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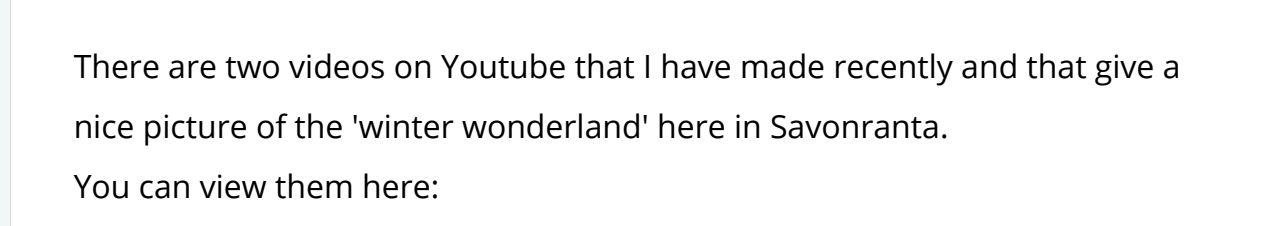
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☞ - The winter in Savonranta - ☞

The winter has now really continued with a minimum temperature of -28 ° C in January. It has also snowed a lot in the past period, so it was really necessary that the snow plow had to ensure that I could still leave my house to do the shopping . Fortunately, that is well arranged here :-). Walking is always possible because I have 'snowshoes', those are the kind of 'tennis rackets' that you can attach under your shoes.



☞ - Two video's with winter images - ☞

There are two videos on Youtube that I have made recently and that give a nice picture of the 'winter wonderland' here in Savonranta.

You can view them here:

Winter ride through the snow:

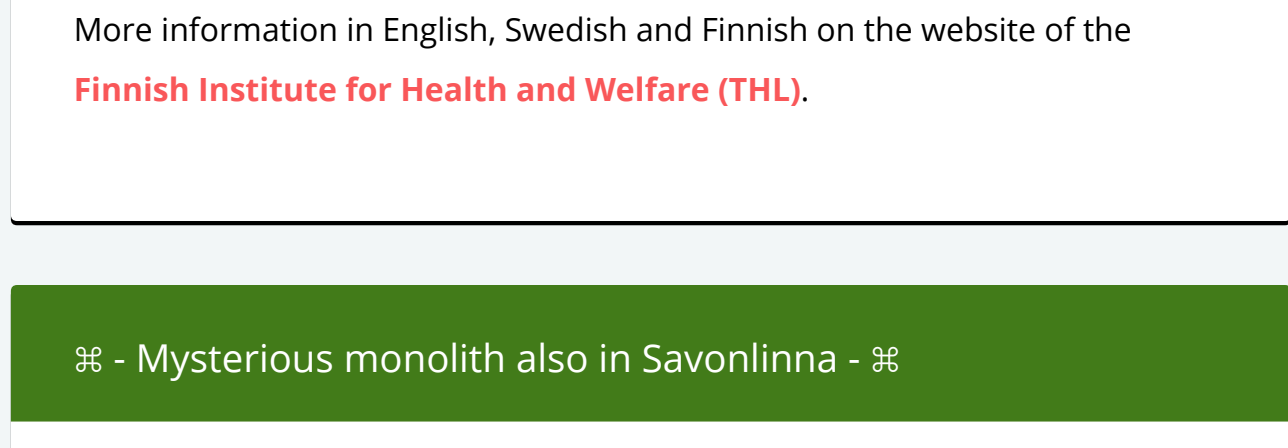
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kVCqEwhOyPg&t=72s>

and

Metsäranta Savonranta Winter 2021

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S5HYgSDel3E>

Put your sound on!



☞ - Corona situation in Finland - ☞

At the time of writing (1-2-2021), 45,238 inhabitants in Finland have been tested positive for corona (covid-19). Fortunately, 31,000 people have also recovered from corona. About 671 persons died due to this virus. This means that Finland is well under control of the virus outbreak.

In Savonlinna and the surrounding area only about tens of cases of contamination have been detected, all of which are under control. Not a single case is known in Savonranta itself.

Due to the outbreak of the corona virus, going on holiday to Finland was not possible. Recently, the corona measures in Finland have been changed and you can go on holiday here again.

More information in English, Swedish and Finnish on the website of the **Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (THL)**.

☞ - Mysterious monolith also in Savonlinna - ☞

A mysterious monolith emerges in Savonlinna. Locals say they have no idea how the pillar ended up on a hill overlooking the iconic Olavinlinna Castle. The monolith was first spotted on a rocky hill on December 10.

Similar glossy columns have appeared and disappeared since November 13 in the US states of Utah, California, and Texas, as well as in The Netherlands, France, Romania, and the Isle of Wight, England.

It remains unclear whether the pillar was placed there as part of a coordinated action with similar columns we saw in other countries - all of which disappeared just as suddenly as they appeared.

Jaana Korni, CEO of Visit Savonlinna: "I don't know more about it than anyone else. This seems to be a global phenomenon. It's great that they have found their way to Kyrönniemi". She estimated the column to be about (2 1/2 meter (8 feet) high.



☞ - Construction of a fish ladder for trout in Savonranta - ☞

Hydropower has been used on the Vuokalanreitti River in Savonranta for electricity generation since 1930. In recent years, the Vuokala power plant and the museum mill are no longer in use. In February 2017, the Savonranta Development Foundation, which owns the area and buildings, made the decision to stop electricity production in the power plant and transform the power plant's regulatory dams into natural barriers.

"Now let's go back to the old situation, the time before the rapids dam, when the migratory fish went upstream. The Vuokalan route and the Kaida watershed above it have excellent water quality. Chances are that the trout from the Vuoksi will multiply and go through the rapids, "WWF's current water expert Manu Vihtonen said in a press release. "There used to be a kind of wooden fishing paths here, but now the rapids area is about five times larger and many new habitats are being created for all streams".

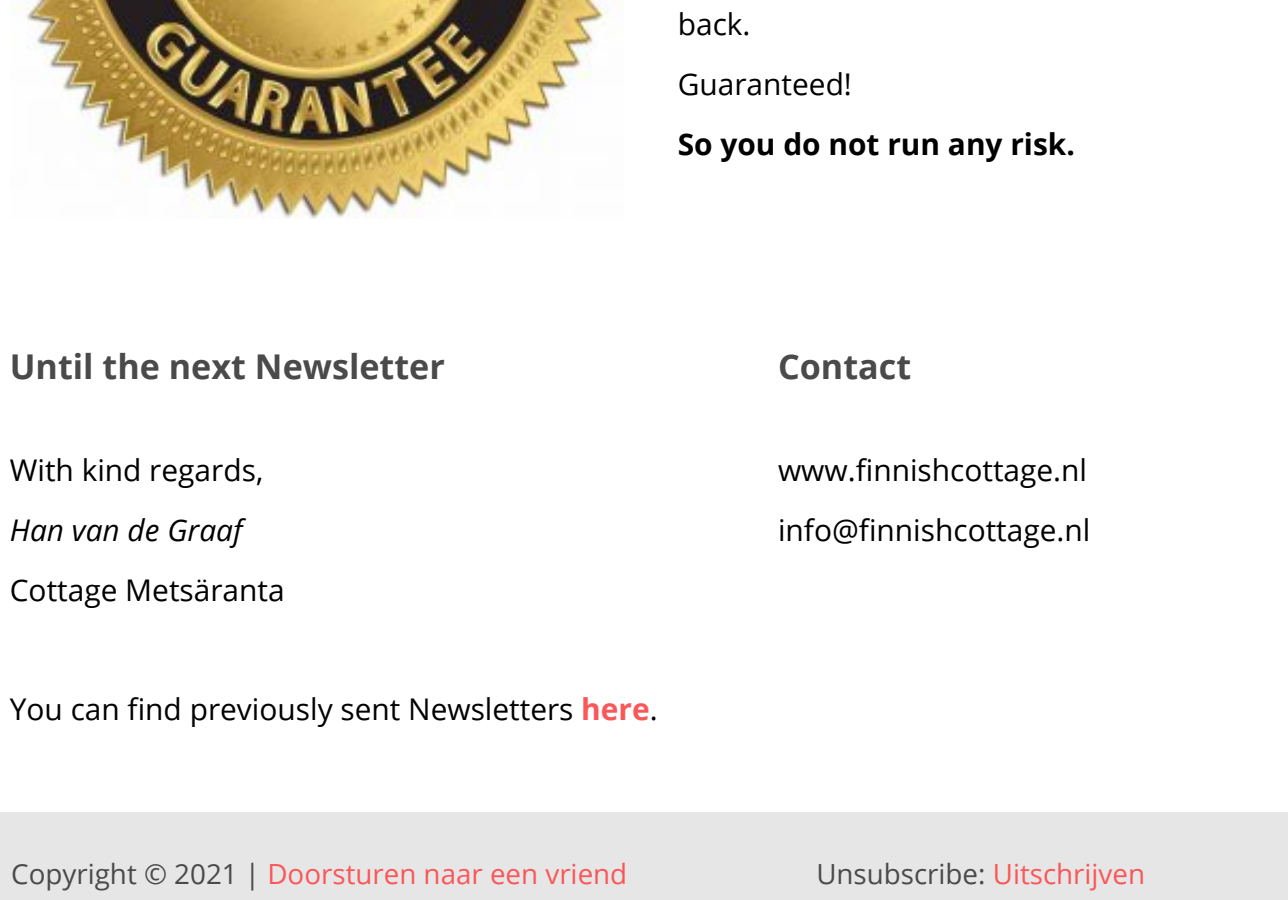
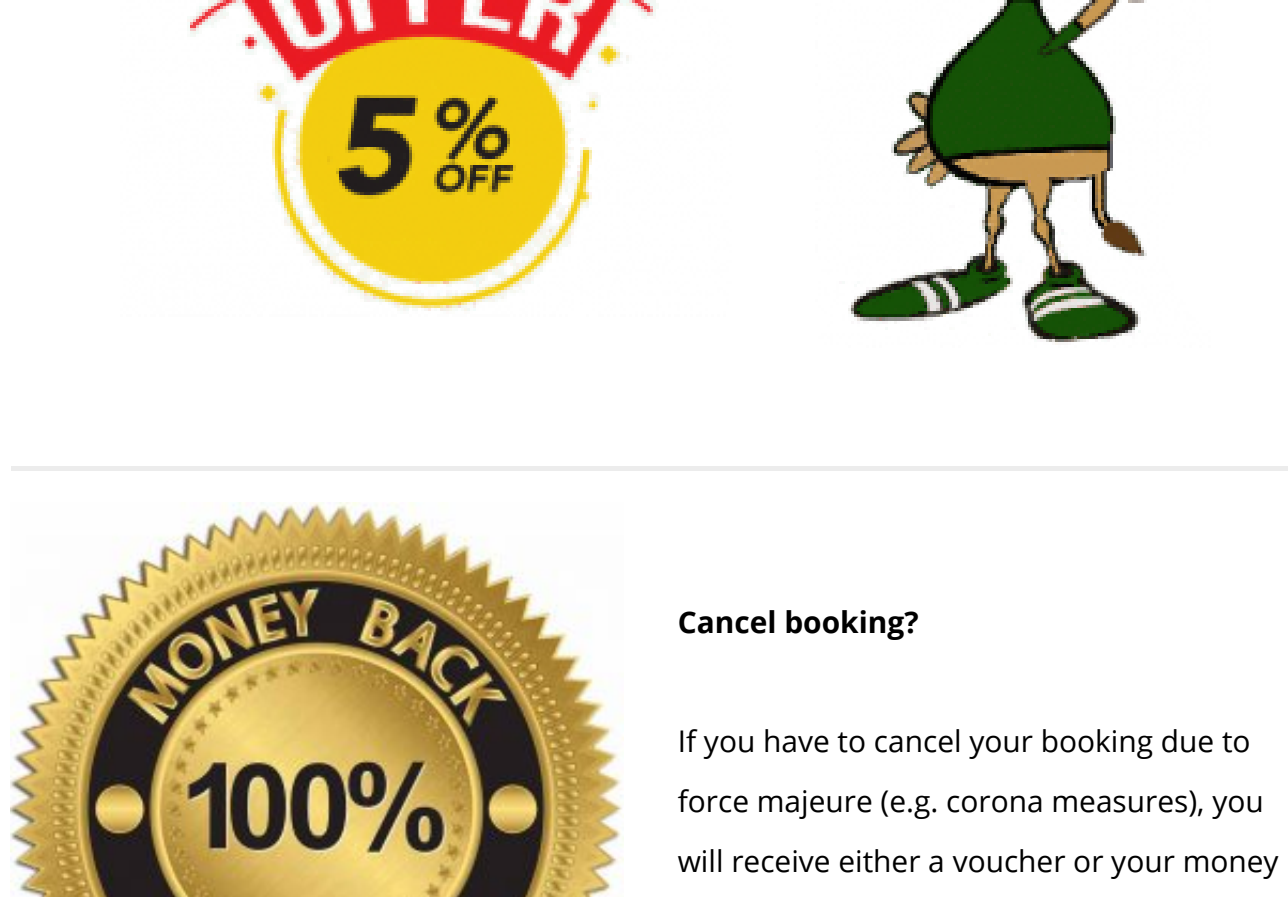
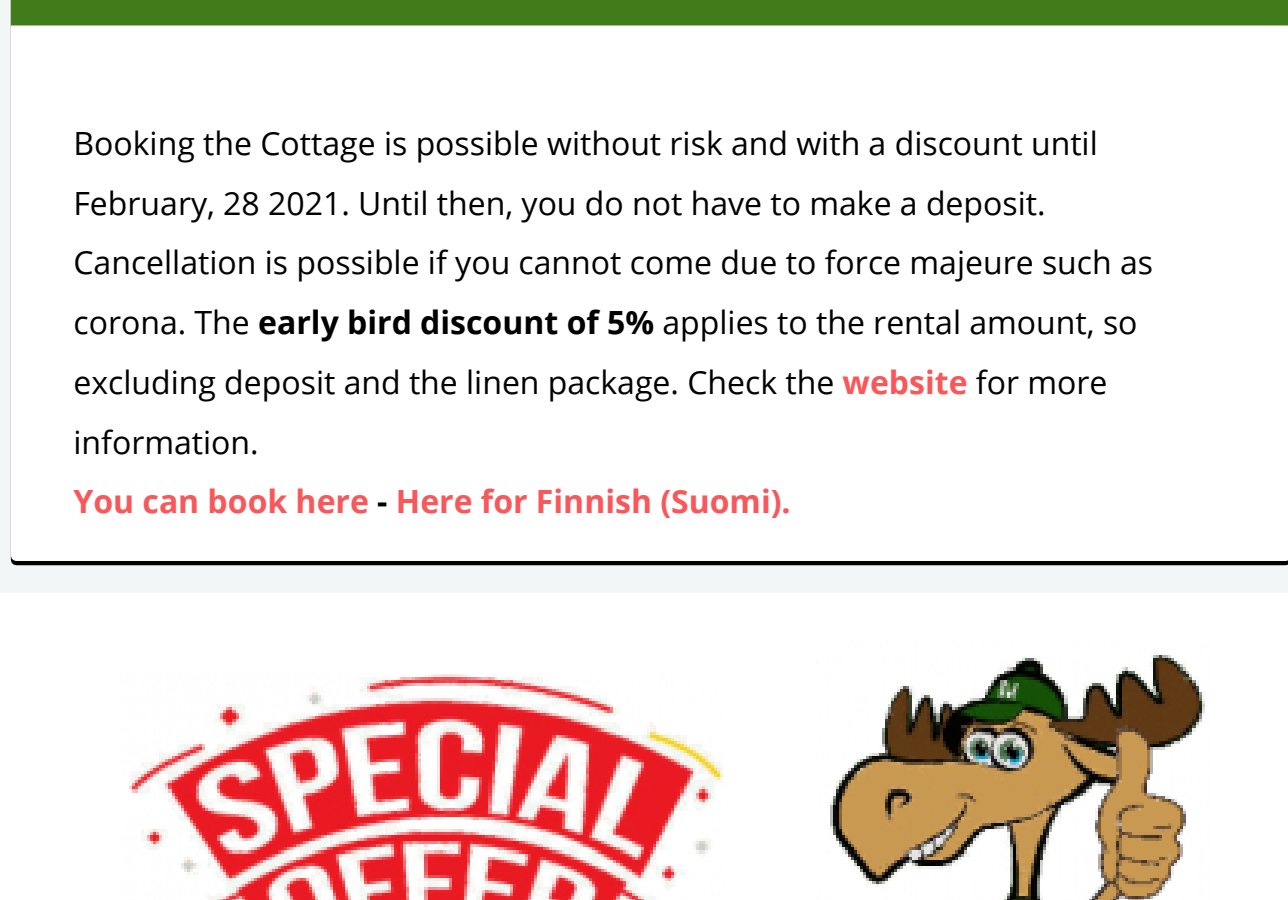
The decommissioning of the dams and the restoration of the Savonranta rapids area will benefit, among other things, the highly endangered lake trout. "The locals get a great environment, where you can still see what the rapids used to look like"

The environmental organization WWF co-financed the change and provided expert assistance.

The work has continued as usual in the past period and will be completed shortly.

Perhaps we can fish for trout at the cottage in due course. . .

In the photos: the old situation, the activities and the new situation.



☞ - Sauna culture on the UNESCO list of cultural heritage - ☞

Finland's sauna culture was inscribed on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity on December 17, 2020. The decision was taken by an intergovernmental committee made up of representatives from 24 member states. This is Finland's first entry on the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage List. According to the Ministry of Education and Culture, sauna culture in Finland is "strong and vibrant".

"Being on the UNESCO list means that we are committed to promoting the living Finnish sauna tradition in many ways. In addition to vitality, the continuity of the sauna tradition is ensured and the importance of Finnish sauna culture is emphasized as a hallmark of Finnish customs and practices traditions. "Sauna bathing is an integral part of everyday life and festivities, as well as well-being and lifestyle for Finnish people. Sauna bathing underscores equality and mutual respect between people. This will make our sauna culture even more famous all over the world. All sauna bathers can be proud of this", said Annika Saarikko, Minister of Science and Culture.



★ Book without risk, now still with a discount and without deposit payment until February 28

Booking the Cottage is possible without risk and with a discount until February, 28 2021. Until then, you do not have to make a deposit. Cancellation is possible if you cannot come due to force majeure such as corona. The **early bird discount of 5%** applies to the rental amount, so excluding deposit and the linen package. Check the **website** for more information.

You can book here - Here for Finnish (Suomi).

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With kind regards,

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