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Year: 2011

Name: KOESTI WATERMILL II

Location: TALLINN

Address:

Project: MANU - Manual work

Initial Date: 18/07/2011

Final Date: 30/07/2011

Min Age: 18

Max Age: 30

Places: 2

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### Project

The aim of this camp is to help renovation works of the historical watermill Koesti. This watermill dating from the end of 18th century is an important object of heritage for the local community. The oldest part of the building existing at present was built in the second half of 19th century. In 1930 the watermill was made two-storied and on the river side the engineering for producing electric power was built. After the Second World War several changes have been made there. Today association managing the watermill put a lot of effort into developing it into a hydroelectric plant, which started to give first energy now. And this is a very important step for the local community which goes along with the general plan to raise the production use of energy from alternative sources in Estonia. At present such generating alternative energy projects have not been developed in Estonia yet to the noticeable extend, therefore Koesti Watermill is an important initiative which should be supported.

### Work

The work will involve mainly cleaning up/ recovering of the hydro power station canal and the banks of Koesti creek. This means quite physical work in the water removing mud, stones, branches of trees, etc. Volunteers have to bring rubber boots. Also there may be some clearing up the green areas around the mill and occasionally simple conservation jobs in the building (e.g. cleaning the walls before painting). Volunteers will be working 7-8 hours per day 5 days a week under the supervision of local technical leader.

### Accommodation

The accommodation facilities will be quite simple: you will stay in the mill house in camp beds. Please bring your own sleeping bag. Please note that the shower is a self-made ¿summer shower¿ with the warmed water though. And there is dry toilet only. But you will have a good chance to try Estonian sauna on weekend. Simple traditional local food will be prepared by the hosts, volunteers will be asked to help cleaning and washing up. Possibility of making own food is limited.

### Location

The project is located at the border of Viljandi, a town situated in South Estonia on Sakala Upland. Town of Viljandi with its 20,000 inhabitants is an independent unit of local authority and the centre of the county. As a culture town it is well known for its valued Culture Academy, Ugala Drama Theatre and the famous international Folk Music Festival (<http://www.folk.ee>) held yearly at the end of July. Viljandi lies 160 km from Tallinn, 98 km from Parnu and 80 km from Tartu. More information about Viljandi on [www.viljandi.ee/?id=506](http://www.viljandi.ee/?id=506) and [www.viljandimaa.ee/turismiinfo/?la=eng](http://www.viljandimaa.ee/turismiinfo/?la=eng)

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Terminal

Airport, harbour, bus & train station in Tallinn; bus and train to Viljandi.

Special requirements

This camp is not suitable for volunteers allergic to different plants or hay. Be prepared for physical work. Please note rather simple washing facilities in this camp. You have to bring your sleeping bag, working clothes and rubber boots. Volunteers older than 35 are particularly welcome!

Leisure time

There are a lot of possibilities for leisure time activities as camp will take place in the town where one can find attractions for all tastes: sightseeing and museums, festivals, concerts, live music, pubs, etc. You can also spend time at Viljandi Lake and go swimming. Or simply stay at the mill having bonfire, barbeque and sauna with locals.