

# Puumala Weekly 2024

In Puumala you are in the middle of the Unesco Saimaa Geopark!



| MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY   | SUNDAY  |
|---|---|--|--|---|--|---|
| <p>Roadside church<br/>10 AM to 4 PM</p> <p>Learn kayaking ABC at 12 noon (€)</p> | <p>Paddling mindfulness (€)</p> <p>Tuesday specials at the Pancake bar (€)</p> <p>Riimukivi farm summer café and handicraft shop from 11 AM to 6 PM (€)</p> | <p>Canoeing trip to Rokansaari<br/>10 AM to 5 PM (€)</p> <p>SAIMAA HOP ON HOP OFF -Puumala islands 11 AM (€)</p>                     | <p>Seal safaris by Ecoboat (€)</p> <p>SAIMAA HOP ON HOP OFF Astuvansalmi rock paintings</p>          | <p>Tourism shop<br/>9 AM to 4 PM (€)</p> <p>Hanhiniitty smithy sales exhibition</p> | <p>Car boot sale<br/>9 AM to 2 PM</p> <p>Heinäensaari canoe trips</p> <p>Archipelago flea market<br/>11 AM to 3 PM</p>             | <p>Service at Puumala Church at 10 AM</p> <p>Rokansaari canoe trips</p> <p>Afraid of the Bunker?<br/>11 AM – 6 PM</p> |
| <p>Saimas Spinnery spinning mill experience and factory outlet (€)</p>            | <p>Pistohiekka's archipelago canoeing at 12 noon (€)</p> <p>Saimaa story cruise at 1 PM (€)</p>   | <p>Daytime music in the Church at 12 noon</p> <p>M/s Kaunis Veera charter cruises (€)</p> <p>Hanhiniitty smithy sales exhibition</p> | <p>SAIMAA HOP ON HOP OFF Puumala islands</p> <p>Yoga in Metsäsydän, the forest heart at 5 PM (€)</p> | <p>Why not rent a bike and explore Puumala?</p>                                     | <p>Market and laid-back Saturdays on the harbour square</p> <p>Saimas Spinnery spinning mill experience and factory outlet (€)</p> | <p>Sahanlahti Sunday roast (€)</p> <p>Sunday Buffet at restaurant Niinipuu from 12 noon to 3 PM (€)</p>               |
| <p>S/s Wenno Steam cruise at 6 PM (€)</p>   | <p>Smoke sauna evening in Sahanlahti at 6 PM (€)</p> <p>Forest mind and the magic of flowers workshop at 6.30 PM (€)</p>                                    |  | <p>The charm of barn dancing (€)</p> <p>Summer night canoeing on Lake Saimaa</p>                     |   | <p>Forest mind and the magic of flowers workshop at 6.30 PM (€)</p> <p>Golf and frisbee golf</p>                                   |   |

EVENTS: 8 June, Puumalansalmi Speaks! & Veera Market Day • Niinijazz 15 June • Saimaa Cycling Tour 28.-29 June • Great Saimaa Tour 29 June

- Puumala Archipelago Day 6 July • Saimaa Steam Ship Regatta, Puumala Leg 11 July • Beach Party Rantakekerit 12.-14 July • Jaakonmarkkinat Market Day 27 July
- Siltakemmakat Festival 1.-3 August • Hayride Jamboree 9.-10 August • Saimaa Swimrun 24 August • Puumala Seura 70 years 31 August.

Puumala

THE PEARL OF LAKE SAIMAA



# Puumala Summer 2024

## DAILY

### ELEVATING VIEWS WITH THE BRIDGE LIFT

The free panoramic lift of Puumalansalmi Bridge takes you to enjoy magnificent views of Saimaa around the clock.

### ROADSIDE CHURCH

The beautiful Puumala church open 10 June to 28 August daily from 10 AM to 4 PM. Church guide on site. Kirkkotie 1.

### WELL-BEING FROM NATURE TRAILS

Discover **Pikku-Elsa's Forest Story Path** for children on the Norppapolku trail. Kalevala Koru's founder, writer Elsa Heponen, was born in Puumala. The trail is signposted from Norppapolku at the junction of Luukkulantie and Laamannantie. The trail is about 500 m long and the recommended age range is 5-10 years.

**Norppapolku Art Path** opens through QR codes on your smart phone. Take a trip combining art and geology to the Saimaa landscape now! There are eight checkpoints along the Norppapolku trail through which the geological secrets of the landscape paintings are revealed.

**Koskenskä nature trail** 3 km and frisbee golf. Departure from Koskenskä camping area [www.koskenskä.fi](http://www.koskenskä.fi)

**Metso well-being trail in Niinisaari** from the yard of Niinipuu Restaurant, Ylösaarentie 35. Forest trail 1.5 km to experience silence. Guiding on request tel. +358 500 259 378 [www.okkola.fi](http://www.okkola.fi).

**Metso well-being trail in Lintusalo** 2.5 km, the Journey to the Beginning of the Ice Age 1.5 km, the Mythology Path 1 km and the Children's Nature Trail 1 km. Signposts to the departure gate from Nestorinranta's main building, Lintusalontie 1661 A. Guided tours on request see [nestorinranta.fi](http://nestorinranta.fi).

**Lielahlanne Museum Estate Nature Trail** 2 km and Jallu's Stories 15 June to 1 August weekdays 11 AM to 6 PM, Sat-Sun 11 AM to 4 PM. Tickets 4 € per person, family ticket 8 €, group 3 €/person, boat fee 9 €/day. Ylösaarentie 205, tel +358 50 340 3858.

**Saha history trail.** Discover the history of Sahanlahti on your own on the AR trail. All you need is a smart phone and a sense of adventure. Historical figures come to life and take you into the fascinating history of Sahanlahti. Lietvedentie 830, [www.sahanlahtiresort.fi](http://www.sahanlahtiresort.fi).

## MONDAY



### ROADSIDE CHURCH

10 AM to 4 PM G

### LEARN KAYAKING ABC

At Guide Tiina's nature centre Mon 12 AM to 2 PM/ reservations as of 15 May. Tel. +358 500 380 032, Rakokiventie 270 [spiritguidesaimaa.com](http://spiritguidesaimaa.com)

### SAIMAS SPINNERY SPINNING MILL EXPERIENCE AND FACTORY OUTLET

Explore the new spinning mill and factory shop Mon 24 June to 26 August from 2 PM to 3 PM. Also for groups by appointment tel. +358 20 743 7230, Koskensäntie 3, [saimasspinnery.com](http://saimasspinnery.com)



### S/S WENNO STEAM CRUISE

An atmospheric cruise with an authentic Saimaa tar steamboat from 6 PM to 7.30 PM from Puumala harbour Mon 1 July – 29 July. Tickets 25 €/ adults, children under 15, 10 €. Satamatie 2. Reservations at [visitpuumala.fi](http://visitpuumala.fi) online shop.



## TUESDAY

### PADDLING MINDFULNESS

The ABC of paddling is suitable for all who can swim Tue 30 May – 29 August from 9.15 AM to 10.45 AM/on request at Pistohiekka Resort. Tel +358 500 380 032 [spiritguidesaimaa.com](http://spiritguidesaimaa.com).

### RIIMUKIVI FARM SUMMER CAFÉ AND HANDICRAFT SHOP

Riimukivi open 25 June to 10 August Tue -Sat from 11 AM to 6 PM. Traditional foods, sheep in the yard, farm shop in a 19<sup>th</sup> century courtyard. [Haukkoniementie 1, riimukiventila.fi](http://Haukkoniementie1,riimukiventila.fi)

### PISTOHIEKKA'S ARCHIPELAGO CANOEING

In the middle of Unesco Saimaa Geopark Tue 28 May to 27 August from 12 noon to 4 PM /by appointment. Reservations 24 hours prior to the tour tel. +358 500 380 032 [spiritguidesaimaa.com](http://spiritguidesaimaa.com).

### SAIMAA STORY CRUISE

Story cruise 24 June to 31 August Tue – Sun at 1 PM from Puumala harbour and in August from Sahanlahti Resort. Duration 90 min, incl. Saimaa stories, accordion music and coffee. Max 10 persons, adults 30 €, children 1-11 years 17€. Book and pay: [www.lakelandgte.fi](http://www.lakelandgte.fi)

### TUESDAY SPECIALS AT THE PANCAKE BAR

Special fillings at Nestori's Pancake Bar on Tuesdays in July. The bar is open all summer from 10.30 AM to 5.00 PM, in July until 6 PM. Lintusalontie 1661B, [nestorinranta.fi](http://nestorinranta.fi)

### SMOKE SAUNA EVENING IN SAHANLAHTI

Shared sauna 3 to 30 July at 6 PM at Sahanlahti Resort. Bring your swimwear. Price 16€/person, 39€/family. [sahanlahtiresort.fi](http://sahanlahtiresort.fi)

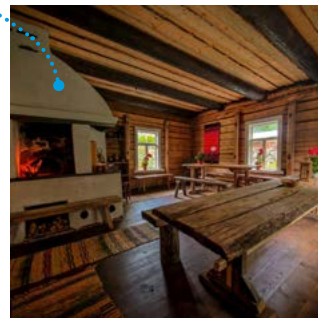
### FOREST MIND AND THE MAGIC OF FLOWERS WORKSHOP

Come and enjoy a gardening workshop including a field trip, picking wild and cut flowers and creating your own flower arrangement. Sat 3 August – 24 August from 5 PM to 6.30 PM. Price 20 €, register at [punainentorppa@gmail.com](mailto:punainentorppa@gmail.com)

## WEDNESDAY

### CANOEING TRIP TO ROKANSAARI

The excursion includes equipment and guide services from 10 AM to 5 PM. Reservations at least 24 hours before the excursion. Guide Tiina +358 500 380 032 [spiritguidesaimaa.com](http://spiritguidesaimaa.com)



### SAIMAA HOP ON HOP OFF -PUUMALA ISLANDS

Cruise on M/S Kaunis Veera on Wednesdays of odd weeks 3 July to 14 August. Departures from Puumala harbour at 11 AM. Destinations: Rokansaari and Pistohiekka. You can also hop on board from the pier at Sahanlahti Resort. Cruise price: 49€/person. Read more and buy your tickets at [visitmikkeli.fi](http://visitmikkeli.fi)

### DAYTIME MUSIC IN THE CHURCH

Come to take a moment of quiet reflection and listen to live music at Puumala Church on Wednesdays 26 June – 31 July from 12 noon to 12.30 PM, Kirkkotie 1.

### M/S KAUNIS VEERA CHARTER CRUISES

M/S Kaunis Veera's scenic cruises on request from Puumala harbour. For information [www.ms-kaunisveera.fi](http://www.ms-kaunisveera.fi) tel. +358 500 255 136.



### HANHINIITTY SMITHY SALES EXHIBITION

Welcome to discover the forged products of village blacksmith Martti Malinen at Niinisaari in Puumala on Tue-Sun 2 July to 31 August from 12 noon to 5 PM. Ylösaarentie 84. [hanhiniitty.fi](http://hanhiniitty.fi)



## THURSDAY



### SEAL SAFARIS BY ECOBOAT

Seal safaris with the comfortable Ecoboat throughout the summer. You can book individual places on open guaranteed departures or book a private tour. From 1 May to 9 June there are 10 open weekly departures and from 10 June to 30 September there are four open weekly departures (Tue Thu Sat Sun). [lakelandgte.fi](http://lakelandgte.fi)

### SAIMAA HOP ON HOP OFF PUUMALA ISLANDS

Excursion aboard M/S Kaunis Veera on Thursdays of odd weeks from July to mid-August. Departure from Puumala harbour at 11 AM. Destinations: Okkola, Liehtalanniemi Museum Estate and Nestorinranta. Cruise price: 49€/person. Tickets [visitmikkeli.fi](http://visitmikkeli.fi).

### SAIMAA HOP ON HOP OFF AS-TUVANSALMI ROCK PAINTINGS

Excursion aboard M/S Aino on Thursdays of even-numbered weeks from the last week of June to mid-August. Departure from Puumala harbour at 11 AM. Return to Puumala harbour by charter bus at about 6 PM. Price 59€/person. Tickets [visitmikkeli.fi](http://visitmikkeli.fi).

### YOGA IN METSÄSYDÄN, THE FOREST HEART

Hatha yoga on Thursdays 27 June – 1 August from 5 PM to 6.15 PM and Yin from 6.30 PM to 8 PM. Price 15€/hour, no separate registration. Yoga mats on site. Junnimaentie 53. More information [metsasydan.fi](http://metsasydan.fi).

### THE CHARM OF BARN DANCING

Experience Pistohiekkä barn dance pavillion [www.pistohiekkanelava.net](http://www.pistohiekkanelava.net) and Ruokotaipale barn dance events in Hurissalo [www.tanssi.net](http://www.tanssi.net).

### SUMMER NIGHT CANOEING ON LAKE SAIMAA

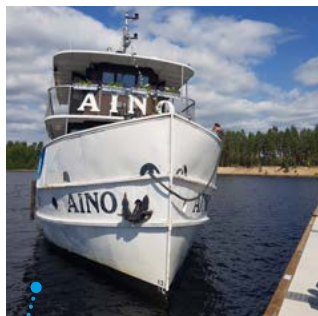
A leisurely paddling excursion in the summer night on Thursdays from 27 June to 15 August at 8 PM. Duration approx. 4 h. Price 85€/person, children under 12 years 65€. Ylössaarentie 84. Incl. equipment, picnic and guide. [saimaacanoeing.fi](http://saimaacanoeing.fi)

## FRIDAY



### TOURISM SHOP

Looking for souvenirs or books on Puumala? At Puumala Tourist Information you can find postcards, magnets and other Puumala products from 1 June to 31 August, Mon-Fri 9 AM to 4 PM, Keskustie 14.



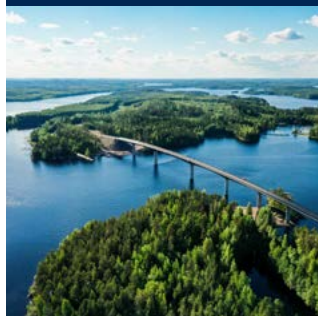
### WITH A RENTED BICYCLE TO THE ISLAND ROUTES

RENT A BICYCLE  
[www.saimaabikes.fi](http://www.saimaabikes.fi).

BOOK TICKETS FOR THE BICYCLE FERRY at [matkahuolto.fi](http://matkahuolto.fi) [saimaacycling.fi](http://saimaacycling.fi).

Experience the stunning scenery of the **NORPPA TRAIL** and have a picnic at the Norppalaavu shelter.

Are you familiar with the **Sillat ja lossit (bridges and cable ferries) route** between Puumala and Sulkava? Download the map at [visitpuumala.fi](http://visitpuumala.fi) or get it from the Tourist Information.



## SATURDAY

### CAR BOOT SALE

Make bargains at the car boot sale on Sat 8 June, 29 June, 20 July, 10 August 9 AM to 2 PM. Puumala bus station. Keskustie 21

### HEINÄSENSAARI CANOE TRIPS

All-day guided paddling adventure 13 July, 27 July and 10 August. Price 150 €/person incl. guide, equipment, lunch on the island, rest stop picnics and sauna at the end of the trip.

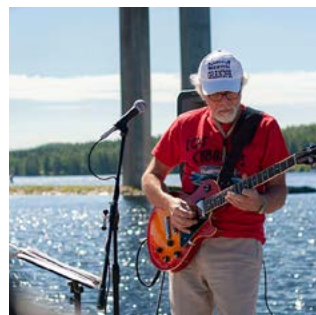
Info: [saimaacanoeing.fi](http://saimaacanoeing.fi).

### ARCHIPELAGO FLEA MARKET

Explore the idyllic flea market in a farmhouse from 11 AM to 3 PM on Saturdays, Lintusalontie 198.

### MARKET AND LAID-BACK SATURDAYS ON THE HARBOUR SQUARE

Summer opening 8 June, Veera market day 15 June, Jaakkomarkkinat market day 27 July, Kemmakkatori market 1-3 August, Puumala Seura's anniversary market 31 August, Spring market 7 September, Saturdays 1 -29 July, 12 noon to 2 PM laid-back live music on the harbour stage, Satamatie 2.



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### GOLF AND FRISBEE GOLF

Play at Puumala Golf without appointment. Pay on location, [puumalagolf.fi](http://puumalagolf.fi). Try frisbee golf at Koskenselkä free of charge. [Koskenselkä.fi](http://Koskenselka.fi). There is also a 9-hole course at Kahvila Naskali, Imatrantie 731.

## SUNDAY



### SERVICE AT PUUMALA CHURCH

More information about concerts and evening services on [mikkelintuomioseurakunta.fi](http://mikkelintuomioseurakunta.fi) and in the Puumala-lehti newspaper.

### ROKANSAARI CANOE TRIPS

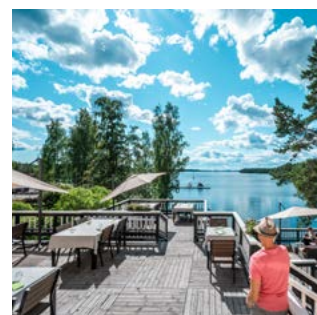
Guided day trip 23 June, 21 July and 11 August at 10 AM. Price 120 €/60 € incl. equipment, lunch and coffee. Reservations [saimaacanoeing.fi](http://saimaacanoeing.fi)

### AFRAID OF THE BUNKER?

Salpa Line concrete bunker open Wed – Sun 3 July to 31 July at 11 AM – 6 PM. Pappilantie 2. Free entry.

### SAHANLAHTI SUNDAY ROAST

Sundays from 12 noon onwards, with a selection of local produce and a traditional roast plus fish and vegetables as the main course. [sahanlahtiresort.fi](http://sahanlahtiresort.fi)



### SUNDAY BUFFET AT RESTAURANT NIINIPUU

Sunday buffet at Niinipuu Vintti on Sun 2 June to 1 September from 12 noon to 3 PM. Price 34 €/person, children 4-12 years half price. Niinisaari, Ylössaarentie 35, tel +358 500 259378 [okkola.fi](http://okkola.fi)

# Flavours from Saimaa



## STOP BY FOR SUNDAY STEAK OR A PIZZA IN PAJAPIRTTI:

Sahanlahti Resort, sahanlahtiressort.fi

## THE BEST BUFFET MEAL EVER:

Restaurant Niinipuu, okkola.fi

## PRIZE-WINNING LUNCH BUFFET AT POIJU:

Restaurant Poiju, puumalanpoiju.fi

## ENJOY THE HARBOUR'S DELICACIES ON THE TERRACE:

Restaurant Satama, ravintolasatama.com

## EYE CANDY AND SUMMER DELICACIES:

Pistohiekka Resort, pistohiekka.fi

## VENDACE AND STRAWBERRIES:

Puumala harbour market square and Kalakontti, kalakontti.fi

## TRY OUT OUR GOURMET PANCAKES:

Nestori's Pancake Bar, nestorinranta.fi

## TRADITIONAL DELICACIES FROM THE SUMMER CAFÉ:

Riimukivi Historical Farm, riimukiventila.fi

## INDULGE IN HOMEMADE TREATS:

Cafe Naskali, www.facebook.com/kahvilanaskali

Cafe Kuittinen, Keskustie 13

## LUNCHES AND PIZZAS:

Restaurant Hovi, Restaurant Virta and Kamil's Pizzeria, visitpuumala.fi



## PUUMALA ARCHIPELAGO ROUTE SAIMAA

THE PUUMALA ARCHIPELAGO ROUTE offers 60 km of water and shoreline through islands, over bridges and ridges. Find out more about the route and services and book your accommodation and ferry tickets well in advance.

### FERRY NORPPA II

| Departures  | LINTUSALO                     | HURISSALO                     |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 18.–25.5.   | 12:00 Sat                     | 13:00 Sat                     |
| 1.6.–30.6.  | 12:00 Mon-Su                  | 13:00 Mon-Su                  |
| 1.7.–14.7.  | 12:00 Mon-Su<br>14:30 Tue-Sat | 13:00 Mon-Su<br>15:30 Tue-Sat |
| 15.7.–28.7. | 12:00 Mon-Su<br>14:30 Mon-Su  | 13:00 Mon-Su<br>15:30 Mon-Su  |
| 29.7.–1.9.  | 12:00 Mon-Su                  | 13:00 Mon-Su                  |
| 7.9.–28.9.  | 12:00 Sat                     | 13:00 Sat                     |

### PRICE LIST AND PRICES 2024 (one way)

Adult (incl. bicycle): 18 €

Children (incl. bicycle): 11 €

Children <4 yr for free.

Motorbike (additional fee): 6 €

Tickets: matkahuolto.fi (additional fee 0,80 €/ticket)



### SAIMAA HOP ON HOP OFF

What better way to discover the wonderful nature and sights of the Saimaa region than to go on a pre-packaged day trip? With Saimaa Hop On Hop Off trips, you can easily and sustainably reach the destinations of the Saimaa region. Check out our range of excursions: [www.visitmikkeli.fi](http://www.visitmikkeli.fi)



Saimaa Hop On Hop Off tours are being developed as part of the Arrive at Saimaa! project. The project is funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the City of Mikkeli, the Municipality of Puumala and the Mikkeli Regional Council. The funding authority is the South Savo Regional Council.



### NORPPAPOLKU TRAIL

Norppapolku will introduce you the diverse scenery of wonderful Lake Saimaa. It is one of the selected geosites in the Unesco Saimaa Geopark. The circular trail is 13 km long. For a shorter hike, choose one of the three smaller loops (Kitulan lenkki 3 km, Kaivannon kieppi 4 km or Kotkatsaaren kierros 2.8 km). There are nice sandy beaches, rocky shores and pine tree forests along the route. And you may enjoy your picnic at the lovely Norppa shelter with camp fire sites. Maps are available at the tourist info.



### THE GREEN GOLD CULTURE ROAD

The official tourist route in Southern Savo, the Green Gold Culture Road, runs for about 250 km through Mäntyharju, Ristiina, Puumala, Sulkava and Savonlinna to Punkaharju. Along the renewed route, 16 sites with information boards have been assembled to present Finnish forest culture and the Finns' relation to forests. Audio story in English available through the free Glopas app.

[www.outdooractive.com](http://www.outdooractive.com)



### CHILDREN'S SUMMER WEEK

15 to 23 July offers activities and experiences for the entire family.

## EXHIBITIONS

**Lasiruusu sales exhibition** daily 9 AM to 5 PM, Niementie 1

**Photo exhibition at Härkösentalo**, Härkösentie 7

**Puumala Art Association summer exhibition** weekdays 9 AM to 4 PM, Keskustie 14.

**Photo exhibition of local photographer Leo Montonen** on display in the window of the municipal hall, Keskustie 14.

**Hanhiniitty Paja sales gallery**, Ylösaarentie 84.

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CHANGES IN PROGRAMME POSSIBLE

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