



LOCATION

Maunu about 12 kilometers from Kaaresuvanto
Vikkuri about 13 kilometers from Kaaresuvanto
Luspa about 20 kilometers from Kaaresuvanto
Kelottijärvi about 23 kilometers from Kaaresuvanto

ATTRACTIONS

Järämä fortress station, 16 km from Kaaresuvanto.

SERVICES

There are accommodation services in the villages of Maunu and Vikkuri.

MAUNU, LUSPA & KELOTTIJÄRVI

MAUNU IS A twin village in the municipalities of Enontekiö and Kiiruna, whose Swedish side Maunu is located on the opposite bank of the Muonionjoki River. All those going in the direction of Kilpisjärvi drive past Maunu. However, it is also worth stopping in the area and climbing on top of Mustavaara hill, from where the landscape opens up to the villages of Maunu in Finland and Sweden. The point in Maunu, where the road connects to the fairway, is a central place for the village.

LUSPA IS LOCATED a short distance from the village of Vikkuri. There is an old farm on the shore of Luspajärämä in the village. On the other side of the village is Luspavaara, over which the paths go all the way to the top of Nunasvaara. From the village, a beautiful fell landscape opens up on the other side of the Muonionjoki River.

KELOTTIJÄRVI IS A SMALL VILLAGE on the shore of Kelottijärvi inhabited by vacation residents. The route from Kelottijärvi to Autsasenkursu gorge is easily accessible by foot from which an easy-to-pass path also branches off to the top of Nunasvaara.

VIKKURI

Vikkuri is mysterious and unpredictable. The village reveals its uniqueness only to those who visit there. The Järämä fortress area is located next to Vikkuri. It is a fortress area called Sturmbock–Stellung, built by the Germans in 1943-44, whose mission was to protect the German ports in the Arctic Ocean. The wartime atmosphere and related memories will still reach you in the Järämä museum. When you continue from Vikkuri towards Kilpisjärvi, you will reach the village of Luspa. From Nunasvaara, in addition to the fortress stations, you can admire the wilderness areas of Tarvantovaara.

LOCATED NEXT TO VIKKURI is Järämä, a restored part of the Sturmbock–Stellung fortress area built by the Germans in 1943-44, whose task was to protect the ports of the Arctic Ocean.

Unified fortresses were built across the area from Könkämäeno to the Norwegian side. Tens of kilometers of running and connecting trenches, dugouts, tanks, rocket launcher and machine gun emplacements, and hundreds of firing emplacements. In addition, roads were built.

In 1944, after Finland concluded an armistice with the Soviet Union, the war in Lapland began. The Germans began to withdraw towards Norway. At its peak, there were 12,000 German soldiers stationed in Järämä. The Finns had followed the retreating German troops and arrived in front of the Järämä fortifications in November 1944. The Finnish troops settled in the village of Markkina, about 8 kilometers away from the Germans. Apart from a few scuffles, the troops did not have actual battle contact.