

Smart tools – Better results

Text becomes speech - Edge

The instructions have been updated for autumn 2024.

Listen to texts from your computer read out loud by speech synthesis. With the help of speech synthesis, the text on the screen turns into speech.

With speech synthesis you can listen to, for example:

- News articles and study materials.
- The texts you wrote yourself and thus make it easier to find typos.
- Texts in other languages.

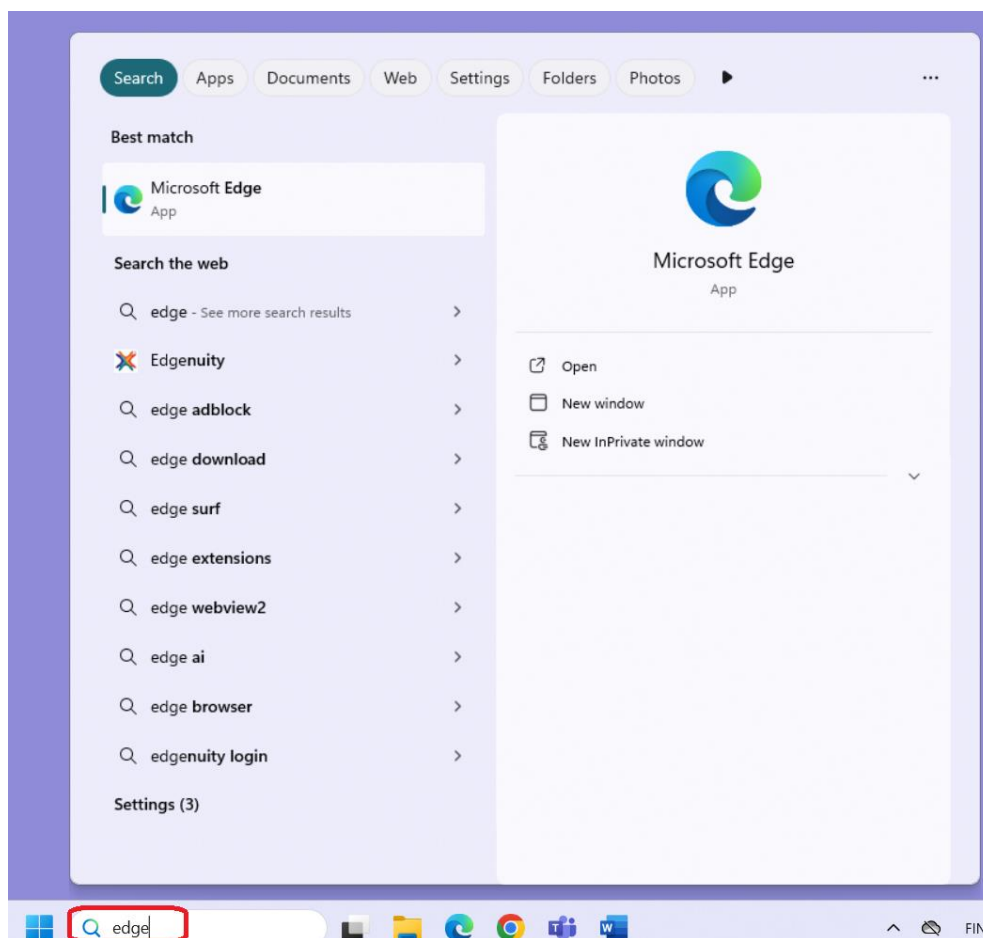


Edge

Microsoft Edge is a pre-installed default browser that works in Windows 10 and 11. Edge has a built-in function that reads texts on web pages aloud.

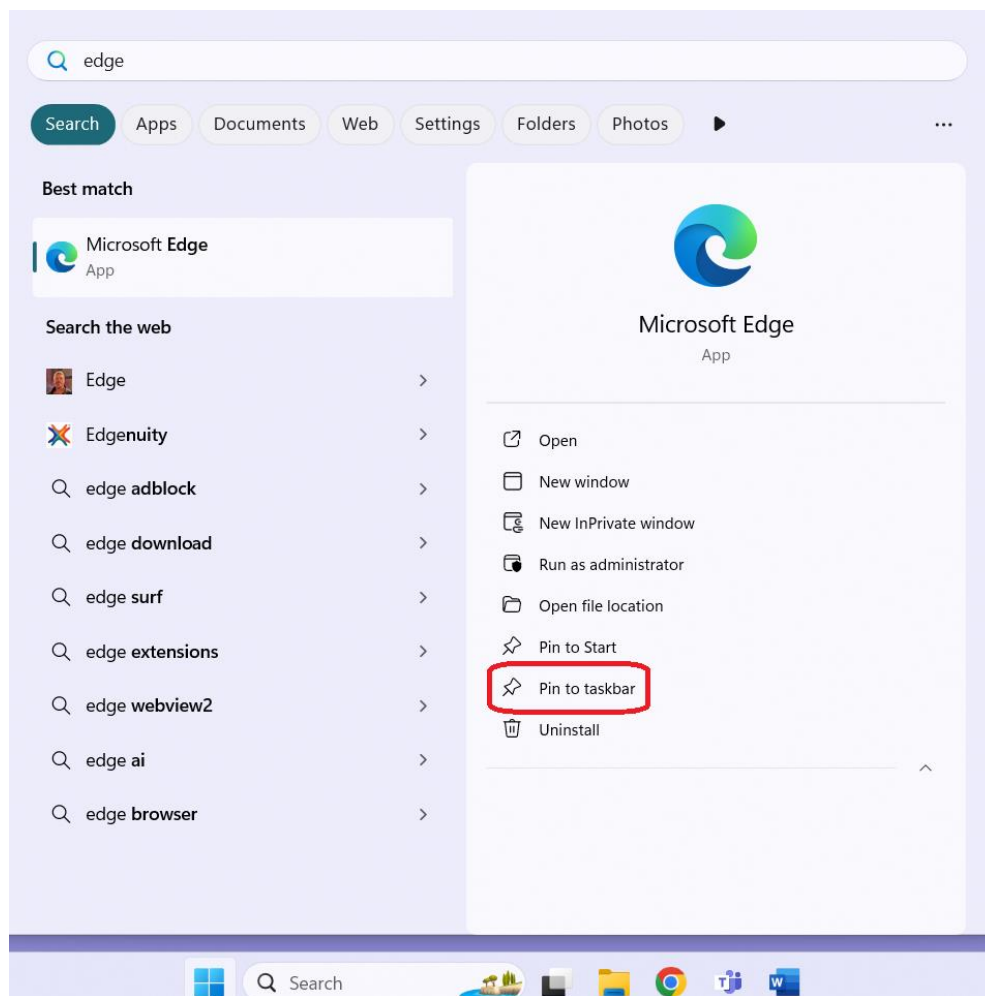
How to find Edge on your computer

- Click the Windows Start button at the bottom of the screen.
- Search for Microsoft Edge in the search bar or click on it from the application list.

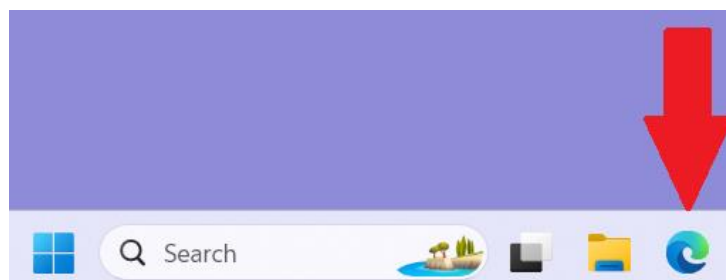


To quickly find Edge in the future, the app can be added to the taskbar at the bottom edge of the screen.

- **Search** for Edge > **Right-click** the application > Select **Pin to taskbar**.



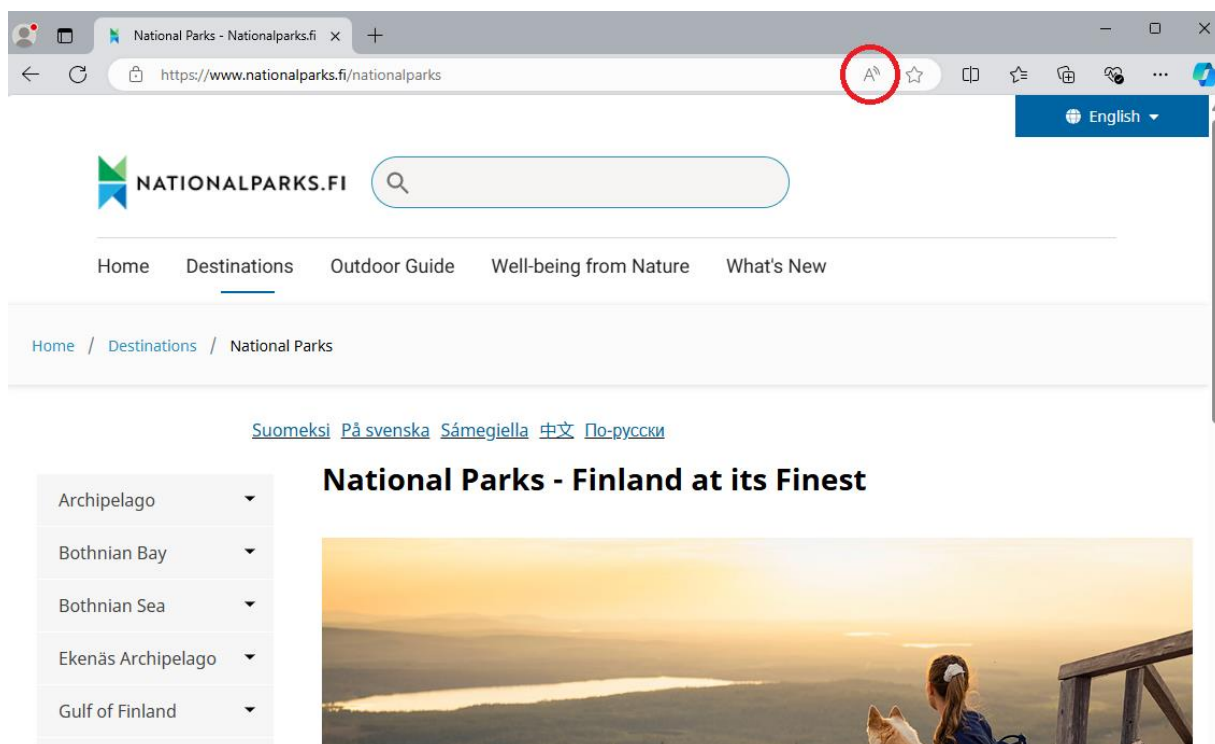
- Now you can find Edge in the taskbar to the right of the Windows start button.



How to use the Text-to-Speech feature in Edge

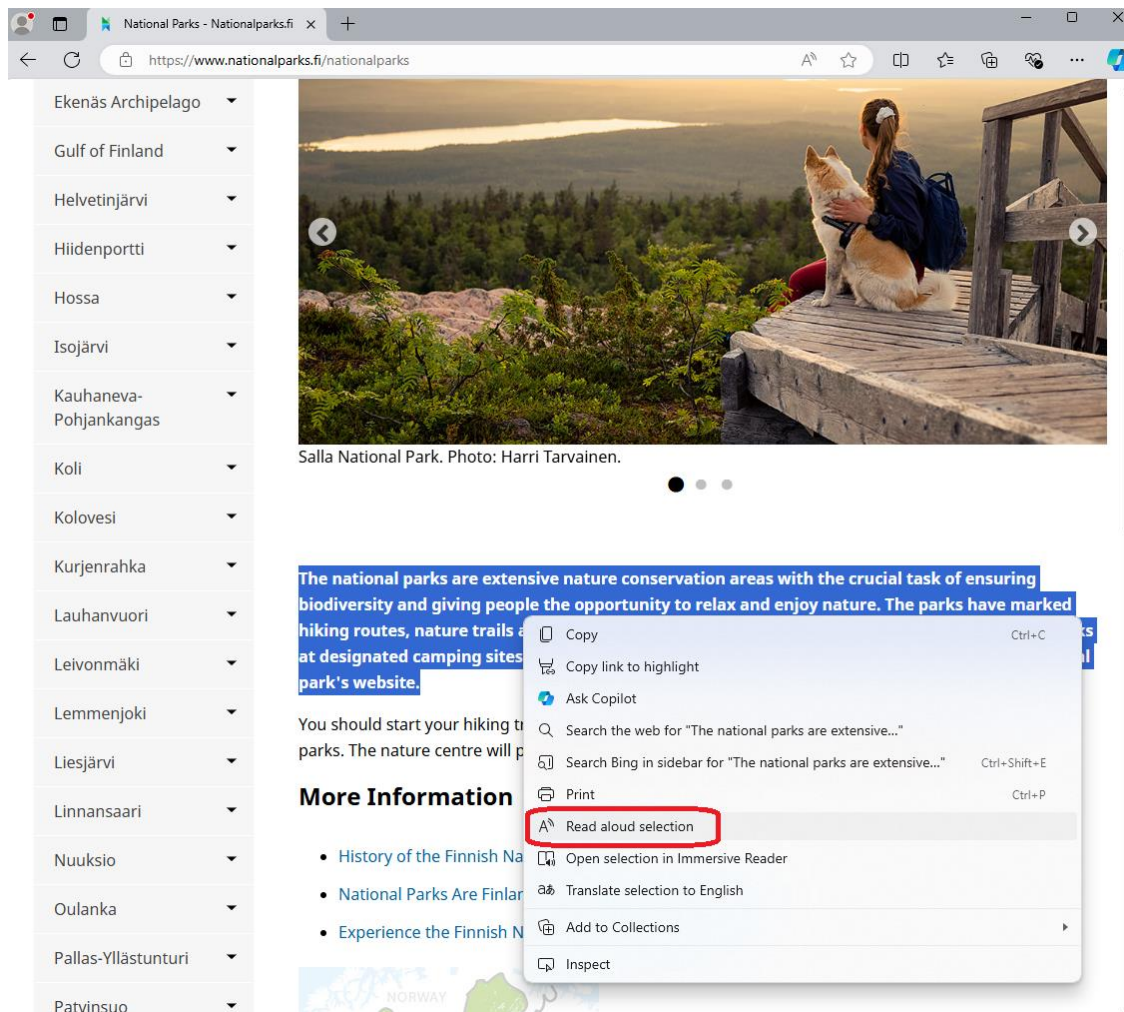
- Open the Edge browser.
- Visit a webpage with the text you want to listen to.
- Start the Read Aloud feature by clicking the icon next to the address bar.
- You can stop the reading by clicking the icon again.

When the Read Aloud feature is on, the following tools appear below the address bar: Read Aloud and Voice Options below the address bar.

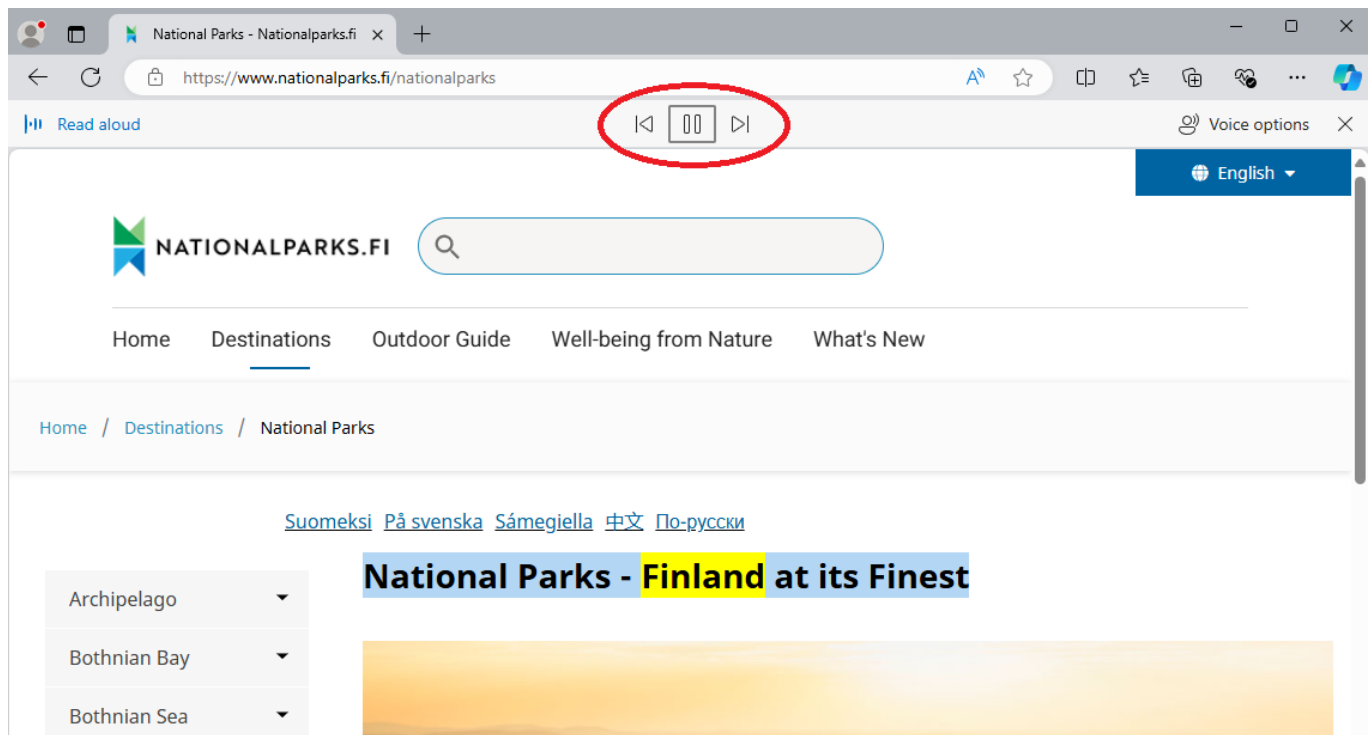


If you don't see the Read Aloud icon on the webpage in Microsoft Edge, you can still enable text-to-speech by following these steps:

- Open the Edge browser.
- Go to the webpage with the text you want to listen to.
- **Highlight** the text you want to read aloud and right-click on the **selected text**.
- In the menu that appears, choose **Read aloud selection**.



- To pause the reading, click the pause button in the toolbar that appears below the URL bar when you start Read Aloud.
- To resume reading, simply click the Play button. The reading will continue from where it stopped.
- You can also skip forward or backward in the text.



Customize the reading experience in Microsoft Edge

- Click the **Voice Options** icon, which looks like a person symbol with sound waves. This will open the voice settings menu.
- Experiment with the reading speed settings to find the pace that is most comfortable for you.
- If the text is in a language that the speech software failed to recognize automatically, you can manually select the correct language in the Voice Options menu.
- If the desired language voice is not available, you may need to install the corresponding language pack on your computer. Instructions for downloading language packs can be found on the Microsoft Office website.

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Edge browser window with the URL <https://www.nationalparks.fi/nationalparks>. The page displays a list of Finnish national parks on the left, a photo of Sipoonkorpi National Park, and descriptive text. The 'Read aloud' feature is active, and the 'Voice options' menu is open, showing a speed slider set to 'Normal' and a voice selection dropdown set to 'Microsoft Aria Online (Natural) - Eng'. The menu also includes a link to 'Learn how to add more voices'.

Read aloud

Speed

Slow Normal Fast

Choose a voice

Microsoft Aria Online (Natural) - Eng

[Learn how to add more voices](#)

Isojärvi

Kauhaneva-Pohjankangas

Koli

Kolovesi

Kurjenrahka

Lauhanvuori

Leivonmäki

Lemmenjoki

Liesjärvi

Linnansaari

Nuoksio

Oulanka

Pallas-Yllästunturi

Patvinsuo

Petkeljärvi

Puurijärvi and Isosuo

Pyhä-Häkki

Sipoonkorpi National Park. Photo: Markus Sirkka.

The national parks are extensive nature conservation areas with the crucial task of ensuring biodiversity and giving people the opportunity to relax and enjoy nature. The parks have marked hiking routes, nature trails and campfire sites. Visitors can also stay overnight in the national parks at designated camping sites or shelters and huts. More information is available on each 41 national park's website.

You should start your hiking trip by getting to know the nature centre that is available for some of the parks. The nature centre will provide you with more information on the area and its services.

More Information

- [History of the Finnish National Parks](#)
- [National Parks Are Finland's Natural Treasures \(metsa.fi\)](#)
- [Experience the Finnish National Park \(visitfinland.com\)](#)

NORWAY

SWEDEN

Lemmenjoki

Urho Kekkonen National Park

Pyhä-Luosto

Salla

Oulanka

Riisitunturi

Swite

[Download languages and voices for Immersive Reader, Read Mode, and Read Aloud - Microsoft Support](#)

Using Edge on other devices

You can also download Edge web browser for the following devices:

- Mac computer
- iPad and iPhone
- Linux computer
- Android phone and tablet

Read here how to download the Edge browser on other devices:

[Download Microsoft Edge](#)

Links used in the instructions

Read here how to install language pack on your computer:

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/topic/download-languages-and-voices-for-immersive-reader-read-mode-and-read-aloud-4c83a8d8-7486-42f7-8e46-2b0fdf753130>



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<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/edge/download?form=MA13FJ>

