Forssa National Urban Park is an experience for all the senses. The park offers the peace and quiet of nature in the middle of the city, which means long, refreshing walks, beauty, wonder and spending time with others. The Urban Park is our pride and joy.
The national urban park of Fossra was founded on 30 March 2015 upon a decision from the Ministry of the Environment. The park spans about 445 hectares.

A national urban park can be established to retain and care for beautiful cultural or natural landscape, natural diversity, historical characteristics or related urban, social, recreational or other special values.

The urban national park of Fossra tells the story of the rapid change from centuries of agricultural activity into an industrial hub. In Fossra, you can see the history of industrial and residential building with its various stages and building methods. The red-brick industrial buildings are surrounded by a community where parks, industrial workers’ residential areas, schools, day care centers and other service buildings and the villas of the directors form a unique, layered urban structure. The Lomijoki River valley and the esker are wonderful scenic elements.

The status of a national urban park is a recognition of the environment shared by the residents and visitors. It helps the town develop the environment available to the residents, increases appreciation for the areas and offers recreational activities and events.

18. Esker Recreational Forest Area
   The esker features a pine forest and a lighted one-part running track, the Hursuma forest, the Nyholm pond and the surrounding woodland.

19. Cemetery and chapel
   The cemetery is one of the most beautiful parks in the town, featuring old hardwood and well-lined birchwood.

20. Linkokalanmäki and sports fields
   This is the most popular spot in the summer, featuring a beach, a sports field, running tracks, exercise areas, a basketball field and tennis courts to boost your body and your mind.

21. Old Hospital Section
   You can peek at the old section of the hospital behind the newer building. It was partially built into the slope leading to the wooded recreational area of Korkeakallio.

22. Korkeakallio Residential Area
   This area of apartment buildings was the first demesne/land residential area accepted for a national urban park in Finland. The spacious block structure creates the only atmosphere of an urban park.

23. Esker parks
   Listen to the pine trees sing and hum in the wind in downtown Fossra, not in the hospital. Paths surrounded by birch and My of the valley run up and down the steep esker.

24. Lomijoki River and esker
   Slowly looking and turning its way through the town, the Lomijoki River once brought life into the town and still leaves a large part of its identity.
We, the residents of Forssa, live and work in the middle of a national urban park. This recognition reflects our town’s respect towards its cultural scenery, rich nature and the valuable urban landscape. The national urban park of Forssa was founded on 30 March 2015 upon a decision from the Ministry of the Environment. The park spans about 849 hectares. The urban national park of Forssa tells the story of the rapid change from centuries of agricultural environment into an industrial hub and into a beautiful and living town of parks. Let our urban park take you in and soothe your soul.