



NÄKKÄLÄ

The traditional Sami village Näkkälä awaits you at the end of the road. Its original means of livelihood, reindeer husbandry and fishing, have remained strong until today. Näkkälä is still a place where you can get to know the original natural economy. There is also an old holy place in the village, Näkkälä's own "seita-kivi". From Näkkälä you can also reach the wilderness of Pöyrisjärvi. The open landscape is beautified by the huge Pöyrisjärvi, which serves as a starting point for a trail that goes all the way to Kalmakaltio. From Näkkälä to Hetta there is also an old postal path, along which you can now also cycle and enjoy the northern wind and scenery.

LOCATION

Näkkälä Village can be reached by driving on a paved road about 10 kilometers east of Palojärvi.

ATTRACTIONS

The Näkkälä Seita:

An old place of worship on the shore of Lake Näkkäläjärvi.

Pöyrisjärvi:

Juniper sand dunes and the wonderful sandy beaches of Pöyrisjärvi.

Hetta-Näkkälä postal path:

There is an open wilderness hut along the postal path from Hetta to Näkkälä, it is popular with mountain bikers.

SERVICES

Näkkälä village offers accommodation services, program services/safari services and transportation services

A village association operates in Näkkälä.

NÄKKÄLÄ IS A VILLAGE inhabited by Sami families located on the ends of the Näkkäläjoki River, which flows into the Ounasjoki River. The houses in the village are mainly built on a peninsula that goes into the Syväjärvi Lake. Meadows and potato fields surround the village buildings. Old deer traps can still be seen around the village.

An old footpath leads from Näkkälä to the Hetta church and a cross-country track leads to the Pöyrisjärvi summer huts. A trade and winter road used to pass through the village from Enontekiö to Kautokeino and on to Alta's marketplace on the shores of the Arctic Ocean. In front of the village, on the shore of Lake Näkkälä, there is a stone boulder about 3.5 meters high, which according to tradition, was and still is the "seita" or sacrificial stone of the Sámi people.

Näkkälä has some old buildings, e.g. In Aittaniemi, Syynitieva and Niemelä. People in Näkkälä also lived in traditional hut settlements for a relatively long time compared to other villages.

Through Näkkälä there is a route to the wonderful landscapes of Pöyrisjärvi National Park, through which you can hike all the way to Kalmakaltio.

For many, the village is a checkpoint when hiking along the old postal trail from Hetta or as a starting point for a trail to the Pöyrisjärvi wilderness area. For others, a village is a place whose nature provides a livelihood and a place to relax, as well as a community and a home.