

# Illenpuisto park- Heart of Kartanonkoski



Planning and building of the Kartanonkoski garden city, located in the district of Pakkala, Vantaa, is based on a vision of a green city. The objective is to create a high quality and pleasant residential area close to the airport and industrial and business areas of the ring road. It is also right next to outdoor recreation facilities provided by Vantaanjokilaakso cultural and nature reserves.

Illenpuisto Park is the most centrally located and most important in its functions. It has areas with different activities, characteristics, and maintenance principles. A trench has been shaped into a stream with ponds, overflows, waterfalls and bridges. The north side of the park has a playground for 3-12 year-old children. A summerhouse and a rose garden for residing have been separated from the playground. Activity grounds are situated in the middle of the park with a surrounding park lane. Shrubs have been planted between the lane and private properties in order to create some privacy. The residential block bordering the park consists of housing suitable for people with

various allergies. Consequently, the species of plants in Illenpuisto Park have been chosen on the basis that they cause as little allergic symptoms as possible.

The park also has a fruit garden with berry bushes as well as plum, apple and pear trees. Behind the fruit garden there is a sports playground for 6 - 15-year-old children, which has an asphalt ramp in addition to sports equipment. It is meant for roller-skating, and in the winter it is an ideal place for play in downhill and snow. Separate fenced areas have been built for small and large dogs in the southern part of the park. Each playground and dog park have their individual colors: Near the stream main colors are green and black; in the playground for elderly children blue and hot zinc-coated metal; and the main color of the dog park is green.

SFHP Suomi-Finland Housing and Planning granted Kartanonkoski an environmental award 2006 for being an outstanding example of commendable residential environment and green areas.

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