

Puumala



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PUUMALA GEOSITES

- Haukkovuori scarps
- Rakokivet erratic boulders and caves
- The Lietvesi scenic road
- The Pistohiekka shore formations
- Loketononkalo
- Rokansaari island
- Sahanlahti boulder terrain and the Tupavuori cave
- Puumalansalmi, the "Gibraltar of Saimaa"
- Norppapolku Trail
- The Syrjäsalmi rock paintings
- The Kukonharju canal
- Suurisuo bog
- Liehtalanniemi shoreline outcrops and nature trail
- Tollonvuori rocky cliffs

PUUMALA CULTURAL SITES

- S/S Wenno
- Salpalinja defence line reinforced concrete bunker
- The wooden church of Puumala

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Ristiina, Astuvansalmi rock paintings



NATURE ATTRACTIONS, GIANT'S KETTLES AND CAVES

- The Telkonniemi kettle in Lintusalo, signs from the Repola and Sailandentie road junction and from Miekkanientie.
- Liittokivi, Liittokivenselkä 61.351232°, 27.856124°
- Kristuksenhauta, no signposts, 61.431874°, 28.286982°
- The Säkkipäki hill, viewpoint and lean-to, Lintusalontie 930
- Kummakivi boulder, signs from Kummakiventie, Ruokolahti.
- Lieviskänkoski, a restored river with pedestrian bridges, Lieviskantie 245

SANDY BEACHES AND DAY TRIP MARINAS

- Pistohiekka, Lietvedentie 1652
- Rokansaari, marina, 61.480812°, 28.050798°
- Rokansalo, Rokansalontie 1976
- Yksköytinen, nature reserve, 61.524693°, 27.970608°
- Laajahiekka, Niittusaarenselkä, 61.377461°, 28.092820°
- Ruuhonsaari, Taka-Ruuho, 61.355478°, 28.113825
- Suuri-Metiäinen, 61.505179°, 28.144599°
- Kotkatsaari, Laamaniementie 31, follow path to the shore
- Haapasaari, 61.376660°, 27.930459°
- Kylmäsaari, 61.623987°, 28.252245°
- Hiekkaniemi, 61.523633°, 28.521910°
- Kukonharju, Kivikkojärventie 11, signposts

Beach
Day trip marina

OTHER TRAILS

- (more information and maps at www.visitpuumala.fi)
- Liehtalanniemi Nature Trail 1.5km, Ylössaarentie 205
 - Puumala Archipelago Route 60km
 - Saimaa Archipelago Route 154km
 - Kukkeistenpolku path, 10km, fitness steps. Start from Kenttätie 5 or Takakuja 6
 - Hiisipolku path 1.7km, Keskustie 24
 - Koskenselkä Nature Trail 3km, Koskenseläntie 97
 - Elsa Heporauta Trail 22km, mainly gravel road, Lietvedentie 770
 - Metso Wellness Trail 1.5km, start from Restaurant Niinipuu's yard, Ylössaarentie 35
 - Nestorinranta Nature Trails 1-2.6km, start from Nestorinranta yard or beach, Lintusalontie 1661 A.

ROCK PAINTINGS

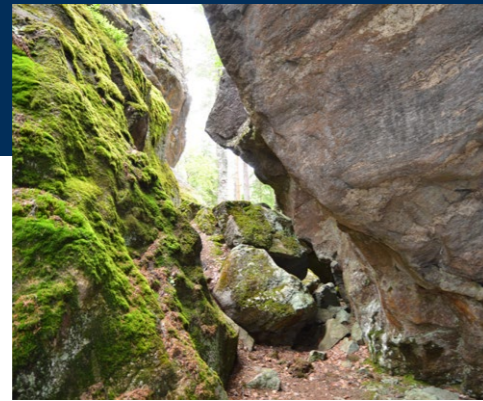
- Syrjäsalmi, see Geosites
- Kuutinvuori, Miettulanlahti 61.562190°, 28.117692°
- Kaitajärvi 61.606342°, 28.152338°
- Sourunniemi, quite easy to reach. Driving directions: Sourunniementie 95, turn right to the forest trail and drive approx. 600m to the turning point, take the 330m path down to the shore along the cliffsides.
- Maksasaarenselkä, 61.525759°, 28.493806°
- Vetotaipale, Muikunselkä 61.538909°, 28.630527°
- Ekelinniemi, Katosselkä, Pieni Linnasaari 61.522830°, 28.625421°
- Vuorilampi, Pimiälähti 61.4909240°, 28.685382°
- Ahotaipale, Luukkola private property

Coordinates ETRS89 geological (~WGS84)



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1. **HAUKKOVUORI SCARPS**, 81m above the surface of Lake Saimaa. A “water-course valley” deepened and cleared of fragmented rock material by the continental ice sheet. Difficult to reach by foot, easier to reach by canoe & kayak, for example from Guide-Tiina’s Pienniemi Taiga or Pistohiekkä Resort. Haukkovuori, coordinates 61.524270°, 27.906931°.



SAIMAA GEOPARK, K.M. REMES

2. **RAKOKIVET ERRATIC BOULDERS AND CAVES** A cluster formed of parts of massive granite erratic boulders. Includes cave-like passageways and cavities. It was formed by the glacier to the side of the hill approx. 11,500 years ago. Easy to reach. Road 62, Saarijärventie, drive 2km and turn right following the road signs. Parking area at the bottom of Välikankaanmäki hill.



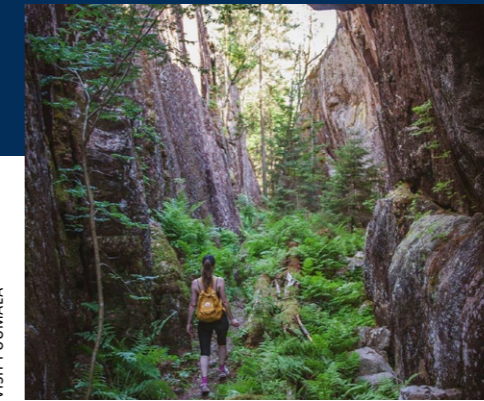
JONNE VAAHTERA

3. **THE LIETVESI SCENIC ROAD**, 5km in length, traverses a labyrinthine watercourse punctuated by rocky islands typical for Lake Saimaa. One of the most beautiful roads in Finland. Puumala Archipelago cycling route (60 km) is known for this scenery! Along the scenic road you’ll find the Lietvesi bridge, a summer kiosk and a nice viewpoint for admiring the landscapes, Lietvedentie 2020. Easy to reach. Road 62, Lietvedentie. visitpuumala.fi



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4. **THE PISTOHIEKKA SHORE FORMATIONS** Enjoy the shallow sandy beach, rare in Finnish Lakeland. Pistohiekkä is a shore feature site with an erosion bank (700m long and 3–4m tall). Stone-Age dwelling sites & archaeological findings are located in the ancient beach ridges. Next to the sandy bank & along the paths, there’s flat pine forest terrain, with cliffs in between and stunning views. Easy access. Parking lot, Pistohiekkä raitti 31.



TOMMI OLLIKAINEN
MATTI VAINIKKA

5. **LOKETONONKALO**, a 10–13m deep and 70m long ravine bordered by two vertical scarps where local people have been hiding during wartime. The 1.5km long path traverses the mysterious and atmospheric Loketononkalo; there is a picnic and recreation area on top of the rocky cliff. Rough terrain. Parking area at Honkajontie 510.



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6. **ROKANSAARI ISLAND**, beautiful sandy beaches, flat pine terrain, charming coves. Docks, campfire area, outhouse, rental cottages and a sauna, cafe in the summer. Northern part of the island is suitable for camping & recreational use. The island can be visited by guided tour, canoeing trips or by boat taxi. Read more: visitpuumala.fi
Rokansaari docks, Syväkaarteenniemi, 61.480812°, 28.050798°.



SAHANLAHTI RESORT

7. **SAHANLAHTI BOULDER TERRAIN AND THE TUPAVUORI CAVE** The Miettula sawmill in Sahanlahti was a significant employer in the beginning of the 20th century. You can still see a log flume of Sahankoski and the nature is very flourishing and beautiful. In the area there are many large boulders with cave-like cavities where children used to play. Nowadays there is a restaurant in the old main building and the area offers various tourism services and a guest marina. www.sahanlahtiresort.fi. Easy to reach. Road 62, Lietvedentie 830. **THE TUPAVUORI CAVE** that is 12m long can be accessed through a narrow crack. There is a hall-like space at the back with sunbeam shining through a hole on the top. The cave was used as a hide-out during wartime. Walk about 100m in the direction you came from the parking place, and follow the path going uphill from the road. You’ll need a flashlight and sturdy shoes to walk in the cave. Rough terrain. Parking area at Tupavuorentie 80.



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8. **PUUMALANSALMI, THE “GIBRALTAR OF SAIMAA”**, one of the main routes for Lake Saimaa’s boat traffic. The Puumalansalmi bridge is the 5th longest highway bridge in Finland. It’s 781m long and arches 29m above the Saimaa, featuring a scenic lift and a viewpoint café. Saimaan majakka light artwork is reflected on the entire height of the elevator tower. Easy to reach. Satamatie 2.



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9. **NORPPAPOLKU TRAIL** consists of 3 different paths totalling 13km. Along the trail you’ll see small sandy beaches, rocky areas, forests and moorland. Waterpoint, outhouse, Norppalaavu” lean-to with campfire site and parking area at Kaivanto, Luukkolantie 227. Parking area also at Luukkolantie 41. Easy to reach. Brochure www.visitpuumala.fi/.



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10. **THE SYRJÄSALMI ROCK PAINTINGS** date back 6,000-3,000 years and feature elks and humans. The path is about 300 meters. Moderately accessible. When arriving from direction of road 62, there is a small parking place before the Syrjäsalmi bridge with a path to the left after the bridge. Viljakansaarentie 640.



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11. **THE KUKONHARJU CANAL** is a 800m long waterway partially formed with embankments, partially quarried from rock. The canal is a part of the so-called Suvorov canal chain. It is best reached by boat trips. There is also a capfire place. Kivikkojärventie 11 signposts.



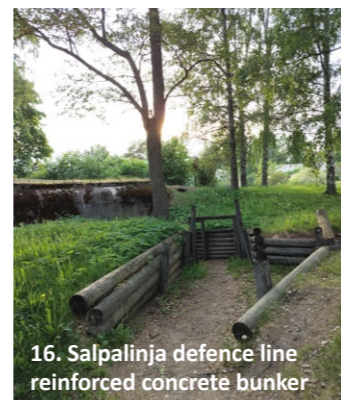
OLAVI KIETÄVÄINEN

12. **SUURISUO BOG**, 100 hectares. Raised bog that includes pools and rocky forest islets. Easy to reach. No signposts. Luukkola, 61.433614°, 28.224465°. Luukkolantie 1220.



TIINA KATILAMÄKI ELLARE OY

13. **LIEHTALANNIEMI SHORELINE OUTCROPS AND NATURE TRAIL** The shore cliffs show marks dating back to the ice age. The area features a small museum estate of Liehtalanniemi with animals and summer guide. Docks, outhouse, campfire site, overnight fee. 1.5km nature trail, signposts, lush archipelago environment. Easy to reach. 350m from the parking area to the estate, Ylössaarentie 205. Brochure www.visitpuumala.fi/.



JOANNA AHOLA

14. **TOLLONVUORI ROCKY CLIFFS**, approx. 100 hectares; the southern scarp is a Geopark site. No signposts, rough terrain, 61.423223°, 27.764308°.



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15. **S/S WENNO**, built in 1907 for the Miettula sawmill (today Sahanlahti) timber transportation. The only surviving iron-hulled steamer of the Saimaa’s large tarr steamer fleet. Themed cruises. Puumala harbour. Satamatie 2. visitpuumala.fi

16. **SALPALINJA DEFENCE LINE REINFORCED CONCRETE BUNKER**, accommodation bunker, built in 1941. Open in July, free entry, Pappilantie 2.

17. **THE WOODEN CHURCH OF PUUMALA**, built in 1832. The timber-built church with fantastic acoustics can accommodate nearly a thousand people. Roadside church, Kirkkotie 1.



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29b **LIEVISKÄNKOSKI**, a restored river with pedestrian bridges. A water-powered sawmill operated from 1776 until the late 19th century, milling continued until the late 20th century. Lieviskantie 245

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