



Cooldown in Korouoma

We are arranging a super nice cooldown event in Korouoma, Posio. That's the main place to ice climb in natural ice falls in Finland. There you can find also easy and hard lines for mixed climbing. Korouoma is nature reserve, 260 km from Oulu.

In our cooldown trip, we will sleep in an old village school, take your own bed linen or sleeping bag with you. You might also like to have a sauna in the evening, so bring your towel. Here are organisers having a nice weekend couple years ago.

In our cooldown we will have a guide who knows the Korouoma like his own pockets and can recommend right spots for everyone.





Natures playground for
iceclimbers and mixed
climbers

Here is a introduction to the most popular ice falls (luontoon.fi):

Revontuliputous

The ice in Revontuliputous (the Northern Light Fall) is often flaky and the ice layer thin, as the water usually only runs in late autumn.

Height of the wall: about 40 metres

Width of the wall: 5-10 metres

Steepness of the wall: 80-90 degrees

Tuulen tie

Sections of short frozen waterfalls on the cliff, trees are growing on top of the cliff. There are snow-covered stones at the foot of the cliff. Tuulen tie (the Winds Way) has thin, finger-like formations of ice, most of them vertical. It is not suitable for climbing every winter.

Height of the wall: about 40 metres

Width of the wall: 80-100 metres

Steepness of the wall: 85 degrees

Jaska Jokunen

A tall and wide uniformly frozen waterfall on the cliff. There is snow and trees in the surroundings.

The water usually only runs to the Jaska Jokunen (Charlie Brown) icefall in late autumn, and the ice is thin and flaky most years. Some winters, the middle section of the wall turns into an ice cave that lends itself to an adventurous overnight stay.

Height of the wall: about 50 metres

Width of the wall: 20-60 metres

Steepness of the wall: 50-90 degrees

Onnekas

A narrow frozen waterfall on the low cliff face There are trees in the surrounding and snow-covered rocks in the foreground.

The Onnekas (Lucky One) icefall forms infrequently. It is located about 100 metres upstream along the River Korojoki from Mammuttiputous (the Mammoth Fall).

Height of the wall: about 50 metres

Width of the wall: 20-25 metres

Steepness of the wall: 80-90 degrees

Mammuttiputous

A wide and tall frozen waterfall on a tall cliff. There are trees on top of the cliff, trees can also be seen in the snow in front of the cliff.

Mammuttiputous (the Mammoth Fall) is one of the most popular climbing spots at Korouoma. The wide frozen fall offers several climbing routes of various levels of difficulty. The right side of the icefall is some 50 metres high, and the width varies from year to year. The brook that creates the ice originates on the slopes of Yli-Voho Hill. Most of the brook's clear water comes from a spring, which gives the ice sheet its distinct blue colour.

Height of the wall: about 35-50 metres

Width of the wall: 40 metres

Steepness of the wall: 50-90 degrees

Ruskea virta

An ice wall in the middle of an uneven cliff face. There are trees both on top and at the foot of the cliff.

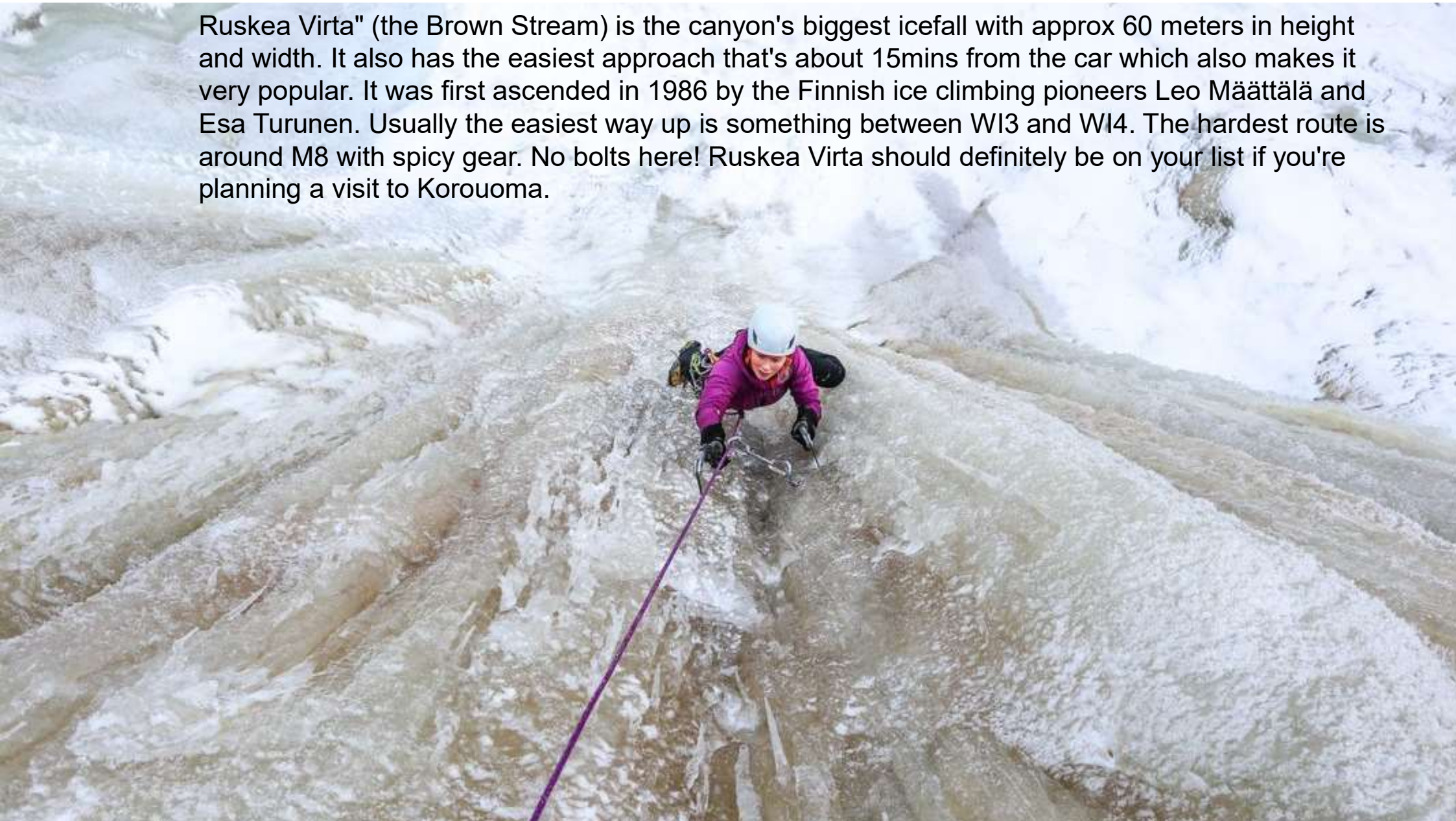
Ruskea virta (Brown River) at Piippukallio is Korouoma's largest and highest icefall. As the highest frozen waterfall at Korouoma, it poses a challenge even for more experienced ice climbers. The middle area routes rise to about 60 metres. The water flow is strong all through the winter, and if the frost sets in early, you can go climbing at the turn of October and November. The last pieces of ice usually disappear at the turn of May and June.

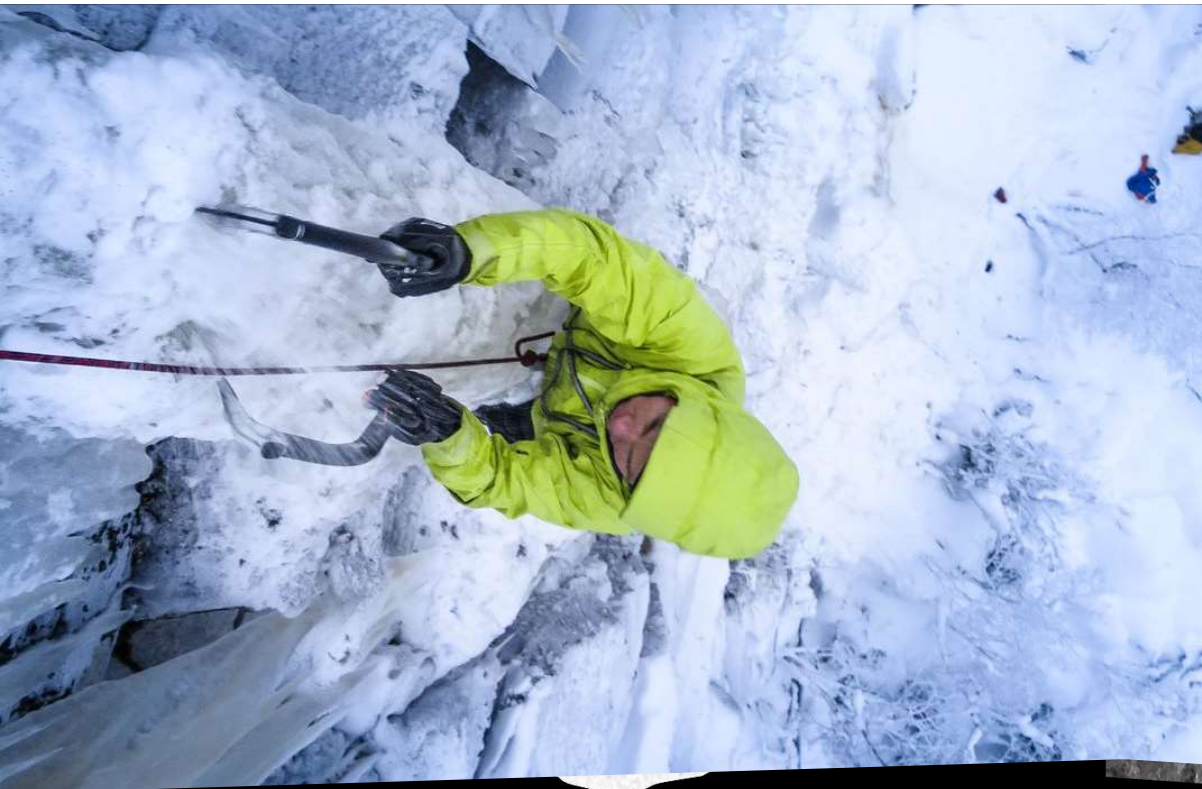
Height of the wall: about 35-60 metres

Width of the wall: 40 metres

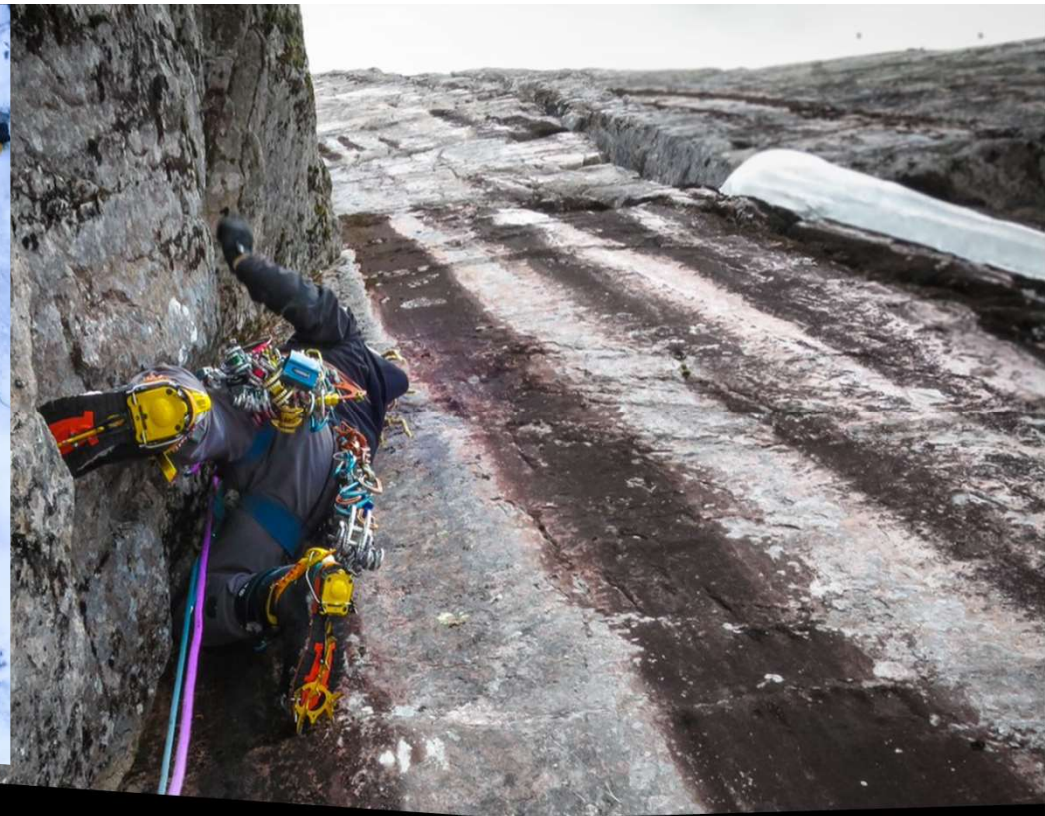
Steepness of the wall: 70-90 degrees

Ruskea Virta" (the Brown Stream) is the canyon's biggest icefall with approx 60 meters in height and width. It also has the easiest approach that's about 15mins from the car which also makes it very popular. It was first ascended in 1986 by the Finnish ice climbing pioneers Leo Määttä and Esa Turunen. Usually the easiest way up is something between WI3 and WI4. The hardest route is around M8 with spicy gear. No bolts here! Ruskea Virta should definitely be on your list if you're planning a visit to Korouoma.

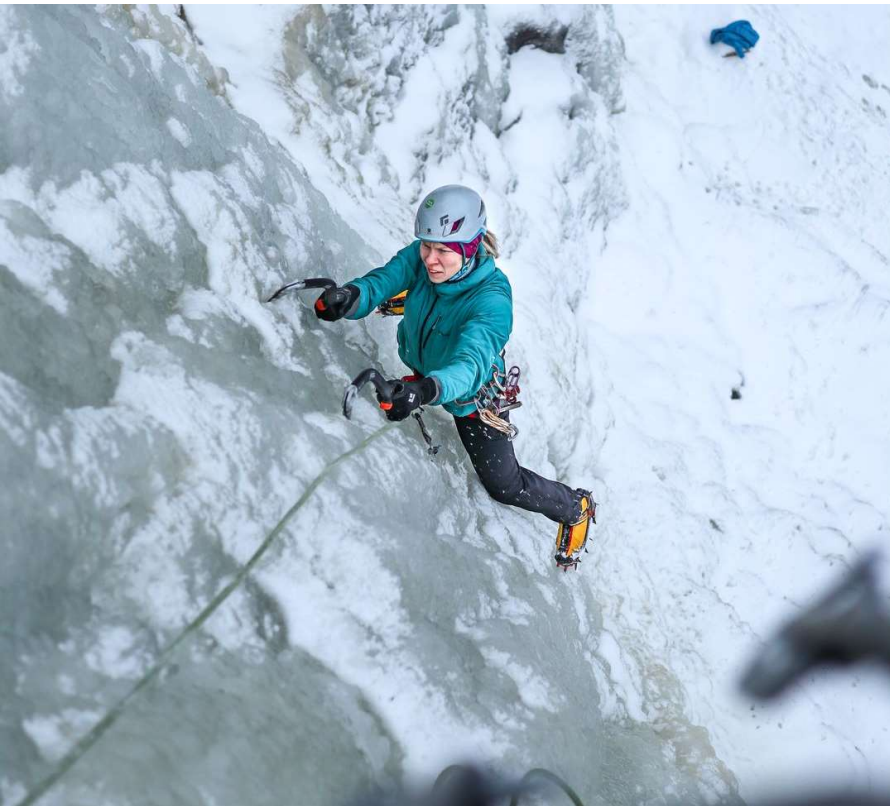




The first ascent of "Kaunein" (The Most Beautiful) in 2007 marked the start of a new era in Korouoma history. Following the example of Johan Lindemark and Ulla Tiikkainen, climbers from the close by cities of Rovaniemi and Oulu found out that the western part of the canyon had tons of unclimbed stuff, that were just waiting for climbers who were willing to do the 60-90min approach. Kaunein has a reputation in Finnish ice climbing scene, not so because of it's grade (WI4+...WI5), but more by the fact that it doesn't form every year. Statistically your chances of finding it climbable are around 40%.



Further downstream from the popular icefalls is small jewel called "F18". It's easiest way up is not easy at all, and you'll better arm yourself with some small cams and stubbies, too! It's named so because a Hornet came to greet the FA team while they were making their way up.



Take your own climbing gear with you. If you need to borrow something, let us know beforehand. Ropes you should have your own. We recommend to have a thermo bottle and warm clothes with you. With the 90€ you can join us. The price includes two nights at the school, a guide to the Korouoma. Doesn't include food (there is a kitchen) and transportation.
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Purchase your ticket now, we will
have fun trip and hard moments

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