



### LOCATION

Palojoensuu is located along highway 21 after about 17 km from Sonkamuotka and 26 km from Hetta. Vähäniva is about 9 km away from Palojoensuu from highway 21, going straight.

### ATTRACTIONS

#### Memorial:

A memorial for Enontekiö's fourth church.

### SERVICES

In the Palojoensuu area, there are accommodation services, safari services, drapery, carpentry, cleaning services and massage services. There is an active village association in Palojoensuu.

# PALOJOENSUU

*Palojoensuu is, as its name "palo" suggests, full of burning desire. Back in the 19th century, when the Markkina church was demolished, its logs were floated and lowered along the waterway. The journey of the logs continued all the way to the shore of Palojoensuu village. The church was built on the spot and Palojoensuu village served as a church village until 1856. The village is a crossroads of both roads and rivers. The villagers are known for being awake even before the rooster crows. In the evenings, you can walk to the Palojoensuu bridge to admire the river in both directions. Here, new passion, new ideas and the will to do things are kindled in the heart.*

**PALOJOENSUU IS LOCATED** along the banks of Muonionjoki and Palojoki. The village ends at the Swedish border in the west. The village is 26 km from Hetta, the municipal center of Enontekiö. The environment of Palojoensuu village is very varied. There are hills, rivers, swamps, small lakes and fields all around. Like most of the villages in Enontekiö, the village of Palojoensuu was completely destroyed in the war. Palojoensuu was one of the battle sites in the final phase of the Lapland war in 1944-45.

The so-called "Four Winds Road" starts from Palojoensuu. The writer Yrjö Kokko gave the name to the road in 1947. The road partially existed already in 1939. The route itself is an ancient winter road Palojoensuu - Kaaresuvanto - Kilpisjärvi - Arctic Ocean in Norway's Skibotn, or Jyykeänperä. The road is also known as the Northern Lights road.

Enontekiö's fourth church was located in Palojoensuu from 1827 to 1856, until it was demolished due to the new church built in Hetta. A memorial has been placed on the site of the old church and services are held on the site of the old church in the summer.

Palojoensuu's beautiful village milieu, hilly landscape and rivers entice you to spend the night in the village. The lively village community, the spirit of doing things together, village events and the location between the municipal centers of Enontekiö and Muonio are tempting to choose Palojoensuu as your home.

# VÄHÄNIVA

*Vähäniva is a village founded by a forest ranger. The trade was passed on to the next generation as well, and the next generation after that continued as a police officer. This chain of generations is present in the village. "Niva" means a fast-flowing part of the river. Vähäniva might be exactly the point where the river slows down. Here in the village of rivers and forests, you too can take it a little slower and enjoy the magic of the northern forests.*

**VÄHÄNIVA IS LOCATED** along the river Muonionjoki in the neck of Tapokoski. There are currently a few houses in the village, some of which are used for vacationing. There are some unused crop fields in the village. The environment is a hilly ridge landscape and extensive swamp areas.



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