



# JATUNI

*In Jatuni, you get to sit on the giant's back. The village also got its name from the local ridge Jatuninselkä. It may be that the giants here have been building from stone and wood throughout the ages. As a reminder of this, the remains of an old collapsed stone bridge were used to build Jatuni Stone Garden. It may be that the construction skills were passed on to the villagers from these giants that inhabited the village. And so the village of Jatuni has become known for its builders, who have built boats, sledges and houses.*

## LOCATION

Jatuni is located about 58 km from Hetta, about 7 km before the village of Kaaresuvanto along highway 21.

## ATTRACTIONS

Jatuni Stone Garden, founded by Sven Pahajoki, is an excellent place to stop and take a break. There is also an information board with Jatuni's story. On the Muonionjoki River, a couple of hundred meters north of the village, there are "bad stones", i.e. the feet of the Jatuni giant. The river almost is blocked at this point. There is also a giant's kettle, "hiidenkirnu" in the area.

## SERVICES

Accommodation services are available in the village.

**JATUNI, "GIANT"**, is named after the local ridge Jatuninselkä. After the Norwegian/Finnish border was closed in 1852, a farm began operating in the area and the village was founded. The founders of the village of Jatuni were reindeer herders and experts in construction, from which the villagers have derived much of their income to this day. Over the years, the village has built e.g. sledges and boats, and they have mastered log construction and masonry. Construction professionals live in the village and sledges are still made.

The village has permanent residents, but more leisure residents and cabin vacationers. A lot of salmon comes up from the rapids at Muonionjoki, which makes Jatuni an excellent destination for fishermen. Jatuni is located on Käsivarrentie road, close to Kaaresuvanto's services. The interesting stories intertwined in the village, the gifts of the river and marshes, and the beautiful northern nature offer even the residents a reason to stay.