Jokioinen Estate

The history of the estate begins in 1562, when King Erik XIV of Sweden granted Baron Klaus Kristersson Horn a fiefdom called Jokilääni in the municipality of Porras, southwest Finland. The most prominent owner of the estate (1791–1809), Ernst Gustaf von Willebrand, had most of the current building stock built and established different industries in the estate. The Finnish State acquired the estate in 1918, when it still was one of the largest in the country. It is now in the possession of Senate Properties, a state-owned enterprise.

History of the Estate Park

The estate park dates back to the 17th century. From 1773 to 1791, the owner of the estate, Gustaf Adolf Reuterholm, planted the baroque-style orchard that is still maintained today. The current estate park has kept its shape well from the turn of the 18th and 19th centuries, when its new owner, Ernst Gustav von Willebrand, developed it into an English-style landscaped park. The geometrically-shaped corridors in the eastern part of the park, the back wall of the greenhouse and the 200-year old oak trees are also from von Willebrand’s time. He and his wife are buried in the park woods at the estate.

Ferraria Slope

– Finnish berries and fruits

A wide variety of Finnish berries and fruits grow in the park, such as apples, pears, cherries, raspberries, blackberries, sea buckthorn and currants. There are several varieties of each species for visitors to taste and compare. The park was built by the Municipality of Jokioinen, the Agricultural Research Centre of Finland and the National Plant Genetic Resources Programme, and was opened in 2009. Some of the pathways in the park are connected a recreation route provided by the Municipality of Jokioinen.

Further information:
www.luke.fi/ferrarianrinne

Wendla Garden

– from estate plants to new species

Wendla Garden is located behind the old white tie-stall dairy barn on the grounds of the Jokioinen estate, near Tieltotalo. The garden, named after von Willebrand’s wife Wendla Gustava, was opened to the public in 2008. The garden contains the estate’s old garden plants as well as extensively studied ornamental and berry plants that have received the FinE® trademark. Other valuable Finnish plants, such as varieties of Japanese quince and tansy, have also been planted there.

Further information:
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Come and explore the biodiversity of the horticultural plants at Jokioinen!

National Genetic Resources Programme

The National Plant Genetic Resources Programme was established in 2003 to conserve the genetic resources of Finnish agriculture and forestry. The updated goals of genetic resources work were published in 2019 as part of the revised National Genetic Resources Programme concerning all genetic resources of primary production (MMM 2018:11a). The garden sites in Jokioinen exhibiting plant genetic resources were designed and constructed by the programme and the Jokioinen Municipality. The vegetation of Jokioinen Estate is presented to visitors on the path in the estate park and in Wendla Garden. The Ferraria Slope is a park exhibiting the diversity of food plants. The National Genetic Resources Programme is coordinated by The Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke).

The genetic resources of crops refer to their genetic diversity, the number of different species, and variation within a species. Over millennia, old varieties have adapted to local climates, soil, landscapes and cultures, making them unique. The conservation of genetic resources secures the availability of diversity for the needs of farmers, breeding and research, as well as for use by future generations. The old crop varieties of the Finnish cultural heritage are at risk of disappearing from cultivation use.

We collect information using questionnaires, interviews and calls for plant information. We look for farmers and gardening enthusiasts who grow old plants. Announcements of the plants can be made to us via www.luke.fi/ilmoitakasvi

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THE PARKS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC throughout the year, and admission is free.

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LOCATION AND PARKING
Estate Park: Humppilantie 14
Wendla Garden: Humppilantie 9 E
Parking: Parking areas beside the Tietotalo building in Jokioinen (Humppilantie 9 A), a short walking distance from both parks.
Ferraria Slope: Vaulammintie 10, access from the Alatie road crossing
Parking: Small parking area on the opposite side of Vaulammintie road

CATERING
Tietotalo in Jokioinen: Cafeteria-restaurant Wendla, wendla.fi (Humppilantie 9 A)

OTHER THINGS TO SEE AND EXPERIENCE / SERVICES
Elonkierro: www.luke.fi/elonkierto
Jokioinen Museum Railway: www.jokioistenmuseorautatie.fi
Village blacksmith’s theatre: kylaseppa.com/
Guides in southwestern Häme: lounaishameenoppaat.yhdistysavain.fi
Municipality of Jokioinen: www.jokioinen.fi

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