

Outdoor activities, recreation and sports in countryside

In the border region of Satakunta and Häme provinces, new versatile holiday and sports facilities have opened up with the new cottage accommodation services in Punkalaidun, Porttikallio large outdoor recreational and skiing area.

The biathlon tracks of the **world champion Heikki Ikola's** sport society are still in use, and there are possibilities for many other recreational activities, for example frisbee golf, mountain biking or traditional cross country running in summer. Many kinds of routes are waiting for different sportsmen and -women, and gear for hire is available too. In the middle of the area is the stadium with the biathlon ranges, a Laplander's hut, an observation tower and a lean-to shelter. For more peaceful stroll or studying there is berry picking or well guided nature trail with information boards also in English.



Athletics can be practised in the stadium in the centre of Punkalaidun. It is famous for **Seppo Räty's 96.96 m world record** javelin throw, which is unique and will remain so, as the rules had to be changed because such a long throw was considered dangerous.

In the centre of Punkalaidun there is a good quality golf course, which is perhaps the least expensive in Finland. The 9-hole practice course meets well golfers' needs. After exercise you can relax your muscles in the peaceful swimming pool or with an experienced masseur in the neighbourhood.

Welcome to practise sports in the way we do it at **Punkalaitumen Kunto** sports society. The accommodation provider at Koulutintti will be pleased to help you get to know the village. Please do not hesitate to ask for more information either by the feedback form on the website www.koulutintti.com, or by phone: +358 50 5575 675.

Between the recreational activities you can visit in summer the peasant museum Yli-Kirra, which was the model of **Mauri Kunnas's Doghill Farm** children book series. On Wednesdays the sports society Kunto offers "**TV:s Kiss of fire**" dances in **Särkkä** dance hall. Barn dances are arranged twice a week in winter too, in the attic of a former stone cow shed. Other services are provided by the new K-supermarket, many other local shops and the Thursday market.

Further information, stand **6H 109** by KUNTO-man, meet half-drowsy Mr Hakkarainen as well.

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