



## Summary

Wedged between the Nasaasaaq mountain range and the Amerloq Fjord, this coastal hike links Sisimiut to one of Greenland's small, abandoned settlements.

The trail is very narrow and well-marked. However, it is technical in places and requires boulder scrambling and climbing.

## LEAVE NO TRACE

- Follow the marked trail
- Carry out all trash
- No fires. Be careful of cigarettes
- Do not disturb wildlife
- Respect the tranquility of nature



## SAFETY FIRST

- All passage is at your own risk
- No cellphone reception on trail
- Refill water from any stream
- Watch the weather
- Be careful of slippery and unstable surfaces

[hiking.gl](https://hiking.gl) (GPX route, feedback)

[destinationarcticcircle.com](https://destinationarcticcircle.com)

# ASSAQUTAQ TRAIL

CHALLENGING ●●●●●

10.5 KM ONE WAY

150 M MAX ALTITUDE



# TRAIL DESCRIPTION

We recommend you sail out to Assaqutaq and hike back to Sisimiut (easier logistics). The following is written with that in mind.

**Note: the hike is only 10km long, but it will take you longer than you expect.**

The hike begins at the wooden bridge at the east end of Assaqutaq Island. Once you cross, you will need to climb some embedded ladder rungs that scale a small cliff. At the top, the trail starts to head to the west and is fairly easy going for the first couple of kilometres. There are some great views down over Assaqutaq and the Amerloq Fjord. Please do not disturb the graves and mounds of boulders along the way.

The next section of trail sees you pushing through some surprising large willow, and scrambling over boulders. Follow the route markers as best you can while being very careful with your footing.

It is best to take it slowly to ensure you don't fall, but also to take in the incredible view of the fjord on one side and Nasaasaaq rising above you on the other.

There are some more challenging rock "climbing" areas as you continue along the base of the mountains. One of them has ladder rungs, but there are several others that will require use of your hands and your full concentration. This is the most difficult section of trail.

Eventually you'll reach a steep downhill into a broad valley. You are almost at Sisimiut.

The last section of trail heads away from the Amerloq Fjord and is very obvious and quite boggy. The hike finishes on the other side of the lake to the the Taseralik Culture Centre .

This hike can also be done in reverse, but logistics for getting back from Assaqutaq are more difficult to arrange.

