



NUNNANEN

Nunnanen is a village that, unlike its name would suggest, has no nuns residing in it. People have been looking for them from time to time, even by some international guests. Old stories tell a tale of a nun pregnant with child, who was traveling towards north after being banished from her monastery. After a long journey, the nun ended up on the shores of Vieltojärvi Lake and decided to settle there. Perhaps the name of the village comes from this old tale. The village has its own kind of peaceful atmosphere, soft and hazy. Reindeer roam the forests in search of food. When you continue towards Kalmakaltio from the village, you end up at the sand ridges, "hietatievat". This dune area's landscape is unique. Nunnanen is a wonderful place to live a peaceful life. To guests, it is a place to see and experience. Here you can stop and quiet down in nature, almost like in a holy place.

LOCATION

Nunnanen is located north from the intersection from Peltovuoma, on the east side of Enontekiö. The village is about 40 km from Hetta.

POPULATION

About 70

ATTRACTIONS

Sand ridges (hietatievat):

Sand ridge protection area by the road leading to Kalmakaltio, about 8 km from Nunnanen.

Kalmakaltio:

Large, clear-watered, moss-based cold natural spring about 2 km before Kalmakaltion Loma accommodation services, on the east side of the road. There is a hiking and mountain biking route traveling from Enontekiö to Pöyrisjärvi Lake, and from there to Hetta through Näkkälä.

SERVICES

There are several accommodation services in the village, as well as wilderness safaris, repair shops and construction services. Possible activities in the village include hiking, mountain biking, skiing, hunting, fishing and guided day trips.

Nunnanen has an active village association.

NUNNANEN IS LOCATED on the east side of Enontekiö municipality. Its neighbouring village is the Peltovuoma village. On the side of Kittilä municipality, the neighbouring village is Pulju. Old stories suggest that the village gets its name from a nun that travelled to the village in the 15th century. The name "Nunnanen" likely comes from the Sámi language word "njunni", which means "nose, peak". The village lies on the peak of a ridge, which is clearly visible when arriving from the east. The village was destroyed during the war, and it has been rebuilt since 1945.

Essential parts of the village include the lakes Vieltojärvi and Venejärvi. The village can be divided into three areas: Venejärvenpää (Boat Lake's end), Keskikylä (Center village) and the reindeer farm area. In the surrounding areas flow the rivers Ylijoki and Käkkälöjoki, both of which are important old waterways. The most important livelihoods in the village are reindeer husbandry, hunting, fishing, and berry picking.

There are multiple swamp areas close to the village, which are active cloudberry picking areas. Reindeer husbandry traditions remain strong in the village.

Nunnanen is a peaceful village surrounded by nature and provides a gateway to the vast wilderness areas of Pulju and Pöyrisjärvi Lake. Nunnasentie road attaches the village to Kittilä and its airport, so the village's location is interesting in many regards. The village is very communal and offers a cozy place to enjoy Lappish nature for its residents and guests.