



Mountain Park «Ruskeala» is the pride of Karelia, located just in 290 kilometers from St. Petersburg. It is an amazing combination of marble mountains, turquoise lakes and lush greenery. While walking around, it is difficult to imagine that just a few centuries ago this place was an adit, where marble was mined under hard conditions.

This marble deposit was discovered in the middle of the 17th century. Its development began during the reign of Catherine the Great. The construction of Winter Palace, St. Isaac's Cathedral, Marble Palace and Mikhailovskiy castle required a huge amount of marble and the nearest marble deposit was right

here.

In the 1980s the adit was closed and nature began to conquer this area. In 2005 it was decided to open the «Ruskeala» marble mountain park on the site of the former adits that was already an ideal place for walks and leisure - quiet and incredibly beautiful.

As a result, a convenient walking path appeared around the entire quarry and observation platforms were created in places with the most picturesque panoramas. Guests can find many outdoor activities: excursion routes, diving, boating, bungee jumping, sledding.



Extreme sports lovers can either walk along the tightrope over the water surface or ride a 400-meter zip wire stretched right above the canyon. An unforgettable experience and an adrenaline rush are guaranteed.



Rowing boats are suitable for those who like a low activity rest or for those who want to feel like a Mediterranean pirate traveling through the grottoes in search of treasures.

In winter time, when the grottoes and canyon get completely frozen, an ice-skating rink opens in the mountain park with different ice

sculptures created by artists.

In the dark, the canyon and grottoes are illuminated and look fantastic. It's worth coming here just to look at this beauty. Every year there are more opportunities for both summer and winter visits, so for those who were in «Ruskeala» park several years ago, this place would seem completely new and would impress even more.

You can reach «Ruskeala» park by car or bus but one of the most exotic ways to get to the park is «Ruskeala Express». A steam-powered retro train has been running since June 2019.

Ruskeala retro train includes compartment and restaurant cars. The interiors are decorated in the retro style of the end of the XIX century.



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