

# Attractions in Asikkala and Vääksy

**i** Guided tours and group trips: [www.asikkala-oppaat.fi](http://www.asikkala-oppaat.fi)

## 1 Old Vääksy

Known for the beautiful canal area, as well as many cozy coffee shops and a variety of boutiques, Old Vääksy attracts visitors even from afar. The area is particularly popular in the summertime. River Vääksynjoki and the Norrlin park offer great opportunities to enjoy peaceful nature. A guided walking tour introduces visitors to the stories and eventful history of the buildings.

**MORE INFORMATION AND A MAP OF THE WALKING TOUR:**  
[www.vanhavaaksy.fi](http://www.vanhavaaksy.fi)

## 2 Vääksy Canal area

The Vääksy Canal between lakes Vesijärvi and Päijänne, which serves as a gateway to the Finnish lakeland, was completed in 1871. Today, the charming canal area attracts visitors to enjoy a summer day, watch the lockage of boats, explore the parks, attractions and shops, and have a delicious ice cream in the historical setting.

## 3 Päijännetalo – Päijänne House

Meijeritie 1, Vääksy

Located next to the canal, Päijänne House hosts the leisure fishing museum, where you can see fascinating exhibitions and learn about the birth of the world-famous Rapala lures. Also in the building, Asikkala Tourist Information has the best tips about attractions and activities in the area, and arranges guided nature tours. There is a parking area with electricity outlets for caravans and mobile homes. The building also accommodates the Kanavan Panimo brewery and summer kiosk.

**MORE INFORMATION:** [www.suomenkalastusmuseo.fi](http://www.suomenkalastusmuseo.fi),  
[www.asikkala.fi](http://www.asikkala.fi) and [www.kanavanpanimo.fi](http://www.kanavanpanimo.fi)

## 4 Vääksy Mill Myllytie 3, Vääksy

The mill at Vääksy is one of the few remaining – and thriving – village mills in Finland. The village shop is known for its excellent produce, which is offered in an atmospheric environment with a smile. Vääksyn Mylly supplies the flour for the famous Viipurilainen kotileipomo rye bread, for example.

**MORE INFORMATION:** [www.vaaksynmylly.fi](http://www.vaaksynmylly.fi) and Facebook

## 5 Water Mill Museum

The Vääksy Water Mill Museum preserves a centuries-long tradition, and remains a living embodiment of Asikkala's vivid water mill heritage. Museum visitors can participate in guided tours, and popular sing-along events are also arranged.

**MORE INFORMATION:** [www.asikkala.fi](http://www.asikkala.fi) and by telephone +358 44 7780 680

## 6 Workshops in the canal area Vääksy

**KOIRUUKSIA CERAMICS:**

Pet-themed ceramics. [www.koiruuksia.fi](http://www.koiruuksia.fi)

**KESÄ KÄSILLÄ:**

(“Summer at Hand”) Handicrafts and art. [fb.com/kesakasilla](https://fb.com/kesakasilla)

**KANAVAN PAJA:** (“Canal Blacksmith”) Forged products and art.

Terveystie 5, Vääksy. [www.kanavanpaja.fi](http://www.kanavanpaja.fi)

## 7 Lauri Rapala's statue Vääksy Canal

The statue of Lauri Rapala, (1905 -1974), inventor of the world-famous Rapala lures, is on the riverfront adjacent to the museum.

## 8 Taidevintti exhibition space Kanavatie 17, Vääksy

This exhibition space maintained by the Asikkala Artists' Association hosts fascinating exhibitions.

**MORE INFORMATION:** [taidevintti.suntuubi.com](http://taidevintti.suntuubi.com)

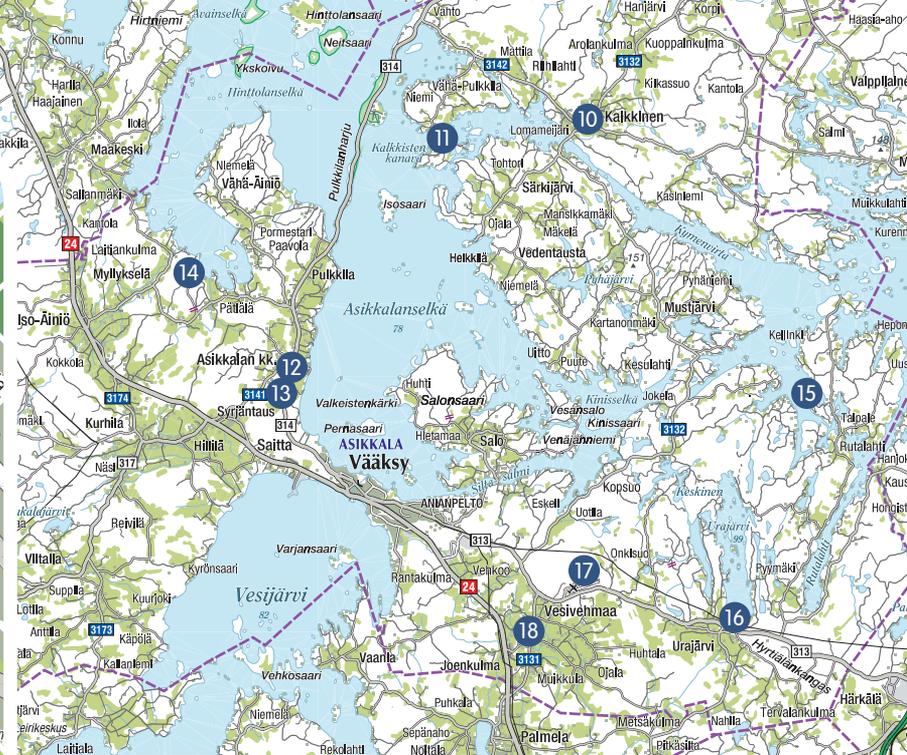
## 9 Danielson–Kalmari villa Kalmarintie 8, Vääksy

This impressive villa and its garden, between the Canal and Kalmarinranta, are definitely worth visiting. The Finnish politician and historian Johan Richard Danielson-Kalmari (1853-1933) acquired the neo-renaissance villa in 1892 as a summer residence for his family. Parts of the villa have been restored for museum display purposes, and the premises are also available for hire as a private venue.

**MORE INFORMATION:** [www.asikkala.fi](http://www.asikkala.fi), tel. +358 3 888 6111.



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## 10 Pihamaa Winery and Gardens

Siltatie 12, Kalkkinen

Pihamaa is an excellent place to visit and make purchases. You can pick up souvenirs at the shop and coffee shop Viinitupa and just relax, enjoying the wonderful atmosphere and idyllic rural setting.

**MORE INFORMATION:** [www.viini-pihamaa.fi](http://www.viini-pihamaa.fi) and Facebook

## 11 Kalkkinen Canal

Kanavakulmantie, signage from road 3142

The Kalkkinen Canal connecting lakes Päijänne and Ruotsalainen features the longest stretches of freshwater canal between locks in Europe. It is an interesting summertime sight. The canal and the adjacent Kalkkistenkoski rapids form the start of the Kymenvirta river system.

## 12 Kalkkinen church

Kirkkotie 42, Asikkala

This “million tile church” is near the road to Sysmä, about 6 km from Vääksy.

The church was completed in 1880 and designed by architect G. Wilenius.

**MORE INFORMATION:** [www.asikkalanseurakunta.fi/toimitilat/kirkot](http://www.asikkalanseurakunta.fi/toimitilat/kirkot)

## 13 Asikkala Local Heritage Museum

Kirkkotie 42, Asikkala

This atmospheric local history museum introduces the area’s peasant culture. The museum is close to the Asikkala Church and run by the local heritage association (Asikkalan kotiseutuyhdistys).

**MORE INFORMATION:** tel. +358 40 755 1309 and Facebook

## 14 Päijänne National Park visitor information

Lehmonkärjentie 180, Asikkala

There is a Päijänne National Park visitor information point at the Lehmonkärki holiday centre. The information point, as well as other Lehmonkärki facilities, are open all year round.

**MORE INFORMATION:** [www.lehmonkarki.fi](http://www.lehmonkarki.fi) and [www.nationalparks.fi/paijannenp](http://www.nationalparks.fi/paijannenp)

## 15 Hägg Taxidermist’s Museum

Häggintie 28, Urajärvi

The museum displays exhibits related to the work of a taxidermist, preserved animals, and materials from the early 1900s.

**MORE INFORMATION:** [www.hagginelaintayttamo.wordpress.com](http://www.hagginelaintayttamo.wordpress.com)

## 16 Urajärvi Manor Museum

Kartanontie, Urajärvi

One of the oldest manor museums in Finland, the Urajärvi Manor Museum was opened for public in 1928. Guided tours are arranged in the summertime, introducing the fascinating history of the museum. The museum area is also home to a very popular summer theatre and a lovely summer café.

**MORE INFORMATION AND OPENING HOURS:** [www.urajarvenkartanonystavat.fi](http://www.urajarvenkartanonystavat.fi), [www.urajarvenkartanoteatteri.fi](http://www.urajarvenkartanoteatteri.fi), [www.kahvilahugojailly.fi](http://www.kahvilahugojailly.fi)

## 17 Päijänne Tavastia Aviation Museum

Vesivehmaa airport.

The aviation museum at Vesivehmaa airport showcases historical aircraft from a touching distance. The museum is open during weekends in the summer and upon request at other times.

**MORE INFORMATION:** [www.lahdenilmasilta.fi](http://www.lahdenilmasilta.fi)

## 18 Antti’s Automobile Museum

Vesivehmaantie 308, Vesivehmaa

Antti’s Automobile Museum is a small-scale home museum displaying about 30 old vehicles. The museum is open upon request.

**MORE INFORMATION:** [www.antinautomuseo.fi](http://www.antinautomuseo.fi)

## 19 Children’s traffic park

Between the canal and Kalmarinranta, there is a traffic park where the youngest members of the family can enjoy riding pedal cars and bicycles. Open in the summertime.

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## 20 Kalmarinranta recreational area

Kalmarinranta is one of the best beaches in Finland and a great place to enjoy warm summer days. The sandy beach with shallow water is particularly suitable for families with children. There is also a frisbeegolf course, volleyball field, tennis court, pétanque area and outdoor gym in the area, and a kiosk where you can buy refreshments.

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