Garden and Historical Circuit

In the Annala Park and the Kellomäki area, the traces of Helsinki’s six centuries can be found. The visitor can explore the area by following the “Century Path” circuit. The tranquil locations in Annala Garden wake up the visitor’s senses.
1/French-style Formal Garden

The Formal Garden opens out close to the bustling Hämeentie street inviting the wanderer to explore Annala’s peaceful parkland area. The Formal Garden was restored from 1999 to 2001 under the direction of the landscape architect Grete Hellgürtzel.

2/Villa Anneberg

The Villa Anneberg tells about the foundation of Villa culture near Helsinki. Gustav Otto Wasenius built this Summer Villa in the classicism style in 1832. Today the 13 hectare Annala area is one of Helsinki’s public parks.

3/Orangery

The Orangery greenhouse built in 1844 is one of the most intriguing buildings in the park. Sensitive plants are taken into the Orangery during the winter. Also various varieties of geranium thrive well in the Orangery.

4/Association of Useful Plants

Annala has become a horticultural center in Finland. The Association of Useful Plants oversees functions and lively events in Annala.

5/Theme Gardens

Annala also provides rented allotments as well as Theme Gardens. Kitchen, Apothecary and Dye Plant Gardens offer information of the diverse uses of plants. During the summer the plants in the Butterfly Garden attract the summer’s most beautiful butterflies to Annala.

6/Gardens of Senses

The gardens of the senses are created within the Villa Anneberg environment. City residents and visitors can take a rest on benches or chairs, where art elements such as drawings, poems, crystal or natural stones awaken the senses. Artists aim to attract the visitors’ attention to the beauty of the surrounding nature. The art exhibits are changed yearly. The Gardens will be opened on Helsinki day 12.6.2012.

7/Town Hall Square

The 16th century Town Hall square is a part of the historical park and the starting point of the “Century Path”. It was on this site that the Swedish King Gustav Vasa established the first Helsinki. More information about Old Helsinki can be found on the sign posts along the “Century Path.”

8/Ruins of the first church

Only a few foundation stones are all that is left to show where the oldest church in Helsinki once stood. The church was made from wood in the 1550’s. Within the church ruins, services are organized during the summer as well as other outside activities.

9/Power Station Museum

The red bricked Power Station Museum is kept open by the Museum of Technology selling the surrounding textiles. It is the oldest working power station in Helsinki and still produces environmental power electricity.

10/Old town rapids

The Vantaa River flows through rapids into the Vanhankaupunginlahden bay and from there it flows out to sea. This impressive landscape demonstrates the early industrialization of the capital area.

11/Museum of Technology

The Museum of Technology is located on Kuninkaankartanonsaari island and is the only general museum of technology in Finland. The museum tells about the technical and industrial history of Finland and its industries today with changing exhibitions and a variety of services.

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