasted starting from Friday.

With this weather forecast we expect re-opening somewhere between Sunday-Monday but very unsure + we will update our estimate every 1-2 days! If cold period starts earlier, then Saturday might be possible also.

Snow situation is almost record breaking, great conditions for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing!



Sat 12.2. At 9 Some routes open, skate with caution

8 km open, condition not good unfortunately. Ice is even, but last night's freezing temperature wasn't enough. Here and there is still wet spots on the ice, which makes skating difficult. Skate with caution.

Open routes from Harjun Portti shore to Kruunupuisto bridge, Valkialampi and Kaarnalahti.



12.2.: ice is even, but wet spots here and there.

fri 11.2. at 14.20 tomorrow looks promising for re-start!

Tomorrow we expect (70% chance) for re-opening of skating tracks! We will see situation in the morning. Update tomorrow at 09.00.



11.2.: Clear areas can be walked now so tomorrow most likely with ATV. Sections with snow doesn't yet carry a walker (a 5-10 cm water on the routes on top of thick ice). Final situation will be seen in the morning.

Thu 10.2. at 15 tracks still closed

Situation hasn't changed, not enough cold for the water areas to freeze. The temperature forecasted for Friday-Saturday night may be enough for skating on Saturday. New estimate and check tomorrow.

tue 8.2. at 10.20 routes closed, tracks covered with water

Routes once again covered in water - almost record amount of snow (near 80cm) in Punkaharju makes the ice track maintenance very challenging (more snow came during past few days). We have to wait for these to freeze.



FRI 4.2 TRACKS OPEN

Routes Kruunupuisto, Kaarnalahti and Valkialampi is open now, 9 km. Tracks will be checked / serviced also on the weekend!

Thu 3.2. at 11.10 skating season continues friday!

Tracks can be once again maintained with ATV's this morning. Not skatable today yet, but on friday the tracks will be open.

The routes that will be open will be at least from Harjun Portti to Kruunupuisto, Kaarnalahti and Valkialampi pond. Additional routes will be also checked. More information today afternoon or friday morning.



tue 1.2. at 9.30 track closed for some days

Difficult conditions on the ice unfortunately. In short, we have to wait 3-4 days the ice routes to freeze as maintenance can't be done today or tomorrow. Plenty of water and wet snow on the ice routes at the moment.

Huge amounts of snow (total 70 cm in Punkaharju) combined with storm winds and temperatures going up and down make the track maintenance very difficult.



SAT 29.1. AT 8.50 TRACK CLOSED

Track closed today, track not skatable today.

fri 28.1. at 12 route closed today

Route closed today due to weather conditions, perhaps open some parts tomorrow. Situation on the ice is tricky. New check tomorrow morning.

SKIING & SNOWSHOING: Huge amount of snow guarantees great snowshoeing and cross-country skiing conditions! Over 30 km of skiing tracks open in our area and equipments both for skiing and snowshoing in our rental.

WINTER CYCLING : Path of Topelius and tree arboretum roads a great destination for cycling. Fatbikes and e-mountain bikes from rental

ICE WALKING/CYCLING PATHS: Closed because of wet conditions on ice.

Thu 27.1. bad conditions

Not lucky with the weather. The combination of snowstorms and temperatures going up and down, the route situation is bad although lots of work done on the ice. We try to make things better for saturday but additional snow doesn't help right now. Most likely bad conditions for the following days before next week.

Wed 26.1. at 13.20

Skating situation decent today, work is done for the weekend a lot. 9 km open now.

Mon 24.1. at 10.30 season continues wednesday

We expect the season to be continued on wednesday! That's the next time we are able to maintain the tracks we assume.

sat 22.1. at 13 we have to wait 4-5 days for skating

We have to wait 4-5 days for re-opening. Water areas are beginning to freeze and we are unable to maintain those. With this weather forecast we expect re-opening around next week's thursday.



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FRI 21.1. AT 13 SKATING TRACKS CLOSED DUE TO SNOWSTORM

SKATING

Skating tracks closed due to storm, hopefully re-opening during next week:

The most difficult combination of weather for maintaining skating track. During yesterday there came large amounts of water to the skating routes and last night (and now) is a huge snowstorm with high winds. So lots of snow on top of water-areas on ice tracks.

We are trying to open some tracks now, but heavy snowfall and amounts of water prevents the skating for the next couple of days.

Thu 20.1.

Heavy snowfall today and tomorrow, lots of work done in ice tracks. 13 km of skating now, further update for weekend tomorrow.

fri 14.1. at 12

Tracks in nice condition. Route situation otherwise as in previous post, but track is cut 400m before Haataansaari camping spot. Some parts of additional routes can be skated already, but overall approx. 13 km of routes.

Equipment rental 10-16 on weekend!

7.1 at 15 approx 13 km of tracks

- Harjun Portti shore (start) - Kruunupuisto (5 km back and forth)
- Kaarnalahti route 2 km
- Valkialampi pond route 2 km
- Haataansaari camping spot 4,5 km (back and forth)

Ice in ok/good condition! Some good and some uneven sections. Rental open every day 10-15. Restaurant open daily.

Our additional routes that are not yet open, we try to open within 4-6 days.

31.12. at 15 over 13 km of tracks

- Harjun Portti shore (start) - Kruunupuisto (5 km back and forth)
- Kaarnalahti route 2 km
- Valkialampi pond route 2 km
- Haataansaari camping spot 4,5 km (back and forth)

Ice starts to be in ok/good condition! Some good and some uneven sections. Rental open every day 10-15. Restaurant open daily.

28.12. at 14.20 9 km open, tomorrow 4,5km more

- Harjun Portti shore (start) - Kruunupuisto (5 km back and forth)
- Kaarnalahti route 2 km
- Valkialampi pond route 2 km

Ice in ok condition - some good and some uneven sections. Best ice in Valkialampi pond. Tomorrow will be opened additional route to Haataansaari camping spot (4,5 km).

26.12.

Tracks open on crispy weather, 9 km of routes and condition as mentioned. More routes will be opened on tuesday.

23.12. at 12 skating season opened WITH 9 KM ROUTE!

9 km of tracks opened for skating this morning! Ice quality is ok at the moment, some good and some bad sections.

The routes that are open until next weeks start:

- Harjun Portti shore (start) - Kruunupuisto (5 km back and forth)
- Kaarnalahti route 2 km

- Valkialampi pond route 2 km

During christmas: Track maintenance 24.12. and 26.12. (on 25.12. we are closed). Equipment rental on 24.12. between 10-14 (come in the morning) and on 26.12. rental between 10-15. More routes will be checked next week. Merry christmas!

15.12. at 14.00 update / next week looks good

No changes for last week as weather went warmer and more snow came.

However, we expect the situation to change during start of next week - we assume that first skating routes could be opened before Christmas if the weather forecast stays as cold as it shows now. No promises can be made, but we are optimistic.

10.12. takes some time

Not possible yet to go to the ice - ice thickness not enough to go with atv's. We will monitor the situation, it can change in few days!

9.12.2021 update

Although very cold, the ice thickness goes stronger very slowly. Hopefully first route openings on weekend, but very unsure still.

3.12.2021 early winter, snow has fallen and skating starts very soon!

Winter is early! Nice amount of snow already, snowshoing is possible and first cross country skiing tracks have opened also.

Nordic skating situation is the following: Temperatures are cold enough, we will start exploring the skating routes 7.12. and with these weather forecasts its very possible that the skating season starts in the end of next week!

9.11.2021 Waiting for the NEW season

Waiting for the skating season! On this page updates will be written when start of season approaches. Previous diaries and statistics of maintenance below.