Information to Wild Berry Pickers from Abroad

Visa (labour permit) is required for seasonal work in wild berry picking in Finland. The visa gives you the right to pick wild berries in Finland. You cannot do other kinds of work with it. For this reason, you cannot pick berries on a berry farm with a visa granted for wild berry picking. Read more here: Seasonal Work in Finland. If you wish to do other work in Finland, read about the permit process on Residence Permits.

If you are an asylum seeker and have resided in Finland for at least three (3) months, you may pick wild berries as a private person in Finland for your own use or for selling. Read more here: Asylum Seeker’s Right to Work.

The details of Finland’s ‘Everyman’s Right’ must be observed in wild berry picking. Have a look at the brochure on ‘Everyman’s Right’.

Also get acquainted with:
- Right to Work in Finland Without a Residence Permit
- humantrafficking.fi – information about human trafficking

North Ostrobothnia Employment and Economic Development Office advises in matters related to the picking of wild berries and other natural products by foreigners

North Ostrobothnia Employment and Economic Development Office looks after the counselling and statement matters associated with the picking of wild berries and other natural products by foreigners in Finland.

North Ostrobothnia Employment and Economic Development Office provides advice for enterprises inviting foreign wild berry pickers and berry pickers on farms in the following matters:

- dealing with the correct authority
- dealing in general with various authorities
- the tasks in the administrative sector of the Ministry of Employment and the Economy.

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