

The central "highway" in the Karhuseutu area is the river Kokemäenjoki that runs through most of the Karhuseutu municipalities and floats finally into the Baltic Sea. The importance of waterways is great in all the municipalities in the area.

The coastline of the Baltic Sea was shaped by ice sheets. Post-glacial rebound is typical for the Bothnian Sea region. Post-glacial elevation can be best observed in the changes in the waterside vegetation. The fauna and the birdlife of the Delta is one of the richest in the Nordic countries.



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KARHUSEUTU ry

Local Action Group
in Finland



Local Action Group, LAG Karhuseutu ry is an association aimed at developing the rural areas, and it is one of Finland's 55 LAGs. The most important task is to encourage local actors, associations and enterprises to develop their actions.

During the program period 2007-2013 Karhuseutu will realize all the Axis 1-4.

LAG KARHUSEUTU

- Located on the Western Coast of Finland
- 56 000 inhabitants
- The area 2253 km²
- Density of the population 25 /m²

Seven municipalities in Karhuseutu:

► Harjavalta

Inhabitants 7736
www.harjavalta.fi

At Hiittenharju sports centre you can practice different sporting activities the all year. The village of Hiirijärvi was elected Village of the year 2007.

► Kokemäki

Inhabitants 8515
www.kokemaki.fi

The Puurijärvi-Isosuo national park offers unique natural scenery at the heart of a cultural environment by the Kokemäenjoki River. Large marshy areas and the shallow and rich lake Puurijärvi, which is an internationally renowned for its birdlife, belong to the national park. The village of Kauvatsa is an important strawberry cultivating



► Luvia

Inhabitants 3392
www.luvia.fi

The seaside municipality of Luvia boasts an exquisite archipelago. One of its islands is the exceptional island of Säppi, where you can find one of the most beautiful lighthouses in Finland. Luvia has strong traditions in shipbuilding. A traditional sailing ship, Ihana will be ready on 2011.

► Nakkila

Inhabitants 6000
www.nakkila.fi

The Arantila rapids lure fisherman to the banks of the salmon-rich Kokemäenjoki to fish its abundant waters. Nakkilan seudun harmonikat ry association is a lively association for young accordion players. The association has been internationally active.



► Noormarkku

Inhabitants 6400
www.noormarkku.fi

The authentic forests, rivers and lakes offer an exceptional opportunity for hiking, canoeing and camping. The Ahlström iron works is one of the best preserved iron works in Finland.



► Pori

Inhabitants 76200
www.pori.fi
Pori is the centre of the Satakunta province.

The high street of village Ahlainen has been elected one of Finland's cultural landscapes. Reposaari is an idyllic fishing village which had a notable role already during days of sailboats due to its location. It is an island where the river meets the sea, and it has therefore been an important port for the sawmill industry, amongst others. Yyteri is Finland's best known and most beautiful beach, where one can engage in wind-surfing, for example. Yyteri's alluvium is known by ornithologists all over the world.

An old lighthouse which now serves as a pilot station and the BSF sailing club in Kallo. People gather on the rocks of Kallo to admire huge waves during storms.

► Ulvila

Inhabitants 13800,
www.ulvila.fi

There are 12 active villages in Ulvila. The beautiful Leineperi iron works, were many different artisans practice their trade, and where markets are held annually. Lake Joutsijärvi offers an excellent environment for camping and hiking, with the Reitti hiking-network.

