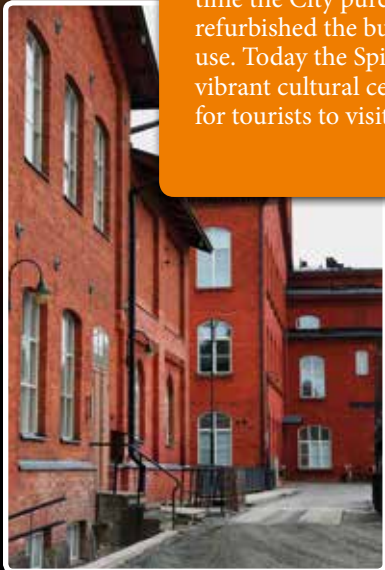




# WELCOME TO THE FORSSA SPINNING MILL!

Swedish-born Axel Wilhelm Wahren (1814-1885) founded the Forssa Spinning Mill in 1847. A factory community gradually developed around the mill. Spinning operations ended in the early 1980s, at which time the City purchased the area and refurbished the buildings for cultural use. Today the Spinning Mill is a vibrant cultural centre and fun place for tourists to visit.



## FORSSA MUSEUM ①

operates in a former cotton warehouse, which is one of the oldest buildings of the Spinning Mill area (built in 1849). The permanent exhibition of the museum, City of Colourful Cloth, tells the story of the factory village and surrounding area in a fun and beautiful way. The child-friendly exhibition provides a good introduction to Forssa and can be viewed multiple times. The museum is fully accessible.

Forssa Museum, Wahreninkatu 12, Tel. 03 4141 5100  
Tue-Fri 10-16; Sat 10-14 (summer 12-16); Sun 12-16  
[www.forssanmuseo.fi](http://www.forssanmuseo.fi)



The former spinners for waste cotton (built in 1874, expanded in 1960) is now home to the **FORSSA TOWN LIBRARY AND THE VINKKELI EXHIBITION SPACE**, Nature Museum and Kirjava cafe. In the library, you can read newspapers, magazines and online publications, or use computers connected to the internet. There is a wireless network available. The website has more information about events at the library. The Vinkkeli exhibition space in the 2nd floor of the library houses temporary art exhibitions.

Library and Vinkkeli exhibition space,  
Wahreninkatu 4, tel. 03 4141 5405  
Mon-Thu 11-19, Fri and eves of holidays 11-17,  
Sat 10-14, (30.9.-1.5., no summer Saturdays)  
[www.lounakirjastot.fi/forssa](http://www.lounakirjastot.fi/forssa)  
and [www.forssa.fi/kulttuuri](http://www.forssa.fi/kulttuuri)

## FORSSA NATURE MUSEUM ④

Learn about the nature and natural conservation work of the southwest Tavastia (Häme) region via the permanent "Suojassa" exhibition. In addition to the permanent exhibition, there are also temporary exhibitions. The museum is fully accessible. Free admission.

Forssa Nature Museum Wahreninkatu 4,  
Stairway "A" tele. 044 272 9002  
From 15 June - 15 Aug. open Tue-Sat 10-16,  
at other times of year Wed, Fri and Sun 12-16  
[www.luontomuseo.fi](http://www.luontomuseo.fi)

## RESTAURANT STATUS ⑤

The city's hottest nightclub Status makes people party within the brick walls of a carpenter's workshop built in 1883. There is an all-season terrace outside under which flows the Loimijoki River.

Ravintola Status, Wahreninkatu 4A  
[www.ravintolastatus.fi](http://www.ravintolastatus.fi)

## HUSHÄLLSKA ⑥

is a charming interior design and gift shop at the gate of the Spinning Mill area. The shop is located in one of the buildings called "Wahren's pytinkis", which were built in 1848 as housing for the workers along the street that leads to the Spinning Mill. The common rooms of the buildings were the home of young factory workers, who were kept in line by a strict supervisor.

Hushällska Sisustusliike,  
Wahreninkatu 2, 03 435 7093  
Open Tue-Fri 10:00-17:30 and  
Sat 10:00-14:00  
[www.hushallska.fi](http://www.hushallska.fi)





## CHIMNEY TERRACE AND THE OLD DYER ⑦

The chimney terrace is open every day in the summer in the middle of the Spinning Mill area starting at 11:00 am (Sun 12:00). We offer food, pastries and fresh drinks as well as local ice cream in a cheerful and hearty style. Catering is possible for groups (20-150 people) in the adjacent Catering Restaurant Old Dyer, which serves year-round.

Chimney Terrace and Old Dyer,  
Wahreninkatu 11,  
Tel. 050-5272037  
info@piipputerassi.fi  
www.vanhavarjari.fi



## BOWLING ALLEY ⑧

There is a long tradition of bowling in Forssa, as there was a bowling alley as early as the 1850s in the park along the Spinning Mill area. The current bowling alley is on the ground floor of the historic Spinning Mill. The old factory milieu of red brick and the adjacent roaring rapids create a leisurely setting for knocking down pins.

Forssa Bowling Alley,  
Wahreninkatu 11, Tel. 03 422 6262  
Mon-Thu 10:00 - 21:00; Fri, 10:00 - 23:00;  
Sat 11:00 - 23:00; Sun 11-16  
Glow bowling Fri-Sat 19-23  
www.bowling4you.fi/forssa



⑨

*"What about the wonderful park of Forssa - It is just like a paradise. Wherever you look, all you see are pretty things made by the human hand"* (Tampereen Sanomat 1879).

In the midst of old linden trees, oaks and elm trees you can sense the atmosphere of the 1800s. Alongside the park, there is a playground, tennis court, houses for the managers of the Forssa company, and a factory school. The heart of the Forssa National Urban Park is the company park. Access to the park is free of charge.



1. Forssa museum
2. Town library
3. Vinkkeli exhibition space
4. Forssa Nature museum
5. Restaurant Status
6. Hushällska
7. Chimney terrace and Old Dyer
8. Bowling alley
9. Park

wk

WahrenKeskus  
www.wahren-keskus.fi