

The Potholes of Askola- home of the giants?

Welcome to Askola to discover the potholes - the Giant's kettles - the most extensive geological find of its kind in Finland, located 27 km north of Porvoo. The potholes are situated in an amazing forest on a rocky slope named Kirnukallio. In Finnish Giants kettles are called hiidenkirnut. The largest one is called Jättiläisen kuhnepyty (The Giant's Tub) and has a diameter of 4,2 m and 10,3 m depth (photo).



The potholes were formed more than 10.000 years ago at the end of the last ice age.

Access to Kirnukallio is by a footpath through the woods, starting from a parking lot by the Askola – Pukkila main road (1635). The walk to the pothole area is about 500 m. There is also a scenic path, about 300 m long that leads up to the entrance of the pothole area.

The pothole area is always open to visitors. There is no special wintertime maintenance. An entrance fee is payable on location by cash.

The terrain in the area consists of natural forest paths, rocks and stairs. Visitors enter the area at their own risk.

The address is Hiidenkirnujentie 721, Askola. Association Askola-Seura takes care of the pothole area.