

Hidden Gem

THE HIDDEN GEM OF SUMMER 2026 CAN BE FOUND IN HYVINKÄÄ

A hidden gem of domestic tourism can be found in the countryside-romantic landscapes of the village of Kaukas in Hyvinkää. Middle of Nowhere Art Park is a place whose appeal stems from its completely distinctive character. The park's buildings, installations and surroundings showcase the inventive use of recycled materials, giving the place a truly personal feel.

In Middle of Nowhere, art does not wait on white walls but breathes in rhythm with the forest. The roughly 700-meter route leads visitors through the ruins of an old market garden and into the woods. The artworks are placed so that they appear unexpectedly along the way. The art park is designed for the whole family, and its imaginative pieces together with the surprises hidden in nature keep children curious and genuinely excited.

Recognition by the Guild of Travel Journalists

This year, the Guild of Travel Journalists recognized four distinguished contributors to domestic tourism. These acknowledgements highlight tourism actors who have advanced the appeal of travel in a timely, responsible and impactful way.

One of the award recipients was the Middle of Nowhere ITE Art Park, which was honored in the category "Hidden Gem of the Year." The awards were announced at the Helsinki Travel Fair on January 15, 2026.

The Hidden Gem of the Year award is given to a destination that deserves to be more widely known.
– Guild of Travel Journalists

2026 Exhibition – Middle ITE vol3

At the Middle of Nowhere ITE Art Park, visitors can explore works by 30 self-taught artists through the annually changing exhibition and the park's permanent collection. The 2026 exhibition, Middle ITE vol. 3, continues the park's distinctive approach as a dialogue between art and nature.

Middle ITE vol3 Artists:

Alpo Koivumäki (Kauhajoki), Ensio Tuppurainen (Kääpäälä), Esa Leppänen (Lehtimäki), Heikki "Morgan" Hämäläinen (Sysmä), Jaakko Stick (Loviisa), Jori Tapio Kalliola (Rauma), Juha Käkelä (Ylöjärvi), Jussi Ruusulampi (Helsinki), Kalevi Päivärinta (Lohja), Kyösti Iitti (Pöytyä), Leena Nio (Tuusula), Mika Rintamäki (Ikaalinen), Onni Laine (Turenki), Paula Huhtanen (Nokia), Pia Jokinen (Nurmijärvi), Riitta Raitala (Tuusula), Romurinsessa (Lapinlahti), Sahasepät (Turku/Pori), Seppo Suomensyrjä (Villähde), Teuvo Jalonen (Pori), Tiina Huttunen (Nurmijärvi), Timo Peri (Kotka)

Also included are the following artists through the permanent collection:

Eetu Mäki (Turku), Greger Grönholm (Karjaa), K. Tschärä (Tampere), Mikko Ramsi (Vantaa), Pekka Lampinen (Aura), Shadow Room (Vantaa), Timo Karjalainen (Raasepori)

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