



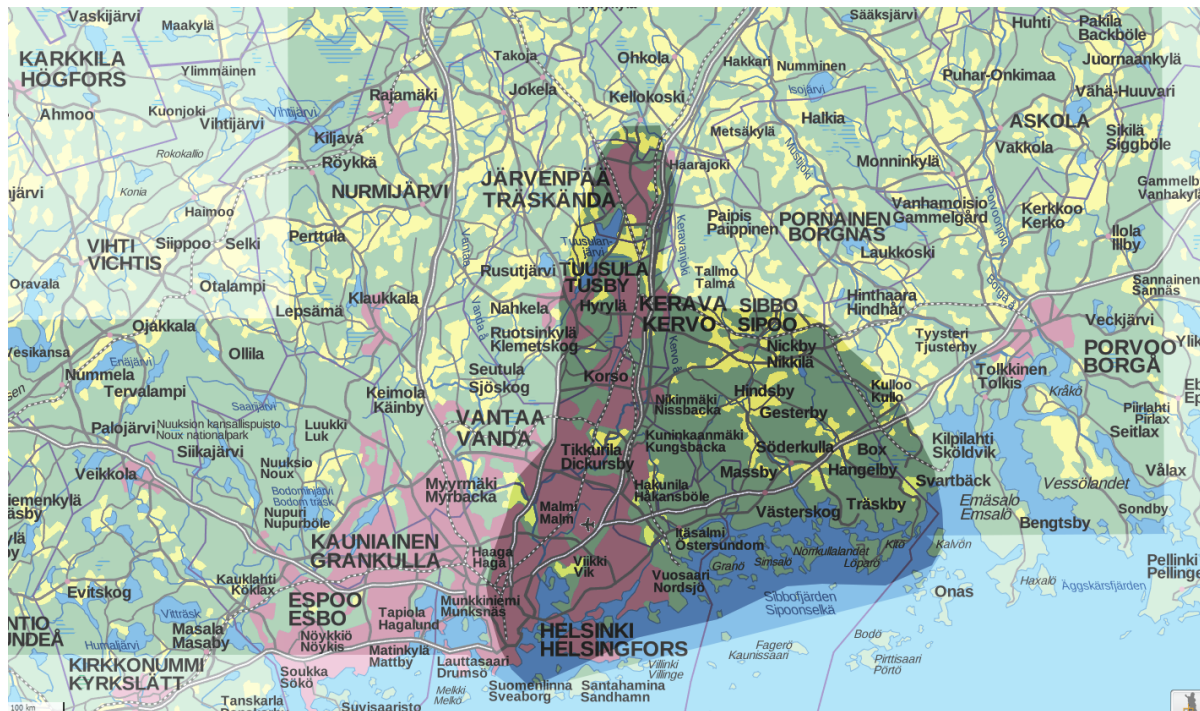
HELSINKI METROPOLITAN VFR SCENERY

GREATER HELSINKI AREA

Greater Helsinki is the metropolitan area including the smaller urban kernel and commuter towns surrounding Helsinki, the capital city of Finland. Greater Helsinki is sometimes incorrectly called (the) *Helsinki Region* due to an incorrect direct translation of the Finnish and Swedish terms *Helsingin seutu* and *Helsingforsregionen*.

These regions are located in the south of Finland, on the coast of the Gulf of Finland, which is part of the Baltic Sea. The smaller Capital Region includes Helsinki, Vantaa, Espoo, and Kauniainen and has a population of over 1.1 million. The Greater Helsinki region is the largest urbanised area in the country with 1,420,284 inhabitants and is by far the most important economic, cultural, and scientific region of Finland. Seven out of Finland's 17 universities and most of the headquarters of notable companies and governmental institutions are located in Greater Helsinki, as is Finland's main airline hub and airport, Helsinki Airport, which is located in Vantaa. (Source Wikipedia).

The “Helsinki Metropolitan VFR Scenery” contains the area of greater Helsinki, but it stretches even further to the west, north and east. It includes the municipality of Nummela in the west and the city of Porvoo in the east. In the north it stretches to the city of Riihimäki.



The light colours represent the scenery area without the most northern part. The darker colours represent the areas with most details.

Helsinki Airport or **Helsinki-Vantaa Airport** (IATA: **HEL**, ICAO: **EFHK**) is the main international airport of the Helsinki region and the whole of Finland with about 16 million passengers annually. It serves as the hub for Finnair, the Finnish flag carrier, as well as a base for Norwegian Air Shuttle and Nordic Regional Airlines. The airport is located in the city of Vantaa, about 5 kilometres (3 mi) west of Tikkurila, the centre of Vantaa and 9.2 NM (17.0 km; 10.6 mi) north of Helsinki city center. Helsinki Airport is the leading long-haul airport in Northern Europe and a popular transfer point.

Originally built for the 1952 Summer Olympics in Helsinki, the airport is today the fourth busiest airport in the Nordic countries, with 15,948,760 passengers having used the airport in 2014. This number makes up for 81% of the total number of passengers in Finland's 21 commercial airports combined (18,880,940). making it the busiest airport in Finland by far. It provides jobs for 20,000 people and there are 1,500 companies that operate at this airport. The airport is operated by Finavia, the state-owned enterprise that operates Finland's airports (source: Wikipedia)

Helsinki-Malmi Airport (IATA: **HEM**, ICAO: **EFHF**) is an airport in the city of Helsinki, Finland, located in the district of Malmi, 5.4 NM (10.0 km; 6.2 mi) north north-east of the city centre. Until the opening of Helsinki Airport in 1952 it was the main airport of Helsinki and all Finland. Today, the airport is still actively used in general aviation and flight training. It still is the second busiest airport in Finland after Helsinki Airport, as measured by number of landings (source: Wikipedia).

Hyvinkää Airfield (IATA: **HYV**¹, ICAO: **EFHV**) is an airfield in Hyvinkää, Finland.

The airfield served as the main airport in Finland for some time after the Second World War when Helsinki-Malmi Airport was used by the Allied Commission. Aero operated several commuter routes by DC-2 and DC-3. Today it is a busy glider and GA airfield (source: Wikipedia)

Nummela airfield (EFNU) served as a military airfield during WW II. Today it is one of the busiest glider fields in Finland. Light general aviation airplanes also visit the airfield during summer.

Mäntsälä airfield (EFMN) is a small grass airfield for ultralight planes. However, in the simulator there is plenty of runway to land and take off a GA airplane, for example a 172.

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