

km	Haapsalu	Jõgeva	Jõhvi	Kuressaare	Kärdla	Narva	Narva-Jõesuu	Paide	Põlva	Pärnu	Rakvere	Rapla	Tallinn	Tartu	Valga	Viljandi	Võru
Haapsalu	•	214	264	158	57	311	306	156	287	108	198	91	101	227	256	181	311
Jõgeva	214	•	106	296	271	156	150	66	103	158	77	123	152	55	141	78	127
Jõhvi	264	106	•	383	321	51	45	148	176	250	69	194	166	132	318	182	199
Kuressaare	158	296	383	•	105	430	424	243	369	155	317	188	220	325	307	252	359
Kärdla	57	271	321	105	•	368	363	213	344	162	255	148	158	300	314	232	359
Narva	311	156	51	430	368	•	14	195	225	297	117	241	213	181	268	232	249
Narva-Jõesuu	306	150	45	424	363	14	•	190	220	292	111	236	207	176	262	226	243
Paide	156	66	148	243	213	195	190	•	146	105	78	65	95	102	153	74	169
Põlva	287	103	176	369	344	225	220	146	•	216	172	197	232	49	80	119	25
Pärnu	108	158	250	155	162	297	292	105	216	•	180	88	134	187	141	103	201
Rakvere	198	77	69	317	255	117	111	78	172	180	•	125	100	123	210	133	195
Rapla	91	123	194	188	148	241	236	65	197	88	125	•	53	152	187	108	220
Tallinn	101	152	166	220	158	213	207	95	232	134	100	53	•	186	240	161	256
Tartu	227	55	132	325	300	181	176	102	49	187	123	152	186	•	87	78	72
Valga	256	141	218	307	314	268	262	153	80	141	210	187	240	87	•	79	71
Viljandi	181	78	182	252	232	232	226	74	119	103	133	108	161	78	79	•	125
Võru	311	127	199	359	359	249	243	169	25	210	195	220	256	72	71	125	•

The Peipsi-Alutaguse region covers both the eye-catching sandy beaches on the northern coast of Lake Peipus and the vast ancient woods of Alutaguse. And all this beauty is linked to huge historical and cultural heritage.

Lake Peipus is the 4th largest lake in Europe (even if we subtract the areas of adjoining Lakes Pihkva and Lämmijärv). It stretches up to 72 km in length and up to 50 km in width; the deepest spot is about 13 meters. Its sandy northern coast with charming pine forests runs along 40 kilometres and is considered the longest beach in Estonia.

Alutaguse has historically been known as a sparsely populated area with lots of bogs and coniferous forests. Alutaguse forests form the western tip of the Eurasian coniferous region, extending all the way to Central Siberia. That is why the area has earned the title of Estonian Siberia.

Alutaguse area also used to be one of the ancient Estonian parishes and it is thought that the forest-sheltered region remained rather independent of the rest of the land.

Historically, a large part of the area belongs to **lisaku parish**. The **lisaku esker**, stretching above the large forests and bogs, has been populated for a long time. The history and development of the lisaku area are well described by the exposition of **lisaku Museum**.



The only operating **Russian Orthodox convent** in Estonia, located on the high and picturesque **Kuremäe** hill, is well known both in Estonia and abroad and remains among the tourist magnets of the Ida-Viru County. Currently, more than 100 nuns are living in the convent, which was founded in 1891.

Did you know that there is a **lighthouse** on Lake Peipus as well? The lighthouse built at **Rannapungerja** in 1937 used to be in grave danger of destruction but has now been renovated. In summer, Lighthouse Concerts (*Tuletorni Kontserdid*) featuring well-known Estonian musicians take place by its side.

The new and exiting **Avinurme Cultural Heritage Centre**, small museums, manor houses, hiking trails – all those nice sights are waiting for you. Enjoy your holidays and discover the northern coast of Lake Peipus. Welcome!



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	accommodation with breakfast		kiosk/small shop
60	number of beds		cooking facilities
	tenting site		barbecue facilities
	caravan camping		fire site
	restaurant		conference room
	cafe		WIFI
	bar		children playground or room

	sauna
	bicycle hire
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	horseback riding
	fishing
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ALAJÕE

ALAJÕE
RURAL MUNICIPALITY
www.alajoevv.ee
Inhabitants ca 750



Alajõe rural municipality is in the southern part Ida-Viru County, stretching along the north coast of Lake Peipus from Uusküla to the source of the Narva River. Forests growing on chains of dunes run parallel to the coast and a swampy plain lies in the north. There are 7 villages in the small Alajõe rural municipality on the coast of Lake Peipus.

The main areas of activity here are tourism and fishing. The most well-known local businesses are OÜ Peipus, OÜ Peipsi Grupp (fishery) and OÜ Villa Marika and AS N&V (Suvi Holiday Centre).

The centre, **Alajõe village**, is at the mouth of Alajõgi River on the coast of Lake Peipus and it was first mentioned in 1583 (Allajocki). The village has 140 people and is where the Birth of the **Holy Mother Church** (consecrated in 1889) is also situated. There is no longer a school in the municipality, so the children have to go to kindergarten and school in Iisaku and Lohusuu. There is a community centre, library and family health centre in Alajõe.

Vasknarva village is on the left bank of the source of the Narva River, opposite Skamja village on the Russian side of the

river. The village was established in the 14th century near the **order castle**, which was built on the north-eastern border of Old Livonia in 1349. The new castle, built 1427–1442, became the centre of the bailiwick of the Livonian order, but it was destroyed in the Livonian War. The Estonian name Vasknarva comes from the copper ("vask" in Estonian) roof of the order castle. Today only a part of the 3-metre thick wall of the castle remains, mainly on the northern side of the castle.

The population of Vasknarva was 1400 at the beginning of the 1930s (now about 70). The village was burnt down in the turmoil of war in 1941, but it was rebuilt after the war. **The Orthodox Church of the Prophet Elijah** has been restored and this operates as part of Pühtitsa Convent. There is a border guard authority and a marina in the village. Vasknarva is a typical village of Old Believers where one-story wooden houses stand close together on both sides of the street, roofs sloping down towards the street.

Other villages in the rural municipality are:

- **Uusküla village**. Well-known today mostly for the Uusküla Holiday Centre.
- **Katase village**. The pride of the village –

Work and rest, river and the lake –
in Alajõe you can have a break.



ALAJÕE RIVER

the **Katase juniper** with a beautiful pyramidal shape – is right by the road. The circumference of the juniper is 0.5 metres at 67 cm and it is 9 metres high.

- **Smolnitsa village**. It is thought that the name of the village is derived from resin or tar ("smola" in Russian). A landscape protection area has been established to protect the beautiful sand dunes near Smolnitsa village.
- **Remniku village**. The border guard training centre was here at the beginning of the 1990s. Today the holiday and training centre of the Estonian Union for Child Welfare is in Remniku.
- **Karjamaa village**. The name of the village, Karjamaa (pasture), comes from the extensive pastures that used to lie around here.



ALAJÕE ALAJÕE ORTHODOX CHURCH



VASKNARVA CASTLE RUINS



VASKNARVA

TRAVEL INFO

Remniku Training and Holiday Centre

Remniku village ¹ p. 47
Alajõe RM 41001, Ida-Virumaa
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www.remniku.ee

The Remniku Training and Holiday Centre is the perfect place for organising programmes for children and families and for all kinds of active holidays. Children's camps are held here every summer. Guests can spend their holiday doing sports and hiking, swimming in the lake, playing football, basketball, badminton and volleyball. Group accommodation is in two-storied houses. Each house has eight rooms with 6 to 8 beds and also twin- or three-bed rooms. Bathrooms and washing facilities are on both floors. Showers are available 24 hours. There is a spacious hall on the second floor of each house, where all kinds of events can be held or where children can play. We invite schools to Ida-Viru County for their end of school year trips and to visit the Remniku Training and Holiday Centre on the north coast of Lake Peipus.

Holiday House

Metsa 5, Karjamaa village ² p. 47
Alajõe RM 41001, Ida-Virumaa
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www.holidayhouse.ee

The house is located in a beautiful pine forest about 100 metres from the shore of Lake Peipus with its clean and picturesque sand dunes. Guests can spend their day hiking, fishing or doing other interesting things. We also have a billiards table.



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Holiday Centre

Karjamaa village ³ p. 47
Alajõe RM 41004, Ida-Virumaa
Ph. +372 339 3119
Faks 339 3131
Ph. +372 (24h) 5331 1117, 5342 4834
info@peipsi-suvi.ee
www.peipsi-suvi.ee

Accommodation includes breakfast and all rooms have a shower, WC, TV and a refrigerator. All rooms are for non-smokers. Parking on the territory of the holiday centre is free for the motel guests. We offer group menus for larger parties. There is a terrace by the restaurant to cater for larger events in the summer and barbeque facilities for grilling. Guests can play minigolf, ping-pong, volleyball, pétanque, football and hire bikes.



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Hostel 'Villa Marika'

OÜ Villa Marika ⁴ p. 47
Alajõe village
Alajõe RM 41001, Ida-Virumaa
Ph. +372 339 3110, 501 2659
villamarika@hotmail.ee
www.villamarika.ee

The hostel is about 100 metres from Lake Peipus. Villa Marika is a wonderful place for summer holidays and other outdoor events. Villa Marika was already used as a holiday resort during the Soviet time. Back then, large businesses were given the opportunity to build holiday resorts in the northern area of Lake Peipus. Villa Marika was the summer house of the offices that belonged under the former Rudolf Pälson sovkhos. The resort was abandoned when the Soviet Union collapsed and almost all the furnishings were stolen. The main house now has 12 comfortable rooms, all of which have a TV. Communal bathrooms are in use in the main house. The 10 extra rooms used in the summer share a bathroom for every two rooms. There are six barbeque sites in the yard, all equipped with grills. Cars can be parked in front of the main house. Check-in at 15.00 and check-out at 12.00.



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in summer

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in winter

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on demand

on demand



Holiday House 'Villa Cumulus'

Villa Cumulus OÜ ⁵ p. 47
Mäe, Alajõe village
Alajõe RM 41001, Ida-Virumaa
Ph. +372 529 7984, 5333 0547
info@villacumulus.ee
www.villacumulus.ee

The holiday house is situated on a high sand dune by the lake, offering a beautiful view of the lake and the beach. Guests have to climb up a 50-step staircase to get to the sand dune, so the holiday house is not reachable by car. The holiday house is perfect for vacations, different get-togethers and also for organising seminars and training events. The rooms have 1, 2 or 4 beds. In addition to the bedrooms there is also a spacious hall with a fireplace, which is connected to a seminar room seating 14 people. Guests can also order catering. As an additional service the guests of the holiday house can use the hot tub, which accommodates 8 people.



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Shops

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Alajõe shop
Alajõe
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Vasknarva shop
Vasknarva
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AVINURME
RURAL MUNICIPALITY
www.avinurme.ee
Inhabitants ca 1500

AVINURME



Avinurme rural municipality is in the south-western corner of Ida-Viru County, with Torma rural municipality in Jõgeva County bordering it from the south and west and Laekvere rural municipality in Lääne-Viru County from the north-west. The location – the outskirts of the Alutaguse forest and swamplands – has mostly determined the development of settlement.

In folk tradition, **Avinurme has been associated with the Estonian hero Kalevipoeg**. The people of Avinurme complained to Kalevipoeg that they had no fish. Kalevipoeg listened to their troubles and sent so many pike up Avijõgi River from Lake Peipus, that meadows were filled with pike during the flood. Since then, the place is called Avinurme (pike is "havi" and meadow "nurm" in Estonian).

Due to the natural surroundings, farmlands and houses are up on higher moraine mounds or so-called swamp islands. Thus, there are many place names around Avinurme with the ending -saare, denoting islands (Kaevussaare, Sälliksaare, Änniksaare, Tammessaare, Rehessaare and others).



AVINURME CHURCH



SONDA-MUSTVEE NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY

Throughout history, the economy of Avinurme has been connected with woodwork, which is mostly handicraft. As the best farmlands are mainly in the Ulvi region, agriculture has never been very widespread here. This has led to the development of branches of activities which are characteristic to this region, as most of the land is forested, it is relatively isolated and far from cities.

The first written sources that mention woodwork among the skills of Avinurme men, which were well known all around Estonia, were written by the minister of Laiuse, H. Jannau, in 1879. A. Moora writes in his monograph "The Ethnic History of the Land of Peipus" that the farmers here managed to buy their land earlier than others in Estonia, which indicated that they had another source of income in addition to agriculture. Woodwork, mainly producing and marketing commodities made of wood, is still the main field of activity. As much of the work was done by hand, the trade managed to survive the Soviet period. Thanks to this the economy of the region did not collapse entirely after the state-owned factories were eliminated. Family businesses grew out of home workshops

and these are still the main employers in this region.

*Handcraft
woodwork has
been the main trade
in Avinurme for
centuries.*

One-hundred metres of the Sonda-Mustvee narrow-gauge railway with a locomotive remind us of the old times in Avinurme.

Unity and cooperation have always been honoured in Avinurme. Thus, the **Avinurme cultural centre**, which was opened on 28 December 1999, is very important. The hall seats 250 people and contains all the equipment for holding shows and concerts. The 60-seat café hall is perfect for smaller get-togethers. There is also a pool in the same house (available by pre-order by phoning 503 2912), which accommodates 20 people and also includes many saunas.

Võidu 9, Avinurme
Avinurme RM, 42101 Ida-Virumaa
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avinurme@avinurme.ee
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AVINURME CULTURAL CENTRE



Avinurme Barrel Fair (Avinurme tünnilaat)

The idea to hold the fair came from the Avijõe Village Society. They organised the first seven annual Avinurme Dish Fairs. The eighth fair saw a change of organisers and name – it is now called the Barrel Fair. The fair takes place every June 23 on the stadium and Barrel Stage in Avinurme and combines a craft fair with enjoyable entertainment.

The Avinurme Barrel Stage was inspired by the traditional Avinurme-made wooden containers: its sides are made of barrel boards, the dance floor comes in the shape of an oval washing tub, the roof reminds of a traditional grain sieve or a barrel lid. The Barrel Stage is a good place for concerts, open-air performances and dances.



Barrel
Fair
before
and now

Avinurme Cultural Heritage Centre (Avinurme Elustiilikeskus)

Võidu tn 2
Avinurme 42101, Ida-Virumaa
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www.elulaadikeskus.ee

The ability to create something with one's own hands and live in harmony with the nature has always played an intrinsic part in the Avinurme way of life. This may be witnessed in the local carpentry, the food, all of the creative work. To retain and develop the local spirit and ancient skills, the Avinurme Cultural Heritage Centre was founded in 2008. The aim of this foundation is to enliven local life, develop and support the local way of life.



In addition to learning new skills and gaining knowledge, the comfortable premises of the Heritage Centre are open for anyone wishing to rest, enjoy coffee, tea and snacks, or chat with friends.

The Centre offers:

- exhibitions about the cultural heritage and lore of Avinurme;
- unique handicraft from the master craftsmen of the region;
- Summer Café, selling ice-cream, organic bread, pastries and hand-made chocolate truffles, all prepared on the spot;
- carpentry workshops (weaving chipwood baskets, making wooden spoons, painting on wood, burning decorations on wood, decoration of wooden items);
- creating eye-pleasers (yarn spinning, weaving, printing with wood, felting, making wooden curtains, embroidery);
- courses of cooking game and ecological cookery;
- dining for groups (up to 60 people);
- a conference room with modern presentation technology (up to 60 people);
- group menus;
- catering service;
- organisation of summer events on the terrace and in the park;
- accommodation available nearby;
- canoeing on the river;
- hunting in the local way.



Avinurme Wooden Handicrafts Centre (Avinurme Puiduait)

The Wooden Handicrafts Centre is a tourist centre and the home of Avinurme-made wooden handicraft items. Here, a guest may find a suitable basket for berries, sauna bucket, cutting board, barrel, wooden tub or anything else one might desire.

The centre works on different levels:

- In the basement, one may work in a carpenter's shop, bake bread with a group of friends and look at sauna products.
- On the ground floor, the large salesroom offers interesting high-quality handicraft items. A basket weaver working on this floor can instruct you in creating something from wood. The main purpose is to give the guests an opportunity to leave with an authentic experience of wood and carpentry. Children may practice crafts in a "wooden" play corner. A cosy and unique café offers local pastries and other exciting tastes.
- The first floor houses a spacious seminar room. This allows for organisation of workshops for larger tourist groups, trainings or other events.



The company managing the centre, E. Strauss AS, grew out of the former national association of folk handicraft masters UKU. The company is mostly run by the family Strauss. In addition to the family, nearly 30 other skilled craftsmen work to create the products on offer.

The opening hours of the café are Mon-Fri 10–17 or upon previous agreement. The seasonal summer terrace offers a splendid view across central Avinurme. The café offers tasty pies, home-made bread and pastries, as well as other treats. Dining service for groups upon advance booking.



E. Strauss AS
Võidu 3
Avinurme 42101, Ida-Virumaa
Open: Mon–Sun 10–19.
At other times: + 372 527 5762
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www.strauss.ee

TRAVEL INFO

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Aasa 6 Avinurme
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ants.rummel@mail.ee

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VADI COMMUNITY HOUSE

Vadi community house and recreation area

Vadi village 6 p. 46
Avinurme RM 42116, Ida-Virumaa
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Vadi village is located in Avinurme rural municipality on the bank of the beautiful Avijõgi River. In 1997 the musical society "Metsakaja", first founded in 1903, was re-established. The society has 41 members and is managed by a five-member board.

On the initiative and cooperation of the society and the whole village, over the last 10 years they have fully renovated the former Vadi schoolhouse as a community centre, established the Vadi recreation area (56,000 sq. m), playgrounds and sports grounds, swing and fireplace, swimming spot, camp site with café and a bandstand for outdoor events.

All the rooms and the entire recreation area are available for meetings, training events, birthdays and other events. We also cater for parties and wakes; the hall seats 70 people. Guests can test their skills on the river with rafts and rowing barrels, order a guide or learn old local dances. One of the sights here is the renovated former schoolhouse, which was built in 1888. The room of writer Heino Kiik is also in the old schoolhouse.



play and sports ground

Avinurme Hostel

OÜ Teenus 7 p. 46
Võidu 8 Avinurme
42101 Ida-Virumaa
Ph. 518 3123
teenus@email.ee
www.avinurmehostel.ee



The hostel is snug and cosy. Our house is perfect for accommodating up to 12 people. Guests can rent the seminar room (with equipment) and party hall, which seats 20 people. Wi-Fi is available throughout the house. This is a great place for social events, seminars and training events, family holidays or just for a stopover for a traveller. There is a playground for children and barbeque facilities outside. If you are interested in an active holiday, we can offer walking poles, scooters and kick sledges. Guests can play badminton and basketball and go canoeing.



Shops and services

Filling station
ALOIL OÜ
Põllu tn 26 Avinurme
Ph. +372 339 7446
Kalev Allikas
aloilankla@hotmail.ee

Hardware store
ARPI KAUBANDUS OÜ
Põllu 20 Avinurme
Ph. +372 332 7578, 513 3925
Arvi Pihlak
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Car service and repair
AVIKO AUTO OÜ
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Hans Möttus
aviko@hotmail.ee

Oil and electronics store
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Second hand clothes
FIE HEI HABAKUK
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Second hand goods
FIE ROBERT LILLE
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Hairdresser
FIE RIINA PAKKAS
Võidu tn 8 Avinurme
Ph. +372 514 6669, 339 7450

Massage
FIE SIGNE OTT
Võidu tn 8 Avinurme
Ph. +372 5560 6115

Avinurme shop
Aldar Trading OÜ
Rakvere tn 1 Avinurme
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avinurme@aldar.ee
Opening hours:
01.Sep.-14.May.
Mon-Sat 9.00-21.00 Sun 9.00-20.00
15.May-31.Aug.
Mon-Sat 9.00-22.00 Sun 9.00-20.00

Maali shop
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Pärniku 11 Avinurme
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maali.pood@meie.org
Opening hours
Mon-Sun 08.30-18.00

Shop at Ulvi village
RRLektus AS
Ph. +372 332 8446
Opening hours:
Mon-Fr 09.00-18.00
Sat, Sun 10.00-16.00
The Ulvi family store offers postal services according to an agreement between Eesti Post and RRLektus AS. The office collects and issues letters and parcels. You can send money orders, pay bills, take out subscriptions to periodicals and the store also sells stamps, postcards, envelopes and packing material. The store provides postal services.
Mon-Fr 10.00-18.00, L 10.00-15.00.

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Tiina Tuur

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Ph. +372 339 7482
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Avinurme Post Office
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Opening hours:
Mon 11.30-18.00
Tue-Fr 8.30-15.00
Sat, Sun closed



AVINURME BARREL FAIR

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Rural municipality with beautiful views



IISAKU

IISAKU
RURAL MUNICIPALITY
www.iisaku.ee
Inhabitants ca 1300



IISAKU FOLK DANCE GROUP "TANTSUKING"

Iisaku rural municipality includes the small town of Iisaku and 17 villages, the largest of which are Vaikla, Täriveri, Jõuga, Kauksi and Kuru. The landform in this beautiful rural municipality is flat and the area is rich in forests and bogs. The rural municipality is bounded on three sides by areas of natural beauty – the protected wetland areas of Muraka and Agusalu, and Lake Peipus to the south. The flat landscape includes the Varesmetsa and Võhma kame fields and inland dunes. The **Iisaku–Illuka esker** runs southwest to northeast through this densely forested area. The chain of eskers begins with the Iisaku esker, then **Täriveri Hill** (the highest natural spot in Alutaguse with a height of 94 m above sea level), and continues in a parallel line over the **Jõuga esker** (the highest in Estonia with a relative height of 40 m). In the depressions between the eskers there are four picturesque forest lakes known as the **Jõuga Lakes**, one of these being **Pesujärv** a well-known summer holiday site.

The name Iisaku was first mentioned in written documents in 1426. Täriveri, first mentioned in 1330, is the oldest village in this area.



IISAKU CHURCH



IISAKU CEMETERY

According to folklore, after a devastating war there were no people left in the Iisaku area, except for one man. He had hidden in a well for the duration of the war and was the only survivor. He found a white horse and rode off to find a wife. In Sirtsu bog he met a spinster who became his wife. The man's name was Iisak so the place was named Iisaku after him and the people living in that area are their descendants.

Until 1654, the region was part of Jõhvi parish, and then until 1744 and again from 1867 it was a separate parish, Iisak parish, which included most of the present rural municipalities of Tudulinna, Alajõe and Illuka.

Iisaku **Village Fair** has been held since 2005. It takes place in early June each year. The event is organised by the Friends of the Iisaku Museum Society. At the fair local amateur performers take the stage.

The **Iisaku congregation** was founded in 1640. Between 1744 and 1864 it was part of Jõhvi. In 1864 they managed to reform their own congregation and since then the congregation has operated uninterrupted. The first **Iisaku church** was

made of wood and did not have a spire. The stone church was consecrated in 1846, but it burned down and the current church was completed in 1894. Three well-preserved ringed crosses stand in the church cemetery (mid 17th century).

Historically, the cultural life of Iisaku is closely connected with Robert Theodor Hansen, who for 43 years worked here as a teacher and actively led cultural life. He founded a male choir, which took part in the first Estonian Song Festival in Tartu in 1869. Hansen's song "Ema süda" (Mother's heart) is well known in Estonia and abroad.

There have always been many storks in the Iisaku region. Their favourite place is Apteegi Hill (the 17th–18th century village cemetery). This is also the site of Alutaguse's oldest permanently used white stork nest.

The **Iisaku observation tower** on Täriveri Hill is on the highest natural point in Ida-Viru County (94 m above sea level). From here there are views of Kuremäe Convent, the oil shale mines, ash heaps, bogs and Lake Peipus.



OLD POSTCARD OF IISAKU

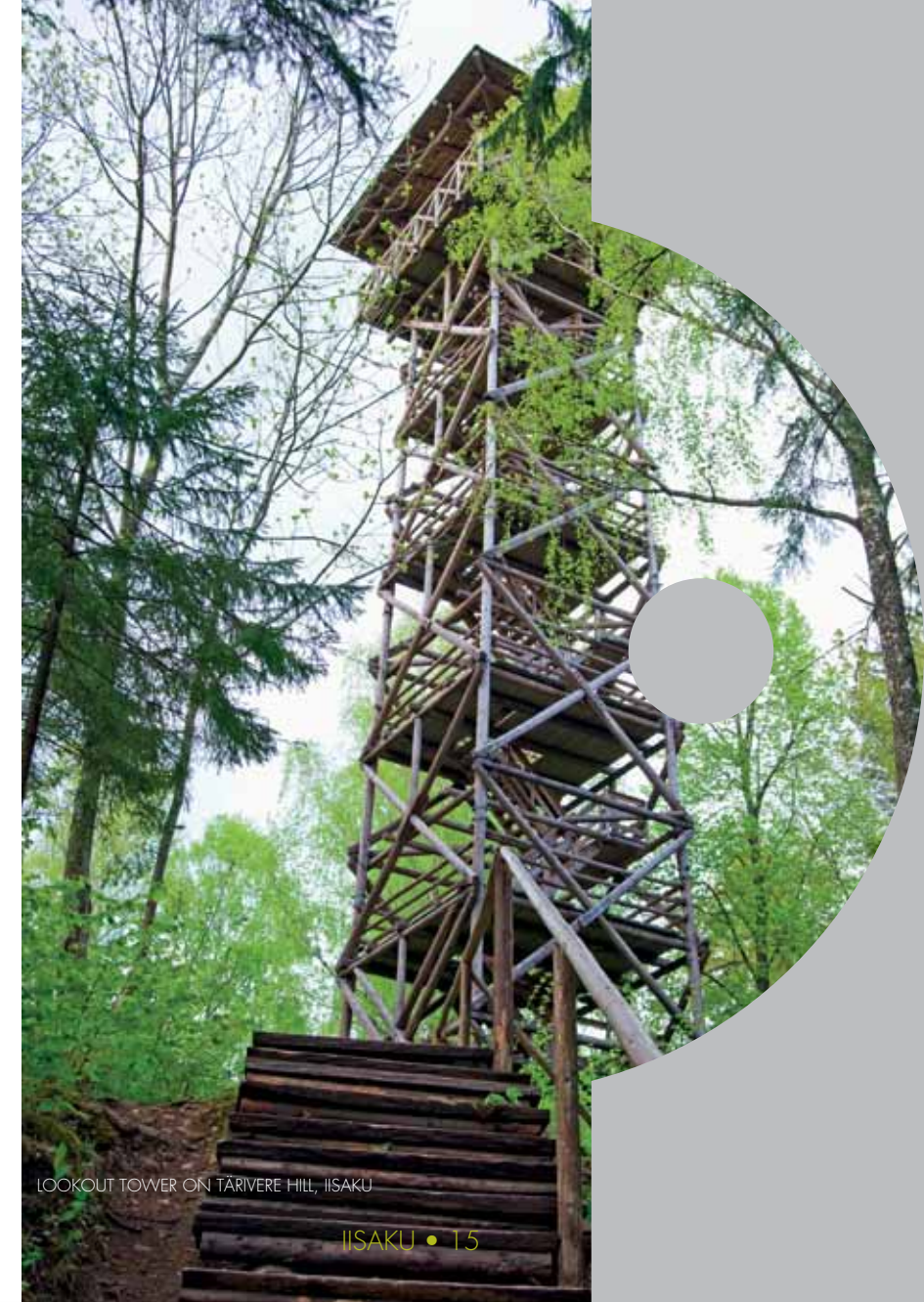
Iisaku Museum

The museum was founded in 1974, when Daniel Vardja set up a museum in a room of the Iisaku Secondary School. Soon there were so many exhibits that this space was no longer large enough and in 1983 the museum moved into a separate building. In 1997, it became the Iisaku rural municipality museum. Today, part of the museum has moved into the former schoolhouse. The museum exhibits cover the Stone Age and the life and times of the people living along the coast of Lake Peipus. In addition to the permanent exhibition the museum also hosts exhibitions and organises lectures and workshops.

Tartu mnt. 58, Iisaku
Iisaku RM 41101, Ida-Virumaa
Ph. +372 339 3036, 5344 8738
info@iisakumuuseum.ee
www.iisakumuuseum.ee



IISAKU MUSEUM



LOOKOUT TOWER ON TÄRIVERI HILL, IISAKU

TRAVEL INFO



Kauksi Holiday House

Kauksi village 8 p.19 and 46
Iisaku RM 41001, Ida-Virumaa
Ph. +372 521 9326
kauksi.puhkemaja@mail.ee
www.kauksipuhkemaja.ee
GPS coordinates:
27°14'35" E, 59°0'27" N

The holiday houses are the perfect holiday destination for people who like peace, quiet and privacy. In addition to accommodation, the log houses have their own WC, shower and kitchen. They are suitable for training events, parties and other gatherings. There are discounts for children. Large holiday house: sleeps 6 + 4 extra beds, sauna. Small holiday house: sleeps 2 + 2 extra beds. Päsari house: on the 1st floor there are rooms that sleep 3–4 people (14 places) and 6 extra beds. Additional facilities and services: smoke sauna, a traditional Estonian teepee, campfire site, barbeque, volleyball court and pond. The forests nearby are excellent for collecting berries and mushrooms; in winter there are ski trails and you can go fishing on Lake Peipus. Guides are also available for a small fee. Bicycle hire (incl. helmets, child seats). In winter it is possible to hire snowshoes and snowmobiles. Catering: we can provide home style cooking and season-appropriate meals, but these need to be booked in advance. We can cater for up to 60 people; in summer even more. Location: coming from Jõhvi turn left when you see a high-tension power line that crosses the road near the sign to Kauksi village.



Kauksi Resort Village

Kauksi village 9 p.19 and 46
Iisaku RM 41008, Ida-Virumaa
Ph. +372 5664 0649
Fax +372 339 3835
kauksirand@kauksirand.ee
www.kauksirand.ee
Open: July – August

Kauksi Resort Village is located 1 km from the Jõhvi-Tartu highway on the northern shore of Lake Peipus in Kauksi. It is 45 km from Jõhvi and 90 km from Tartu. The resort village has huts that sleep 2 and 3 people. Bed linen is supplied. Shower and WC are in a separate building. There is a dining room, bar and shop that is available for visitors. In addition to sunbathing and swimming at the beach there are sports facilities including a volleyball court and it is possible to hire rowboats. It is a suitable venue for company summer events and family holidays.



Games (petanque, indiaca, volleyball)



Kauksi Campsite

Kauksi village 10 p.19 and 46
Iisaku RM 41008, Ida-Virumaa
Ph.+372 339 3840 (hooajaline), 503 5221
Fax +372 339 3577
info@telklaager.ee
www.telklaager.ee
Open: July – August

Kauksi Campsite is located 70 metres from the shores of Lake Peipus. We provide accommodation for hikers and car campers (cars are parked next to your tent). Suitable for large gatherings (e.g. company summer events). Facilities include electricity, telephone, drinking water, showers, WC, fireplaces, and children's playground. Tents, bedding and water bikes are available for hire. There is a cafe, and it is possible to pre-book a disco or live music evenings. In summer 2013 another two huts sleeping 2–4 people will be completed.



Kuru Holiday Homes

Kuru Puhkemajad OÜ 11 p.19 and 46
Kuru village
Iisaku RM 41001, Ida-Virumaa
Ph. +372 529 5088
kuru.puhkemajad@mail.ee
www.kurupuhkemajad.ee

The holiday houses were built in 2006. Suitable for birthdays, company events or simply an opportunity to spend a pleasant holiday with your family. In the summer months it is possible to spend time at the beach on Lake Peipus, try your hand at archery, play volleyball and basketball, table tennis and corona, or book a ride on a motorboat. Winter is the best time to go ice fishing on Lake Peipus and go skiing on the ski trails. The wood-fired sauna is available year round. In addition to the accommodation visitors can also use the kitchen (if you pre-book we can supply catering), the car park and set up a tent. To make your stay even more enjoyable we have barbeque areas with outdoor tables.



Sporting facilities on demand



Tagametsa Holiday Home

Pootsiku village 12 p. 47
 Iisaku RM 41109, Ida-Virumaa
 Ph. +372 5666 7527, 339 3902
 tagametsa@hotmail.ee
www.hot.ee/t/tagametsa

We are located 8 km from Lake Peipsi and the Alajõe summer holiday destination. Suitable for barbecues and sauna parties, gatherings or just simply for a holiday in the quiet of the forest. Accommodation is in a large attic room. There are three double beds, three single beds and a sofa bed that sleeps two people and an extra place for a mattress. In the room on the ground floor with its fireplace there is a two-person sofa bed. The house has a sauna, and there is also a separate smoke sauna with an anteroom that seats 10. This room can also be used to accommodate two people. The smoke sauna can be booked separately. In summer the area around the house can be used for tents. Catering can be pre-ordered. The kitchen is fully equipped for self-catering.

22 80 40
 on demand



Vaikla Holiday Centre

OÜ Mäenurga Talu 13 p. 47
 Vaikla village
 Iisaku RM 41114, Ida-Virumaa
 Ph. +372 332 7314, 5804 9366
 vaikla@vaikla.ee
www.vaikla.ee

The hotel provides accommodation for up to 14 people. Extra beds are also available. The restaurant (seating for 80) operates year round. It is suitable for conferences and lectures. Fish dishes are always available. Other dishes need to be pre-ordered. The two-storey sauna house has a Russian sauna, kitchen, shower, WC and sleeps 10 people. Outdoors there is a barrel sauna, gazebo and a lake. There are parking places for approx. 50 caravans and campsites for 1000 tents. In addition, horse riding is available. You can bring your own horse. Our stables have places for 80 horses. Accommodation for horse owners is free. The bar is open every day from 11 am to 10 pm.

14 80 40
 on demand



Shops and services

"Meie Iisaku pood"
 (Foods, houseware)
 Tartu mnt 46, Iisaku alevik
 Open:
 Mon–Sat 9.00–20.30
 Sun: 9.00–19.30
 Ph. +372 332 5263,
 Fax +372 332 5263
 iisakupood@meie.org

Dello Bakery and Shop
 Tamme tn 1, Iisaku alevik
 Open:
 Mon 7.00–18.00,
 Tue–Sat 7.00–21.00,
 Sun 7.30–18.00
 Ph. +372 337 4641, 517 5989
 pagariari@hotmail.ee

Dello Bakery Cafe
 Tamme tn 1, Iisaku alevik
 Open: Mon–Fr 7.30–16.00
 Ph. +372 517 5989, 337 4641
 pagariari@hotmail.ee
www.hot.ee/pagariari

Iisaku Post Office
 Tartu mnt 34, Iisaku
 Mon, Tue, Thu, Fr 8.30–15.30
 Wed 11.00–18.00

Shop Jaaniku
 Kuru village, Iisaku RM
 Open:
 May, September, October:
 Mon–Sun 9.00–18.00
 June–August:
 Mon–Sun 9.00–22.00
 Ph. +372 551 6617
 distling@mail.ru

Grossi Food Shop
 Tartu mnt. 55, Iisaku alevik
 Open: Mon–Sun
 Ph. +372 3374000,
 3343100
 iisaku@ogelektra.ee
www.ogelektra.ee

Bar-Club Prowints
 Äri tn 2, Iisaku alevik
 Catering
 Opened in summer, in winter
 on demand.
 Ph. +372 339 3387
 info@prowints.ee
www.prowints.ee



ILLUKA

ILLUKA
RURAL MUNICIPALITY
www.illuka.ee
Inhabitants ca 1170

THE ILLUKA ENDURANCE

The area of **the Illuka rural** municipality is the largest in Ida-Viru County and there are 19 villages located in the municipality.

Illuka is first and foremost known for **the Kuremäe Convent**. **Illuka manor** is one of the manors in Estonia that houses a school. Not to mention that Illuka also has vast amounts of intact nature: the primeval valley of the Poruni River, the Puhatu and Agusalu bird and nature areas and the largest lake district in Estonia, the Kurtna Lake District.

The Illuka manor was established in 1657. The current manor house was completed in 1888. The buildings were established by the lords of the manor, the Dieckhofs. In 1912 the manor was sold to baron Notbeck who lived here until 1921 when he moved to Germany, and in the same year, the Illuka school was opened

in the premises of the manor. In 1992, renovation work on the building began: the decor has been restored. Another sight is the carved wooden staircase connecting three floors.

During the summer, the manor is open to tourists between 9 am and 8 pm. If booked in advance we can also cater for groups. A new building in the territory of the manor park is the sports and accommodation complex. The school's sports complex provides ideal conditions for organising training camps. Guests are also welcome to use the conference rooms. There is also an opportunity to rent the manor hall for events for up to 50 people.

Info:
Ph. +372 520 2014
tairi@illuka.ee



The Kuremäe Hill and Convent

According to legend, the Kuremäe hill was created by our ancient hero Kalevipoeg who after a tiring journey to Russia decided to take a break in the area. He then dug a few shovelfuls of earth from the current location of Lake Konsu as a place to rest his head. Already in ancient times there was an Estonian sacred grove on the hill and a sacrificial spring beneath it. The Kuremäe oak – in the corner of the car park in front of the Kuremäe convent stands a protected oak tree: measured from the height of one's chest, its circumference is 4 m 17 cm, the height of the tree is 17 m. The majority of the bark has been destroyed, the crown completely dried and the branches at the top supported by wire ropes. Pilgrims coming to Kuremäe believe that the bark of the oak has healing qualities. They have long taken pieces of the bark with them. This is one of the reasons why the oak has so little bark remaining. Orthodox pilgrims perform a certain rite at the **Kuremäe oak**:

they walk clockwise around the tree and cross themselves.

The Pühtitsa Dormition Convent

The only Estonian Russian Orthodox Convent is located at the picturesque Kuremäe hill.

According to the legend told by the orthodox in the 16th century, the local peasants saw a magical apparition on the hill and later founded a sacrosanct orthodox icon at the bottom of the ancient oak. A painting depicting this event is displayed at the gate of Kuremäe convent. From then on the hill was given an additional name 'Pühtitsa' or blessed place. A small chapel was built on the hill to commemorate this miraculous event.



The construction of the convent in Kuremäe began in 1885 and was completed in 1891. The main church, cemetery chapel, house chapel for the governor and other relevant buildings have been constructed. The convent has served as a holy site for Russian orthodox from Russia.

The convent is still in use and is self-funding. Nowadays, over 150 nuns live at the Pühtitsa convent. The highlights of the territory, surrounded by a high stone wall include the Main Church of the Dormition of the Mother of God, the baptistery, the museum and the unique woodpiles shaped like haystacks, gate towers and high walls. It is also worth visiting the sacred spring underneath the north-western slope and having a swim in the bathing house. The Kuremäe convent is the largest tourism magnet in Ida-Viru County.

www.orthodox.ee
Ph. +372 337 0715

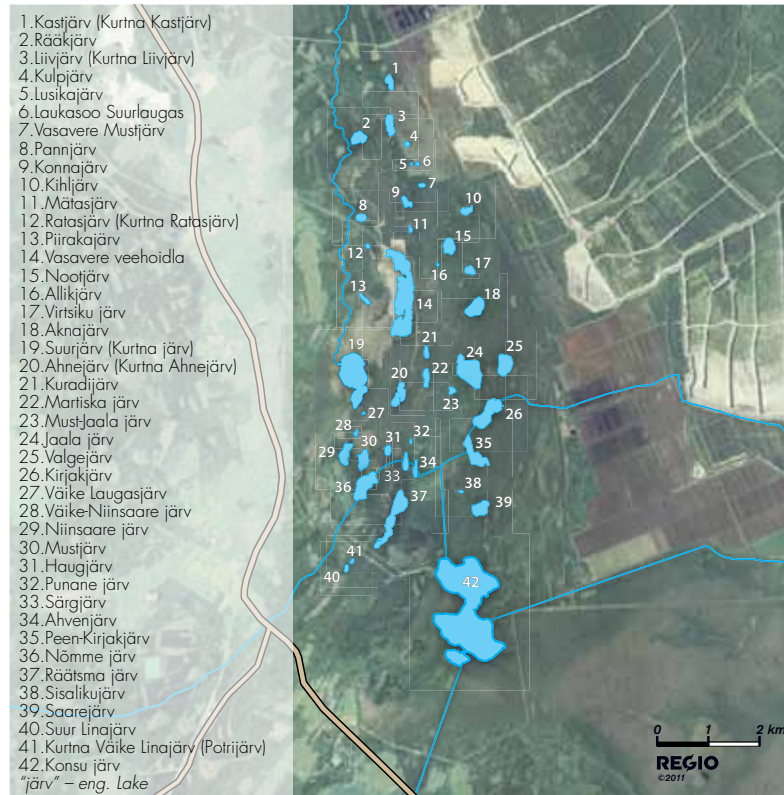


Kurtna Lake District

With 42 lakes the **Kurtna Lake District** is one of the most unique lake areas in Estonia. The size of the lakes located on almost 30 km² ranges between 2000 and 1,360,000 sq. m. The lakes of the lake district have formed as a result of the icecaps retreating and the erosion of the remaining gravel and sand covered giant ice floes into kettle holes. In turn the remaining gravel and sand have created the kame field and eskers. The Kurtna Nature Park was established in order to protect the lakes and forest heath land (1987). Some lakes have rare plants such as water lobelias and lake quillwort. Unfortunately oil shale mining, the Oru peat bog and the drainage of bogs have all had a negative impact on the water level of the lakes. The decrease in the water level in the lakes varies but on average has been approximately 4m – the greatest having been in Lake Liivjärv: 7.2 m. Abundant consumption of surface and groundwater has brought an increase in the trophic level of the lakes (i.e. eutrophication). One of the most beautiful and popular of the Kurtna lakes is Nõmmejärv where parking and camping grounds have been built. The State Forest Management Centre has also created two hiking trails (see pages 42-43).



KURTNÄ HIKING TRAIL



LAKE KURTNÄ NIINJÄRV



LAKE KONSU

The **Agusalu marshland** is located in the Southern part of Estonia's largest marshland, Puhatu (570 km²). The marsh was formed as a result of the paludification of the lake areas between the dunes of the Ürg-Peipsi Lake, and partially due to the paludification of mineral land. Additional sights in the local marsh landscape include marsh islets and ridges. In the Western part of the marsh these are sand ridges covered with narrow heath and coastal pine forest. The larger marsh islands are located in the East with one of them (Tuusna) still inhabited in the 1960s.



Poruni River and Primeval Valley

The primeval forest quarter and bank outcrops located at the Poruni (Boroni, Borovnja) River, slightly North of Gorodenka village were turned into a nature reserve in 1967. The banks of the river's primeval valley can be up to 10 metres in height and here and there the dolomite and other lower layers of the Narva Stage can be seen. Before flowing into the Narva River the overflowing waters of the Narva Reservoir flood the whole primeval valley. The primeval forest is decorated with 1.5 m high ostrich fern and a thick layer of moss on the trees.



Shops

Kuremäe Shop
Kuremäe
Ph. +372 339 2125

Kurtna Shop
Kurtna

TURISMIINFO

NPO Moto Club Freedom Feelers

The Illuka landscape trail is open for training on Saturdays and Sundays between 10 am – 4 pm.
Ph. +372 5565 0567, 511 7543
www.mcff.ee

Niinsaare Holiday Centre

Konsu village ¹⁴ p. 45
Illuka RM 41201, Ida-Virumaa
Ph. +372 5804 1631, 525 7516
niinsaare@iv.ee
www.iv.ee/niinsaare
www.niinsaare.ee

For organising gatherings, summer camps and other festivities. The holiday centre has camping houses that each sleep two (10) as well as the main building. The sauna has a fireplace room for up to 15 people. The fireplace room can also be used as a seminar room (up to 50 people) or as a dance hall (up to 70 people). Sports and entertainment programmes: canoe trips, axe throwing, archery, crossbow shooting, geocaching and paintball.

66 200 70 on demand
Sporting facilities.



Kuremäe Café and Hostel

Kuremäe village ¹⁵ p. 45
Illuka RM 41201, Ida-Virumaa
Ph. +372 339 2130, 525 0896
kuremae@copsmx.ee
www.copsmx.ee



Permisküla Holiday Village

Permisküla ¹⁶ p. 47
Illuka RM 41013, Ida-Virumaa
Ph. +372 527 1901, 5190 1616
info@permiskula.ee
www.permiskula.ee

Accommodation both inside the house (sleeps 13) and in camping houses (5 houses, each sleeping two). Fresh snacks and beer always available at the bar.

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Rest room with fireplace.
Sporting facilities (volleyball)



Pannjärve Health and Sports Centre

The hilly landscape of the Pannjärve Health and Sports Centre pine forest provides excellent opportunities for running, cycling, Nordic walking and skiing. There are marked 2 km, 3 km, 5 km and 7.5 km tracks. For those interested in orienteering, a base map of the surroundings has been prepared. During the darker periods the 2 km, 3 km and roller track are lit until 9 pm. In good snow conditions, the 20 km and 40 km tracks can be used to practice for ski marathons. There is seasonal ski rental, and walking poles can also be rented. In addition to training, it is also a good place for organising competitions. In addition to the main building, the complex comes with a cafe building and sauna. Altogether, the rooms for two people mean there is accommodation for 36 people. There is also an opportunity to rent the fireplace room separately for seminars for 30 people or with saunas for a cosy gathering. For larger seminars there is a seminar room for 70 people with technical equipment. The guests are welcome to use the classical Finnish sauna, an aromatic steam room and a cooling pool with massaging streams. In order to use the saunas the entire ground floor needs to be booked and previously agreed.
Ph. +372 5305 7776
puhkekeskus@alutaguse.com
www.alutaguse.com

36 70



The Pannjärve Café

Vasavere village ¹⁸ p. 45
Illuka RM 41215, Ida-Virumaa
Ph. +372 5349 3663
kohvik@alutaguse.com

Pannjärve café can be booked for various events (weddings, birthdays etc.).



Alutaguse Adventure Park

SA Pannjärve Tervisespordikeskus ¹⁹ p. 45
Illuka RM 41204, Ida-Virumaa
Ph. +372 5357 5405
seikluspakrk@alutaguse.com
www.alutaguse.com
Open:
Wed–Fri 14.00–19.00
Sat–Sun 11.00–19.00

The adventure park has 5 different adventure tracks. Altogether the adventure tracks have 35 sporty challenges demanding accuracy and attention. In addition we offer the longest air rides (220m and 400m) across the lake. For children we have the children's adventure track made up of 22 different elements where children are safely harnessed throughout the track. The harnesses do not have to be transferred between the elements and so children can enjoy climbing independently. Visitors to the adventure park can test their balance, skills and courage. Courage is especially necessary for the 9 metre high Tarzan jump. The jump will guarantee adrenalin junkies a 2-metre freefall – a unique attraction in Estonia. Courage can also be tested during the bike ride, 6 metres from the ground. The adventure park has tube rentals and a tubing track available throughout the year. Tubing in the summer is only available here in the Alutaguse Adventure Park!





LOHUSUU

LOHUSUU
RURAL MUNICIPALITY
www.lohusuuvv.ee
Inhabitants ca 900

Photo Priit Ilves



The small **Lohusuu rural municipality** (102 km²) is located on the north-western coast of Lake Peipus, in the south west corner of the county. The majority of the residents live in seaside villages. The Tartu-Narva Road runs along the coast revealing a beautiful view over Peipus.

The town of **Lohusuu**, the municipal centre, has approximately 400 residents. Lohusuu is even divided into three parts:

- At the Avinurme road and on the Eastern bank of the river
- Ülejõe (Estonian settlement)
- Veneküla (Russian Village) (as the name suggests a Russian settlement) between the lake and the Tartu-Narva Road. Here both Old and New Believers have been fishermen for centuries. In 1601 the local fisher village was called Lochos.

The Lohusuu **Lutheran church** with its high tower was completed in 1882. Concerts are also held in this building with its excellent organ and acoustics. Next to the church near a beautiful birch grove, an area for festivities is located with a choral song stage. The new and old schoolhouse and a well maintained school garden is situated opposite the

church. Education in Lohusuu was already provided from 1697, 30 years prior the completion of the wooden Torma chapel. On the wall of the old school, a plaque commemorates the first major figure in the Estonian enlightenment, the language and written word specialist **Otto Wilhelm Masing**, born here in 1763 as the son of a clerk and who published the "Maarahva Nädalaleht" (Countryfolk Weekly) between 1821–1825 – published today as "Maaleht" (country weekly newspaper). Among other things Masing is also responsible for **introducing the letter "õ" into the Estonian written language**. The museum, completed in 2003, has a display about Masing, culture and fishery rooms, and exhibitions and displays of



LOHUSUU RUSSIAN CHURCH



LUTHERAN CHURCH



SCHOOL

historic items are also organised. This is also where the hobby centre and library are located. A little further on, on the corner of Jõe Street, a memorial stone commemorating the Lohusuu battle of the Independence War is located. In addition, a stone commemorating anti communists, executed in 1941, is displayed on the riverbank. Near the Peipus side, between the two roads, lays an old cemetery and a functioning chapel with a tower, operating as a place of worship.

Coming to Lohusuu from the Kauksi side you will first notice the **Veneküla** Russian cemetery that also has its own chapel. The road turning down before the bridge passes the colourful, well-maintained Orthodox Church of the Epiphany (1898) and takes you to Peipus's largest fishing port at the river mouth, where the municipality's most significant company, Peipsi Trade, is located.

Ninasi has the white **postal station** from the era of Catherine the Great, where several European and Russian rulers and intelligentsia have stayed (Catherine the Great (1764), Robert Schumann, Elias Lönnrot, Ferenc Liszt, Honore de Balsac,



Tsar Alexander III etc.). It was in Ninasi that in March 1881 future Tsar Alexander III of Russia received the message about the assassination of Alexander II and assumed power. Information about the old Ninasi horse postal station dates back to 1722 and it is known that the old building was located towards the lake. The Ninasi postal station operated for almost 157 years until it was closed in 1897. The park surrounding the postal station was created in honour of Catherine the Great. The park came with a pond and alleys leading to the lake.
Read more at: www.hot.ee/ninasi

For several years the Lohusuu Lakeshore Culture Association has organised the **Lohusuu fish fair** (first held in 2003). The fish fair has become **a traditional fish, local handicraft, beer and music festival on the shores of Lake Peipus**.

Lohusuu Cultural Society
Avinurme tee 63, 42001, Lohusuu RM
Ph. +372 5346 5861
lohusuuselts@lohusuuselts.ee
www.lohusuuselts.ee



Photo Priit Ilves



Raadna Holiday Centre

Raadna village ²⁰ p. 46
Lohusuu RM 42004, Ida-Virumaa
Ph. +372 506 3534, 534 3706, 336 1026

We offer accommodation and sauna facilities. Catering is available on pre-order.



'Kopraonu' Guest House

Raadna village ²¹ p. 46
Lohusuu RM 42004, Ida-Virumaa
Ph. +372 5346 6583, 339 3660
info@kopraonu.ee
raadnakopraonu@hotmail.ee
www.kopraonu.ee

Kopraonu Guest House opened its doors in 2003. Since then, the clientele has mainly comprised organisations for whom we organise summer and winter events for their employees. Tourists looking for a quiet place to stay overnight are also welcome. The guest house has 15 rooms, 8 with all conveniences. Shared lavatories and showers are available for guests staying in other rooms. An extra bed can be added in most rooms. Breakfast is served to overnight guests. Lunch and dinner is available for larger groups on pre-order. Kitchen facilities are not available for clients.

We have both a Finnish sauna and a hot tub. The hot tub has proven a particular favourite during employee summer events.



Guest House Peipsi Lained

Kalmaküla village ²² p. 46
Lohusuu RM, 42001, Ida-Virumaa
Ph. +372 339 3723, 5569 0131
info@peipsi-lained.ee
www.peipsi-lained.ee

Guest House Peipsi Lained offers a bar and catering. Accommodation is provided in two buildings: 14 beds with WC and shower 16 beds with shared WC and shower Extra beds can be added. If pre-ordered, festive events (parties, birthdays, weddings, wakes) can be organised for up to 60 people.



Tiirikoja Holiday Centre

Vilusi village ²³ p. 46
Lohusuu RM 42007, Ida-Virumaa
Ph. +372 504 2180, 524 2180
info@tiirikoja.ee
www.tiirikoja.ee

The Holiday Centre offers accommodation, catering, seminar rooms, sauna and facilities for numerous leisure activities. It is a suitable spot for spending the night or for a longer holiday, gatherings or seminars. We offer accommodation in four twin rooms. Guests staying in their own tent or caravan are welcome. The seminar room fits up to 25 people. Guests can play volleyball, basketball, mini-football, mini-tennis or croquet. We have a campfire area and a large swing. Guests can rent a sailing boat, windsurfing kits, motorbikes or bicycles. We offer assistance in planning travel routes. One-day travel routes are available.



sporting facilities



Torioja Holiday Centre

Tartu mnt 2, Lohusuu ²⁴ p. 46
Lohusuu RM 42001, Ida-Virumaa
Ph. +372 566 71403; 339 3687
egusseva@hotmail.ee

Accommodation in six cabins. A kiosk by the road offers light meals (pizzas, hamburgers, smoked fish, drinks). Facilities available for organising events (stage, seating, dancing area).



Lohusuu Shop
Aldar Trading OÜ
Avinurme tee 2, Lohusuu
Ph. +372 666 7350

MÄETAGUSE

MÄETAGUSE
RURAL MUNICIPALITY
www.maetagusevv.ee
Inhabitants ca 1730

Mäetaguse rural municipality takes its name from a wealthy village that stood here as early as the Middle Ages. In early spring 1220, Christian priests arrived here spreading the faith, but also recording all the villages they had baptised. In 1241, the village of **Meintacus**, 11 plough lands in size and not previously a fiefdom, was recorded in the Danish book of land taxation. In the first half of the 16th century, Peter von Tiesenhausen founded a manor on the site of the village of Kõrvetaguse, south of the ridge. Soon after, it was named **Mäetaguse manor**. In 1739, ownership transferred to Otto Fabian von Rosen. In the neighbouring manor of **Kiikla**, Friedrich von Rosen, a relative of Otto Fabian, established a home theatre, staging plays by August von Kotzebue. The third centre in the Mäetaguse municipality, **Pagari manor**, was acquired in the 18th century by Otto Magnus von Stackelberg, who also owned the **Atsalama** and **Väike-Pungerja manors** in the same municipality. The local manors profited economically

from the St Petersburg–Riga postal road passing through the municipality, carrying monarchs and other dignitaries. Among the most famous, Charles XII of Sweden, Peter the Great, Catherine the Great, Freiherr von Münchhausen, Alexander Suvorov and Honoré de Balzac should be mentioned.

Mäetaguse is also well known for the “**brown gold**” oil shale, as a large part of the underground oil shale mines in Estonia are located on the territory of Mäetaguse municipality.

The tradition of the three centres – Mäetaguse, Pagari and Kiikla – lives on in the municipality. Each centre has its own shop, community centre and library. In the small town of Mäetaguse, there is a bilingual middle school, kindergarten and the Alutaguse Care Centre. The population of the 20 villages and one small town in the municipality is 1,728 people. The traditional **Mäetaguse Manor Day** has been held annually since 1996.



MAIN BUILDING OF MÄETAGUSE MANOR

Mäetaguse manor and park

The heart of the old park in Mäetaguse conceals **Mäetaguse manor** house. Ten buildings of the manor complex survive today: the stable/carriage house, the granary, a distillery storehouse, a greenhouse, a granary/cellar, the distillery, the dairy, two barns for livestock and the steward's house. The surviving manor house was built under Eugenius Octave von Rosen in 1796. In 1890, the main building was extensively renovated and the planning of the manor house, restored in 1998, dates back to that period. The classicist manor house is stately, boasting a lavishly decorated interior. The two centuries old oak doors, wooden stairs and secco ceiling painting are particularly noteworthy.

With the **Mäetaguse municipal government** housed on the ground floor, the first floor of the manor holds halls with fireplaces, exhibitions, banquets, conferences and concert halls as well as a manor apartment for rent.

Excursions are held in the manor. For registration and information, please call 336 6910 or 520 5921.



CARRIAGE HOUSE RESTAURANT

Pagari manor and park

Pagari manor (in German: *Paggar*) was established in the 17th century. From 1748, the manor was owned by the Von Stackelberg family, who retained ownership of the heart of the manor up until the resettlement, or Umsiedlung, of the Baltic Germans in 1939.

The manor house also housed the Pagari school from 1924 until a new schoolhouse was finished in 1930; the elementary school was only closed 12 years ago. Today it houses the Pagari information room and library.

In Pagari park, a nature reserve, a group of European larches, some hazel and red maples grow alongside indigenous trees. The two paths in the park meet at a circular path at the centre of the park.



Mäetaguse Shop
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Kalina karst area

A particularly remarkable feature of the karstland, 10,000 sq. m in area, is the 60 m long, 20 m wide and 2.7 m deep **Kalina sinkhole**. A stream (ditch) beginning in the Kalina marsh flows into the sinkhole. Alongside the sinkhole, there is also a 25 m long, 1.5 m deep doline, shaped like a bathtub, and several small sinkholes. During a particularly wet spring these also flood. Around half a century ago, a roughly 50 cm wide cave opening would have been visible in the Kalina sinkhole. There is also the protected **sacred oak tree of Kalina**, 3.98 m in circumference, 500 m north of the karstic area, and the Kalina fort hill to the north-west.



Mäetaguse Manor hotel & spa



Mehntack OÜ **25** p. 44
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The renovated **stable/carriage house** at the manor houses a hotel. The name of the hotel that opened in 2004, "Meintack", was suggested by the local poet Virve Osila, and is a derivation of the name **Meintacus**, which used for the location of present-day Mäetaguse in the Danish book of land taxation around 1240.

The hotel has 23 rooms, including one suite, with a total of 48 beds and extra beds that can be added in the larger rooms. All rooms come with a shower, WC, TV and phone. There is Wi-Fi Internet coverage throughout the building and free parking next to the hotel.

The **restaurant** seats 70 people and is suitable for parties, banquets and receptions. Catering is offered based either on an **à la carte** menu or a special menu for groups and events. There are many options for organising various events in the different spaces. The mill room, for example, is an excellent venue for smaller celebrations and spending time with friends. Next to the mill room, there is a cosy seminar room and a sauna with a jacuzzi.

The renovated conservatory contains the bathing house with its **tropical winter**

garden. The building houses a 25 m two-lane swimming pool, a jacuzzi, children's pool and massage pool as well as saunas. In the basement, there is a three-row 10 m shooting range for air pistols/rifles. The spa is located next to the conservatory.

The former gardener's residence now houses the **hunter's museum**, whose basement contains the famous bear nicknamed "Jaak" after Minister Jaak Aaviksoo, whose car it tried to stop. In the hunters' hall on the first floor, where hunting trophies are displayed, different events can be organised.



Atsalama Holiday Farm

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The holiday farm is located in the village of Atsalama, Mäetaguse municipality, 1.5 km from Jõhvi in the direction of Tartu. The farm lies right on the edge of a forest. There is a small lake here where angling enthusiasts can go fishing. Fans of active sports can enjoy playing volleyball, basketball or football. Riding lessons are available. In the winter, ice skates are available for rent.



Motosellid OÜ

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Motosellid OÜ, is a delightful and thrilling experience in the unique natural surroundings of Ida-Viru County. The trails pass through different landscapes (forest, marshland, peat bog, mining areas, hills etc.) that can be difficult to negotiate even with an ATV. ATV tours can be enjoyed in any season or weather. The tours begin with instructions and a training session on a practice track. When the instructor has ensured that all the participants have the necessary driving skills, they head out onto the trail. The instructor chooses the difficulty of the trail according to the level and preferences of the participants. Since spring 2011, Motosellid has been organising trips on motor-boats as well as ATVs.



Tagavälja Farm



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Tagavälja Farm is an ancient farmstead where visitors can learn about the heritage of our ancestors, enjoy the beautiful natural environment, do farm work and taste home-baked rye bread. We organise exciting events informing people about folk culture, for example, for Shrove Tuesday, Easter, Whitsun and Christmas celebrations and much more. Guests can see domestic animals on the farm. Currently, the farm keeps cows, beef cattle, calves, a horse, sheep, pigs, chickens, dogs and cats. Guests can pat the animals and try horseback riding. We celebrate folk holidays and organise related events for groups of kindergarten and school children. In addition, we organise fun-packed family days at Tagavälja. Visitors should register preferably 7 days in advance.





TUDULINNA

TUDULINNA
RURAL MUNICIPALITY
www.tudulinnavv.ee
Inhabitants ca 500



Tudulinna municipality was established in 1866. The earliest record of Tudulinna dates back to 1583 (Tutinlinna). An independent manor was founded here in the early 19th century, as Tudulinna (Tuddolin) manor separated from Rakvere manor. In 1845, a village school opened.

The 1930s were a time of bustling social life here: the local newspaper "Tudulinna Hääl" (Voice of Tudulinna) was published and several societies were active. There was a lot of timber trade: logs were rafted down Rannapungerja River to Lake Peipus and from there onwards to market (mainly in Tartu).

In the Soviet period, the Tudulinna state farm operated here. A small hydroelectric plant was built on Roostoja River as a quick work campaign in 1947. The plant began operations in 1950 and worked for 9 years. In 1998, the old dam was reinforced and a new power plant was built on it.

In 1766, a wooden church was built here, and later in 1863 was renovated and extended. **The church of Tudulinna Rahu parish** was built in 1938-39 next to the old wooden church (1766) according to the design of architect E. Sacharias. The exterior is marked by the contrast of the granite walls and the whitewashed



TUDULINNA CHURCH

brick tower, the square corner stones and rounded arch window frames. In the 1930s, a "religious quarrel" broke out among the parish members in response to pastor Voldemar Kuljus' overly secular approach to church services. The "quarrel" ended with the devout parish members building the new church with an eastern bell tower next to the old church. Until 1990, this was the newest Lutheran church (finished in 1939) in Estonia. With the arrival of the Soviet regime, the tower of the old church was torn down, the building itself was stripped of church inventory and later rebuilt as the sovkhos flour mill. The old church is currently under heritage protection.

The earliest record of **the village of Oonurme** dates from 1501 (Hogenum). It was a village several kilometres long, with large traditional housebarns (*rehielamu*) on both sides of a road running along the border between forests and fields. Most of these housebarns, signs of erstwhile large farmsteads, have by now disappeared. Until 1960, Oonurme was the seat of a village council centre of the same name.

Oonurme has developed into the second most historically important centre within the municipality, with an education society, agricultural society, dairy union, choirs and orchestras, a dramatic society and so on



HYDRO POWER PLANT

all active in the 1920s. Today, Oonurme is among the most active villages; it has, for example, a choir founded by Ants Üleoja and popular singing festivals are organised.
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According to folk legend, **the village of Peressaare** was founded by three brothers, deserters during the Great Northern War. After the Sonda – Mustvee railway was finished, the government of the Republic of Estonia financed the building of a new settlement at Peressaare. With government financing, about a hundred farms, each 120,000 to 250,000 sq. m in size, were built. For each farm, the state also prepared up to 20,000 sq. m of land for growing crops and built a one-room house for living, a barn and a granary. Using prison labour, connecting roads were built and drainage ditches dug. These roads are still in remarkably good condition given their age. Today, many of the farms have either been emptied or the inhabitants have left the dying village on their own initiative.

In 2012, **Järuska bridge**, the first covered bridge in Estonia, was built across Rannapungerja River.



THE FIRST COVERED BRIDGE IN ESTONIA

Rannapungerja lighthouse (built in 1937) is the only working lighthouse in Ida-Viru County. From the wooden observation deck on the foundation of the lighthouse, beautiful views open onto the waters of Lake Peipus and the coastal landscape. It was originally probably built with Peipus fishermen in mind and even today it remains very important especially for fishermen; its blinking has helped many a fisherman and boater to find their way home after having stayed out late. For years, the lighthouse was in a very poor condition and threatened by dilapidation. Now the lighthouse has been renovated and the dunes stabilised.

Since 2010, the annual *Tuletorni kontsert* (**Lighthouse concert**) has been held in June with performances by many well-known musicians from across Estonia. The concerts are organised by the actor Guido Kangur and his family, who have local roots.



RIVER HARBOUR AT RANNAPUNGERJA



TUDULINNA CULTURAL CENTRE



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The farm guesthouse is located in the renovated old farm stables. The old fieldstone walls may be seen on the ground floor occupied by the bar and dining room. The first floor of the guesthouse has 5 twin rooms and 1 family room (double). Showers and toilet are located in the corridor. Separate two-level apartments are intended primarily for family accommodation – each of them has up to 5 beds, extra beds are available. A shower, kitchenette, fireplace and TV-set are on the lower floor, beds on the upper floor. Breakfast in the dining hall is included in the price. Camping with one's own tent is allowed on the green behind the guesthouse, campfire site may be used for cooking. Guesthouse showers and sauna may be used for washing, an outhouse is available. Smoke sauna and Finnish sauna may be used. Barbecue or pancake parties may be thrown in a modern tepee. Leisure activities offered include tennis, basketball, volleyball, horseback riding and canoeing. Hunting trips to Ida-Viru forests and nature hikes to the Muraka bog are offered.

 12 (in guest house) and
20+ (apartments)

 Sporting facilities



Oonurme Village Centre (Oonurme külamaja)

A 1926-built schoolhouse has been rebuilt into a village centre, housing a library, a nature room (exhibition introducing the Muraka bog and local wildlife), cosy hall for concerts, parties, seminars etc. The yard has been decorated with a raised flower bed and a seating area. The spacious village green across the road is suitable for larger outdoor events, camps and reunions, as well as for camping with tents. The community has built camping sites and hiking trails in the Muraka bog.

Rental of rooms:

- hall (35-40 people) for seminars, workshops, family events;
- nature room (10-15 people) for nature-related workshops and biology classes;
- kitchen available, catering upon demand;
- rental of the village green for reunions, summer parties and other outdoor events, also suitable for camping with tents;
- organisation of nature walks and outdoor classes for schools;
- concerts by the Oonurme mixed choir (conductors Ants Üleoja and Keio Soomelt).





Hiking trails, campfire sites, camping areas and forest huts have been set up in the Estonian wild, in order to offer you a pleasant hiking experience. Come to rest, to do sports, to gather mushrooms and berries or to enjoy the silence in the woods. Anyone who cares about nature is always welcome!

The recreation area of the **Estonian State Forest Management Centre (RMK)** on the northern coast of Lake Peipus stretches from Tammispää to Vasknarva. Here you may find the dunes of Järvevälja and Smolnitsa, as well as the singing sands of Peipus, indicating the purity of the lake's water. The landscape varies between chains of dunes and the bogs and marshes between them. The large number of rivers in the area allows for organisation of boating trips and hikes of differing difficulty levels.



Kauksi Nature Centre and Information Point

Kauksi village ¹ p. 46
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15.May–15.Sept Mon–Sun 10.00–18.00
16.Sept–14.May Wed–Fr 11.00–16.00

This is the centre of the RMK northern Peipsi recreation area. The centre displays the specifics of local wildlife, especially of Lake Peipus. The building contains the information point and the recreation area office, as well as a classroom and an exhibition hall. The adjoining building has an outdoor classroom for introducing exhibitions and carrying out programme activities during rain.

The nature centre offers:

- free campaign programmes to schools and kindergartens in winter, spring and autumn;
- nature programmes for pay, also in Russian;
- publications and information concerning northern coast of Lake Peipus and other RMK recreational areas;
- possibility to consult the information library of the centre, to look at nature-related exhibitions and watch films;
- exposition hall introducing the variety of natural resources in the Ida-Viru County;
- nature- and forestry-related events;
- rental of the premises for nature-related events.

Forest huts

A forest hut is an unlocked house built or adapted for people moving around in the wild. Huts might not ensure their guests full privacy and therefore no fees are charged. The equipment in the huts should be used in a sustainable manner. You should be considerate to any other potential guests and share everything. When leaving, the hut should be left clean and proper.

Seljandiku hut ² p. 47

Alliku village, Iisaku RM
Here one may admire the sands, hike in the bog and enjoy the splendid views from the hill.
Parking: ~5 passenger cars 450 m from the cabin
Equipment: indoors – base for the fire, table, benches; outdoors – campfire site, outhouse, information stand
Coordinates:
Long-Lat WGS 84 x:27.262245 y:59.081907
L-EST 97 x:686972 y:6553787



Muraka hut ³ lk 47

Oonurme, Tudulinna RM
The cabin is located on the edge of an interesting bog pine grove and is on a hiking trail.
Parking: parking space at the start of the hiking trail. Equipment: cabin size 2x4m, a grill in the middle.

Hiking and educational trails

Kotka hiking trail (8km) ⁴ p. 44

Iisaku RM
Parking: a car park for 10-15 cars at the start of the trail.
Equipment: the trail has 3 campfire sites, 3 outhouses, a shelter, a tepee, a hut, an observation tower on a hill. The trail is marked by white-blue rectangles on trees and pictograms on brown stakes.
The trail starts at Iisaku, continues along a boardwalk in the Õpetaja bog and thereafter along high sands, ending with the boardwalk in the Rüütli bog (Muraka nature reserve) in the outskirts of Alliku village. It is possible to cover only a shorter (1.5 km) part of the 8 km trail in the Rüütli bog.
Coordinates:
Long-Lat WGS 84 x:27.303374 y:59.101899
L-EST 97 x:689217 y:6556126

Luite hiking trail (4,4km) ⁵ lk 19 ja 46

Kauksi village, Iisaku RM
Parking: available by the Kauksi Nature Centre. The trail is marked by (yellow) rectangles and yellow RMK tape on trees. The trail begins at the RMK Kauksi Nature Centre and runs along the coast of Lake Peipus to the estuary of River Rannapungerja. You may also take a 4.4 km round tour on the trail, if you start on the Kauksi camping site.
Coordinates:
Long-Lat WGS 84 x:27.226644 y:58.992054
L-EST 97 x:685414 y:6543691

Kauksi creek educational hiking trail (3,6 km) ⁶ p. 19 and 46
Kauksi village, Iisaku RM
Parking: available by the Kauksi Nature Centre. Equipment: the trail has 3 bridges and 7 information stands. The trail runs around the bed of the ancient Kauksi creek.
Coordinates:
Long-Lat WGS 84 x:27.226661 y:58.992146
L-EST 97 x:685414 y:6543701

Selisoos hiking trail (4,8 km) ⁷ p. 44

Väike-Pungerja village, Mäetaguse RM
Parking: places for up to 6 cars.
Equipment: map of the trail, 2 campfire sites, outhouse, observation tower. The trail demonstrates different types of mires (poor fen, treeless and wooded bogs), rich plant life and a variety of low watery patches and pools, grouped into picturesque landscapes of their own.
Coordinates:
Long-Lat WGS 84 x:27.244229 y:59.176223
L-EST 97 x:685432 y:6564231

Kurtma hiking trail (4,5-5,5 km) ⁸ p. 45

Illuka RM
Parking: appr. 5 cars by Lake Martsika.
Equipment: the trails have 12 points of interest, 4 campfire sites, a map, 2 outhouses, they are partially covered in boardwalks. You may choose between a 4.5 and a 5.5 km round.
Coordinates:
Long-Lat WGS 84 x:27.538680 y:59.247545
L-EST 97 x:701828 y:6573015



Poruni hiking trail (5 km) ⁹ p. 45

Gorodenka village, Illuka RM
Parking: appr. 10 cars. Equipment: barred gate, 3 campfire sites, 2 large information stands, 12 small information stands (on the trail), outhouse. The trail is marked by signs, in parts boardwalk, and blue rectangles on trees.
Coordinates:
Long-Lat WGS 84 x:27.798 y:59.1704
L-EST 97 x:6565230.1 y:717077.4

Muraka hiking trail (3 km) ¹⁰ p. 44

Oonurme, Tudulinna RM
Parking: parking space in the beginning of the trail. Equipment: information stand, waste bin.
Coordinates:
Long-Lat WGS 84 x:26.989967 y:59.132633
L-EST 97 x:6558689 y:671111.9



Campfire sites

Jõuga (lakes') campfire site ¹¹ p. 45

Jõuga village, Illuka RM
Sights: Jõuga tumuli (burial site), 2 lakes with sandy coastline (Pesujärv, Liivjärv), a short walking trail around the lakes.
Parking: 15 cars.
Equipment: 6 places for fires, outhouse, well, pier for swimmers.
Coordinates:
Long-lat WGS 84 x:27.387724 y:59.153719
LEST 97 x:693753 y:6562132

Võhma (bog lake) campfire site ¹² p. 47

Sälliku village, lisaku RM
Parking: 8 cars.
Equipment: place for fire, shelter, outhouse, pier for swimmers, shed for wood.
Coordinates:
Long-lat WGS 84 x:27.290649 y:59.034649
LEST 97 x:688856 y:6548609



Rüütli campfire site ¹³ p. 44

Alliku village, lisaku RM
Parking: 10 cars.
Equipment: 2 places for fire, outhouse, shelter, tepee, information stand, observation tower on a hill.
Coordinates:
Long-lat WGS 84 x:27.254092 y:59.059907
LEST 97 x:686623 y:6551316

Kõrtsi creek campfire site ¹⁴ p. 46

Alliku village, lisaku RM
Here, you may witness trails of beavers' activities. Parking: appr. 2 cars.
Equipment: bench and table, outhouse, bridge across the creek, place for fire, information stand.
Coordinates:
Long-lat WGS 84 x:27.245264 y:59.067628
LEST 97 x:686076 y:6552151

Iisaku hill campfire site ¹⁵ p. 44

Iisaku alev, lisaku RM
The site is located very close to the Iisaku hill observation tower.
Parking: Iisaku observation tower car park for appr. 10 cars.
Equipment: sheltered bench and table, place for fire, outhouse, information stand.
Coordinates:
Long-lat WGS 84 x:27.307054 y:59.107676
LEST 97 x:689396 y:6556780



Agusalu campfire site ¹⁶ p. 45

Imatu village, lisaku RM
Parking: appr. 6 cars.
Equipment: information stand, 4 benches, place for fire, outhouse, shed for wood.

Selisoa campfire site ¹⁷ p. 44

Väike-Pungerja village, Mäetaguse RM
Parking: 6 cars.
Equipment: 2 places for fire, shelter, pavilion, outhouse, map of the trail.
Coordinates:
Long-lat WGS 84 x:27.296272 y:59.171162
LEST 97 x:688432 y:6563813

Puhatu campfire sites ¹⁸ p. 45

Gorodenka village, Illuka RM
Sights: Poruni River and ancient forest, Narva River.
Parking: Poruni hiking trail car park for appr. 10 cars. Equipment: 3 places for fire, 6 benches, outhouse.

Rääkjärve campfire site ¹⁹ p. 45

Illuka RM
Sights: Lake Rääkjärv, Kurtna lake district.
Parking: appr. 5 cars.
Equipment: 4 benches, place for fire.

Martsika campfire site ²⁰ p. 45

Illuka RM
Sights: Lake Martsika, Kurtna lake district.
Parking: appr. 5 cars.
Equipment: 4 bench-table sets, 4 places for fire, outhouse, information stand.

Liivjärve campfire site ²¹ p. 45

Illuka RM
Sights: Lake Liivjärv, Kurtna lake district.
Parking: appr. 13 cars.
Equipment: 6 benches, 2 places for fire.

Camping sites

RMK camping sites for tents are intended primarily for hikers and other people moving around in the wild. As a rule, they are located far from main roads and settlements. The sites are marked, if necessary, divided into zones and have the necessary facilities. The sites should be used in a sustainable and conscientious manner.

Raadna camping site ²² p. 46

Raadna village, Lohusuu RM
The site is located near the beautiful sand dunes on the coast of Lake Peipus. Parking: scattered parking spaces for appr. 60 cars. Equipment: 18 places for fires (no wood on the spot, it may be bought from an Olerex petrol station, 21 km away), 18 shelters, 5 outhouses, 2 wells. Suitable for reunions.
Coordinates:
Long-lat WGS 84 x:27.123375 y:58.968819
LEST 97 x:679605 y:6540825

Uusküla camping site ²³ p. 47

Uusküla, Alajõe RM
The site is located near the beautiful sand dunes on the coast of Lake Peipus. Parking: available next to the camping site. Equipment: 23 places for fires and tents (no wood on the spot, it may be bought from the Iisaku Olerex petrol station, 15 km away), 2 outhouses, 2 wells, 15 bench-table sets.
Coordinates:
Long-lat WGS 84 x:27.123375 y:58.968819
LEST 97 x:679605 y:6540825

Karjamaa camping site ²⁴ p. 47

Karjamaa village, Alajõe RM
The site is located near the beautiful sand dunes on the coast of Lake Peipus. Parking: available next to the camping site. Equipment: 8 places for fire (with wood), 1 outhouse, well, 7 shelters. Suitable for reunions, accommodates up to 150 people.
Coordinates:
Long-lat WGS 84 x:27.493193 y:59.010434
LEST 97 x:700611 y:6546503

Kauksi camping site ²⁵ p. 46

Kauksi village, Iisaku RM
The site is located near the beautiful sand dunes on the coast of Lake Peipus, next to the largest dune.
Parking: appr. 40 cars by the entry road, a car park for 30-40 cars, in addition, 40-50 parking spaces next to places for fire. Equipment: 50 places for fire (during the season, wood is on sale at the information point by the entry road), 20 shelters, 4 outhouses, 3 wells, viewing platform, 3 information stands. Camping with a tent is free of charge, one-off entry ticket for motor vehicles to the site costs € 3.20.
Coordinates:
Long-lat WGS 84 x:27.202200 y:58.986147
LEST 97 x:684042 y:6542966



Kauksi coastal forest camping site ²⁶ p. 46

Kauksi village, Iisaku RM
Parking: 150 cars, 5 buses.
Equipment: stage, flagpole, volleyball court, WC, 1 sheltered bench-table, possibility to camp with tents. The site is intended for major events. Available upon booking only.
Coordinates:
Long-lat WGS 84 x:27.223767 y:58.989207
LEST 97 x:685264 y:6543366

Konsu (lake) camping site ²⁷ p. 46

Konsu village, Illuka RM
Parking: by the place for fire.
Equipment: large campfire site, benches, outhouse. Suitable for reunions, accommodates up to 300 people. To organise events with more than 50 participants, an event contract has to be concluded.
Coordinates:
Long-lat WGS 84 x:27.584942 y:59.231429
LEST 97 x:704560 y:6571363





Lake Peipsi (Peipus)

Lake Peipsi is also known as Lake Suurjärv (the Large Lake) and Lake Kõlmjärvi (the Cold Lake). It covers 2611 km²; its maximal length is 72 km and width 50 km. Its deepest point exceeds 13 m. The lake is 30 m above sea level and its mineral content is 0 ‰.

Lake Peipsi is the 4th largest lake in Europe, even if we subtract the areas of adjoining Lakes Pihkva and Lämmijärv. The lakes bigger than Peipsi are Ladoga, Äänisjärvi and Vänern.

The lake collects its water from a vast basin – more than 47 800 km² (this exceeds the size of Estonia). About 200 rivers and creeks flow into Peipsi, the largest of which being River Emajõgi. Only one river – Narva – flows out of the lake. The replacement cycle of the lake's water lasts about two years. The northern coast of the lake is a sandy, picturesque and highly appreciated recreational area with pine groves on ancient coastal dunes and sandy beaches running along 40 km on the shore.

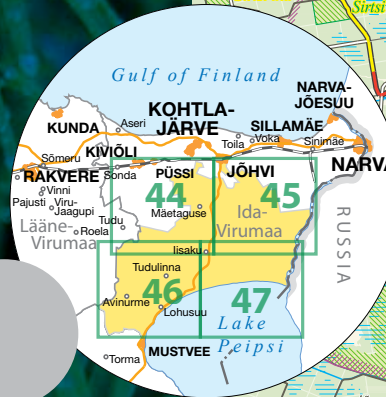
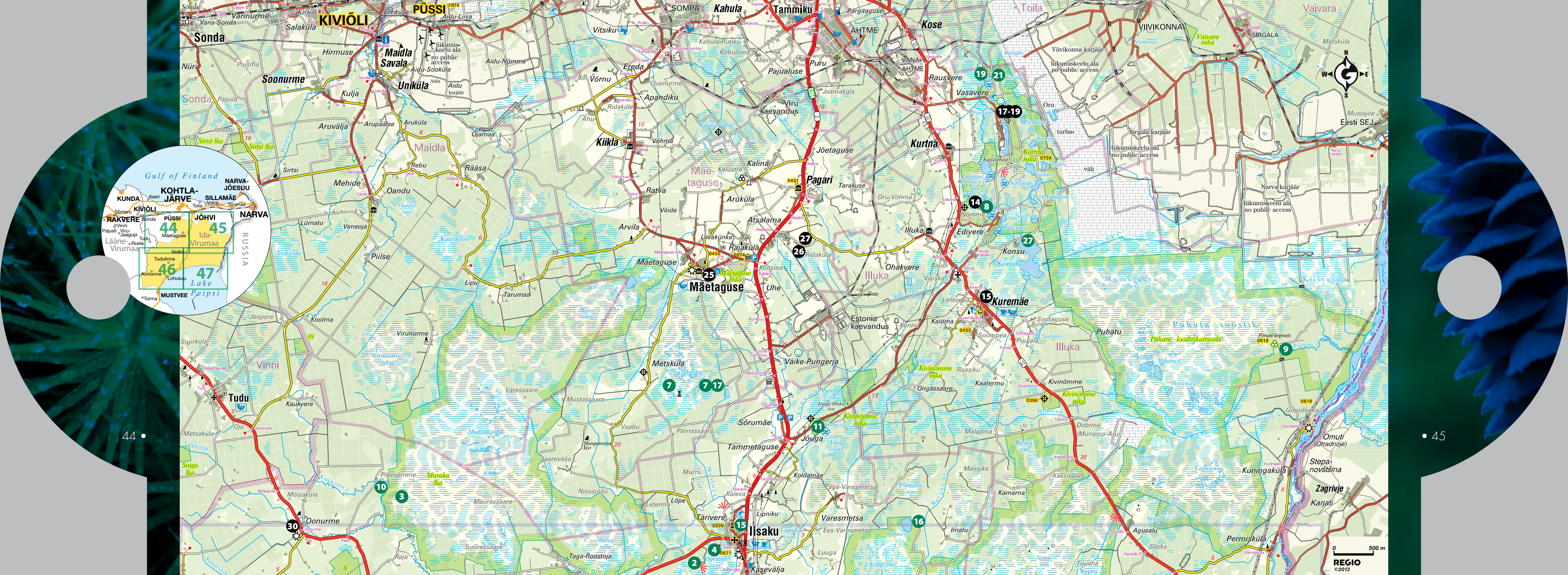
Lake Peipsi has formed in a shallow depression created by continental ice. Its northern and southern shores differ greatly – with sandy beaches and dunes in the north and wetlands and marshes in the south. The reason for this lies with the phenomenon of ground rising, which is faster on the northern shore than in the south. As a result, the water in the lake is slowly flowing towards south and flooding new areas.

Lake Peipsi is home to 37 fish species – the most common are vendace, perch, smelt, salmon and pike. Other species include burbot, crucian carp, pike-perch, bream, silver bream, common rudd, roach and houting. 9 species of amphibians live in the lake. Every year, more than a million migratory birds use Lake Peipsi as a resting spot.

The flora of Lake Peipsi is extremely diverse with 66 plant species. In addition, nearly 20 species of coastal and wetland plants grow in the flooded areas. Among others, a large number of rare species grow in the lake, including narrow leaf water-plantain, small pondweed, water awlwort, *Elatine hydropiper*, different subspecies of *Potamogeton*, spiny-spored quillwort, floating bur-reed etc. With more than 800 species found so far, Lake Peipsi also has a very varied selection of algae, as well as quite rich zoobenthos.

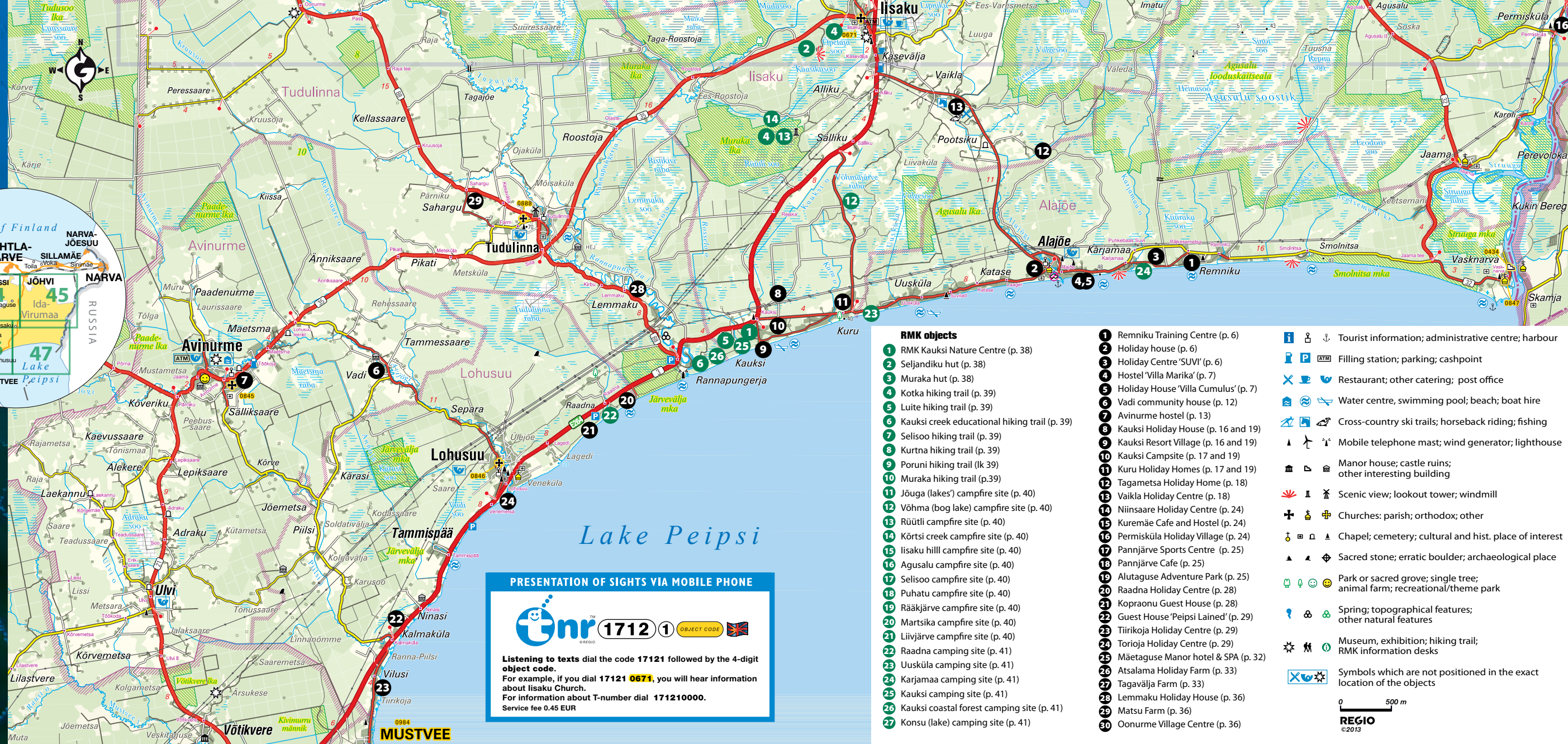
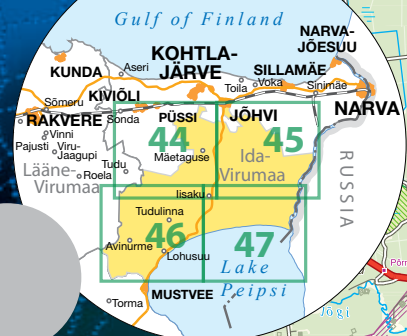
Lake Peipsi has played an immense role in the history and cultural heritage of Estonia. The lake has been a food source, has served as a connection and ended up as the country's Eastern border. It has repeatedly been the front line and a site for fierce battles, starting from the famous 1242 Battle on the Ice and ending with WWII action in 1944. For a long period, Lake Peipsi remained within the settlement area of Finno-Ugric peoples, which is why Slavic tribes named it "the Lake of the Chudi" (Чудское озеро). The vast Russian-speaking population on the western shore of the lake mainly developed in the late 18th and 19th century.





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Peipsi-Alutaguse Chamber of Cooperation

On June 14, 2006, local municipalities of southern Ida-Viru County, together with local businesses and non-profit organisations, were the first in the county to set up a Local Action Group under the EU Leader programme. Among different name options, the one chosen was Peipsi-Alutaguse Chamber of Cooperation (*Peipsi-Alutaguse Koostöökoda* – PAK), which reflects the territory covered, main areas of interest and activity, as well as the method for cooperation. As at the beginning of 2011, Alajõe, Avinurme, Lohusuu, Tudulinna, Iisaku, Illuka and Mäetaguse rural municipalities are home to appr. 7000 people and cover 1762 km². These are official statistics, while at least seasonally the number of people living in the area or using local services is considerably bigger. Our area covers 52% of the Ida-Viru County territory but only 4% of the population. The common characteristic within the Local Action

Group is the special geography – the low-density area has no major towns. We are all located in the southern part of the county, which – unlike the northern part – has mostly retained the old-established population. Our area forms a single cultural space, characterised by a tradition of active mutual relations both between municipalities and within the civil society.

The famous sandy beaches on the northern shore of Lake Peipus leave no doubt as to the potential of tourism and recreation business. An international VIA Hanseatica road passes through the region. The vast wood reserves of Alutaguse forests are given added value by a number of carpentry shops. The products range from woodchip baskets to large bathtubs, from broomsticks to furniture. Deep mires and endless bogs, fertile fields and thick forests, magnificent mines and traditional agricultural farms – you would have tough time finding another area this versatile even in the whole of Europe.

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