



### Summary

Named for local priests who used to climb to the summit to look for re-supply ships, Palasip Qaqqaa is a classic day hike from Sisimiut.

The trail is well-marked but steep with many sections of loose gravel and mud (it can be very slippery). There are currently many false trails, so please follow the markers.

## 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

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# PALASIP QAQQAA TRAIL

CHALLENGING ●●●●●

5.5 KM RETURN

551 M MAX ALTITUDE



# TRAIL DESCRIPTION

The hike begins 3.5km from Sisimiut along the road to the airport. There is a small carpark just after the river where you will find the trail sign and the first of the markings (blue dots).

The trail almost immediately heads towards the base of the mountain. Once it starts climbing, it follows the river to the top of a clearly visible waterfall. It is best to re-fill your water bottle here as there is not much water beyond this point.

A little further up, you will come to a brief plateau. If you have decided that the hike is harder than you anticipated, look to your left and you should see a wooden structure a short distance away.

This is a small shelter where you can rest and take in the incredible view over Sisimiut,

the Nasaasaaq Mountain range and all the way to the tall mountains along the Arctic Circle. From here, you can either descend along the same route, or continue to the summit.

After a very brief respite, the trail once again climbs steeply up the side of the mountain.

When you reach the wide desert-like ridge, you are not far from the top. Follow the trail up to arrive at a large cairn marking the summit of Palasip Qaqqaa.

Descend by the same route, but be very careful on the steep, loose gravel!

