



History and geology



History

- Vaala was established in 1954, but there has lived people since the Stone Age (for almost 9000 years).
- The municipality of Säräisniemi was established in 1865.
- Vaala used to be Säräisniemi before the year 1954.



General

- There was a huge hotel, but it was destroyed in the war.
- There is still a piece of the bomb left at Ahmala.
- Lake Oulujärvi has always played an important role in the everyday life in Vaala.
- Lake Oulujärvi covers the fourth of the area of Vaala



Geology

- A part of Rokua Geopark belongs to Vaala.
- The landscape was shaped during the Ice Age.
- The bedrock is of granite and gneiss (2800-1800 Ma).
- Low hills, forests and mires are typical of Vaala

An erratic boulder in Kankari, Vaala

The archaic gneiss deposit in Kilonniemi, Manamansalo.

Pirunkallio in Säräisniemi belongs to the oldest archean bedrock zone in Europe.



Many land formations and geological deposits that were formed during the Ice Age can be seen in Manamansalo and on the nearby islands.

For example the beach ridges on the island of Kuosto.



Archeology

- Some archeological ceramic finds from Nimisjärvi:
 - comb ceramics (from the Iron Age 300 A.D.)
 - stone objects, e.g. pots



Sources

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