

Welcome to *Killinkoski*

Killinkoski is the northernmost village of the Häme-region in Finland and located conveniently along route 68, right between the cities of Virrat and Ähtäri. Our village is the unique birthplace of an over 100-year old ribbon industry in Finland.

Although industrial activity in Killinkoski has been very dominant, clean, beautiful nature and old trees flourish in parallel with the industrial elements there. The locals often enjoy picking berries and mushrooms in the fall. The endangered and rare flying squirrels have also found a comfortable home for themselves in the old woods, right in the middle of the village.

Many of the old factory workers' buildings (current homes of the villagers) and the old factory, are under a protective development plan in order to maintain the historical appearance of the village.

The Old Factory Milieu Open 1 Jun. - 31 Aug. Free entry.

The old and new ribbon factory buildings, surrounded by a comfortable park area and a view to the lake, dominate the center view of the village.

While the new factory is still working, employing the majority of the villagers, and producing ribbons and industrial straps for different purposes, the architecturally beautiful old factory has become a hugely popular tourist attraction and is maintained by the Killinkoski village association.

Even though the population of the village is only about 500, Killinkoski

is an exceptionally lively little village. Every summer we get approximately 25,000 tourists who wish to see the old factory and many of its attractions, which include:

A ribbon shop and the ribbon industry museum

Displays very rare and interesting weaving machines that were originally ordered from Germany and France along with collections of old woven labels and hundreds of ribbon samples.

The Camera Museum of Finland - The Camera Heaven

A must see for everyone who's interested in photography, old cameras and film. The collection in Killinkoski has over 2000 items affiliated with photography. This museum was created in cooperation with the Finnish Photographic Historical Society in 2007-2008. In the same area one will also find photo exhibitions every summer.

Art galleries

There are two different art galleries that host exhibitions (changing every 3-5 weeks) from various traditional and contemporary Finnish artists. Also located nearby the factory Milieu, you will find a small Fairy cottage that displays local artist Linda Peltola's fantasy art (open in July 1st - 31st).

Marjaliisa Pitkäranta atelier

The former studio of one of Finland's most known illustrators, Marjaliisa Pitkäranta, commemorates this ener-



getic artist's work. She was especially known for her beautiful Christmas illustrations.

Flea markets

A huge popular flea market hall and a little second hand bookshop called "The Book Flea".

Collection of educational materials

Interesting and nostalgic collection of various items, which were salvaged from old schools, includes everything from stuffed animals to books and teaching boards.

Cafeteria

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