

An aerial photograph of a large, winding lake surrounded by dense green forest. The sky is overcast with grey clouds. The text "Everyman's rights" is overlaid in white serif font, and "A right to enjoy nature" is overlaid in a smaller white sans-serif font below it.

# Everyman's rights

A right to enjoy nature

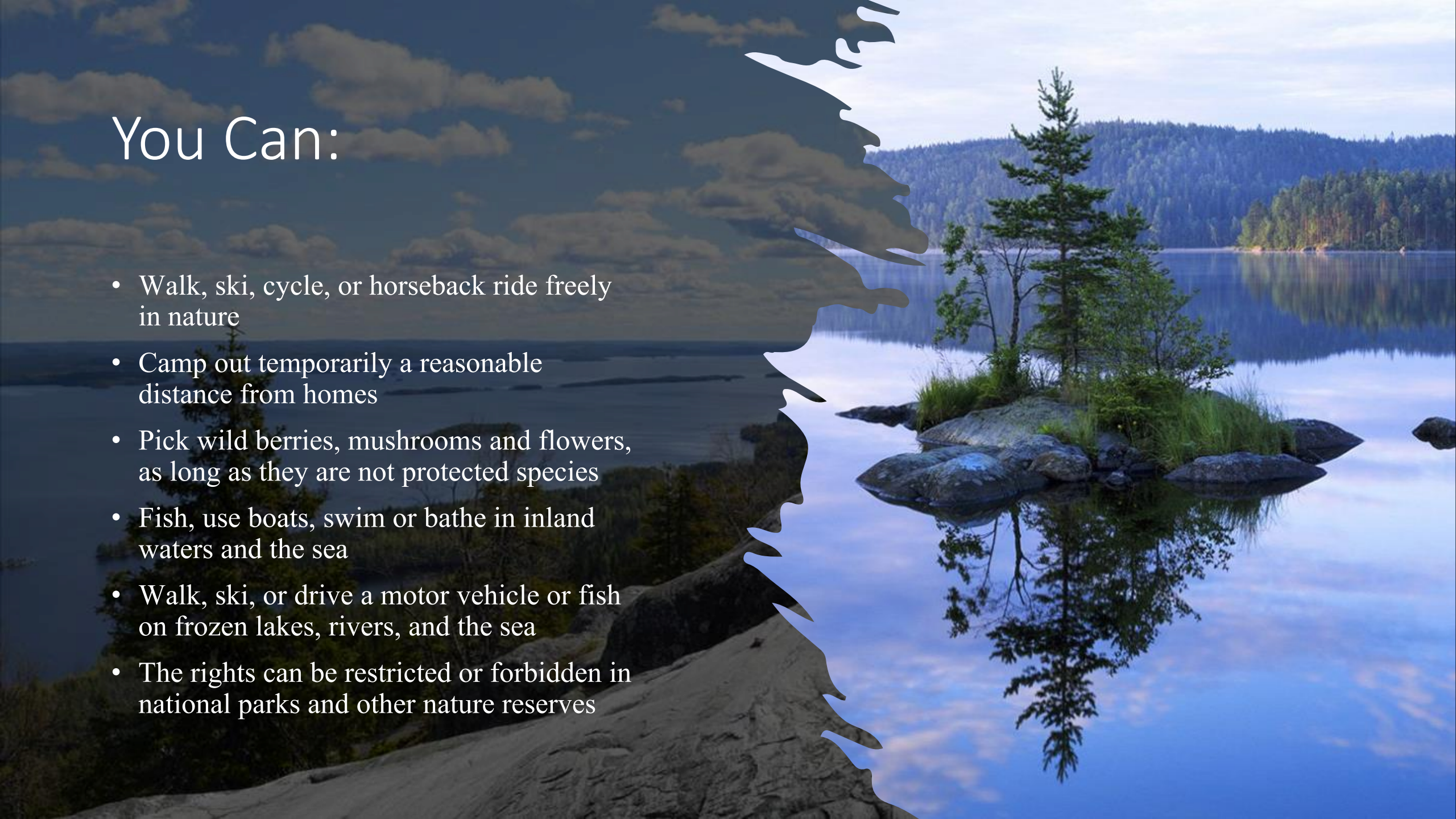


# What are the Everyman's rights?

- All people whether residing in Finland or just visiting have the right to enjoy nature anywhere in the Finnish countryside regardless of land ownership.
- The rights come with some serious responsibilities. Primary of all is a mutual respect for nature, people and property.
- The desire to preserve and protect the unspoiled beauty and wonder of nature for future generations to enjoy is very important

# You Can:

- Walk, ski, cycle, or horseback ride freely in nature
- Camp out temporarily a reasonable distance from homes
- Pick wild berries, mushrooms and flowers, as long as they are not protected species
- Fish, use boats, swim or bathe in inland waters and the sea
- Walk, ski, or drive a motor vehicle or fish on frozen lakes, rivers, and the sea
- The rights can be restricted or forbidden in national parks and other nature reserves



# You Can't:

- Impede with the landowner's use of the land.
- Walk on yards, plantations or cultivated fields.
- Chop down or damage trees.
- Use fallen or dried trees.
- Take moss or lichen.
- Make fires on other people's property.
- Disturb people for example by camping too close to their houses.
- Litter.
- Drive motor-vehicles off-road.
- Disturb animals, birds or bird nests.
- Hunt or fish without permits.
- Let dogs free on beaches, ski trails, sports fields or in urban areas.

