



PALOJÄRVI

Palojärvi village is open and has a sense of space. In addition to reindeer, the village is known for vendace. At the southern end of the village, you will find the old summer place of the Sámi people, where fireplaces and hut sites can still be seen. These days the center of the village is Galdotieva, where you can get coffee, food, gas, and a roof over your head at night. The people of Palojärvi are friendly. They will be happy to guide you to the most beautiful view: the wonderful village landscape beyond the lake that opens from a high hill.

LOCATION

Palojärvi is located about 26 km from Hetta along the Ruijantie road, which goes all the way to Norway.

ATTRACTIONS

Palojärvi

There are wonderful sandy lands on the shore of Lake Palojärvi.

Palojärvi – Salvasjärvi-route

The route is an approximately 20 km long trail between the villagers and the Salvasjärvi summer huts. It runs partly on the Norwegian side, so regulations applicable to border crossing must be taken into account. The route can also be traveled by mountain bike, although it is demanding due to swamps and the differences in terrain.

SERVICES

Gas station, electric car charging station, restaurant, souvenir shop, grocery shop and accommodation services with a beach sauna.

Palojärvi has a village association.

PALOJÄRVI IS A VILLAGE located 12 km from the Norwegian border, north of the forest border, along the Enontekiö - Kautokeino road, about 26 km north of Hetta. Palojärvi has been a traditional area inhabited by the Sámi people for a long time before a permanent settlement was built in the area. The village has been permanently inhabited since the 19th century. Also at these times, well-known explorers G. Acerbi and A.F. Skjöldebrand visited the village.

The biggest livelihood in the village has been reindeer husbandry, which is still practiced today. The village's means of livelihood have also been, for example, animal husbandry. Each house had a few cows, but they were given up in the late 60s. The village has a long tradition of handicrafts, like knitting Sámi costumes.

There is an old summer place of the Sámi people at the southern end of Palojärvi, where fireplaces and hut sites can still be seen. Salvasjärvi has an old reindeer separation place, a new one has been built next to the road. The war also did not touch the village of Palojärvi, because the Germans retreated through Näkkälä directly to Kautokeino.

The construction of the Kautokeino road from Hetta finished at the early 1960's

The houses of the village are located on the west bank of Lake Palojärvi. The lake often freezes enough to ice skate already at the beginning of winter. The former building of the Border Guard is in Palojärvi next to Galdotieva. Kivilompolo customs station is located 10 kilometers from Palojärvi towards Norway.

Palojärvi has a special landscape. The open terrain has low birch trees, a lake landscape and rolling hills where the eye rests. The village is an excellent place to stop for coffee or to stay for a longer period.