

Hämnenkyrö

“Lake Mahnalanselkä is world-famous for its incomparable beauty.”



*"This is our home and
heartland by Lake Kyrösjärvi."*



*Hämeenkyrö offers a diversity of options for comfortable living amid outstanding **natural beauty.***



The city of Tampere is only a 30-minute drive from the centre of Hämeenkyrö, and the well-lit Highway 3 ensures a safe and speedy trip.

For new houses, Hämeenkyrö offers spaciouly located sites in urban areas in Kyröskoskenharju, Ali-Niskala and Ahrola. For more information, please visit www.hameenkyro.fi/tontit. Living in the villages or amid nature in sparsely populated areas comes with a host of recreational opportunities, including horse riding, fishing and much more.

The residents of Hämeenkyrö live near magnificent waterways. Their drinking water comes from groundwater deposits in ridges, representing the purest natural quality. The municipal water supply system already covers most of the villages, and the sewerage system is being expanded. Rental apartments are available for those purchasing a site off-plan for the entire duration of the construction work.

The local newspaper, Hämeenkyrön Sanomat, has a distinct perspective and first-hand information on local affairs.

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“Finland’s first Nobel laureate, author Frans Emil Sillanpää, hailed from Hämeenkyrö.”



*Hämeenkyrö offers invigorating **culture and recreation** for all.*



The two adult education centres in Hämeenkyrö have a wide range of courses in languages, arts and crafts, visual arts and music, to name but a few examples. Theatre has nearly a century-old tradition in Hämeenkyrö, with groups for adults and children alike. In the summer, plays are performed in the open air.

The library in the centre of Hämeenkyrö – as well as the library bus, Frans Emil – cater for readers of all tastes and ages. The local music institute teaches a variety of instruments, and brass bands have traditionally been valued and well-liked in the region. In addition to the local administration, many associations organise recreational activities.

Hämeenkyrö is a perfect venue for sports and recreation – with fields, courts, rinks and teams for players of all ball games. Ice hockey players and skaters can enjoy the great outdoors or the ice hall in unfavourable weather. Skiers can choose from local tracks and longer routes, such as the 90-kilometre Pirkka Ski Tour route. The bravest can venture into the chilly waters of the winter lakes, dipping in a hole in the ice. Exercise, yoga and dance lessons for all levels keep the body and mind agile.

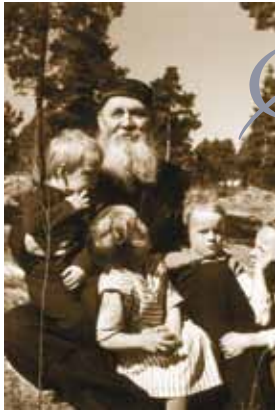
The picturesque small roads attract cyclists. One of the routes of Pirkka Cycling, the largest cycling event in Finland, runs through Hämeenkyrö.



"This is where I grew up. This is where my heart is."

Äppelkaka

Hämeenkyrö served as the setting for many of Frans Emil Sillanpää's novels.



Sillanpää was born in Myllykolu and spent his youth in Töllinmäki – both of these houses are now museums. The summer theatre in Myllykolu performs plays related to the life and works of this great author.

Hämeenkyrö has many facets. Birdwatchers are most familiar with the village of Sasi, where they can observe migrating birds from the two watchtowers by Lake Sarkkilanjärvi.

The renovated Hämeenkyrö Museum is located in an old granary, built in 1820, that once belonged to the Crown. The museum houses local cultural history on two floors. The Ahlfors armoury offers a look into the history of guns.

The herbal products, flours, groats, candles and handicrafts available at the gift shop of the Frantsila organic herb farm and the Puotihuone boutique make for perfect souvenirs. The gift shop is located in the Kehäkukka building, an old schoolhouse near the home port of MS Purimo, a small passenger ship that sails along the River Pappilanjoki amid nationally and culturally significant landscape. The Kehäkukka premises also house a tourist information point during the summer.

The Kyröskoski marketplace is open on Saturdays throughout the year. During the summer, the marketplace is also open on Wednesdays, with a specific theme for each Wednesday. The many flea markets in Hämeenkyrö are also great places for bargains and meeting friends.



Hämeenlinna

“Each of the four seasons has its own flavour and character.”

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The Kyröskoski rapids in Hämeenkyrö are featured in The Kalevala, the Finnish national epic.



The booming waters of Kyröskoski generated local industry and entrepreneurship.

Due to its unique natural beauty, many people still see Hämeenkyrö as a rural community.

However, local industrial history dates back to the nineteenth century. The M-real Kyro board mill in Kyröskoski carries on the local paper industry tradition. Companies specialising in electronics and subcontracting, among many others, represent modern lines of business.

Nonetheless, agriculture continues to be important: Hämeenkyrö has large cattle farms and organic farms as well as berry farms and other market gardens. The area is also known for its farm shops, especially the one at the Frantsila organic herb farm. Many of the tourism-related businesses in

Hämeenkyrö are located amid culturally significant landscapes of remarkable beauty.

Hämeenkyrö offers an excellent environment for new companies. Unlike crowded cities, we also have room for your business to grow and develop. Hämeenkyrö is located at an ideal distance from major commercial centres. We have vacant sites for business and industry in Tippavaara and many other locations. New business areas will also be established near the intersections of the bypass that will be built in the near future.

The diverse educational opportunities in Hämeenkyrö also provide for competent staff. The regional educational federation of municipalities focuses on education related to natural resources, technology, traffic, tourism, hospitality management and business administration.

HÄMEENKYRÖ

Inhabitants: approx. 10,600

Tax rate 2011: 20%

Industrial structure:

Agriculture and forestry 10%

Industry 32%

Services 58%

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The summer cafés in the villages invite you to enjoy the scenery and a cup of coffee.



Hämeenkyrö is close to nature with easy access to recreational activities.



At least one of the theme nights at the marketplace in the summer is dedicated to old cars.



Lake Sarkkilanjärvi serves as a stopover for migrating birds.



In addition to its regular schedule, MS Purimo is available for theme cruises and private hire.



Kyröskoski rapids are showcased for the public on May Day, Midsummer Day and the second Sunday of July and August.



The summer theatre has performances on the grounds of the Myllykolu museum.



The original drinking horn was a gift from the King of Sweden to a brave peasant.



The picturesque small roads attract cyclists.



Water is a familiar and attractive element in Hämeenkyrö.



The Frantsila organic herb farm welcomes you for a visit.



Picked with your own hands, berries taste so good!



HÄMEENKYRÖ ATTRACTIONS

- 1 Church, old graveyard and museum of local cultural history
- 2 Mäntyrintne graveyard
- 3 Kyröskoski rapids
- 4 Jumesniemi church school/ Kärjen Karmi
- 5 Mannamäki observation tower
- 6 Ahlfors armoury (by appointment only)
- 7 Töllinmäki, the home of F.E. Sillanpää as a young man
- 8 Myllykolu, the birth home of F.E. Sillanpää, summer theatre