

INFORMATION ON THE BORDER ZONE FOR MEDIA

In order to maintain order and security along the borders, there is a border zone that runs along the Finnish border with Russia. The border zone extends to a maximum of three kilometres on land.

Moving around within and staying in the border zone requires a permit. You can be punished for entering the border zone without a permit. The border zone is being monitored.

Be careful not to stray into the border zone by mistake. Keep an eye on the signs (shown below). The outer limit of the border zone is marked on the terrain. This outer limit is marked with yellow signposts, with yellow rings painted onto or attached to trees and columns, and with barriers located on roads and pathways. In waterways, the zone is marked with yellow beacons, buoys and leading marks. The outer limit of the zone is also marked on most terrain maps.

Principally, we do not arrange visits to the border zone for representatives of the media. **If you are interested in visiting the eastern border, we recommend visiting a border crossing point.**

Before your visit, you should contact the local Border Guard District, and inform us about your schedule and any interview needs.

You can also visit the easternmost point of Finland and of the European continent in Ilomantsi. There you can visit the border without passing through the border zone.

Learn more on
our website.

raja.fi/en/border-zone-permit



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