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i DID YOU KNOW THIS ABOUT SOTKAMO?

- founded in 1647
- population about 10,300
- population density 3.6 inhabitants / km²
- 300 km² of water bodies
- tax rate of 19.75%
- 19 Finnish baseball championships
- home of the author Veikko Huovinen
- Vuokatti – Ruka Sports Academy and one of Finland's two Olympic training centers operate in Sotkamo.
- Iivo and Kerttu Niskanen and Krista Pärmäkoski, who won medals at the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing, are former students of Sotkamon urheilulukio (sports high school).

Turn your beak towards Sotkamo

Hi there! Sotkamo is a great municipality, but have you ever wondered where it got its name from? Of course from me, Sotka (pochard)! I am also a key figure in Kalevala, the Finnish national epic. Many of Kalevala's stories take place in these stunning landscapes. Sotkamo is one of the oldest municipalities on the municipal map. It is very active and inspiring here, and that is why I too enjoy living in Sotkamo.

Work, residence and leisure combine here seamlessly. Elsewhere, many people only dream of the extensive services, the unhurried feeling and the almost limitless leisure opportunities. For us in Sotkamo, they are a part of our daily life. The icing on the cake is our picturesque nature. Here you can enjoy every moment as if you're on holiday.



In 2022, Sotkamo will be 375 years old. There will be a lot of different events happening all year round. In addition, during the anniversary year, we will collect 375 photos of Sotkamo and the people of Sotkamo from the residents of Sotkamo. Sotkamo Day is celebrated on the 24th of July – welcome!



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A good life for all ages

Sotkamo is the best place to grow your chicks. The little ones have been taken into account in the municipal strategy, and Sotkamo is also involved in UNICEF's Child-Friendly Municipality model, which aims at guiding municipalities to making the best solutions for children. We have top-level early childhood education and maternity and child health clinics.

Of course, the lives of pochard chicks and human children are not only about school. In recent years, new sports facilities have been built for children and young people. There is also a hobby passport for 6th-8th graders and an ePass for 16-20-year-old students. Sotkamo-living students who study in basic education or upper secondary education travel for free with local bus SotKatti.

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Sotkamo has six primary schools and Tenetin yläkoulu (junior high school), where new facilities are currently being built. After primary school, you can continue your studies here in the general or the sports upper secondary school or in vocational studies in the field of sports.

It is also good to grow old here. Like children, seniors too have been highlighted in our municipal strategy. Health services are organized sensibly in a smart way and there is no shortage of things to do. In our new senior park there is varied fitness equipment for everyone, the community college offers a lot of different senior sports and there is a free swimming shift twice a week for those over 70 years of age. Retired persons can also travel for free with local bus SotKatti.

” The smoothness of everyday life is probably the main thing for our family of four. The child health centers and children’s day care are working really well and the children enjoy their school. You can also quickly get appointments at healthcare and dental care. Sotkamo has plenty to do for both children and adults, and there is plenty of space for newcomers in hobby groups.

Services that have risen through tourism bring their own spice to our way of life. There are amazing trails and ski slopes, as well as a spa and great restaurants. When guests come to visit, it’s nice to take them to see them!”

– Suvi Cederqvist

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Sotkamo enjoys exceptionally good services. Here you can go to schools from preschool to matriculation examination or vocational qualification. The model of our health center's own doctor and congestion-free emergency service have been admired all over Finland. The library and the indoor swimming pool are in heavy use, and the community college provides lifelong learning opportunities.

Sotkamo attracts tourists all year round, and with all the migratory birds, the range of commercial services for our locals is top notch. Just steps away from your home nest you can access the spa, the downhill skiing slopes and the ski tunnel. There is a wide range of restaurants here, lots of specialty shops, good grocery stores and quality accommodation.

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Among other things, tourism, ores, agriculture, forestry and berries are sources of livelihood for many.



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(plot stock market)!

Full of life

Sotkamo is a developing municipality where we invest in growth in many ways. There are so many jobs available that we often seek for employees from neighboring municipalities and further afield. There are various jobs to apply for. In addition to the jobs at the municipality, various companies and, of course, tourism offer a lot of job opportunities.

The local entrepreneurs are supported by a comprehensive network of experts. Our business expert helps and advises both new and long-term entrepreneurs, and "Yritystulkki" (a digital service for businesses) can be used to set up and to develop a company. "Etenijä" business service voucher is also used to support business development. There are vacant industrial plots in the Tenetinvirta business area and office spaces in the technology village of Snowpolis.






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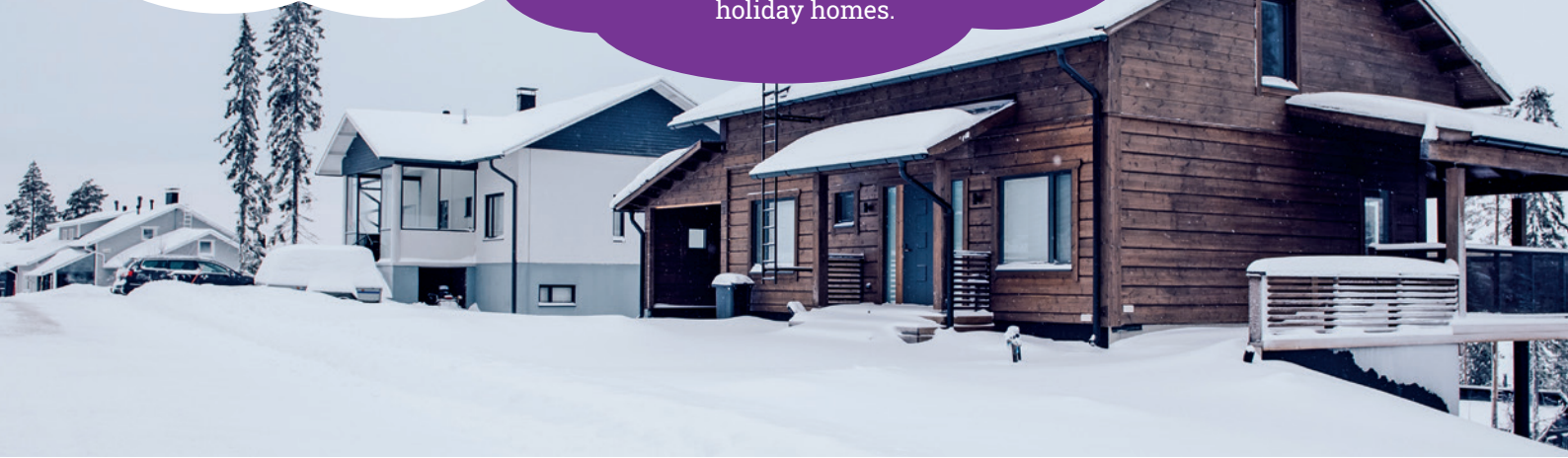

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Make your home nest in Sotkamo, like I did! The detached house plots are spacious and close to both services and nature. New apartment buildings are also under construction. Kiinteistö Oy Sotkanmaa is responsible for the municipality's rental housing. Sotkamo also has a lot of holiday homes.



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Beautiful nature

The beaks of the city birds pop open when they hear about the nature of Sotkamo. Untouched forests, clear water, clean air and breathtaking scenery. Here you can go hiking, trekking, hunting or fishing and much more!

The sources of pride in Sotkamo are the Hiidenportti and Tiilikkajärvi national parks and the cultural landscapes of Vuokatinvaara nature reserve, Vuokatinvaara with its coastal villages and Naapurinvaara hill settlement.

Hiking trails, nature trails, cycling trails and skiing trails are close by. The schoolyards have been built as local sports venues, and Hiukka beach is a summer day's dream. The free gym allows for strength training for everyone. There are several diverse frisbee golf courses in different parts of Sotkamo. Popular sports places are also the ice and the swimming hall in Vuokatti.



Enjoying nature belongs to everyone, regardless of the condition of your flippers. There are also barrier-free routes to choose from, and accessibility will be improved even more in the near future.



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There's always something to do

Your mind rests here in Sotkamo, but it's still not boring. You can go and see new movies at the cinema, and large concerts are held at the Vuokatti Areena and at the baseball stadium in Hiukka. There are also many interesting attractions here.

Sotkamo is also implementing several projects and events related to the selection of Oulu as the European Capital of Culture 2026.

Sports culture is strongly present here. Sotkamons Jymy is one of the best baseball teams in Finland, whose spectators come from long distances. There are also a lot of ski races on our trails, which attract even the top names in the sports field to the starting line.



A movie center is planned in Sotkamo, where large-scale international productions can take place.





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I prefer swimming, but what is your favourite sport? Visit www.vuokatti.fi/en/activities and check out the wide sports opportunities!



Various sports to choose from

In Sotkamo, you can exercise in a variety of ways all year round, whether you want to play sports outdoors or indoors. Just around the corner there are sports fields, an indoor swimming pool, an ice rink, hiking and cycling trails, cross-country skiing and open-air sports venues open to all.

There are great opportunities for skiing here, regardless of the season - thanks to good natural trails and a 1.2-kilometer-long ski tunnel. You can go splashing in the swimming hall, in the spa, on breathtaking beaches or even go ice swimming. In Jymy's home base, baseball is also naturally strongly present.



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There are two Olympic training centers in Finland, one of which operates in Vuokatti and Ruka. In addition, there is the Vuokatti-Ruka Sports Academy, where you can combine studies and top sports from junior high school to university studies or military service.



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