## Ruissalo



## **Nature**

The nature of Ruissalo is different as in other areas in Finland. You will see the difference in Tammela on Thursday!

See map: green areas = protected areas

The nature of Ruissalo is unique. The island's old, massive English oaks provide a home for thousands of different species – from tawny owls (lehtopöllö to Natterer's bats (ripsisiippa-lepakko). The English oaks also provide nutrition and shelter for around 500 species of insects, many of which are rare or threatened. The botanical garden of the university is situated in the middle of island.

## Land and villas

The island is owned by the city of Turku, but the city of Turku has rent many plots. The villas on the island are considered culturally and historically valuable in Finland. Some are used as guesthouses, some are owned and governed by the foundations, labor unions, sports teams, and private enterprises on the area.

## **Tourism**

In the westernmost part of the island there is a spa and a camping area. Turku golf course is situated also here. The Botanical garden of University of Turku is situated in the middle of the island. Near the southern tip of the western part of the island have once been a small, unofficial nude beach.

Ruisrock is a rock festival held annually on the island of Ruissalo (e.g. Rammstein in 2005 with 71 000 spectors). In 2022 e.g. Majoe Lazer, Megan Thee Stallion, Playboi Carti.

Ruissalo in the most important recreation ground for local people in the county.