EVERYMAN'S RIGHTS IN A NUTSHELL

YOU CAN

- move about on foot, on skis or by bicycle anywhere else but not on someone's yard and not on areas designated to a particular purpose, such as fields under cultivation or planted areas, private gardens etc.
- camp out and temporarily stay in wherever moving about is allowed
- pick natural berries, mushrooms and flowers
- angle and ice-fish
- move about on water and on ice



YOU CAN NOT

- disturb other people, nature or the environment or cause harm to them
- disturb nesting birds or animals
- cut down or harm trees
- gather moss, lichen, soil or wood
- disturb domestic premises
- litter
- use motorized vehicles outside roads
- fish or hunt without proper permits
- make an open fire without the landowner's permission

THE EVERYMAN'S RIGHTS

- can be enjoyed by all Finnish residents and those staying in Finland regardless of nationality
- don't require any special permits or consent
- cannot be restricted or prohibited without proper cause
- must be free of charge
- must not cause any harm or extra inconvenience to the landowner
- do not apply to yards, cultivated areas and other areas designated to a special use
- may be limited in different nature preservation areas, national parks, nature parks etc. which may have their own special restrictions or rules.
 So please check these first.



More information: www.ymparisto.fi/en-us/nature/everymans_rights



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