

Welcome to Killinkoski

Wanha Tehdas
THE OLD FACTORY MILIEU



Killinkoski is the northernmost village of Pirkanmaa Region in Finland and is located conveniently along route 68, right between the towns of Virrat and Ähtäri. Our village is the unique birthplace of the over 100-year-old ribbon industry in Finland.

Although the industrial activity in Killinkoski has been very dominant, the clean and beautiful nature and old trees flourish in parallel with the industrial elements. The locals often enjoy picking berries and mushrooms in the autumn. The endangered and rare flying squirrels have also found a comfortable home for themselves in the old woods, right in the middle of the village.

Many of the old factory workers' buildings (current homes of the villagers) and the old factory are under a protective development plan in order to maintain the historical appearance of the village.

The Old Factory Milieu

**Summer season 19 May – 30 Sept.
Open: Monday–Friday 10-17,
Saturday 10-15, Sunday 12-17. Free admission. The Old Factory is open all year round. Please check the limited wintertime visiting hours on our website.**

The old and new ribbon factory buildings, surrounded by a comfortable park and with a view to the lake, dominate the central scene of the village.

While the new factory is still operating, employing the majority of the villagers and producing ribbons and industrial straps for various purposes, the architecturally beautiful old factory has become a very popular tourist attraction and is maintained by the Killinkoski Village Association.

Even though the population of the village is only about 500, Killinkoski is an exceptionally lively village. Every year we get approximately 25,000 visitors who wish to see the old factory and many of its attractions, which include:

Into Cultural Centre

Into Centre displays the history of the Nyström family, and especially the life and work of Into Konrad (Nyström) Inha (1865–1930), who has been described as the national photographer of Finland. He was also an author, a journalist and a translator who travelled all over Europe. One could also say he was one of the first foreign correspondents in Finland. Into Centre exhibits various photography shows each year.

A ribbon shop and the Ribbon Industry Museum

The museum displays very rare and interesting weaving machines that were originally ordered from Germany and France, along with the collections of old woven labels and hundreds of ribbon samples.

The Camera Museum of Finland – The Camera Heaven

It is a must-see for everyone who is interested in photography, old cameras and film. The collection in Killinkoski has over 2000 items related to photography. This museum was established in cooperation with the Finnish Photographic Historical Society in 2007–2008. Photo exhibitions are also arranged there every summer.

Galleries

The Art Gallery Killin Kalleria hosts exhibitions from various traditional and contemporary Finnish artists. The Camera Heaven and Into Centre both exhibit a diverse range of photography each year, mainly during the summer season.

Marjaliisa Pitkäranta Atelier

The former studio of one of Finland's most renowned and loved illustrators, Marjaliisa Pitkäranta, commemorates this energetic artist's work.

Second hand shops

In summer there is a very popular flea market hall and a small second hand bookshop, which is called The Book Flea.

Historical collections:

Nostalgic Toys, a Vintage Hair Dresser's Parlour, Photo Studio Tenhola and VPK fire-fighting equipment.

Collection of educational materials

An interesting and nostalgic collection of various items, which were salvaged from old schools, includes everything from stuffed animals to books and teaching boards.

Cafeteria

Stop by for a cup of coffee and pastries!

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