

Kalkkinen natural heritage and cultural trail

Trail design by the Discovering Päijät-Häme project and Kalkkinen Village Association.

The Kalkkinen natural heritage and cultural trail is an opportunity for visitors to discover this unique landscape of genuine national importance in fascinating detail and to find out more about the history of the local houses and farms, the wider village as well as the area's built heritage. The trail brings together the area's past and present. The landscape has been shaped by the emergence of the ancient rift valleys and by the ice age. The trail is 4.5km long and there are a number of amenities en route. Many of the houses along the trail are privately owned and visitors are asked to show consideration.

1 Along River Kymijoki

Visit the origins of the powerful Kymijoki river in a rift valley that dates back to the creation of the very bedrock beneath.

2 The old ferryboat jetty and the new bridge

A ferryboat service took passengers across the river from 1860 until 2000, when the new bridge was built.

3 Guest marina

The marina provides access to Ruotsalainen and to Lake Päijänne via the Kalkkinen canal. The area used to be home to a grain mill and a steam powered saw mill – the oldest industrial building in Asikkala.

4 Iisakkila Manor

Written records on Iisakkila Manor's owners go back to 1539. The current main building dates back to 1845. The manor house is privately owned.

5 Lomameijeri Dairy

The villagers founded a co-operative dairy in 1928. The dairy closed in 1971. The building has now been converted into the Lomameijeri Dairy, an events venue available for private hire. Holiday cottages on the grounds are also available. Owned by the Tuottajain Maito co-operative.



Outdoor market at Pihamaa Winery and Gardens

6 Kalkkisten Osuuskassa bank

The Kalkkisten Osuuskassa bank, latterly known as Osuuspankki, was founded in 1925. The bank continues to operate as an independent financial institution to this day. The building assumed its current guise following the completion of the extension in 1969.

7 Village meadow and woodland

A meadow and woodland, managed by a local flock of sheep.

8 Pihamaa Winery and Gardens

Pihamaa is one of the main estates in the village. The old Huovila estate was acquired in 1913 by local merchants Valfrid and Helmi Nuuttila. Helmi Nuuttila made a large bequest to the Finnish Cultural Foundation and to this day is thought to remain the organisation's most significant individual benefactor. The Pihamaa family acquired the land in 1971 when they relocated to Kalkkinen.

9 Village shop

The K-extra Lampinen supermarket, also known as Lampisen kyläkauppa or the Lampinen village store, first opened its doors in 1961 at premises that had housed a shop previously. It is now a second-generation shop. The premises also house the local post office and a pharmacy and fuel service.



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10 Mani-Baari bar

The building that is home to the Mani Baari dates back to 1933 and previously served as a Heinola Co-operative Store. The bar is an important social venue for the village and is known throughout Finland for its delicious pizzas.

11 Kalkkinen Church

Kalkkinen Church was built by members of the local prayer and bible study group. The first meetings were held in 1910. The church was acquired by the Asikkala Evangelical Lutheran Church in 1951.

12 Pörskälä Youth Centre

The current building was completed in 1972. The original building, dating back to 1919, was struck by lightning and devastated by a fire in 1963.

13 The old parsonage

The house was originally commissioned by a local member of the police force by the name of Bruun in 1888. The local church acquired it for use as a parsonage in 1950. Since 1972 the parsonage has remained in private ownership.

14 Rinne brothers memorial

This memorial to three widely acclaimed Finnish actors is located across the road from the brothers' childhood home.

The trio, Joel, Einar and Jalmari Rinne, lived at the house along with the rest of their 16-strong family in the early 20th century.

15 Vierula farm

The former main building of the Vierula farm once served as the village health centre and is now in private ownership.

16 Village School

The wooden school building was built in 1892, while the stone building dates back to the 1950s. The buildings now house a primary school, pre-school and nursery. Five other schools in the Kalkkinen district have been sold off to private buyers.

17 The old village shop

The old village shop has been renovated and turned into a private home. A shop operated on the location from the early 20th century, with the final shop and bar closing in 1975.

18 Kemppe Oy

The estate includes a production facility for Kemppe Oy, a welding equipment manufacturer. The main building and grounds are in private ownership.

19 Rintala Farm

Rintala is one of the main farms in the village and remains in private ownership.