

# *Paksuniemi Summer Oasis*

*- joyful summer feeling in Rääkkylä!*

**Paksuniemi, a place of great natural beauty and nostalgia, lives on the pulse of the times.**

The renewed guest harbour, caravan and camping area invite you to enjoy yourself - the saunas, beaches and the taste of summer!

In the theme rooms of the restored Dairy Inn you can sense rural romance of the past. The accommodation in the cabins (granaries in the past) is a low-cost exotic alternative for adventurous minds.

Our cosy harbour restaurant offers the products of the café and confectionery, ice-cream, as well as a versatile barbecue menu. You can enjoy the extremely popular pizzas, salads and delicious burgers on our spacious terrace, admiring the beautiful view over the lake.

Welcome – you'll dig Paksuniemi!

**Season from April 30 to September 30**

<b>Open in summertime</b>	<b>Sunday – Thursday</b>	<b>9 am – 10 pm</b>
	<b>Friday - Saturday</b>	<b>9 am – 1 am</b>
<b>May and September</b>	<b>Sunday – Thursday</b>	<b>11 am – 10 pm</b>
	<b>Friday – Saturday</b>	<b>11 am – 1 am</b>

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## **Paksuniemi Harbour Café**

Our one hundred-year old renovated café building with the terrace areas create a pleasant setting for more than 100 guests. The Master's Cabinet, for 10 people, is used for private occasions. We serve a varied range of beers, long drinks and ciders, and as a speciality, the festive drinks by Niemisbygård in Rääkkylä.

At our reception you can find the info desk where you can rent a row boat or a bike for independent excursions or shopping trips. You can buy products made by local artisans as souvenirs.

At weekends you can sing karaoke and enjoy live performers of a high level (see coming events).

The art exhibitions supplement the multiple look of the café.

At our recycling library you can update your holiday reading and home collection. We buy the recycled books and you can choose new reading experiences at low cost. Local newspapers satisfy your hunger for news and offer a Karelian perspective on the course of life, whereas with the help of the wireless internet you can get your updates on the world news.

Paksuniemi Harbour Café welcomes all travelers, boaters, caravan travelers, motor bikers, backpackers, festival guests, local summer cottage owners and our own village girls and boys!



The hosts of Paksuniemi, Jouni and Tomi!



PS also Artturi, the doggie host, welcomes all animals to Paksuniemi. Do come and swim with me!

### **Dairy Inn and Cabins**

The Paksuniemi dairy (1904) is a cultural historically as well as scenically significant attraction, protected by the National Board of Antiquities and Historical Monuments. In the beginning butter was prepared at the dairy, and since 1952 other milk products were processed as well. Dairy production ended in Paksuniemi in 1976, whereas the mill, at the other end of the building, continued functioning until the turn of the millennium.

The present café building originally served as an office and as home for the dairy landlord. The workers lived in the chambers, situated at the gable of the dairy. The chambers are now restored into accommodation facilities, honouring the history of the building. The solid walls and window bays of the dairy bring originality and superb painting-like lake scenery. The rooms stay fresh and cool even on hot summer days. The Inn has its own tidy toilet, and shower rooms are situated downstairs.



From Dairy Maid's Chamber there is a broad view into the yard of the café and to Jänisselkä. 95e/day.



Miller's Cottage and Chamber make you think of corn fields, the sun and blue skies. These two rooms can accommodate a family of four or five, or a group of friends. 160e/day.



In Hilja, the Milk Maid's Room you can be in a dreamy romantic mood in delicate rose colour. 95e/day.



Churn Men's Barrack is the former quarters of handymen – touchingly rough manly feeling. 95e/day.



Aukusti's Cabin and Hanna's Room offer an exotic accommodation alternative to adventurous minds for a lower price, 25e/day per person with your own bed linen, 38e/day with our bed linen and breakfast.



Karelian Sweetheart has provided a place for the milkmen to take a break. Your own entrance, a kitchenette and accommodation for three people. 130e/day.

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NB Will be ready in spring 2013 (pictures to be added later)

## **Guest harbour – Caravan area – Camping**

At the hospitable Paksuniemi all harbour services work at full speed – as soon as the ice cover of the lake has melted, until the end of September. There will be a harvest festival at the last weekend in September. It's the time to remember the past boating season, have a sauna, enjoy the performers, sing karaoke, and, of course, have some harvest soup on the house!

Paksuniemi is a natural stopping place to refresh yourself in the northern part of Lake Saimaa, between Savonranta and Joensuu. If you come from the south, from Sampaanselkä, you should go via Hämeenselkä, to enjoy the beautiful scenery in Kivisalmi. There you can get acquainted with the park within the rest area, along the monuments and continue your way via Jänisselkä to Paksuniemi.

An alternative route from the south goes from Sampaanselkä to Jänisselkä by the Arvinsalmi ferry. If you are coming to Paksuniemi from the north, from Pyhäselkä, you should use the route from Tikankaivanto and Tikanselkä areas, or via Vuosalmi to Jänisselkä.

Paksuniemi provides extensive harbour facilities and new piers for the boaters. More places for caravans have been built, in vicinity to the beautiful lake scenery. Campers, too, can enjoy the versatile activities in Paksuniemi in the bosom of nature.

The summer evening will be crowned with the pungent heat of the sauna (two saunas by the beach can be rented), as well as barbecuing sausages at the barbecue site, at the tip of the cape while the sunset colours the scenery.

The impressive centre of the village it is a couple of kilometres away for you to visit – through the gently rolling country landscape to a high hill. At the top you will find one of the largest wooden churches in the world, built in 1851. The Rääkkylä Museum of Local History and Culture is also worth a visit!

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## **Facts and harbour facilities:**

### **General information**

Paksuniemi 5573

Coordinates 62 , 19,9' 29 38,0

Nautical chart 414

Boat places 30

Mooring shaft/buoy/sideways to the pier

Caravan places 15

Depth 1,5-2,0 m

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Harbour facilities

Filling station

Water and electricity supply

Ice station

Emptying of septic tank

Waste management and recycling

Toilets

Showers

Laundry room

Carpet wash

Sauna and beaches

Barbecue site

Ramps

Nature paths with signposts

Playhouse for children

Outdoor games

Bike and boat rental

Mobile shop on Fridays all summer

Café – restaurant

Internet and daily newspapers

Cabin accommodation

Art gallery in a former mill-dairy, and historic buildings ([www.raakkyla-seura.fi](http://www.raakkyla-seura.fi))

Path with environmental art