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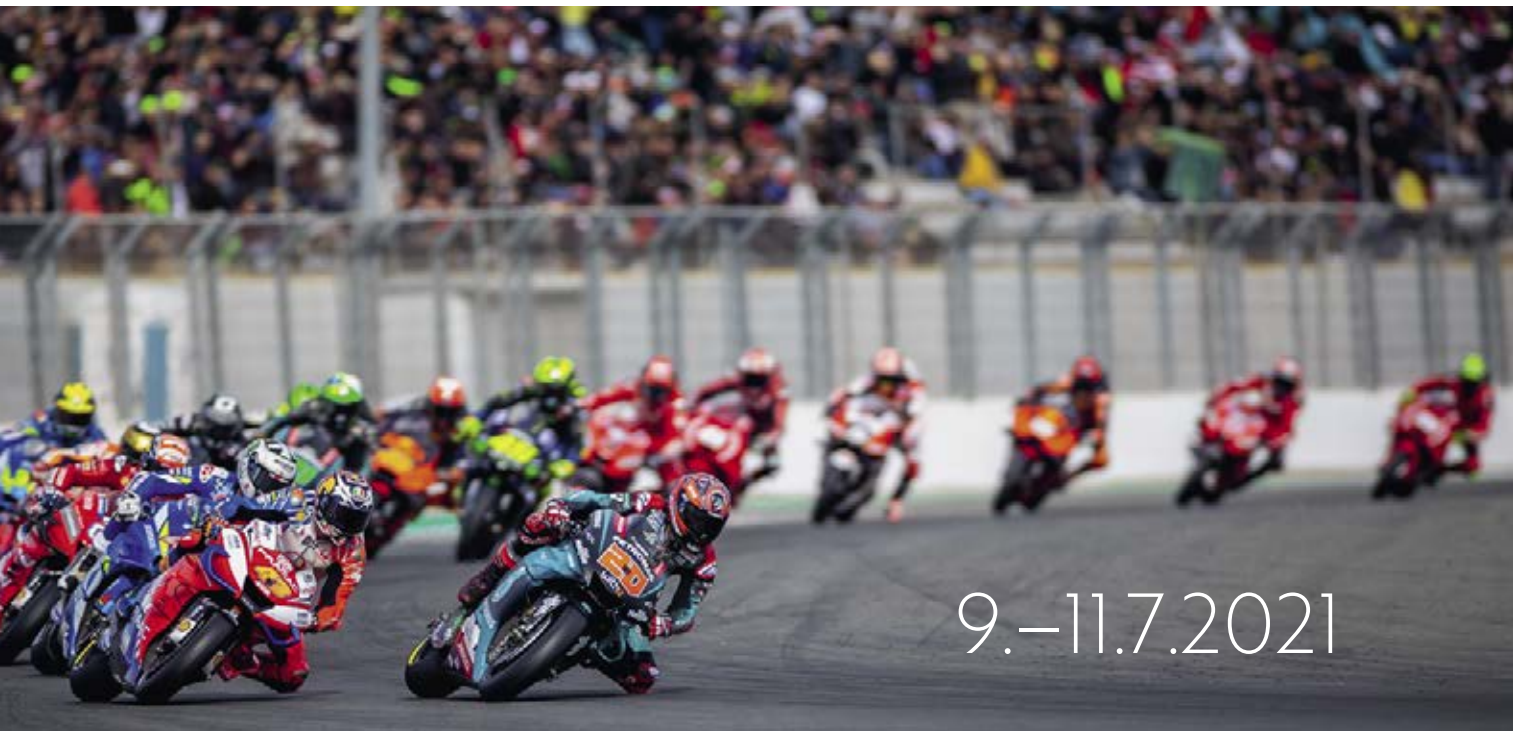
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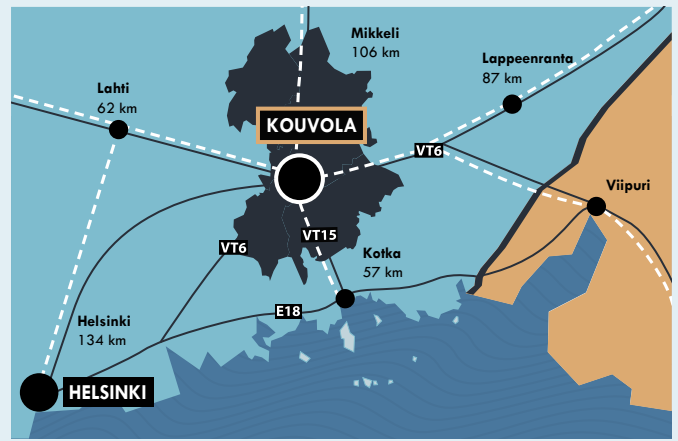
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...Kouvola is between two metropolitan areas. It's about one hour to Helsinki and two to St. Petersburg.

...with the price of two room apartment in Helsinki, you can get a house and a summer cottage from Kouvola. Nature starts from your backyard, and half of people in Kouvola live in their own houses.

...Kouvola is Finland's biggest garrison town. Karelian Brigade and the Utti Jaeger Regiment train more than 4,000 conscripts annually.

...paper industry is still strong in Kouvola. Stora Enso has a paper mill in Anjala and a boxboard mill in Inkeroinen, and UPM Kymmene has Kymi paper and pulp mill.

...Kouvola has the 7th largest amount of summer cottages in all the municipalities in Finland. There are about 7,700 summer cottages and about 30,000 people have their second home in Kouvola.

## It's coming soon

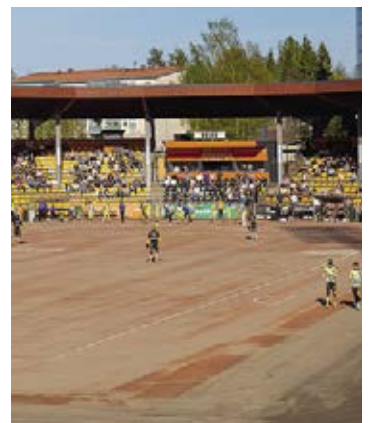
**THE PATIENCE OF MOTORSPORT FANS WILL BE REWARDED** this year when a MotoGP international FIM Grand Prix will finally be held in Finland.

From 9 to 11 July 2021, the two-wheeled premier class racing, MotoGP™, will be at the KymiRing track at Iitti, right on the border with Kouvola. The MotoGP™, Moto2™ and Moto3™ series will all be run at the event.

It will be possible to enjoy the atmosphere of motorsports at KymiRing on three different days as, for the first time, the venue will be open to the public on the Friday during free practice.

**On the Saturday, all classes will run in the qualifying rounds and, on the Sunday, they will be fighting for world championship points.**

Tickets to the Grand Prix are sold on [lippu.fi](http://lippu.fi) and on the official website of the MotoGP Finnish Grand Prix, [finlandmotogp.fi](http://finlandmotogp.fi).



**A PARADISE FOR SPORTS FANS** in the winter in Kouvola, you can follow the ice hockey team KooKoo at the Lumon Arena and the basketball matches of Kouvo and KouvoTaret at Jatke Arena. In summer, the Finnish baseball team KPL challenges for the national championship at the KSS Energia Arena.

Of the clubs playing outside the top leagues, you can watch MyPa football matches at Kymenlaakso Sähkö Stadium, Sudet football matches at Kouvola Central Sports Park, KoLe volleyball at Kuntotalo, and Sudet and Korian Klubi floorball at Jatke Arena.

# A canal with a tunnel

The old Kimola Canal for floating logs has been opened to boaters. Boats can now pass through the same tunnel that the logs once did.

**KOUVOLA CAN** now be approached from the west by water. At the western end of Kimola, Konnivesi narrows into a channel, and finally in front opens the dead straight Kimola Canal. A lock looms far away on the horizon.

Previously, only logs could use the route but, in 2018, work began on the Kimola Canal to make it suitable for boat traffic.

During the work which lasted a couple of years, the canal was dredged and the erosion protection required for boat traffic was also made. During its use for logs between 1996 and 2002, soil had toppled into the canal all along its length.

The canal made it easier to move logs from Lake Päijänne to the mills along the Kymijoki river. The Kimola Canal, which is more than 5 km long, connected Pyhäjärvi on the upper reaches of the Kymijoki river to Konnivesi. The eastern end of the canal was at Kimola near Kouvola and the western end at Koskenniska in Iitti.

**BEFORE THE LOCK** is a jetty at which boats wait their turn. Route traffic takes precedence over the vessels of pleasure boaters.

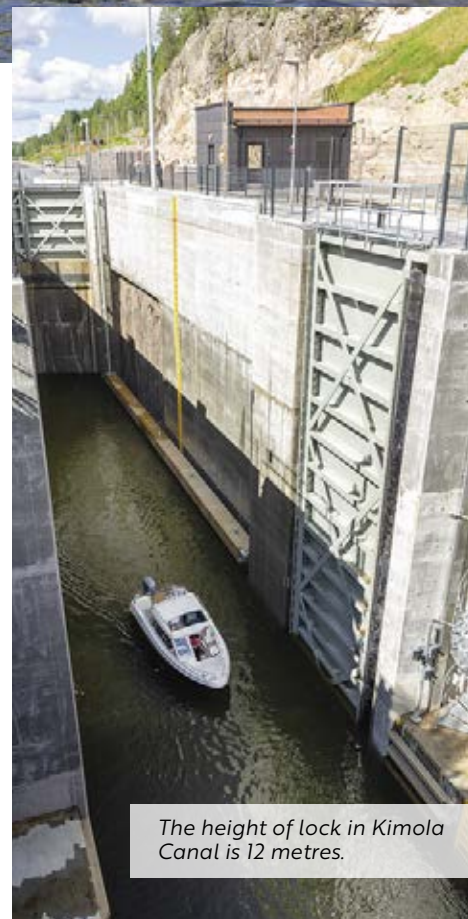
The original canal had no locks. The surface of the water was levelled by a dam built into a cross-section of rock, at the bottom of which the bundles of logs were lifted using two 30-tonne bundle gantries. After the dam, the logs rushed through the 70-metre-long tunnel in the rock into the open canal.

The bundle gantries were dismantled during the canal refurbishment work. A lock for boats was built in their place with a height of 12 m. The lock can take vessels up to 30 m long.

*"The canal opens up a route to Kouvola from as far away as Pielavesi."*

When you are on a boat in the lock and the surface of the water begins to descend, it feels as if you are sinking into a huge concrete well. The huge size of the lock gates and the height of the lock are then revealed in their entirety.

It takes almost 20 minutes for the surface of the water to descend to the bottom and



The height of lock in Kimola Canal is 12 metres.

The guest boat marina at the Kouvola end of the canal is at Virtakivi in Voikkaa.

## The Kimola Canal

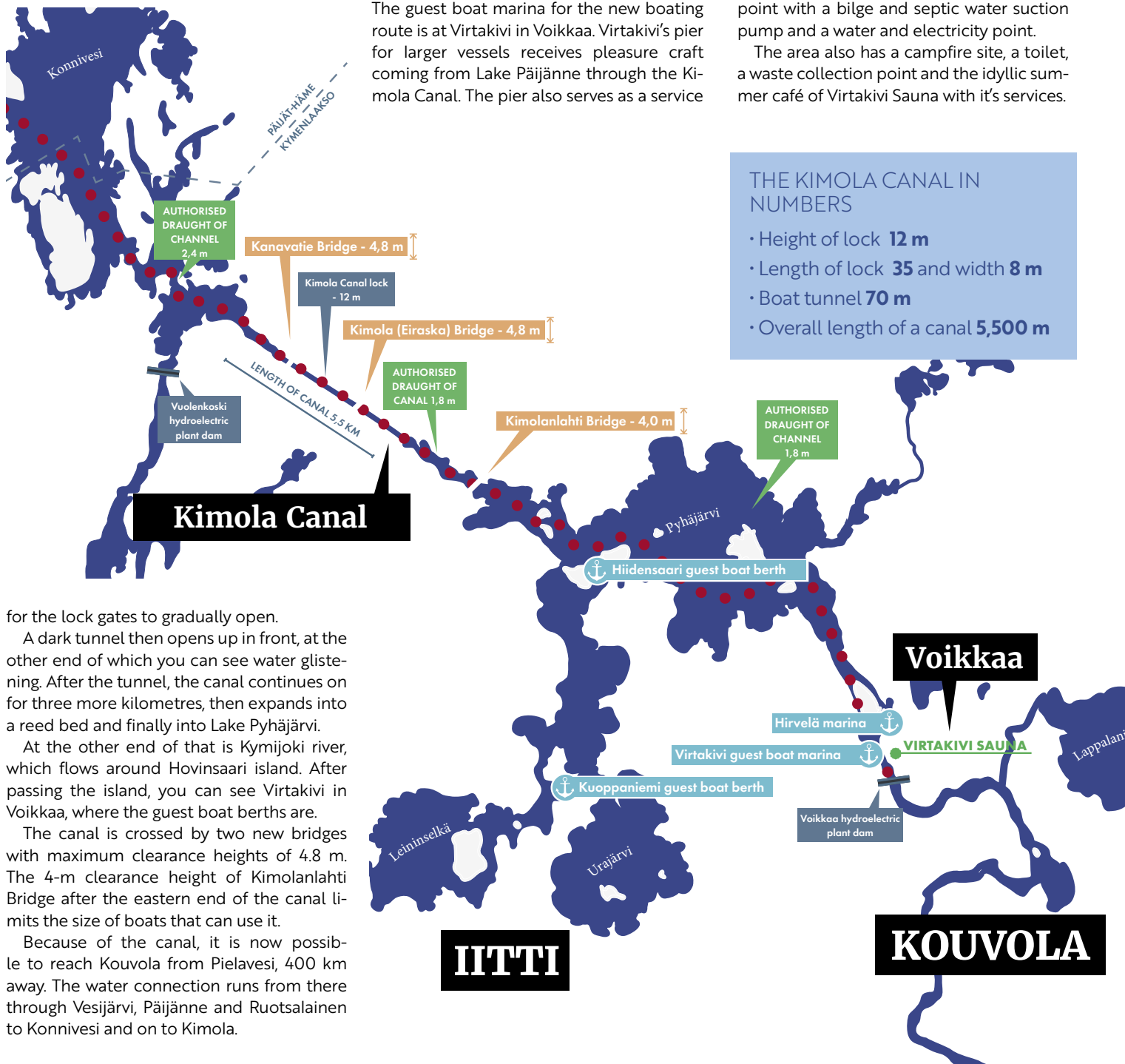


### GUEST BOAT MARINA

The guest boat marina for the new boating route is at Virtakivi in Voikkaa. Virtakivi's pier for larger vessels receives pleasure craft coming from Lake Päijänne through the Kimola Canal. The pier also serves as a service

point with a bilge and septic water suction pump and a water and electricity point.

The area also has a campfire site, a toilet, a waste collection point and the idyllic summer café of Virtakivi Sauna with its services.



for the lock gates to gradually open.

A dark tunnel then opens up in front, at the other end of which you can see water glistening. After the tunnel, the canal continues on for three more kilometres, then expands into a reed bed and finally into Lake Pyhäjärvi.

At the other end of that is Kymijoki river, which flows around Hovinsaari island. After passing the island, you can see Virtakivi in Voikkaa, where the guest boat berths are.

The canal is crossed by two new bridges with maximum clearance heights of 4.8 m. The 4-m clearance height of Kimolanlahti Bridge after the eastern end of the canal limits the size of boats that can use it.

Because of the canal, it is now possible to reach Kouvola from Pielavesi, 400 km away. The water connection runs from there through Vesijärvi, Päijänne and Ruotsalainen to Konnivesi and on to Kimola.

# With a wheelchair in Kouvola

Creator of the travel blog *Palmuasema* and expert on accessible tourism, Sanna Kalmari, visited Kouvola.



**How accessibly did you reach the railway city by train?** "The railway station has raised platforms, and it was easy to exit the train on my own in my wheelchair. Lifts from the platforms take you to a tunnel and through that to the Travel Centre."

**How was moving about in the city centre?** "The kerbs at pedestrian crossings have been lowered, and it was easy to proceed around the area in my electric wheelchair. Manski Pedestrian Street was even and had many places for stopping."

**Which restaurants would you recommend?** "Mimosan Aito was easy to enter in an electric wheelchair and there was an accessible toilet. Papulaari was my favourite café. The premises were quite cramped, but I managed well in my electric wheelchair."

**How did shopping go?** "The city centre has many small shopping centres in which it is easy to move around. Veturi Shopping Centre is situated outside the city centre, but it's accessible by a low-floored bus."

**Where did you spend the night?** "The Original Sokos Hotel Vaakuna in Kouvola advertised accessible accommodation. The room had two electrically adjustable beds and electric sockets at a reasonable height. The bathroom was spacious and

there were strong grab bars on both sides of the toilet seat. The bathroom mirror, electric socket and shower shelf were too high, but the hotel assured me that improvements were coming."

**Was it easy to move around at the hotel?** "The ramp leading from reception to the restaurant floor was quite steep, but its surface had been roughened to prevent slipping. Of the restaurant's two floors, the lower can be accessed either along a ramp or in a lift."

**And your museum experiences?** "It was easy to get around the Poikilo museums in my electric wheelchair. The door opened at the push of a button, and the entrance had a ramp. The upper floors of both the City

"Manski Pedestrian Street was even and had many places for stopping"

Museum and the Art Museum were accessible by lifts, which were opened by the staff. There is free entry to the museums for all assistants of a disabled person."

**Can you manage at the World Heritage Site in a wheelchair?** "According to the Verla website, the Mill Museum is not accessible. And it's not completely accessible. The tour began with a documentary film about the history of Verla, which was shown in an accessible room. After that, we moved to the Greenwood Mill, which I was able to enter easily. I got a lot from my visit, despite only doing a partial tour."

**Did you visit the National Park?** "I didn't have time for Repovesi, but perhaps next time. It has some accessible routes such as Talas and Sukeltajaniemi."

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# To nature,

close by

A responsible nature tourist prefers local destinations and uses muscle power, public transport or car-sharing to get there.

**A NATURE TOURIST** who respects nature heads for local destinations that can be reached using emission-free muscle power: by bicycle, canoe, rowing boat, on skis or on foot.

Several of Kouvola's nature trails begin almost in the city centre. The Pappikallio Trail begins at Vahteromäki, 3 km from the railway station. It broadens out into an undulating pine heath favoured by cross-country bikers.

In the Niivermäki conservation area next

to the Veturi Shopping Centre, the hiking route crosses a rugged rocky landscape and the scenery can be admired from an observation tower.

The Alakylä and Pioneerimetsä nature trails both set out from Korja Bridge on opposite banks of the river. One heads upstream along the Kymijoki river and the other downstream. Both traverse sloping river scenery and the forest along the way is straight from the fairy tales.

*“Several of Kouvola's nature trails are near the city centre”*



The best scenery to Repovesi National Park opens up from the Mustalamminvuori hill.



▼ Ketunlossi ferry at Repovesi



▼ Alakylä nature trail



▼ Heisanharju nature trail



**THE NEARER** a destination is, the lower its related harmful emissions, even if you visit them by motor vehicle. You can, however, go a long way by car-sharing, train and bus.

During the summer, Repovesi National Park can be reached by bus. The high season lasts from May to August and weekends are busy, particularly during the day. During the summer, it is worth visiting the park on a weekday if possible. Repovesi is at its most peaceful during the autumn, winter and early spring.

The entrance at Lapinsalmi is the most popular, but the park can also be entered from Terväjärvi and Saarijärvi. Boaters and canoeists can reach the park through the gateway at Hillosensalmi. The park is also accessible along cross-country cycling paths.

Many companies offering programmed services operate in Repovesi National Park. They are all committed to the principles of sustainable tourism stipulated by Metsähallitus (Forest administration). Guided nature tours will also continue next summer at Repovesi.

▼ Kalalampi nature trail





You should visit Arboretum Mustila also outside the rhododendron blooming season.

**BUS NUMBER 15** goes to the National Park at weekends from 5 June until the end of September. The bus, recognisable by its Repovesi-themed livery, sets off for Repovesi from Pier 7 at the Travel Centre.

[kouvola.digitransit.fi](http://kouvola.digitransit.fi) and [kouvola.fi/bussiaikataulut](http://kouvola.fi/bussiaikataulut)

**ARBORETUM MUSTILAN** ARBORETUM MUSTILA can be reached by bus from Kouvola city centre, but the journey there of about 20 km can also be covered by bicycle along scenic little roads.

At the end of May, the park is full of rhododendrons in bloom. You can admire, for example, the flat, red-flowered Raisa, which former Soviet President **Mikhail Gorbachev** once admired. For that reason, it was named after his wife!

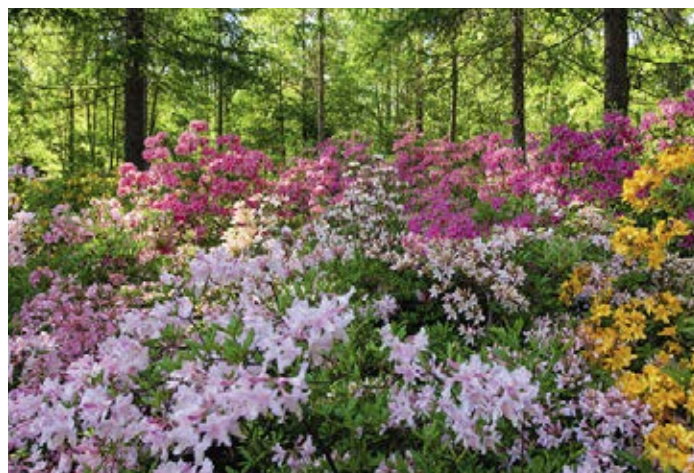
Rhododendron Valley forms just a small portion of the 120-hectare forest park, most of which is covered by conifers and woodlands of hemlock, giant thuja and red silver fir.

More than 250 different tree species grow at Arboretum. If you want to try out some new kinds of trees in your own wood or garden, you should drop in at the Mustila Garden & Nursery Shop.

When visiting the Forest Park, you can take a coffee at the cosy Piika ja Renki summer café and drop in for a glass of wine at the Mustila Viini wine shop. Mustila Viini's berry wines and liqueurs are made from pristine Finnish ingredients. Half of them come from local contract farmers and the rest from domestic gardens and the wilderness.

**Arboretum Mustila**  
[mustila.fi](http://mustila.fi)

▼ Mustila Arboretum



# Recipe

for responsible  
nature tourism

- 1 large rucksack of cheerful hiking spirit
- 1 small bag for rubbish
- 1 leash for each dog that you bring
- 2 shoes/boots for treading only on the paths

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Respect nature, don't change it.
- Favour the marked routes and keep your pets on a leash.
- Check the areas and times of your destination where and when movement is restricted.
- Camp and make a campfire only in authorised places, and remember to check the forest and grass fire warnings!
- Do not wash your dishes or yourself directly in bodies of water.
- Take your rubbish away with you or burn it in a campfire.
- Enjoy being part of nature!





Have the best time at Veturi!

## Welcome to Veturi – Southeast Finland’s largest shopping centre

*Veturi Shopping Centre by Route 6 in Kouvola is visited every year by more than 3 million people. Some come to enjoy a leisurely day off work, and others to buy food on the way to the cottage or to update their wardrobe.*

Among Veturi’s shops, which number almost 80, are well-known international chains and local players, amongst whose selection it is easy to find everything that you will need, from clothing to sports and from leisure to interior decoration. The diverse range of services and pleasant time that you can spend are complemented by department stores such as K-Citymarket and Tokmanni, K-Rauta, a cinema, a range of delicious restaurants and cafeterias, a wide range of events and other services both inside the shopping centre and outside.

The outside services include, for example, free parking, a charging point for electric cars, a RINKI ecological waste disposal point, a water point and a pet park. At the disposal of visitors indoors are free

Wi-Fi, ATMs, a childcare facility and an improved play area. On the second floor of the shopping centre, you will also find the completely new work space Paja, which is open to all, and where you can take care of your work matters in a peaceful environment.

“We always listen carefully to our customers, and we are developing Veturi’s services to meet the needs of both local residents and tourists. We aim to keep our range of shops and services as diverse as possible to correspond to demand,” says Shopping Centre Director Jari Koistinen.



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# The touch of Aalto

**In Kouvola, which belongs to the Alvar Aalto Cities network, you can see the handiwork of the world-famous architect.**

**IN 1936** Alvar Aalto designed the Savoy vase with his wife Aino, and it won a design competition organised by the Karhula-littala glass factory. It later became known as the Aalto Vase, and became a classic of Finnish homes.

The following year, the architect designed the so-called Tervalinja terraced houses for workers of the Inkeroinen Paper Mill. The Tehtaanmäki residential area was completed in 1939, and Tehtaanmäki School in 1940.

The school was designed at the same time as Aalto and his wife were designing the Finnish pavilion for the World Fair in New York. The pavilion's interior was divided by a high wall of pine 40 m long and 8 m high made of untreated wood, which featured a three-part picture wall.

Tehtaanmäki School is situated on a slope on three levels, and it is said that it was influenced by the pavilion erected at the World Fair.

**IN THE 1940s**, there was plenty of demand for the renowned architect, both in Finland and throughout the world. In addition to many other works, Aalto's firm of architects also did the building plan for the grounds of the Inkeroinen mill, which served as a template for the plans for the paper mill's factory-, warehouse- and production buildings.

A residential building for teachers, which also had the hallmark of Aalto, was erected near the mill, as well as new dwellings for workers, masters and engineers.

After the Second World War, Aalto

designed new standardised houses, and dreamt of Finland being an international model laboratory for reconstruction.

In 1944-45, nine different types of Puutalo Oy houses designed by Alvar Aalto were built at Karhunkangas in Inkeroinen, as well as a public sauna and laundry building, a co-operative store and a pumping station.

The buildings were completed by the mill's construction department. The dwellings were handed over to the workers at the cost price of the materials used.

***"Mäntylä really shows just how versatile a designer Aalto was"***

**THE AREA IS ALSO** home to three so-called Arava buildings (for social housing). These blocks of flats designed for mill officials were constructed between 1950 and 1956. As they were being completed, buildings designed for Aalto's university on Jyväskylän Seminar Hill were also being erected.

The Arava buildings have different-sized apartments, from single-room ones to family dwellings with a fireplace, balcony, and separate servant's room with its own entrance. The roofs of the buildings have large roof balconies and lofts in the attics.

The dwellings designed by Aalto were modern for their time. Aalto valued technology as an enabler of better living conditions. The buildings were positioned to respect the landscape and nature.

Mäntylä, which was originally built for the chief engineer, was in residential use until the 1990s, but now it can be viewed on guided tours. Mäntylä with its Aalto and Artek furniture and lighting designed by Aalto really shows just how versatile a designer Alvar Aalto was.

Tehtaanmäki School is built on a slope on three levels.



Arava buildings have large roof balconies.



Mäntylä can be visited on guided tours.

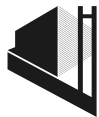
### Aalto-tours

In 2021, Kouvola will chair the network of Alvar Aalto Cities. Architectural guides published by the City of Kouvola about Alvar Aalto sites and Kouvola city centre.

[www.kouvola.fi/arkkitehtuuriopas](http://www.kouvola.fi/arkkitehtuuriopas)



*Alvar Aalto designed various types of buildings in Inkeroinen, Kouvola.*



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# Verla's

colourful characters

The Groundwood and Board Mill at the Verla UNESCO World Heritage Site is brimming with stories of the great characters of board production

**CARPENTER MATTI MUSTONEN** once worked at Verla and, as a sideline, he made coffins for the people of the mill.

His coffins were made-to-measure. When the steps of a worker began to shorten and their pace of work slowed, Matti would follow along behind, tape measure in hand. It is said that minor ailments would then miraculously disappear.

You can hear the stories about Matti if you visit the UPM Verla Mill Museum situated in the buildings of the former board mill. You can only visit it on a guided tour of the mill. Visitors can enjoy of delicious anecdotes about the everyday life and characters at the mill.

**VERLA'S ROOTS** run deep because there has been settlement in the area for a long

time. Above the Verlankoski rapids is a set of rock paintings made in red, which are estimated to be about 7.000 years old. Eight elk and three people can be discerned from pictures.

Verla is, however, best known for its history of wood processing. In 1996, the Verla Groundwood and Board Mill became a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Around the mill buildings by the rapids, there still remains a complete mill village, and visitors can book accommodation in the old mill workers' cottages.

Perhaps the most beautiful of the Verla buildings is the Owner's Residence, which was built in 1885 as the home of Gottlieb Kreidl, general manager of the mill.

Many old perennial plants like garden phlox,

monkshood and day lilies blossom in the Owner's Garden. Guided tours of the garden are conducted by the Mill Museum gardener.

*"When someone's pace of work slowed, Matti would follow behind them, tape measure in hand."*

**THE MOST LEGENDARY OF VERLA'S** owners is Bruno Breitenstein about whom there are many stories. One of them goes like this: Every evening at exactly the same time, the owner would make a tour of the mill. One day, he had other plans and reached

## Opening hours of the Mill Museum:

In summer, 2 May–30 Sep, Tues–Sun 11 am–4 pm, 25 Jun–31 Aug, daily 10 am–6 pm.

Guided tours in Finnish begin at the top of each hour. Other languages by agreement. The Mill Museum is closed on Midsummer Eve and during the winter.

In summer, the old stable next to the museum is home to craft shops. In the mill granary is Ravintola Verla lunch restaurant. Further information: [verla.fi](http://verla.fi)



*Tourists visit Verla from all over the world.*



*The Owner's Residence is a beautiful wooden building.*

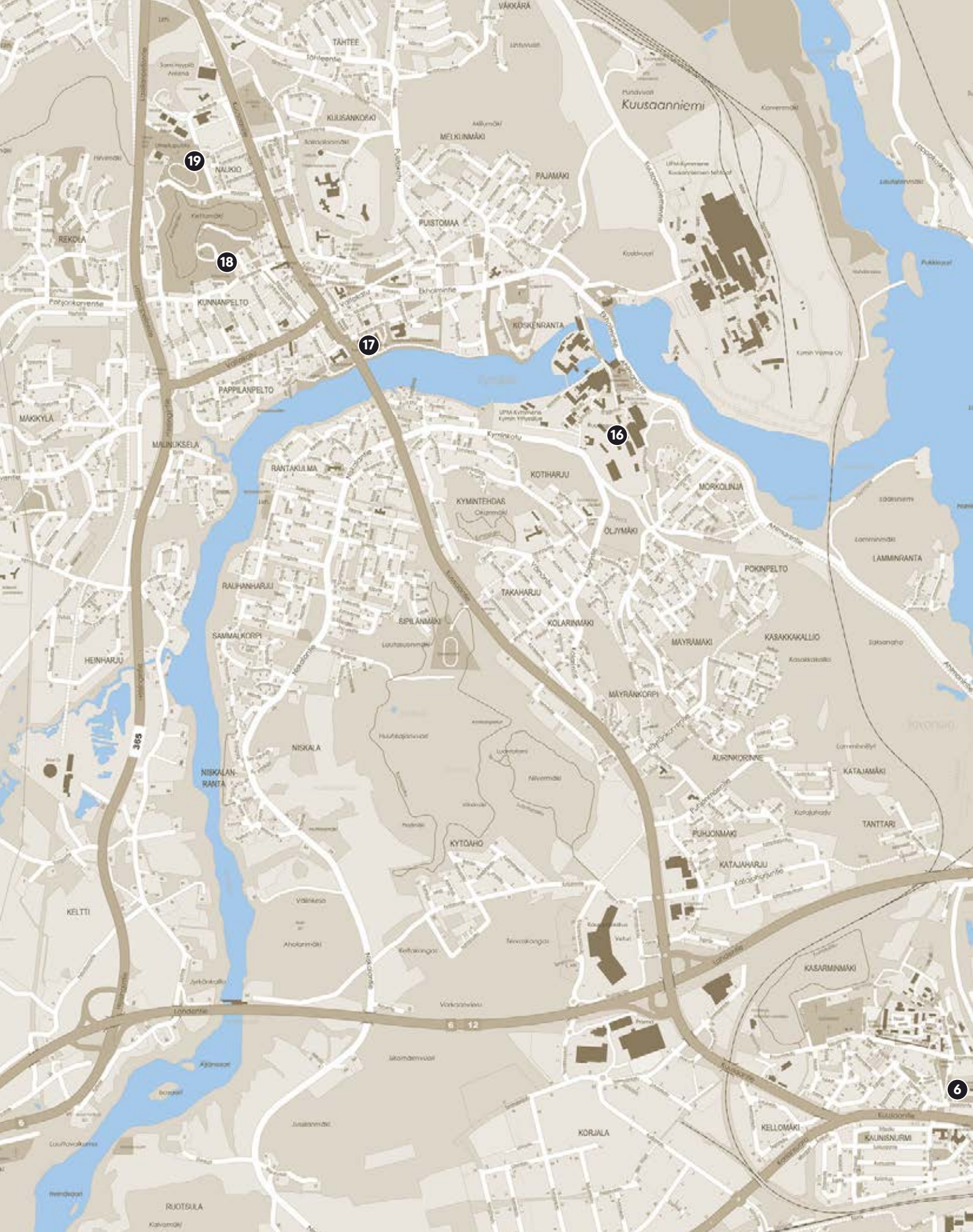


*The mill is in the same condition as it was when it was operating.*



the drying loft an hour earlier than usual. There he found a group of men smoking. The owner reminded them that they were not allowed to smoke at the mill. One of the men remarked that the owner had arrived at the wrong time. And that was that, no more was said about it.

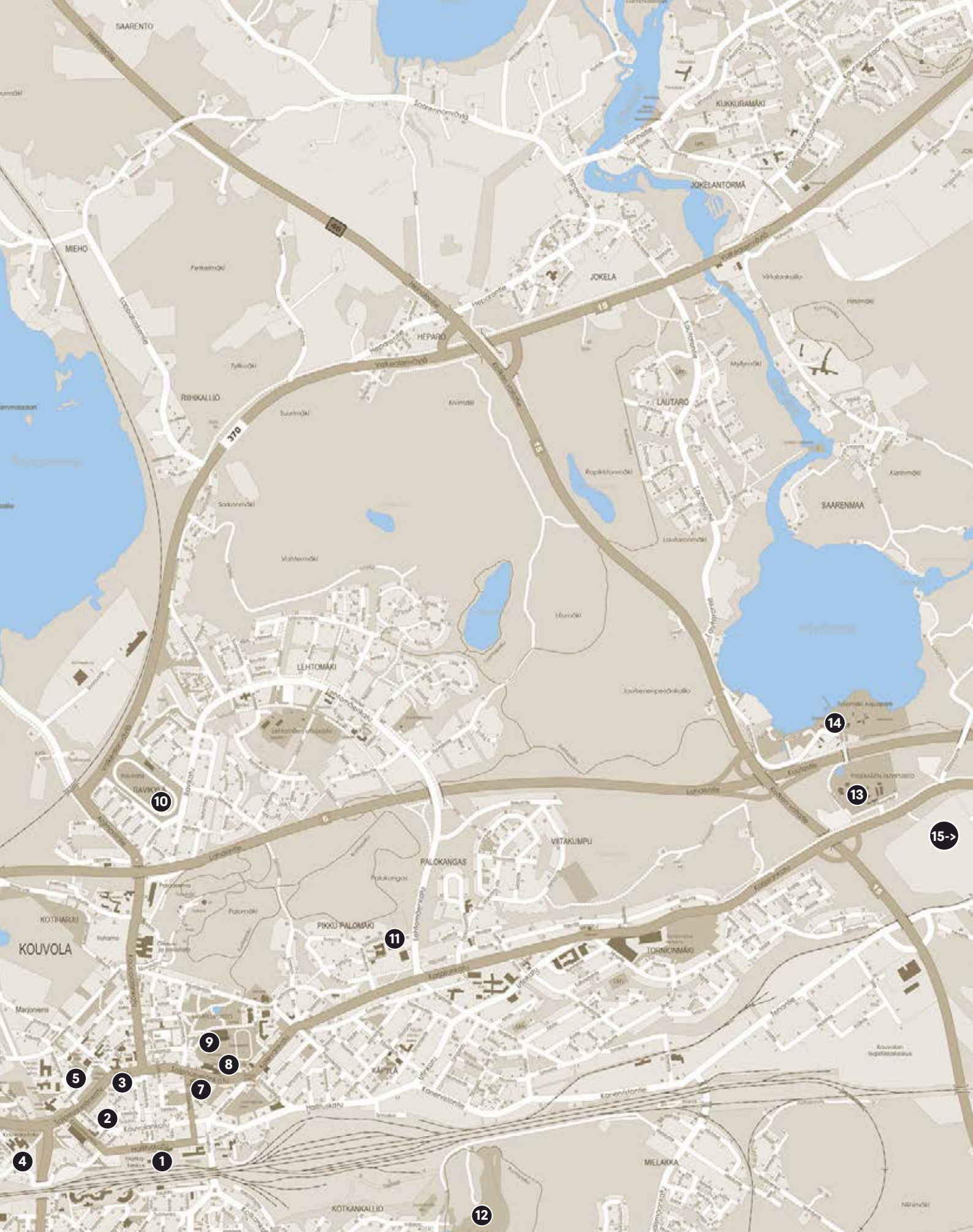
There are many colourful characters in Verla's history. One of them was Antti Kaivola who worked in the packing workshop and had the reputation of being a man of great physical strength. Once, three men were at Selänpää Railway Station wondering how to move an oil barrel from A to B. Antti heard the men's conversation, grabbed the barrel and lifted it to the side. He then moved it back again and said that that's how he would do it.



- 1. Railway and Bus Station
- 2. Market Place
- 3. City Hall

- 4. Kouvola House and Museum Quarter
- 5. Central Church
- 6. Greek-Orthodox Church

- 7. Library
- 8. Theatre
- 9. Sports Park (ice hall, swimming hall, Finnish baseball stadium)



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| 10. Trotting Track                       | 13. Tykkimäki Amusement Park                            | 16. Art Factory (Taidaruukki) |
| 11. Mansikka-aho Sports Hall/Jatke Arena | 14. Käyrälampi Beach and Tykkimäki Aquapark and Camping | 17. Kuusankoski House         |
| 12. Mielakka Ski Resort                  | 15. Tykkimäki Motor Circuit                             | 18. Kettumäki Public Park     |
|  |   | 19. Kuusankoski Sports Park   |

# Fun

## and beach life

Tykkimäki is known for its amusement park, Aquapark water park and Tykkimäki Camping, but the area is also home to a great deal more.

### TYKKIMÄKI AMUSEMENT PARK

This amusement park situated at the top of Mäntykangas hill has many different rides for children. Those looking for speed will enjoy Endeavour, Loop Fighter and Trombi, while the 72-metre-tall Star Flyer offers the best views. The Ateenalin Rope Trail is built up in the trees and is a great way to burn off some energy. Top Finnish performers entertain visitors at the Tykkimäki evening concerts.

### AQUAPARK

Aquapark has five long water slides and three pools for splashers of all ages. The Park Hopper wristband allows you to switch between Aquapark and the Tykkimäki Amusement Park at will.

### TYKKIMÄKI CAMPING

The campsite is situated next to Käyrälampi beach and Aquapark. You can rent holiday cabins, camping cottages and pitches for caravans and camper vans.

### BOGEY GOLF

No green card or golf club membership is

required on this course that anyone can play. Golf clubs can be rented, and no advance reservation is necessary. It is a 9-hole, par-3 course where the longest hole is 172 m. The golfers range from first-timers and holidaymakers to professionals practising their short game.

### TYKKIMÄKI MOTORSPORTS CENTRE

This 2.2-km-long motocross track meanders through ridges, sands and woodlands, and includes a rallycross track that anyone can try, a miniature racing track and Formula-K track.

### KÄYRÄLAMPI

Käyrälampi is the number one beach in Kouvola for swimming. It is also home to the

Beach Volley Stadium with its 12 courts.

### KÄYRÄLAMPI DISCGOLF PARK

This 18-hole forest course for experienced disc golfers begins near the beach for dogs at Käyrälampi. The shortest fairway is 76 metres and the longest 215 metres.

### TYKKIMÄKI ACTION PARK

Action Park offers the joy of physical activity all year round, whatever the weather. The indoor park at the Prisma centre has more than 20 different activities, some for the younger members of the family and others for lovers of speed. The new iWall combines many physical games.

- Tykkimäki, Aquapark, Action Park and Tykkimäki Camping / [tykkimaki.fi](http://tykkimaki.fi)
- Bogey Golf / [iittigolf.com/bogey](http://iittigolf.com/bogey)
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Picture: Poikilo Museum

Jaakko Tornberg, Luxus series, 2019, detail

# Kouvola Art Museum Poikilo

## PHENOMENA AND CREATURES

Timo Heino, Jaakko Tornberg,  
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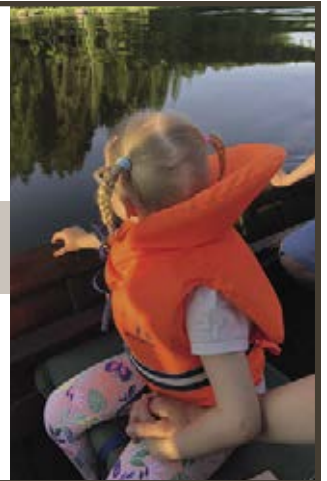
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# Art and culture

UPM Kymmene's old warehouse building in the Kymi mill area is home to the Taideruukki Art Factory. It contains artisan's workshops, boutiques, Pato Klubi and Pato Areena, whose facilities host changing exhibitions and weekly cultural events. The best-known of these is the Sunday Club where some of Finland's top artists perform. [taideruukki.fi](http://taideruukki.fi)

## PATO KLUBI & PATO AREENA IN NUMBERS

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40–50 events per year

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Would you like to go to a concert, but you don't know how to go about on your own? Are you worried about how you should dress and at what stage you should applaud?

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If necessary, the concert guide can help you to buy tickets, meet you when you arrive and show you around the facilities. If you wish, the guide can accompany you during the concert, tell you about concert etiquette and provide background information about the orchestra, the evening's programme and the musicians.

The free-of-charge concert guide service can be booked not only by individual concert-goers but also by groups and companies. An enjoyable concert evening can be improved by booking interval refreshments in advance. [kymisinfonietta.fi](http://kymisinfonietta.fi)

## Face of culture

Tommi Kekarainen  
Actor, 45

### WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?

"I came to Kouvola from Kokkola City Theatre. I am originally from Kotka."

### WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO DO WITH YOUR LIFE?

"I've at least done a lot of theatre all over Finland. At the same time, I've had some really wonderful experiences of life and people."

### WHERE CAN YOU BE SEEN THIS YEAR?

"At Kouvola Theatre in the Kirka musical, for example."

### WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED ABOUT KOUVOLA?

"It's a very nice city with nice people. In Kouvola, nature and good possibilities for outdoor activities are close by. Kouvola also does really high-quality theatre, and the range of cultural offerings is wide."

### WHERE WOULD YOU TAKE YOUR VISITORS IN KOUVOLA?

"In Kouvola I would first take my visitors on an outdoor walk, then we would go and eat in Finland's best lunch restaurant Mimosan Aito, then in the evening of course to the theatre!"



Tommi Kekarainen (left) is a new face at Kouvola Theatre.

Picture: Kouvolan Teatteri

## Ghosts? Ooh!

At the exhibition at Kouvola City Museum, Manors of Kouvola, you can now meet old residents of manor houses such as Mamsell Almi, the young lady of the house, Jacobina, and Tilda the maid.

To assist with this, you will need the free-of-charge Arilyn app. When you click on certain pictures in the exhibition, the virtual characters appear on the screen.

The short videos also include tenant farmer Petter Lax and Gertrud von Ungern, the first ancestress of the nobel house of Wrede af Elimä. It is said she still haunts Anjala Manor. In her spare time as a virtual guide of the City Museum, she reveals historical secrets. [poikilo.fi](http://poikilo.fi)



^ Gertrude has been given the voice and face of amateur actress Sari Rajulin.

Picture: Johannes Wiehn.

**FROM DAIRY TO ART CENTRE** Finland's first Emmental cheese was made in 1856 at the Sippola Manor Dairy. Nowadays, the dairy is home to the Antares Art Centre where artists live and work in residence. In summer, Antares opens its doors to exhibition visitors. [galleriaantares.fi](http://galleriaantares.fi)



^ Pasi Rantala and Tiiu Anttinen lift a crucible from the furnace.

Picture: Marleena Liikkanen

### A VISIT TO LOVE PARK?

**Tuomas Hoikkala** from Art Centre Salmela is also the host of the Vuohijärvi Nature and Culture House, which lies on the route from Valkeala to Repovesi, and is well-known for its Love Park and changing nature-themed art exhibitions.

[kulttuurivuohijarvi.fi](http://kulttuurivuohijarvi.fi)

## Lively little museums X3

### 1. The charm of the railways

At the Model Railway Museum Semaforo-Trenorama, you can admire miniature trains going around in an idyllic setting. In the same building as the museum is the Onkapannu Café with beautiful smells of freshly ground coffee and fresh bakery products.

[elisanet.fi/pienoisrautatiemuseo/semaforo](http://elisanet.fi/pienoisrautatiemuseo/semaforo)



### 2. Atmosphere and electronics

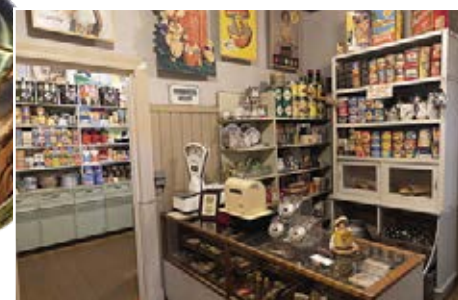
The Museum Quarter situated near the city centre is an idyllic area of wooden houses that also contains little boutiques and the Home and Radio Museum. In this museum, you can learn about interior decoration and living rooms through the decades, and also of course about the electronics of days gone by.

[putkiradiomuseo.fi](http://putkiradiomuseo.fi)



### 3. A boutique like candy

The basic exhibition at the Finnish Shop Museum situated in the original Pokki family's shop building tells about retail activity through the ages. The museum also has changing exhibitions as well as events in the summer. Next to it is Valkeala's lively summer theatre. [valkealanmuseo.fi](http://valkealanmuseo.fi)





# A cup of coffee, maybe?

A review of delights from Kouvola's café world



## Allun torikahvila

A café in a tent open all year round in Kouvola's market square, which particularly serves those hungry for fresh meat pies and doughnuts.

[facebook.com/alluntorikahvila](https://facebook.com/alluntorikahvila)

## Papulaari

A café, coffee shop, tearoom and delicatessen where coffees are served in the right way. The artisan coffees are roasted by small Finnish coffee roasters and ground in Papulaari.

[papulaari.fi](https://papulaari.fi)

## Café Minnan unelma

A cosy café in the centre of Jaala with a sunny terrace where it is nice to drink coffee or enjoy ice cream and other delights.

[minnanunelma.fi](https://minnanunelma.fi)

## Naapantuura Café Bar Kouvola

A café bar on Kouvola's Manski Pedestrian Street. Bread and apple doughnuts baked in-house, and special coffees.

[naapantuura.fi](https://naapantuura.fi)

## Panimokahvila Vanha Kauppa

A nostalgic brewery café operating in an old shop building built in 1925, which serves not only café products but also products from Kouvola's Panimo Hoppa microbrewery.

[vanhakauppa.fi](https://vanhakauppa.fi)

## Alppien kahvila ja konditoria

Serves lovingly made unique cakes and other bakery products. You can pick the specialties of the day from the glass cabinet, and tasty delights are also made to order.

[facebook.com/alppienkonditoria](https://facebook.com/alppienkonditoria)

## Piika ja Renki

This summer café next to Arboretum Mustila serves not only coffee and bakery products but also art products in an old-fashioned setting.

[piikajarenki.fi](https://piikajarenki.fi)

## Torikuppi

A sunny café in a transport container in the centre of Kuusankoski, which serves homemade bakery products and special coffees.

[facebook.com/kahvilatorikuppi](https://facebook.com/kahvilatorikuppi)

## Kaarnasydän

A café and interior design shop situated on the banks of the Jokelanjoki river, which also has a charming scenic terrace in the summer.

[kaarnasydan.fi](https://kaarnasydan.fi)

# CAFE



# PAPULAARI

Coffee boutique, café, tea room - Kouvola city centre - papulaari.fi

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<b>March</b>	Thu 4 Sat 20 Valkeala race		<b>October</b>	Thu 21 Qualifying for Kymenlaakso race Sat 30 Kymenlaakso race & Kouvola race	★
<b>April</b>	Fri 9 Nostalgia trotting Sun 25 Lions trotting		<b>November</b>	Sun 7 Tues 16	★
<b>May</b>	Thu 13 Ascension Day		<b>December</b>	Fri 3 Christmas trotting Sun 12 Animals' Christmas trotting Mon 20 Magic Monday	★
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### May painting course

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### July painting course

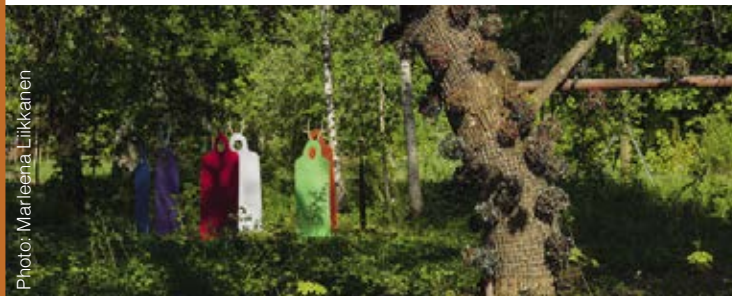
Fri-Sun 23-25 July 2021  
17 hours €150

### Bronze casting course

Tues-Sat 15-19 June 2021  
30 hours €249

The teacher for the drawing and painting courses is artist Mikko Sakala, and for the bronze casting course, sculptor Tiiu Anttinen

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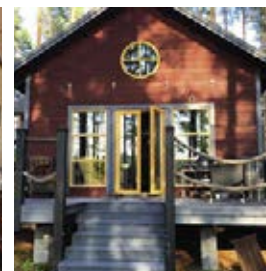
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## 1 A GOOD PLACE TO WORK

Kouvola is a vibrant environment for various businesses, as its location in the junction of railways and highways is logistically superb.

You have a good chance to find your place in the working life of Kouvola. At the moment, there are more than 200 open positions for specialists in various fields. The city of entrepreneurs provides, in addition to its logistical opportunities, cooperation in developing networks and innovations.

"Developing yourself as an expert is even easier than in the Metropolitan Helsinki

Area", says **Antti Harinen**, Office Manager of the Design and Advisory Company AFRY. During the next few years AFRY will recruit 10 to 20 new designers to Kouvola. Some of them will be recruited outside the company, others from various AFRY offices.

"Kouvola has become a new home town for many via internal transfers. If you need to get to dinner in Helsinki, the train ride from the centre of Kouvola takes about one and a half hours."

Kouvola is also ideally situated for teleworking or working from home. It's easy to come home in Kouvola, even if you need to spend your day working somewhere else.

## 2 LIVING AS YOU WISH, EVERYDAY

Do you dream of flexible days, where you have time to pick up the kids from day-care and do your shopping before dinner time? Or that you would love to spend more time outdoors?

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Lumon, the company known for its balcony glazing services, has its roots deep in Kouvola's soil. The company's workers appreciate the relaxed living environment.

"People who want to come to work for us, are looking for an environment where life is not too hectic. Life is not supposed to be too complicated, even if you want to excel in your work," says **Kimmo Hilliaho**, Human Resources Manager.

Whether you want to see nature or city lights from your windows, Kouvola has a solution to your way of living. The prices of buying or renting your home have remained reasonable. This gives economic leeway to life. If you want to build your own house, there are plenty of places to do so.

### 3 HOBBIES AND NATURE

Where would you use all of your free time then? There are various hobby opportunities in Kouvola for all ages. Exercising and doing sports is easy, as there are plenty of sports clubs and exercising places.

In junior sports you can often get to know a sport for free. Due to short distances, the children can move on their own to their hobbies.

Culture lovers can also do and see plenty. There is Kymi Sinfonietta, Kouvola Theatre, smaller theatres, concerts, events and several museums.

For people who like going outdoors, Kouvola offers multiple nature trails. You can also rest your mind at Repovesi National Park.

The Chief Medical Officer of Pihljalinna's clinic in Kouvola, **Pekko Parviainen**, decided to return to Kouvola after studying in Kuopio. The reasons for the move included the opportunity to balance work life with quiet free time, most of it spent at home by the Kymijoki River or in nature.

"In Kouvola nature is always around you. We often visit Repovesi National Park, and Ahkoja Nature Reserve starts almost from our backyard."

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Here are few suggestions – you can find more tips at [visitkouvola.fi](http://visitkouvola.fi)

Of **Kouvola's disc golf courses**, the most challenging is the 18-hole Käyrälampi DiscGolfPark. If you lose confidence in your throwing abilities there, you can best recover it at the 8-hole disc golf course at Urheilupuisto sports park, the longest fairway (58 m) of which is shorter than Käyrälampi's shortest fairway (76 m).

Harjunmäki Disc Golf Course at Valkeala is a well-looked after 18-hole forest course, with many steeps and slopes. Myllykoski's Koivusaari DiscGolfPark built beside the Kymijoki river, and Anjala's Ankkapurha DiscGolfPark are both 9-hole courses.

Kuusankoski has two forest courses, one at Koski-Golf and the other a new 12-hole course, Lassila Frisbee.



PLAY DISC GOLF



I LOVE PINBALL

**Hopeakuula Arcade** is a games hall with a retro atmosphere at Kouvola's Old Accordion Factory. It features more than 20 pinball machines from different decades such as the 70s and 80s Big Guns, Robo Cop and Star Trek, the 1990s Apollo 13 and Doctor Who, as well as Striker Xtreme from the 2000s.

Open doors are on Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. At that time, you can play as much as you want for just €8. If you are unfamiliar with pinball, the staff will guide you and give you tips about each game.

Kouvola is a city of 450 lakes. The most popular beach is at **Käyrälampi**, with a 12 court Beach Volley Stadium.

On one side of Lappala near the centre of Valkeala are the long sandy beaches of Hautala and, on the other side, Jokela sandbar beach. Other popular beaches are Sompanen beach at Kuusankoski, Venna beach at Utti and Koivusaari open air swimming pool at Myllykoski.

And what if you want to jump into the water from a sauna? Käyrälampi beach opposite Tykkimäki Sauna attracts sauna-lovers and swimmers all year round. There is a beach sauna at Valkealatalo swimming hall, where you can enjoy the steam of a wood-burning stove in the winter. You can also go ice-swimming at Likolampi.



SWIMMING & SAUNA

## JUMP ON A BIKE AND GO!

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Kouvola has 110 km of illuminated ski tracks, 292 km of cycle paths and 350 km of nature trails.

Kouvola has three new routes for bicycle tourists. One of these is the 117-km-long tour of the Kimola Canal, where you can enjoy the sights of the Kymijoki river, pass the KymiRing race track and then head for the beautiful rural scenery of Iitti.

From the high peak of Hiidenvuori hill at Iitti, there are impressive views of the surrounding water landscape. From Iitti, proceed to the Kimola Canal where you can see boats negotiating a lock 12 m high.

Along the way are also the village of Jaala and the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Verla where you can spend time getting to know the museums, village shops and cafés in the setting of the old board mill. Cycling along the small country roads leads from Verla towards Voikkaa and the Taideruukki Art Factory at Kuusankoski.

More information about the different routes at [outdooractive.com/fi/route](http://outdooractive.com/fi/route)



## SLOPES FOR ALL

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During their first year of use, the 188 steps of the Palomäki fitness stairs were ascended more than 100,000 times.

Snowboarder **Roope Tonteri** who has won two world championships in Big Air and one in Slope Style learned his trade at **Mielakka Ski Resort**, which is situated very near Kouvola city centre.

This compact ski centre has slopes for skiers of all levels. It is also home to Minipark, Lastenmaa and Snowpark. In the shelter at Mielakka you can grill sausages, and next to it you can go sledging. Mielakka is surrounded by an illuminated ski track.

In summer, people do downhill biking at Mielakka, and bikes can be rented from the ski centre. A painted 412-metre-long rag rug, the world's longest, runs to the top of Mielakka, and you can climb up it to take in the scenery.

## Touching cultural heritage

Stories stem from history and past events.

Anjala Manor is adorned with stories. Augmented reality through the AR app creates added flavour. Come and take a look around, either with a guide or by yourself!



## Authentic experiences

Authentic nature and the experiences that can be gained from it invigorate the people of today. Cross-country cycling, canoeing, a nature trail or just lying around in a hammock - choose for yourself! In the charming atmosphere of the Café Makasiinikahvila, you can enjoy home-made bakery products or the summer's best ice cream with a soft drink.

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The new life of a

# manor house

You can learn about the history of Anjala Manor by playing a Room Escape game and by slipping into augmented reality.

**IT WAS AT ANJALA MANOR** situated by the rapids on Kymijoki river that the Anjala League plotted against **King Gustav III** of Sweden in 1788. The following year, the manor house was destroyed in a fire ignited by Russian gunfire but, soon after, the neo-classical building that we see today rose up in its place.

The information boards in the garden of the manor provide a tasting of its history through so-called augmented reality.

"The image that comes with the text acts as a stimulus when clicked using the free Salmi AR app that you can download onto your phone," says **Jenni Liikkanen**, Executive Director of Ankkapurha Culture Foundation.

Clicking provides information about interesting characters related to the mention such as **Mathilda Wrede** and the Grey Lady, as well as the Regina School that was transferred to Ankkapurha Culture Park and where maids and servants were educated long before the introduction of compulsory education.

**ANJALA MANOR** which originally belonged to the noble family of Wrede af Elimä, has weekly guided tours in the summer.

These can also be booked in advance. Groups can also ask for the guide to be in character, for example the Lady of the Manor. A tour of the manor house can also take in the Wrede family graveyard.

You can also do your own fact-finding tours around the manor by downloading the Nomadi app.

"You can use this to hear stories about the Kymijoki river and Gustav's war, or to go and see architecture by Alvar Aalto on the other side of the river," says Liikkanen.

**YOU CAN ALSO LEARN** about the manor's most historical moments by playing the Room Escape game in the summer. The story in the game concerns the events of the Anjala League and the officers' rebellion against the King.

*"We filled the manor with stories rather than objects"*

Different tasks and locked hiding places will challenge you to rummage through the rooms on the second floor of the mansion. The game is given its own elements by the augmented reality that can be explored on smart phones.

The props and interior décor in the rooms reserved for Room Escape date back to the 18th century, but otherwise the manor is empty.

"When the National Board of Antiquities gave up the manor, we wanted to continue the work of cultural heritage. So, we filled the manor with stories rather than objects," says Jenni Liikkanen.

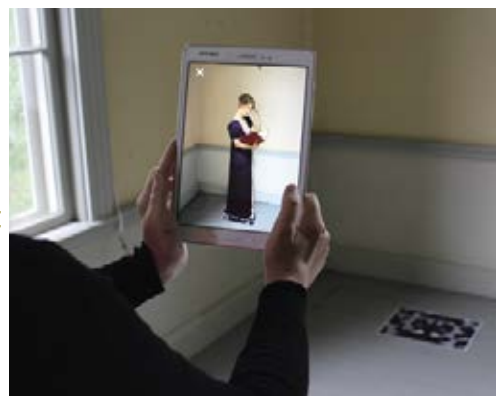
## HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE

While visiting Anjala Manor, it is worth stopping by the Granary Café. It operates in the manor's old granary, which has been converted into a wonderful summer café. It serves freshly ground coffee, locally produced products and fresh delicacies. The café also rents out frisbee sets and bicycles, and lends out games' equipment for the park. Further information about Anjala Manor and Ankkapurha Culture Park, [ankkapurha.fi](http://ankkapurha.fi)

▼ Anjala Manor



▼ Salmi AR app



▼ Room Escape Dresser





# Kouvola

As a conference venue

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# KOUVOLAN KULTTUURITALOT

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## Places for creating and experiencing art

*The cultural centres and the art inside them alone are worth visiting. Kouvolatalo is a jewel of post-modern architecture. Kuusankoskitalo in gorgeous scenery on the banks of the Kymijoki river is a globally renowned music venue.*

### Kuusankoskitalo

Kuusankoskitalo offers versatile and spacious facilities for seminars, fairs, conferences and cultural experiences. Kuusaasali is known for its great acoustics and is the city's largest concert hall, renowned for its theatre performances, Voikkaasali is an excellent place for holding lectures, festive seminars and concerts. The four rooms for conferences can be divided into separate areas.

### Kouvolatalo

Kouvolatalo's location is excellent, just a short walk from the Travel Centre. Kouvolatalo is surrounded by a green park and the museum quarter. The Simelius-sali can be used for holding seminars, concerts and other performances. Kouvolatalo's Honka-sali is a hall for conferences, seminars and lectures and has a rising auditorium.

*Also find out about different conference package alternatives on the Kouvola cultural centres' website.*



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