

Newsletter Metsäranta #11

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Dear ,

This is the 11th Newsletter.

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The best time to travel to Finland

The weather in Finland can be very diverse, from very cold to very hot, wet, dry or snow.

Depending on what weather you want, it is therefore good to look at the average weather type in the different months. It is also important to know what nature looks like in those months.

On the website, under the menu 'Finland info', there is now a new page 'The best time to travel to Finland', with information about it. You can find it [here](#).

New links including picking berries and mushrooms

The end of summer and the beginning of autumn is the time to pick berries and mushrooms. Most Finns go out to gather in the woods.

You can recognize berries, but you have to be careful with mushrooms. Some edible mushrooms often resemble poisonous ones. More information about this can be found on the '[Links](#)' page of the website.



Blue berry



Cloudberry



Cowberry



Wild Raspberry



Wild Strawberry

Natural berries, the treasure of the Finnish forests

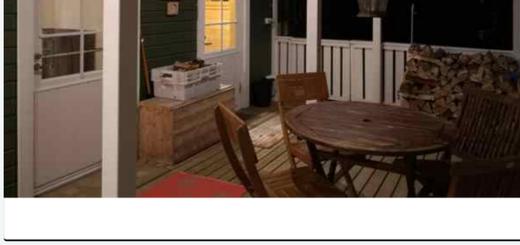
The Finnish forests are full of delicious natural berries. There are about fifty different types of berry plants, more than half of which have edible berries.

About one of two Finns collect berries for their own use. Here are some guidelines for identifying and using the most common natural berries.

[Read the whole article here](#) on [Foreigner.fi](#)

New lighting on the veranda of the cottage

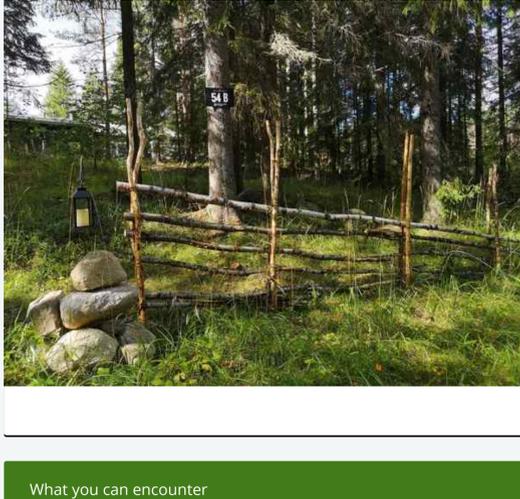
New LED lighting was recently installed on the veranda. This creates a very nice atmosphere.



Traditional Finnish gate at the entrance

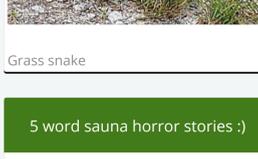
In the past, the Finns made their own fences to keep in the cattle. These fences were made entirely of wood. They used old techniques for that. You can also find such fences in other Scandinavian and Baltic countries.

After studying these techniques on Youtube, I also made an attempt to make a (small piece of) traditional fence at the entrance of the site. That was not easy, but for a layman in that area it worked out quite well.

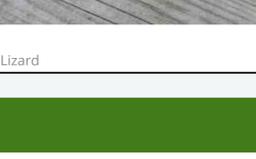


What you can encounter

A spontaneous encounter with a black grass snake and a lizard. On the property I have seen many lizards.



Grass snake



Lizard

5 word sauna horror stories :)

5-WORD SAUNA HORROR STORIES

1. *Isn't sauna a Swedish invention?*
2. *Can I sit beside you?*
3. *The top temperature is 60°C.*
4. *Here come all the kids!*
5. *There's no water for löyly.*
6. *Sit on the bottom bench.*
7. *I love this electric sauna.*



New gasoline station near the 'Sale' supermarket

At the beginning of the village of Savonranta there is a gas station that had to close due to possible contamination of the soil.

In the meantime, a new petrol station with an above-ground tank has been opened on the square in front of the 'Sale' supermarket. It is therefore no longer necessary to drive 60 km. to refuel.



Responses, comments and suggestions

Do you like or dislike this Newsletter, interesting or boring?
Let me know what you think and send a reaction, comment or suggestion to the e-mail address of our website or use the '[contact form](#)'. I am very curious, thanks in advance!



Until the next Newsletter

With kind regards,
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