



KETOMELLA

Where could you lie as comfortable and cozy like a flower in the meadow. This can be achieved in the village of Ketomella. The village's relaxed atmosphere is likely thanks to its beaches. Sand meets the river, forming a small beach-like pile next to it, called "mella". This play between sand and water describes well the beauty and playfulness you can find in Ketomella. The village is also a great pathway to the most beautiful sceneries by the fells.

LOCATION

Ketomella is located on the southside of Enontekiö municipality, about 43 km from Hetta by the road Ounastie.

ATTRACTIONS

Ketomella is a starting point for a path through Hietajärvi towards the fells. From Hietajärvi to Pippokero hill and continuing through Tappuri you can circle back and make a quick round by walking or biking.

There is an old Sámi village in Ketomella, where you can visit a local murder museum.

SERVICES

There are several accommodation services in the area.

The village has an active village association

KETOMELLA IS A small village of a few permanent residents and many vacation residents, located at the shores of the Ounasjoki River on the east side of Ounastunturi fell. The area used to be utilized by Sámi people who travelled with the reindeer while herding them, so there were no permanent houses as they resided a type of tent, "laavu". In 1850, two crown farms were built on that same spot, which formed what is now known as the village of Ketomella. The area's main livelihoods were reindeer husbandry and some cattle farming.

All the buildings in Ketomella were burned down during the war in Lapland, so there are no original structures left. After the war, the village started to rebuild by building two shelters partially underground and one shelter above ground, and from there they continued to build the main buildings. The village used to reside below the hill, but now it was expanded to the top of the hill with two houses, because the crown farmland would have been taken away in the Great Partition, had there been no buildings on the farm.

Ketomella was long known for its cable ferry, which was used to cross the river Ounasjoki between 1970–1992, before the current bridge was built in the summer of 1993.

Ketomella is surrounded by beautiful hilly landscapes, cut by the Ounasjoki River. Hiking to the fells is easy from the village, just a short path through Hietajärvi will take you to the Pyhäkero fell by Hetta. Beyond the hills lies the lake Ketojärvi and its beautiful landscapes. In the village one, can experience all the sides of the nature in Lapland.