



## Huovila Park

Huovila Park is a landscaped park in the English style that was founded by Carl Constantin Collin, an engineer, at the turn of the 20th century. The park has now been restored to its former glory.

The park is 3½ hectares in size and includes four ponds. It is situated in a leafy valley between a high ridge and two small hills. Paths and lanes wind around the park, which visitors can walk along to admire the parkland scenery and lush vegetation.

Huovila Park has an abundance of trees, bushes and perennial plants. Tall Siberian firs (*Abies sibirica*) give Huovila Park a unique character and these trees are also spaced along both sides of the lane leading to the park. Nettle-leaved bellflowers (*Campanula trachelium*) and perennial cornflowers (*Centaurea Montana*) are plentiful among the many traditional garden plants growing in the park. Collin ordered plants from continental Europe when creating the park. One aim when renovating Huovila Park was to preserve the original types of plants as far as possible. The bridges, belvederes, gates, fountain, as well as the tables and seats with their sheltering canopies, have also been built to match their original appearance.

Huovila Park is open daily throughout the year. The café, museum, and exhibitions in the park are open from Tuesday to Sunday (11 am – 6 pm) from the end of May to the end of August. A guided tour in Finnish is provided from Tuesday to Sunday at 1 pm the same period. The Kärkölä local museum is also situated within the park. Entrance fee is 5 euros (museum, exhibitions and guided tour).

