

# *Visit Suomussalmi*



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## RAATE MUSEUM ROAD

Raate Road offers an impressive journey through Finnish war history. The Winter War Museum at Raateen Portti showcases exhibits on the events of the Winter War in 1939–1940 and is also home to the Päämaja (“Headquarters”) café and restaurant. Right beside the Raateen Portti centre is the striking Winter War Monument, which consists of a field of stones and the “Wide Embrace” memorial, which chimes 105 brass bells, each one representing a day of the Winter War. There are several other important monuments in the vicinity, in addition to reconstructed dugouts and trenches along Raate Road. The Raate Frontier Guard Museum at the eastern end of Raate Road is a former guardhouse that has been restored to its 1939 appearance.

📍 Raateentie, Road number 9125.

🌐 [visitsuomussalmi.fi/raateentie](https://visitsuomussalmi.fi/raateentie)

🌐 [www.raateenportti.fi](http://www.raateenportti.fi)

## VARISKÖNGÄS WATERFALL



Variskoski, also known as Varisköngäs, is a 20-metres-high waterfall located on the Haverinen-Varisköngäs hiking trail. These falls are an impressive sight, especially during the spring floods, and can be viewed from above, from the campfire site, or from at a resting place below. A marked trail leads to the waterfall from the parking lot along the Aittokoskentie road, some 400 metres from the falls.

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📍 Aittokoskentie 17, Suomussalmi



## KIANNON KUOHUT SPA

Kiannon Kuohut Spa is located right in the centre of Suomussalmi, along the Jalonuoma river channel. The pool area of the spa has a 25-metre pool for swimmers and a children's pool with two slides, as well as a water massage, cold-water and whirlpool baths. In addition to the usual Finnish saunas, there is a herbal steam sauna. The spa provides direct access to the natural waters of Jalonuoma throughout the year. A gym, café, ball pool, exergaming iWall and golf simulator complement the facilities at this cosy spa. Hotel Kiannon Kuohut, which offers a variety of services, is located in the same building. The Patokoski local nature path, featuring an illuminated ski track in the winter, has its starting point right beside the spa hotel. The Jalonuoma channel also has several accessible spots that anglers will enjoy.




 Jalonkatu 1, Suomussalmi

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 [www.kiannonkuohut.fi](http://www.kiannonkuohut.fi)

## WILDLIFE WATCHING

Guided wildlife watching excursions are an ideal way to observe the great variety of predators that inhabit the area, including bears, owls and birds of prey. Spotting a bear, the king of the forest, in its natural environment is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Several companies offer wildlife watching excursions in Suomussalmi, and most of these are located in the north of the area. Bear-watching excursions take place in spring and summer seasons, but birds of prey can be spotted all year round. For further information, contact the Suomussalmi Tourist Office.



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# THE SILENT PEOPLE

The Silent People is a truly eye-catching sight, consisting of about 800 figures with heads of hay standing in a field beside the Road 5, 30 km north of the centre of Suomussalmi. This art installation was designed by the dancer Reijo Kela, a native of Suomussalmi. The clothing on The Silent People is changed twice a year, and the figures' hay heads are reshaped early each summer. Located beside The Silent People, the Niittykahvila café and Niittytupa restaurant welcome visitors.

- 📍 Viitostie 547, Suomussalmi
- 🌐 [www.niittykahvila.fi](http://www.niittykahvila.fi)
- 🌐 [www.visitsuomussalmi.fi](http://www.visitsuomussalmi.fi)

# THE MUSICAL FOREST

The Musical Forest is a unique piece of environmental art consisting of a selection of large natural instruments set along a forest nature trail. Located on the Kaunisniemi ridge near Suomussalmi centre, the Musical Forest has 15 unique instruments that the visitors can play themselves. The Musical Forest is a fascinating place for visitors of all ages.

- 📍 Lomakyläntie 27, Suomussalmi
- 🌐 [www.visitsuomussalmi.fi](http://www.visitsuomussalmi.fi)





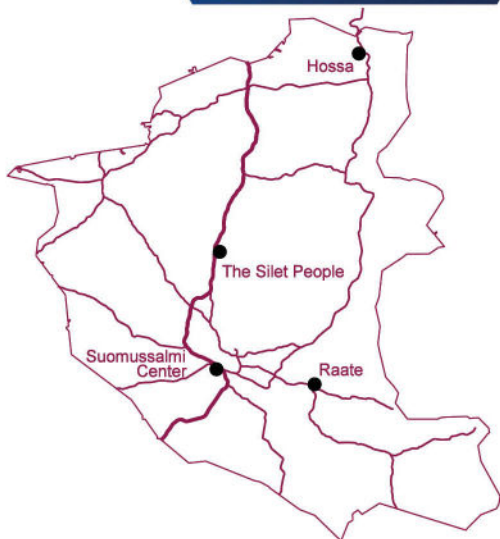
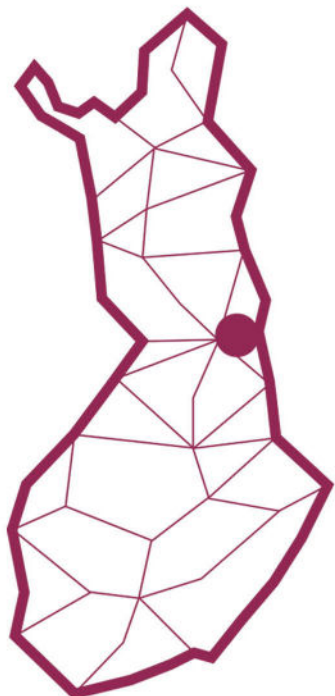
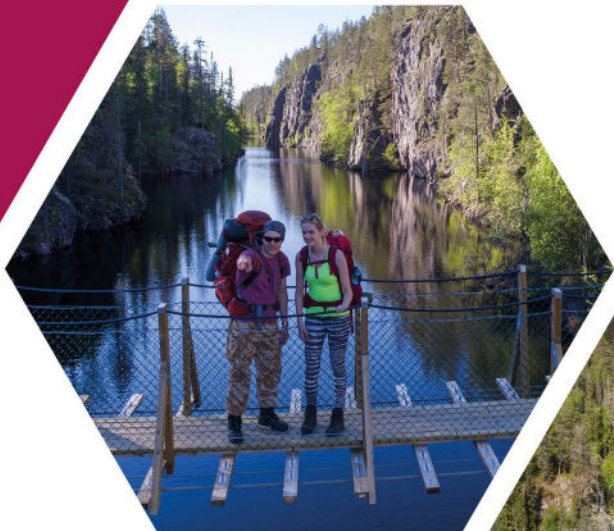
# HOSSA

Hossa National Park is renowned for its magnificent and unique wilderness. In Hossa, visitors can immerse themselves in the serenity of nature and try their hand at a variety of activities. The national park offers marked routes with different levels for hiking, cycling and skiing, while its clear waterways provide perfect conditions for paddling and fishing. Hossa is also famous for the Hossa Värrikallio Rock Paintings, which date back to the Stone Age. Finland's largest canyon lake, Julma-Ölkky, is also located in this national park. This imposing yet serene lake is several kilometres long yet only 10 metres wide at its narrowest point. Daily boat excursions to Lake Julma-Ölkky are available throughout the summer.

- 📍 Hossa National Park, Jatkonsalmentie 6, Ruhtinansalmi
- 📍 Julma-Ölkky, Julma-Ölkyntie 86, Kuusamo
- 🌐 [www.nationalparks.fi/hossa](http://www.nationalparks.fi/hossa)
- 🌐 [www.visitsuomussalmi.fi](http://www.visitsuomussalmi.fi)
- 🌐 [www.hossa.fi](http://www.hossa.fi)

## WINTER MAGIC

The winter season in Suomussalmi is filled with a wide variety of activities. The extensive network of ski tracks invites cross-country skiers to Suomussalmi centre and Hossa National Park. There are also several multi-purpose routes for skiing, winter cycling and snowshoeing both in Hossa and Martinselkonen. Winter is also when visitors can try out reindeer and dog team sledding with one of the many operators offering rides. Suomussalmi has around 550 kilometres of snowmobile tracks, of which some 350 kilometres are maintained mechanically. The winter trails and routes all provide resting and campfire places where one can enjoy snacks and coffee brewed on an open fire.



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