

SUININKI/RIVERS

Rivers Varisjoki, Suininginjoki

Fishing season	1.6. - 10.9.
Allowed snares	Lure and fly
Target catch	Whitefish, grayling, brown trout, rainbow trout
Catch sizes	Trout minimum 60 cm, grayling minimum 35 cm
Quotas	
Permit	The fisheries management fee (18-64 yrs.) + Suininki's fisheries river license Spouse -50%. Youth license under 18 yrs. -50%.
Prohibited areas	
Services	
Driving instructions	Varisjoki Saunakoski: Kuusamo centre -> Vuotungintie (8690) -> to the right Lehdontie Variskoski: Vuotungintie (8690) -> Kiviperäntie

The waters of many great lakes run through Varisjoki river towards Kuusinko river. The river is 7-8 km long and has rapids, quiet waters and small ponds. Rapids take up one kilometer of the river. There are graylings and whitefish in the river, but also some rainbow trout and brown trout can be found. Trout can swim all the way from Kuusinko river to Varisjoki and Suininki rapid thanks to the fish road in Myllykoski. The river is easy to access and there are highway bridges on both the up- and downstream of the river. The upstream consists mostly of the one-kilometer-long Varsikoksi rapid, which is for the most part slowly running and shallow. The river is nearly 50 meters wide. Sport fishers are mostly interested in three parts of the river; the upstream of Variskoski, Raahkolampi's and Syvälampi's rapids in the middle part and Saunakoski area in the downstream. There are long quiet waters between the rapids where perch and pike can be found among more noble fish, but the shores are difficult to walk on.

The area above the Saunakoski Bridge is an excellent site to catch whitefish and particularly large whitefish can be found in the quickly running part of the river around half a kilometer upstream from the bridge. Saunakoski itself is a one-kilometer-long rapid area. Below the rapid there is a short slowly streaming part where graylings can be found in the pits.

Variskoski rapid is around 200-300 meters long and 40-50 kilometers wide. Most of the wideness comes from shallow waters. The deeper riverbed is in the middle and on the west side of the river, which is easy to notice from the Lehdontie's bridge crossing the river. The entire west side shore is a part of the fish farm.

Suininki rapid is a few hundred meters long and its grayling population is fairly steady while the whitefish population can be said to be plentiful. Whitefish can be caught through the summer. Rainbow trout is planted regularly to the river. Location between a long line of lakes guarantees that singular trouts can be found as well.

