



Márkanbáiki – Sámi open air museum

The day visit venue Márkanbáiki is different during spring. Giđđageassi, spring summer, makes its entrance. The reindeer are not grazing here right now but are on other lands after the winter. The thaw weather conditions mean that our outdoor exhibitions can be somewhat difficult to access due to meltwater, however, accessibility increases with each passing day. The fire in charming Café Sápmi is burning and both lunch and coffee are served; the handicraft and deli shop is open too. Bures boahhtin - Welcome!

Discover the Márkanbáiki area, which is located on Jukkasjärvi's original assembly and marketplace, at your own pace and on your own with the help of signposted and easy-to-read information which is available in Swedish and English. In our **open-air exhibitions** you can learn about the culture, traditions, garments, different devices, nomadic lifestyle, and history of the reindeer herding Sámi people. Look at art works, walk along our short nature and culture trail and enjoy the scenery. The **playground** Mini Sápmi invites kids to exploration.

Access to the outdoor area is dependent on snowmelt and may be limited.

In **Café Sápmi**, our giant lávvu-like restaurant with a fireplace in the centre, and in our outdoor serving area we serve traditional Sámi food and fika with a modern twist. Reindeer meat and fish are traditional parts of Sámi cuisine that is about pure taste, quality and care for animals and nature. So why not rounding off your visit with a **local food experience** in mesmerising ambiance? We also serve exciting berry beverages and the village's best coffee.

Some variation in supply may occur depending on season and raw material supply.

Giđđageassi, the spring summer, is the season when the sun begins to warm, and the bare ground slowly but surely emerges while the thaw water runs off. Greenery is awakening, vegetation peeking out and birds are chirping. The time for cleaning and maintenance after the long and harsh winter has come. In between duties well-deserved breaks are enjoyed by sitting on a reindeer skin outdoors with a cup of steaming fresh brewed coffee and the first slices of the delicacy of fresh, dried reindeer meat on gáhkku-bread.

In the **shop** you find local Sámi **handicraft**, among others antler designs, Sámi silver jewellery, leather bracelets and reindeer skins, and a carefully selected range of **delicatessen** from Swedish Lapland. Buy something with you as a memory or gift, thereby supporting the area's creators and artisans.

The reindeer are away, close to the mountains and the females prepare for calving during miessemánnu, the month of May, and the long migration with the herd towards their summer pastures, thereafter.

For the summer season, which kicks off on 6 June, a part of the reindeer herd will be back in Jukkasjärvi again.

OPEN:	Tuesday to Saturday, 10.00 - 16.00: 22 April - 4 June 2022. Sunday and Monday closed. Café Sápmi is open 11.00 - 16.00, kitchen closes 15.30.
FREE ENTRANCE FEE:	Due to the spring thaw it can be wet in the outdoor area, so access is limited, and the reindeer are absent.
ADDRESS:	Marknadsvägen 2, SE-981 91 Jukkasjärvi. Next to Jukkasjärvi church, and 900 m from Icehotel. 15 km from Kiruna Airport and 20 km from central Kiruna. Local bus 501, bus stop "Jukkasjärvi Kyrkan".
QUALITY:	Nature's Best Sweden, Sápmi Experience and Sustainable Arctic Destination certified.