

# VERLA'S JOURNEY FROM BOARD MILL TO TOURIST ATTRACTION

Verla is a well preserved 19th century mill village and a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1996. The first groundwood mill at Verla was founded in 1872 and continued to operate until 1964. The small mill village of Verla, located near Kuusankoski, south-eastern Finland, has in the last ten years gained public recognition as a splendid visitor site. The site which has gone from board mill to tourist attraction is drawing interest from visitors near and far. Visitors to the museum, formerly a groundwood plant and board mill, get a clear impression of the work practices and working conditions of a bygone era. The whole mill is preserved in its original condition and can be viewed in the summer months under the guidance of expert tour guides.

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