

TIME OF DEPARTURE: **8:00 a.m.**

Dear participant of the archipelago tour

The bus to the archipelago in Björköby village leaves in front of the town hall on Friday morning. The bus transport takes about 50 min. The same bus will take you back after the meal. Björköby is situated in the island to the northwest of Vaasa. Don't be late for the bus. Dogs are not allowed.

The meal, fish-soup, that goes with the tour is served after your walk. Let us know of any food allergies etc in advance. You have to make sure that you have enough to drink (at least 1 litre) and to eat with you because we don't distribute water etc along the route because of the non accessibility of the resting places. Use a rucksack, not a bag. Take some coins with You if there is something you want to buy.

Follow weather reports! After rain the paths might be rather wet and slippery.

No Nordic walking sticks can be used because the path is too narrow, but if necessary you can take one walking stick with you. Preferably dress in long trousers and draw your socks above the trouser legs to shield yourself from the ticks and the prickly juniper shrubs. Also against the mosquitoes you can shield yourself with suitable clothing and a mosquito spray. Protect yourself against the sun, especially your head. The footwear should be stout and support your ankles, preferably also be waterproof and have firm soles, because part of the path is very stony.

N.B. Along the route there is a watchtower (Saltkaret) with a fantastic view over the sea, so remember your camera! Up in the tower there is the multilingual guide who will tell you about the land uplift.

The archipelago tour is carried along new routes without boat transport. We would very much like to hear Your opinions of these routes. To the ordinary hiking route that goes through the archipelago is planned automatic rafts, which means that we sometimes in the future can resume the use of that route.

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Information during the tour: later