

# *Relaxing in Ruovesi!*



# Ruovesi

Ruovesi is a 150 years old municipality in the northern Pirkanmaa region in the heart of Finland. The municipality has approximately 4200 inhabitants, but during the summer we see our numbers double.

People in Ruovesi are very content, because Ruovesi is a safe environment, our entrepreneurs receive help and guidance, and we have superb education and hobby opportunities.



**Everyday life is a walk in the park  
at Ruovesi! Services are nearby and we  
have a cozy small town atmosphere.**

Welcome to visit or live in Ruovesi  
– in the midst of nature and culture!



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#ruovesipalvelee

# Cultural tourism

The cultural heritage of Ruovesi is fascinating and exceptional. Our beautiful municipality has inspired numerous celebrated artists over the years.

## **The parish of Ruovesi is a nationally remarkable cultural environment**

The parish of Ruovesi was formed on the lands of Ritoniemi manor. Ritoniemi records date back to 1562, it was used as a venue for the district court in the 17<sup>th</sup> century and as the sheriff's official residence and an inn in the 1720's and 1730's. The first stores in the parish opened in 1861. By the early 20<sup>th</sup>

century, a municipal centre with business venues, municipal officials' buildings, and houses had formed along the main road Ruovedentie. The church of Ruovesi was finished in 1778, taking the place of the old church. Open scenery and fields surround the church to this day. In addition to the church and Ritoniemi, the oldest buildings in Ruovesi parish are the folk school from 1871 and the granaries from the 1850–1870's.

### ***ruovesi.fi***

*In Finnish:*

*ruovedenkotiseutuyhdistys.fi*

*ruovedenseurakunta.fi*





# Nature tourism

A walk up on the sand ridge marvelling at the scenery, rowing your boat at Näsijärvi, or boarding the wonderful steamship Tarjanne will calm down even the busiest of minds.

Our tourism entrepreneurs will tailor canoeing and forest excursions to meet your every need.

Get in touch with our tourism entrepreneurs!



## *Tourist services*

### **English websites:**

Bussi-Manninen Ltd  
 Programme Services Haukkamaa  
 Adventures  
 Holiday Resort Peltomaa  
 Ylä-Tuuhonen farm

### **Finnish websites:**

Helvetinportti (restaurant)  
 Hotelli Liera (hotel)  
 Kaitajärven tila (lodging)  
 Mäkelän Lomatuivat (lodging)  
 Ruhalan kesämökit (lodging)  
 Ruoveden kanoottipurjehtijat  
 (Ruovesi Canoe Sailing Club)  
 Ruovesi Camping & Adventures  
 S/S Tarjanne (steamboat Tarjanne)  
 Thunderfun (sup and fatbike rental)  
 Vinhan Kirjakauppa (Vinha's Bookstore)  
 Vinsanvilla (lodging)

# Helvetinjärvi National Park

*"No pike will rise  
from Helvetinjärvi  
as long as my nails are soft!"  
screached the Sipilä Witch to the fish thief.*

Don't let the name of the Helvetinjärvi National Park discourage you, because it is difficult not to fall in love with its beautiful lake and forest scenery.

The area contains numerous signposted trails, cooking areas, and camping sites.

The best-known attraction in the area is Helvetinkolu (Hell's Hole). Millions of years ago the mighty movements deep in the Earth's crust created a crack in the rock, which at its narrowest point measures only a few metres wide. Up on top of Helvetinkolu you can enjoy the view over the lake Iso Helvetinjärvi.

## **Information, café and restaurant/accommodation:**

Restaurant Helvetin Portti (Restaurant Hell's Gate),  
Helvetinkoluntie 775, [www.helvetinportti.fi/home/](http://www.helvetinportti.fi/home/)  
[www.nationalparks.fi/helvetinjarvinp](http://www.nationalparks.fi/helvetinjarvinp)  
[www.retkipaikka.fi/helvetinjarven-kansallispuisto](http://www.retkipaikka.fi/helvetinjarven-kansallispuisto) (in Finnish)



# Nature Tourism

## Hirvenpolku (Moose's Trail)

A nature trail created by the Village Association of Tuuhonen, approximately 7 kilometres long. Mattilanmäki scenic viewpoint. Well-guided route, marked blue. Challenging terrain.

## Ollinkivi (Olli's Boulder)

Ollinkiventie  
An erratic boulder that was placed under protection in 1924.

## Pirkan Taival travellers' route

A 300 kilometres long hiking route that connects Helvetinjärvi National Park and Seitsemäinen National Park.

## Pajusen erä- ja luontokeskus (Wilderness and Nature Centre)

Keituntie 100, Visuvesi  
A nature trail that includes information boards and an observation tower, the trail is 3.5 kilometres long. At the Centre you can reserve a hut that fits 50 people and a separate sauna.

## Näsi Lake Trails

Näsi Lake Trails has three core routes and many different travel tips built around the routes.

## Runeberg's spring and Poet's Trail

A trail from the marina to Runeberg's spring and Haapasaari island.

## Rengasniemen laavu (Renagasniemi Lean-to)

Rengasniementie 90  
A well-kept trail to the lean-to. You can come to shore close to the lean-to by a rowing boat or a canoe.

## Ryövärinkuoppa (Robber's Pit)

Siikakankaantie 414  
A kilometre long trail surrounded by ies.

## Susimäki (Wolf's Hill)

Karhulantie  
Susimäki is a small nature reserve with an abundance of flora and bird species. A trail weaves through the area following natural trails.

*According to the stories of Zacharias Topelius (1818–1898), a Finnish writer, Ollinkivi awaits to crush any traitors!*

## Siikaneva

Siikaneva is the largest contiguous area of swamps in Pirkanmaa and it hosts a diverse range of birdlife. Its diverse range of wildlife and landscapes can be admired from paths that are mostly equipped with duckboards. Travellers may also rest at one of the campfire sites on their way.

### In English:

[www.jarvienreitti.fi/en/nasi-lake-trail/](http://www.jarvienreitti.fi/en/nasi-lake-trail/)

### In Finnish:

[www.luuntoon.fi/siikaneva](http://www.luuntoon.fi/siikaneva)

[www.pajusenerailijat.fi](http://www.pajusenerailijat.fi)

[www.pappilankulma.net](http://www.pappilankulma.net)

[www.ruovedenkanoottipurjehtijat.fi](http://www.ruovedenkanoottipurjehtijat.fi)

[www.tuuhonen.fi](http://www.tuuhonen.fi)

# Services & Living



In Ruovesi you can negotiate on a loan and make a quick visit to the plumbing and electrical supplies stores, all within an afternoon. And why not drop by the grocery store on your way, all without parking fees.

Summer residents

*Ruovesi allures with its natural beauty, a strong cultural heritage, efficient services, and a welcoming community.*

All necessary services are easily accessible in Ruovesi. You never need to queue at the Town Hall or search for a parking space during rush hour.

## **Opportunities to work remotely**

Ruovesi is brimming with inspiring locations for working remotely. Clean air, quietude,

and beautiful nature allows your creativity to flow and enhances your work efficiency. You can move your office to the beach or to the tranquillity of the forest on a beautiful day.

## **Great internet connections with fibre optics**

Ruovesi is a pioneer in Pirkanmaa when it comes to fibre optic internet connections. We have invested in remote work conditions, so working remotely in nature is as easy as can be.

## *Services*

Services and Events

► [ruovesipalvelee.fi](http://ruovesipalvelee.fi)

In [ruovesi.fi](http://ruovesi.fi) you can find:

Mökkiläisneuvosto (Cottage Committee)

Ruoveden Asunnot Oy (Housing in Ruovesi)

Valokuitu ► (Fiber Optic Internet Connections)

Find out more from Elmonet Oy's web page: [elmonet.fi](http://elmonet.fi) (in Finnish)



# Housing Lots

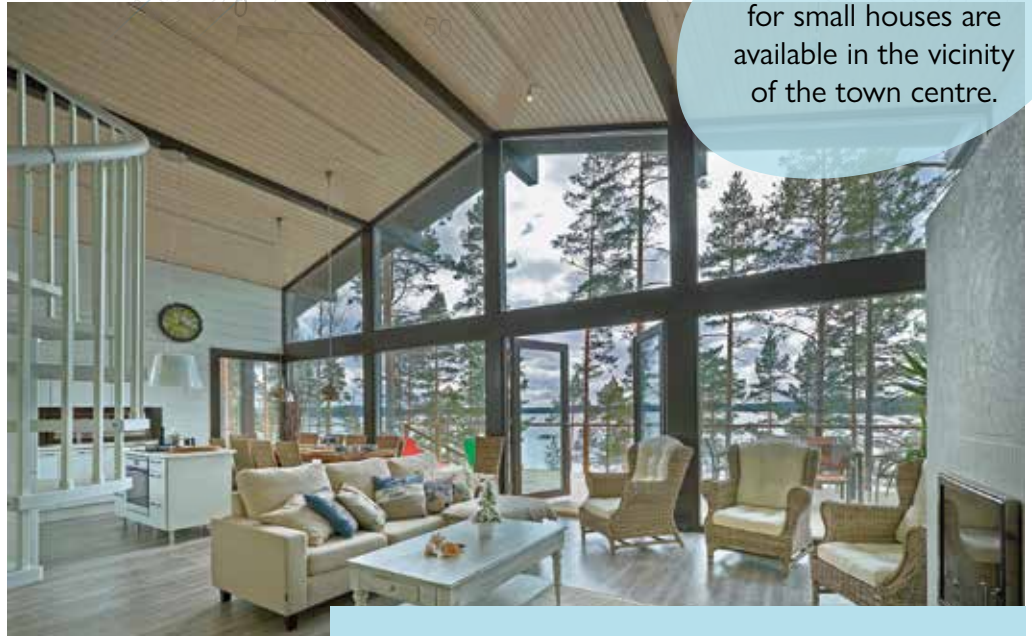
## Are you interested in a housing lot at the lake?

We have available lots on the market for summer and permanent residents.

We have suitable lots for businesses that require practical transport way connections.



We will help you with getting permits online.



Housing lots for small houses are available in the vicinity of the town centre.

## Housing Lots

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Read more:

[ruovesi.fi](http://ruovesi.fi) ► Asuminen ja ympäristö  
(Living and environment, in Finnish)



# Rooted in entrepreneurship

## Excellent collaboration among entrepreneurs and the municipality

The vitality programme of the municipality highlights collaboration with new and existing entrepreneurs. We believe the vitality and growth of the countryside are rooted in helping businesses thrive. The vision of Ruovesi municipality is to be

“an entrepreneurial cultural home in the tranquillity of nature”.

Industrial parks along the Main Road 66, a personal correspondence with the municipal officials, and numerous development projects create opportunities to our entrepreneurs. Businesses and the municipality co-operate well together.

### Entrepreneurship

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Business Development Expert  
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# Health and wellbeing through exercise

Ruovesi hypes up the whole family to exercise. Ruovesi Sports Park, which is situated in the town centre, is an attractive sports venue full of diverse activities for the whole family. The changing seasons bring variety to the sports opportunities on offer.

Always open sports park features a pumptrack, multi-use games arena, outdoor gym, street workout area, and climbing equipment. You can borrow from the park eg. scooters and various sports equipment, so don't worry if you don't have your own equipments. There are also several fields in the area for various sports, such as football,

athletics, tennis, and Finnish baseball, and an ice stadium for ice sports. Illuminated fitness tracks, hiking trails, and a permanent orienteering course also start from the sports park.

You can test your accuracy, concentration, and patience at the new miniature golf course in the summer. Right next to the course, the beach and the magnificent diving tower invite you to splash and play.

Our active sports clubs encourage everyone to give it a go at athletics, ice hockey, Finnish baseball, or horse riding, just to name a few. See sports clubs page 14.



*We have so many activities it's difficult to stay still!*

## *Leisure*

*Leisure Instructor*

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# Children and Youth

We appreciate children, youth, and families here in Ruovesi. The municipality offers 20 hours a week of free early age education to all children residing in Ruovesi. In early age education, we emphasise environmental education, exercise, culture, and reading.

## **Päiväkoti Metsäpolku (Forest Trail Daycare)**

Metsäpolku daycare was built in 2021. This beautiful log building offers a wonderful operational environment to both children and members

of the staff. The daycare offers also preschool level education. Finnish tree and plant species along with berry bushes have been planted along a winding path in the daycare yard.



## *Village schools*

**Pekkan koulu** 0.–6. grades

[peda.net/ruovesi/pekkalankoulu](http://peda.net/ruovesi/pekkalankoulu)

**Visuveden koulu** 0.–6. grades

[peda.net/ruovesi/visuvedenkoulu](http://peda.net/ruovesi/visuvedenkoulu)

## *Comprehensive schools*

**Ruoveden yhtenäiskoulu**

1.–9. grades

[peda.net/ruovesi/](http://peda.net/ruovesi/)

[kirkonkylankoulu](http://peda.net/ruovesi/)

**Ruovesi Upper  
Secondary School**

[sasky.fi/english-site/training-offer-](http://sasky.fi/english-site/training-offer-at-the-different-schools-of-sasky/)

[at-the-different-schools-of-sasky/](http://sasky.fi/english-site/training-offer-at-the-different-schools-of-sasky/)

[ruovesi-upper-secondary-school/](http://sasky.fi/english-site/training-offer-at-the-different-schools-of-sasky/ruovesi-upper-secondary-school/)



graders. The group family daycare operates in the same building both in Visuvesi and Jämkipohja.

### **Nuorisotila Vintti**

(Attic Youth Club)

Nuorisotila Vintti is a place where you can come alone or with a friend to spend some time. In addition to just hanging out, you can play pool, ping pong, and a variety of board games and console games. A reliable adult is always present and willing to talk with you confidentially about anything you might want to discuss.

### **Ruovesi Upper Secondary**

School Ruovesi Upper Secondary School is a versatile secondary school that attracts students from many regions. In addition to the general programme, students can apply to the specialised horse riding programme, veterinary programme, or eSports and sports coaching programme, where they can further advance their potential career aspirations. The school is in international collaboration with schools in Estonia, Germany, and Italy, among others. Studying in small student groups is efficient and accommodation is nearby in the town centre or nearby the riding-stables.

### **Ruoveden yhtenäiskoulu** (Ruovesi Comprehensive School)

The comprehensive school is a communal school with students from first through ninth grades. The school collaborates with the daycare, upper secondary school, and the library. The local sports park is right next to the school and the school offers many afterschool clubs.

### **Visuveden koulu** (Visuvesi Village School) and **Pekalan koulu** (Pekkala Village School in Jämkipohja)

These both wonderful village schools are lively and cozy. There are approximately 30–40 students, ranging from preschoolers to sixth



Opening hours and events of the youth club Vintti are updated in Facebook on the Ruoveden nuoret –site. Drop us a like!

# Communities in Ruovesi

## Active Associations

The many associations in the Ruovesi area are indispensable in organising events and creating hobby opportunities in co-operation with the municipality. The associations and their work keep even the smallest villages lively and active. Everyone has a chance to participate and have an active role in the village.

Come and join us!

## Hobby opportunities

(in Finnish)

Ice hockey – Ruoska

Finnish baseball – Ruoveden

Pirkat

Music and dance –

Merikanto-opisto

MLL Ruoveden yhdistys

(Mannerheim League for Child Welfare)

Ruoveden Opisto (Adult Education Centre)

Ruoveden Kanoottipurjehtijat (Canoe Sailing Club)

Ruoveden Naisvoimistelijat (Women's Gymnastics Club)

Ruoveden Ratsutalli (Riding-Stables)

Ruoveden Taideyhdistys (Artist Association)

Ruoveden Teatteri (Theatre)

Ruoveden Tennisseura (Tennis Club)

Ruoveden VPK (Volunteer Fire Department)

4H-yhdistys (Youth Club)

Stoolin Partiolaiset (Scouts)



## The parish – a part of the everyday and the extraordinary

Ruovesi parish is an active part of the everyday life, the parish offers clubs, groups, and events to people from all walks of life. The Parish House Aatos and Sophia Magdalena Church offer festive and functional settings for various events.

## 4H Youth Workentrepreneurs in Ruovesi

The Three Steps to Employment model steers children and youth towards their first work life experiences or towards establishing their first 4H Enterprises. The 4H club and the 4H Academy are there to help them on their way to success every step of the way.

You can find many active 4H entrepreneurs in Ruovesi. [ruovesi.4h.fi](http://ruovesi.4h.fi) (in Finnish)



# Villages

## Hobbies

Ruovesi offers many opportunities to get chills and thrills for people of all ages, whether you are a fitness fanatic or a devoted sports supporter. You can take riding lessons at Ruhalan Ratsutalli, take canoeing courses at Ruoveden Kanoottipurjehtijat, join the Finnish baseball club at Ruoveden Pirkat, participate in ice hockey club Ruoska's activities, or do gymnastics with Ruoveden Naisvoimistelijat. Membership fees are reasonable in our municipality and the coaches are highly motivated.

## Ruoveden kansalaisopisto

(Adult Education Centre of Ruovesi) offers hobbies and wellbeing to all ages.

We have a keen ear for what our customers need and we are willing to try out new, innovative courses.

We offer courses ranging from handicrafts to music, from literature to hiking. And anything and everything in between!

Ruovesi includes several vibrant villages that offer an excellent living environment, a variety of hobby opportunities, and lively communities.

Excellent broadband connections ensure that working remotely is easy and various online services are accessible in all villages.

Village committees and other associations operate in many villages, making sure to organise events, excursions, and other activities in the village in addition to improving the villages.

The village websites list available housing and housing lots, businesses and services in the area, and all other current affairs. You can also find the contact information for the village representatives.

Get to know our villages and fall in love!

## Village Associations

Jäminkipohjan Jämä ry  
 Muroleen kylät ry.  
 Pappilankulman kyläyhdistys ry  
 Pihlajalahden seurat  
 Tuuhosen kyläyhdistys ry.  
 Visuveden Kyläyhdistys ry.  
 Väärinmajan kylätoimikunta



# Culture

The beautiful national landscape in Ruovesi has inspired and allured many artists throughout the ages. Among them, painter Akseli Gallen-Kallela, composer Jean Sibelius, painter Hugo Simberg, poet Johan Ludvig Runeberg, painter Ellen Thesleff, composer Oskar Merikanto, poet Heikki Asunta, and author Kalle Päätalo.

Musiikkia! Ruovesi chamber music festival, alternating summer season art exhibitions at Viljamakasiini (Granary), Asunta-atelier, the Ruovesi local history museum, and active association and adult education events and courses ensure that everyone who enjoys visual arts and music will find exhilarating experiences in Ruovesi.

Pyynikkilä summer theatre has been in active use since 1982. **Ruoveden Teatteriyhdistys** (Ruovesi Theatre Company) has put on plays since the summer of 1989. The area of Pyynikkilä and its old historical manse make for a beautiful backdrop for a summer play. Pyynikkilä has a covered auditorium and seating for an audience of 500 people.

## Events and experiences

Musiikkia! Ruovesi (Chamber Music Festival)

Ruoveden teatteri (Ruovesi Theatre Company)

Viljamakasiinin kesänäyttelyt (Granary summer art exhibitions)

Taidelainaamo (Art on Loan, contact for opening hours)

Asunta Atelier (Asunta-atelier, contact for opening hours)

Kulman Galleria window art exhibitions

Ruovesi local history museum  
Poet's Trail

More culture:

[ruovesi.fi](http://ruovesi.fi)

(in Finnish)

[ruovesipalvelee.fi](http://ruovesipalvelee.fi)

[ruovedenkotiseutuuyhdistys.fi](http://ruovedenkotiseutuuyhdistys.fi)



May your summer be ever so merry, brimming with joy both night and day!  
Let the summer pass with little worry, may adversity not find your way!

# The Witches' Trial at Ruovesi

For over fifty years, retelling the local witch history has been a summer event to behold in Ruovesi.

burning pits, handcraft product trade shows, and public lectures, just to name a few.

The Witches' Trial is in session for a week and it brimms with events. Regardless of its name, the Witches' Trial does not revolve solely around witch history, but events vary and are suitable for families. The Trial programme includes tar

The Witches' Trial festival ends on a Saturday with the Trial market, where the Witch of the Year is elected. The market also includes stalls and a programme.

Come enjoy the summer event!

*Antti Lieroinen was a wizard that lived in Jäähdysohja, Virrat, who was put on trial, judged guilty, and sentenced to death by burning in 1643 in Ruovesi. Lieroinen was famous for his ability to solve theft cases and retrieve stolen property. By his own account, a spirit helped him by revealing in a dream where the stolen property had been hidden. Also, he claimed he could hurt the thief at will.*

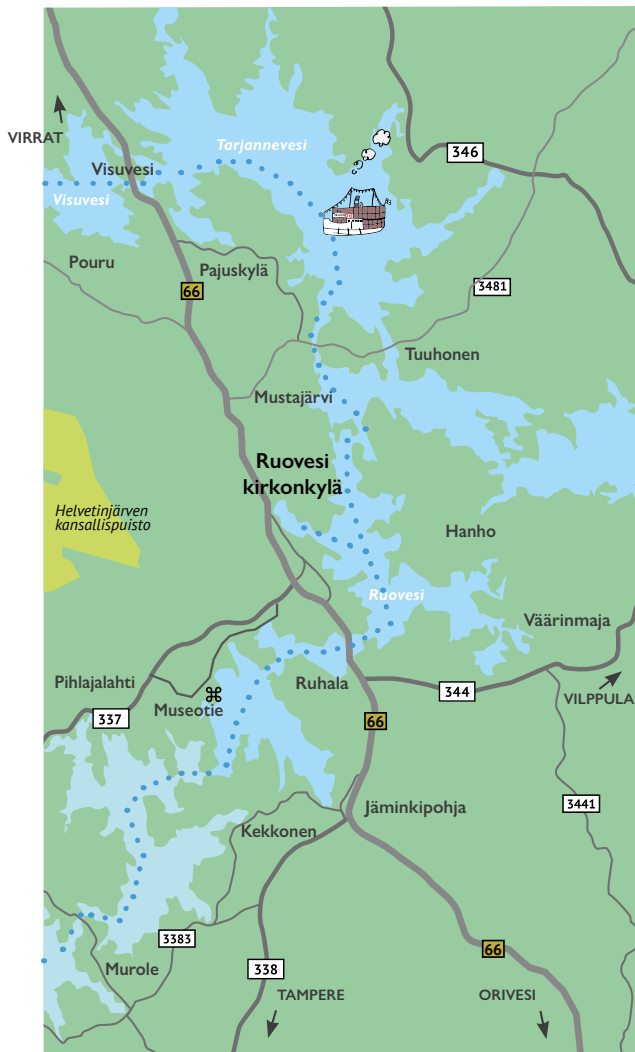
[ruovesi.fi/matkailu-ja-vapaa-aika/for-tourists/culture/witches-trial](https://ruovesi.fi/matkailu-ja-vapaa-aika/for-tourists/culture/witches-trial)  
[noitakarajat.fi](https://noitakarajat.fi) (in Finnish)



# Villages of Ruovesi on the map

## Steamship Tarjanne

In the summer you can hop on an authentic steamship in Ruovesi.  
[www.hopealinja.fi](http://www.hopealinja.fi) (in Finnish)



## Health Services

- 1 Pharmacy
- 2 Public health centre
- 1 Terveystalo private health clinic

## Accommodation, cafés, restaurants

- 3 Hopea Aurinko/Hotelli Liera (hotel)
- 4 Kirpputori Kupla/Kahvio (flea market and café)
- 5 Kukkapaikka (florist)
- 6 Kebab Pizzeria Engiz
- 7 Laivaravintola Katrina (boat restaurant)
- 8 Lounasravintola Hulda (lunch restaurant)
- 9 Kiinalainen ravintola Fenni (Chinese restaurant)
- 10 Rantaravintola (shoreside restaurant)
- 11 Ravintola Popo (restaurant)
- 12 Ruovesi Camping & Adventures

## Services, stores

- 13 ABC service stations
- 14 Recycling point
- 15 Library
- 16 K-Market grocery store
- 17 Town Hall, citizen services
- 18 Bus station, Direct sales & Café Moni-Tori
- 1 Co-operative bank
- 19 Fire station
- 8 Palvelutalo Honkala (assisted living)
- 20 Elmonet
- 21 Daycare
- 22 Parish House Aatos, parish priest's office
- 23 S-Market/Post office/Alko
- 24 Comprehensive school

## Attractions

- 25 Asunta-atelier
- 26 Church
- 27 Local history museum
- 28 Ritonniemen tupa (historical building)
- 29 Runeberg's spring
- 30 Granary, art exhibition space, tourist information
- 31 Ateljee Mika Rajalampi (art studio)
- 32 Taidetalli (art gallery)
- 33 Water tower

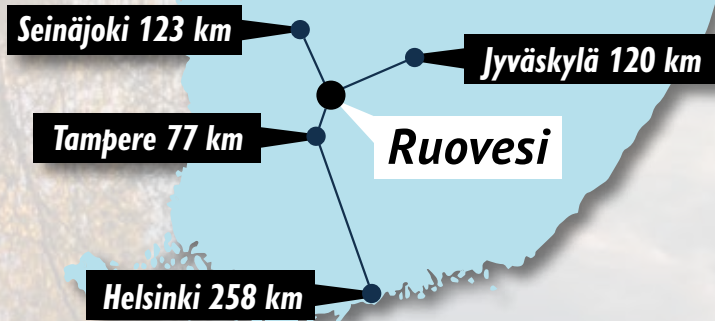
## Recreation and exercise

- 34 Marina: beach volley, miniature golf, ice cream stand, playground, campfire site, piers
- 35 Playground
- 36 Rug washing site
- 37 Nuorisotila Vintti (Youth Club)
- 38 Pihlapirtti, Kanoottipurjehtijat (Canoe Sailing Club)
- 39 Rantamakasiini/satamatoimisto (Beach Warehouse/Port office)
- 40 Työväentalo Harakkala (People's House Harakkala)
- 41 Työväentalo Sointula (People's House Sointula)
- 34 Beach and diving tower
- 42 Sports Park: sports field, frisbeegolf, ice stadium, gym, outdoor gym, Finnish baseball, climbing, multi-use games arena, fitness track, tennis, pumptrack
- 43 Urheilutalo Pirkat (Sports Hall)

# Services in the Town Centre



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