

PLACES TO VISIT IN THE SAARIJÄRVI REGION (Winter 2009-2010)

Kotieläintila Villikili - farm animals, Soinintie 1644, Karstula.

Riding on the bridle for children. **Open throughout the year Tue-Sun 11-18, Mon closed.**
Yard admission 5 €. Enquiries: tel. +358 40 564 2002/Tuula Kivistö.

Jakolan automuseo - automobile museum, Karajoentie 294 A, Saarijärvi.

Collection of vintage cars assembled by Raimo Oikari is one of Finland's biggest in private hands.
Open all year. Admission 3 €. Tel. +358 40 565 3716.

Observation Tower of Kirkkovuori, Pääjärvenmäentie, Karstula.

The tower is over 20 m high and probably consisting of the highest number of pine-log layers in the world. A trekking road of 400 m leads up to the hill from the parking place. www.kirkkovuori.fi

Paletti Kauppakeskus - Shopping Centre, Vaasantie 2, Kyyjärvi. Finnish quality items available (Marimekko, Iittala, Hackman etc.). **Open daily.**

Saarijärven Käsiyökeskus/TAITOSHOP - Saarijärvi Craft Centre, Paavontie 4, Saarijärvi. Quality craft and design products from Saarijärvi and elsewhere in Finland. **Open Mon-Thu 10 - 17, Fri 10 - 15.** Tel. +358 10 387 1060.

Karstulan Käsiyöotalo - Karstula House of Craft, Keskustie 11, Karstula.

Large selection of handmade gift items. **Open Mon-Fri 10-17, also Sat in July.**

Summassaaren Hunajatarhat - Honey product shop, Haikantie 36, Saarijärvi. High quality honey products for various purposes. **Open daily, but check situation before visiting:** tel. +358 400 340 631.

Saarijärvi museum - Exhibition Centre, Herajärventie 2, Saarijärvi. Open Thu-Sun 12-19: 11.2.-30.5.2010 Exhibition of leading DIY (do-it-yourself) artists in Central Finland. Tel. +358 14 459 8411.

Paavonrinteet, Hyppyrimäentie 1-2, Saarijärvi. **Open:** Tue-Fri 16-19, Sat 11-16, Sun 11-19, Mon closed; **daily 11-20:** 29.12.09-06.01.10 (opening time depends on snow conditions), 01.-14.03.10 ja 02.-05.04.10. Tel. +358 14 423 148/Equipment hire centre.

Swimming hall - Fitness Centre Aarresaari, Sivulantie 6, Saarijärvi. **Open Mon-Sat**, limited opening times during New Year and Christmas season, check by phone +358 14 459 8278, or +358 14 459 8298.

PiiSpa, swimming hall and bowling alley at Nature, Sport and Youth Centre Piispala, Kurssitie 40, Kannonkoski. Tel. +358 207 694 301. **Open to the general public for skating Tue 16.00 - 17.30** (check availability during the New Year and Christmas season).

Attractions of nature for cross-country skiing and snowshoe-walking:

- Pyhä-Häkki national park, Saarijärvi
- Salamajärvi national park, Kivijärvi (also sauna and accommodation, Tel. 0207 799 940)
- Nature trails of North Central Finland

Further information: Saarijärvi Region Tourist Information Office, Sivulantie 11, Saarijärvi. Tel. +358 14 459 8300, www.saarijarviregion.fi