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Ekomuseum Västergötland



107 experiences close to nature
in the cultural area of upper Ätran valley



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Follow the CULTURE TRAIL!

Kulturvägen – The Culture Trail is an area of experiences where you will find many destinations that are often run and maintained by small local companies or not-for-profit associations. Here you will find farm shops, countryside accommodation, restaurants, cafés, arts & crafts and museums. All embedded in a diverse landscape characterised by farms with artefacts from thousands of years past. We arrange many activities using the beautiful, relaxing countryside and its rich history as the backdrop.

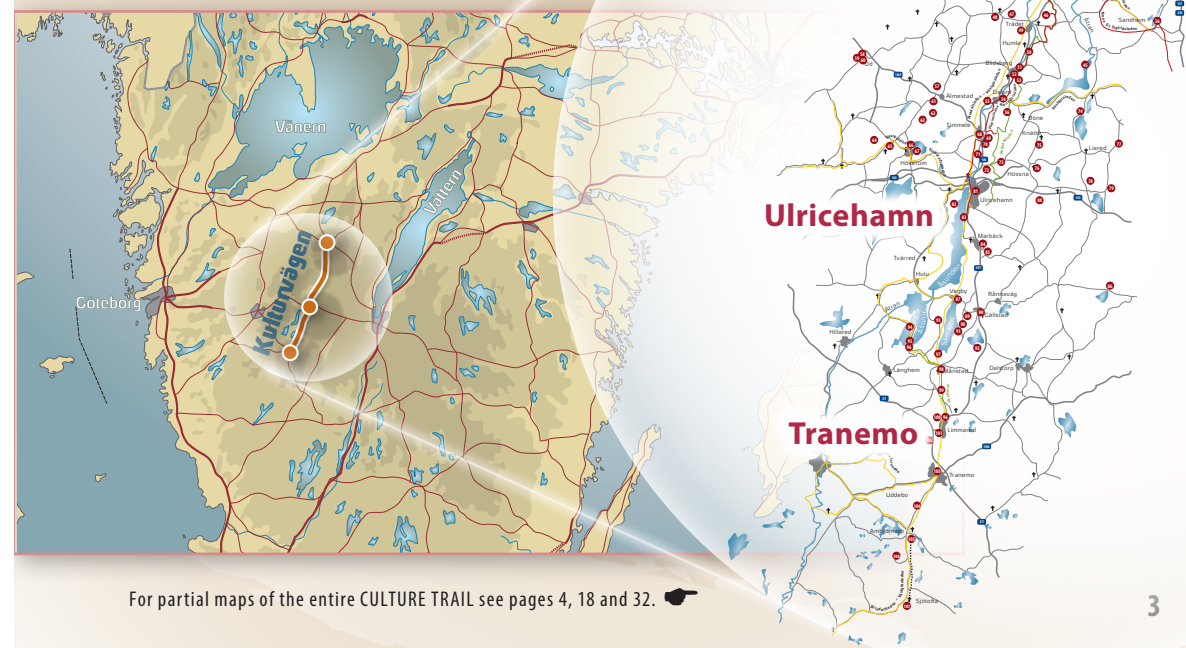
steads, mediaeval churches, rune stones, stone-age graves and nature reserves tell the story of our history. Also, take the time to enjoy the smells, tastes, visual impressions and encounters with locals of this living countryside.

For even more destinations, visit our website www.kulturvagen.se, translated into Danish, English, Dutch, German, French, Spanish and Arabic.

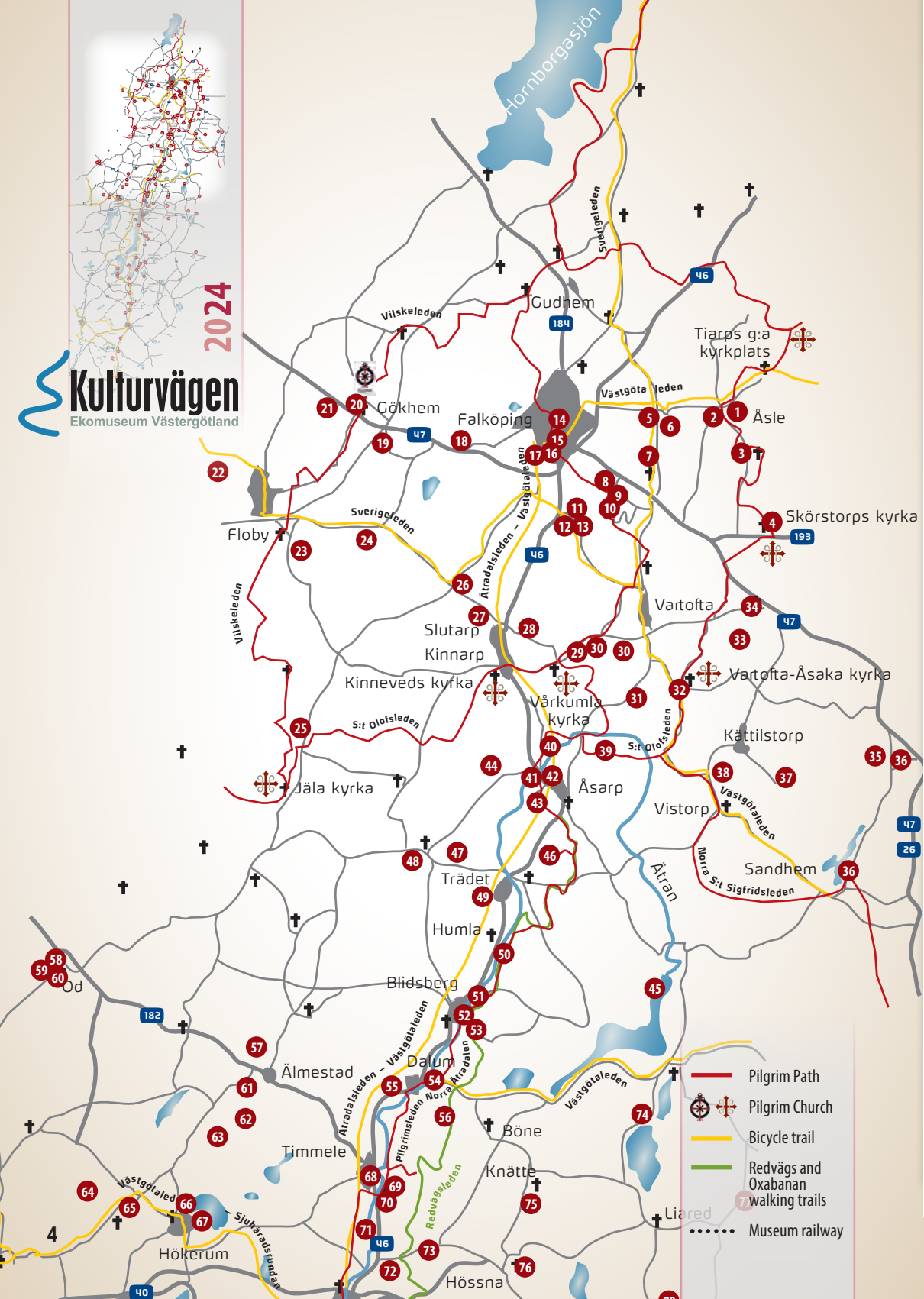
Welcome!

Kulturvägen spans the northern part of Åtråns valley and its surroundings. The river Åtran was an ancient communication route stretching from the coast to Västergötland's interior. Trade was conducted along this route and the latest information was relayed. In earlier times, these parts were a borderland and were often invaded by hostile armies.

Drive along the winding roads and let the old farms, home-



For partial maps of the entire CULTURE TRAIL see pages 4, 18 and 32.



1. ÅSLE TÅ

Åsle Tå is a living museum with the best-preserved peasant cottages in Sweden. Along 'Tågatan' the low-built cottages can still be found in their original locations, making this a unique historical setting from the 18th and 19th centuries. These were the homes of artisans, orphans and the very poorest people in the village. Step inside and experience the lives and fate of the people of Åsle Tå. See the authentic interiors and acquire an insight into the artisans' lives. Guided tours can be booked. **Agricultural Museum, conference facilities, café/restaurant and catering.** Home maid pastries and dishes from locally produced products are served. Several walking and cycling trails nearby. 10 pitches for motorhomes with electricity, wifi, toilet, shower and water incl an entrance fee for one person.

Open Apr and Sep Wednesday–Sunday 10am to 4pm. May–Aug daily 10am to 6pm. Pre-booked groups are welcome all-year round. Café and Restaurant Åsle Tå, see website. Walk around the cottages on your own even outside regular opening hours.
Directions Located directly opposite Åsle Church, signposted from road 46 and road 47. GPS: 58.178889, 13.687275.
Info www.asleta.se, FB: Åsle Tå upplevelsemuseum, FB and Instagram: @cafe.restaurang.asleta. Info and booking – groups and guides +46 515 360 48 or contact the tourist office in Falköping, +46 515–88 70 50.

2. ÅSLE CHURCH

Small picturesque middle-age church with a unique collection of engravings of crosses in stone.
Open May–Sep daily 8am to 8pm.
Directions In the centre of the village, signposted from road 46 and road 47. GPS: 58.177519, 13.686233.
Info www.svenskakyrkan.se/falkoping/vara-kyrkor.

3. MULARP CHURCH

The small white church dates from the early middle ages and is one of the oldest (and smallest) churches in Falbygden. Inside is a fine crucifix and a Madonna picture from the middle ages. The church is also unique for its tower, built in the 16th century, which is not in proportion to the rest of the building.
Open May–Sep daily 8am to 8pm.
Directions Located right along the roadside, signposted from road 193. GPS: 58.1617, 13.7075.
Info www.svenskakyrkan.se/falkoping/vara-kyrkor.

4. SKÖRSTORP ROUND CHURCH

A beautiful small church – the only remaining rotunda church in the Skara pastorate, one of only eight in Sweden and a couple of hundred in Europe in total. Rotunda churches have long been classified as fortified churches. The construction of round churches largely coincides with the Crusader Period. The prototype is the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem that was renovated and rebuilt following the first crusades. Following that time, rotunda churches experienced a construction boom across large areas of Europe, likely inspired by returning pilgrims and crusaders. At least two other rotunda churches have stood in Falbygden, in Agnestad and Dimbo.
Open May–Sep daily 8am to 8pm. For guided tours all-year round about Skörstorp's (and Europe's) round churches, call or send sms to Conny Johansson +46 767–85 86 00.
Directions Next to the road 193 from Falköping towards Tidaholm. GPS: 58.1260, 13.7313.
Info www.svenskakyrkan.se/falkoping/vara-kyrkor.

5. HOPAMARKEN KARLEBY MOOR

Hopmarken lies in the eastern part of the chalkstone plateau of upper Falbygden. The area, previously open pastureland is



Åsle kyrka (2)



Åsle Tå (1)



Skörstorps rundkyrka (4)

today a mosaic of wetlands with orchids, meadows, wetland woods and fens. To the south lies open moorland. Access for wheelchairs (ramp).

Directions An information sign can be found by the road between Falköping and Åsle. Parking.
GPS: 58.174776, 13.627582.

6. DJUPADALEN KARLEBY

A beautiful and geologically interesting nature reserve. A stream has cut a deep ravine in the slopes of Åsle moss. Higher up are chalk ledges. Steep slopes of alun lead down to the stream which runs over sandstone falls.

Directions Take road 47 from Falköping towards Jönköping, turn left towards Karleby. Signposted from the road north of Karleby. GPS: 58.17151, 13.63907.

Info www.vastkuststiftelsen.se.

7. KARLEBY LÅNGA

Karleby has been inhabited since the stone age and is one of Swedens oldest single street villages. Ancient burial mounds lie in a row along the road which dates back several thousand years. The concentration of stone age graves is unique. Scandnavias largest burial mound – "Ragnvalds grave", can be found here.

Directions Directly north of Karleby church. Parking area and signs along the roadside. GPS: 58.15368, 13.63778.

8. AGNESTAD ROUND CHURCH RUIN

The ruin of a small middle age rotunda church. According to tradition, Agnestad was one of the church sites founded by St. Sigfrid.

Directions North of Ålleberg, along road 47.
GPS: 58.150531, 13.601716.

9. ÅLLEBERG PLATEAU HILL

Seen from almost all places in Falbygden, Ålleberg is a characteristic feature of the landscape. Ålleberg with a plateau 335 meters above sea level, unlike other plateau hills is not overgrown with coniferous forest. Along and below the hill slopes, deciduous forest grows with elements of noble deciduous trees. On the hill plateau there is a mosaic of meadows, moors, bushes, sly and young forest. Some of these are very **species-rich habitats**. Wells spring up at the foot of the hill or on the slopes, for example Hokällan (Ho well) on the northern slope. Ålleberg is a **nature reserve**. There are three **hiking trails**, where the northern one of 2 km offers nice viewpoints and is adapted for the disabled and prams. At the beginning of the 19th century, one of the country's largest gold finds was found on the hill – **Ållebergskragen** (the Ålleberg gold collar) with beautiful ornate rings in pure gold, probably from the 5th century AD. A copy of the collar is to be seen at Falbygdens Museum in downtown Falköping. According to legend, Ållebergs Ryttaire (Ålleberg's knights) are in the interior of the hill. Should the worst happen, they will ride out of the hill and save the country. **FalbygdsTurism organizes guided tours** with a focus on nature, geology and history, booking +46 708 33 40 78. **Gliding activities** are conducted on the hill and there is also a **gliding museum, café/restaurant, overnight rooms, camping and pitches for motorhomes**. For more info see the destination Ållebergs Segelflygmuseum (Ålleberg Gliding Museum). **Directions** Signposted from road 47, a few kilometres south east of Falköping. GPS: 58.13743, 13.59923.

10. ÅLLEBERGS SEGELFLYGMUSEUM

Gliding came to Sweden in the early 1930s and from 1941 the **plateau hill Ålleberg** became its National Center. Through a national fundraising, it was possible to buy in principle the entire Ålleberg and the first hangar was built and at the

same time a temporary runway was prepared and inaugurated 1941. Additional hangars and buildings were added and the runways have been extended and improved. Swedish Nationals were held here until 1967. Then the runway became too small when the number of participants increased. The Swedish Soaring Federation has its headquarters on the hill and today educate instructors and gliding technicians.

The Gliding Museum was inaugurated in 1984 in the oldest hangar and was then the only one in northern Europe. Part of the museum's approximately 20 exhibited gliders are in airworthy condition and are flown by Segelflygets Veteransällskap (The Swedish Veteranglider Association) during the summer for a weekend every month and a whole week in July. Then it may also be possible to **join a flight**. When visiting the museum you may have a **guided tour** of the museum. Right next to the museum is a summer **restaurant/café**. Here you also can book **accommodation** with hostel standard as well as **camping and pitches for motorhomes**. The plateau hill Ålleberg offers fantastic views and species-rich changing habitats. The area is today a **nature reserve** with several **hiking trails**. For more info see Kulturvägen's destination Ålleberg Plateau Hill.

Open The museum is open from 11 am to 6 pm.

4 May–2 June: Saturday-Sunday (also 9-10 May).

6 June–25 August: Monday-Sunday (closed 21-23 June).

31 August–29 September: Saturday-Sunday (also 27 September). Other times by appointment.

Directions From Falköping follow road 47 about 3 km east towards Jönköping. Turn right at the signs "Segelflygskola" Gliding School. Left at the T-junction and then follow the asphalt road up the hill to the car park.

GPS: 58.13743, 13.59923.

Info www.svs-se.org/segelflygets-veteransallskap/segelflygmuseum, +46 515–371 85. If no one answers, call Björn Svensson +46 708–15 86 11.

The restaurant +46 515–371 57.

11. LUTTRA PASSAGE GRAVE

The passage grave ("gånggrift") with Ålleberg in the background, are a something of a symbol for Falköping. The graves, from the stoneage, date back approx. 5,300 years. For **guided tours** all-year round, please contact FalbygdsTurism +46 708–33 40 78.

Directions From road 46 south of Falköping, take the road to Vartofta. You'll find the grave close to the road, a few hundred meters east of Luttra church.

GPS: 58.13163, 13.56884.

Info www.falkoping.se/museet.

12. LUTTRA CHURCH

A picturesque church with red painted tower, built at the end of the 12th or early 13th century. The original alter paintings show pictures of Mathew and Luke.

Open May–Sep daily 8am to 8pm. For **guided tours** all-year round, please contact FalbygdsTurism +46 708–33 40 78.

Directions Situated by road 46 south of Falköping.

GPS: 58.1320, 13.5640.

Info www.svenskakyrkan.se/falkoping/vara-kyrkor.

13. FALBYGDSTURISM

Experience and enjoy Falbygden and the unique plateau hill landscape, at the same time as you get to take part in stories and the history about medieval churches, stone age tombs, plateau hills and nature reserves. FalbygdsTurism, with the locally based guide LuttraAnki, offers **guided tours** and experiences on foot, bus, car or bicycle. The guided tours are given individually or in groups via ready-made concepts or tailored to your needs.

Open All-year round.

Info www.falbygdsturism.nu FB: FalbygdsTurism, Instagram: @falbygdsturism, Ann-Christine Rundquist +46 708–33 40 78.



Djupadalen Karleby (6)



Gånggrift vid Karleby långa (7)



Ållebergs Segelflygmuseum (10)



Luttra gånggrift (11)



FalbygdsTurism (13)



Galleri Sandström (15)

14. FALBYGDEN MUSEUM



Visit the exhibitions "Ancient Times in Falbygden" and "Another Thousand Years", and experience the history of the area going back thousands of years in words, sounds and pictures. See the remains of the ancient dog, models of passage graves, the gold collar from Ålleberg, all the mediaeval churches and the unique recreation of the "Raspberry Girl's" face. With the help of maps and guide booklets, you can discover the town and the landscape on your own. Also temporary exhibitions and the Children's Museum. Free admission.

Open All-year round, see the website.

Directions St Olofsgatan 23, Falköping.

GPS: 58.168671, 13.552740.

Info www.falkoping.se/museet, +46 515-88 50 50.

15. GALLERI SANDSTRÖM – NEW

The artist PA Sandström works mainly with raku-fired ceramics and sand-cast glass with a focus on unique faces. Raku is the name for a ceramic firing technique that has its origins in Japan since the 16th century. PA Sandström has 20 years of experience in artistic activity with exhibitions within and outside the country.

Open Thursdays 10am-6pm and Fridays 10am-5pm (closed 1pm-2pm) and Saturdays 10am-2pm. Other times upon arrangement.

Directions Trädgårdsgatan 32, Falköping. GPS: 58.16160, 13.55520.

Info www.pasandstrom.se, +46(0)733-44 00 44.

16. KULTURHUSET BILDKÄLLAN

A non-profit association that runs an **art gallery** at Stora Torget in Falköping. Arts and crafts of high class and varying types with 10-12 exhibitions per year. **Gift shop.**

Open All year round but closed for 3 weeks in July/August.

Directions Storgatan 10 in Falköping.



Kulturhuset Bildkällan (16)



Vilhelmsro Gärdscafé, B&B (17)



Johansson Lamm & Ull (19)

GPS: 58.161082, 13.55464.

Info www.bildkallan.com, FB: Kulturhuset Bildkällan.

17. VILHELMSRO GÅRDSCAFÉ, B&B

Welcome to a **unique farm dating back to the 19th century**, just 600 metres from Falköping's main square. There is a charming **farm café**, where they serve home made cakes and food. **Music evenings, exhibitions, lectures and various events** throughout the year. Vilhelmsro also take **group bookings** every day of the week – weddings, festivals, conferences and more. There are eight comfy beds in four charming rooms at the **Bed & Breakfast**. You have access to a lounge with TV, WiFi, patio, shared bathroom and a well-equipped kitchen.

Open See website and Facebook.

Directions Located directly south of the centre of Falköping and St Olof's church. Go past St Olof's cemetery and drive straight on to the farm at the very end.

GPS: 58.154937, 13.550353. **Info** www.vilhelmsrogard.se, FB: Vilhelmsro Gärdscafé, +46 10-264 10 20.

18. MARKA CHURCH



12th century church renovated in 2013, whereupon unique medieval paintings were discovered beneath the old layers of plaster – an incredible discovery of enormous artistic and cultural-historical value, as it is extremely unusual to find the oldest medieval, Romanesque paintings preserved in this way. The set of paintings is the largest continuous Romanesque set preserved in the province, and in fact knows no parallel in terms of Swedish mural painting from the same era. They are believed to have been created by a local workshop.

Open May-Sep, daily 8am to 8pm.

Directions Along road 47, west of Falköping.

GPS: 58.1589, 13.4802.

Info www.svenskakyrkan.se/falkoping/vara-kyrkor.

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19. JOHANSSONS LAMM & ULL

Our **farm shop** offers products from the farm's sheep and lambs. You will find meats, charcuteries, cosy sheepskins, carded and dyed wool for felting and needle felting. We also sell needle felting accessories, cookie cutters and felted creations. The end of March to April is our lambing period. Come pet the little lambs.

Open When we're at home our shop is open, or you can call us before visiting. Open for the Art Roadshow during Easter, Friday–Sunday 12pm to 5pm, as well as during Falbygden's Art Night.

Directions Approx. 8 km west of Falköping. Along the road 181, approx. 500 metres south of the road 47 and road 181 junction. Coach parking. GPS: 58.162360, 13.417061.

Info www.lamm-ull.com, FB: Johanssons Lamm & Ull, Instagram: @johanssonslamm.ull, +46 739-87 90 04.

20. GÖKHEM CHURCH

The church is abundant with limestone paintings. The arch in the nave has never been limewashed, leaving the paintings unusually well preserved. Some signs hint at the possibility of the paintings being done by Master Amund in the late 15:th century. The church also exhibits two 12:th century baptismal fonts. One probably comes from the church of Överkyrke, which today is a ruin about 200 meters southeast from here. The wooden construction holding up the roof is one of the oldest ones still preserved in Sweden. Its timber was felled as early as in the 1140:s.

Open Daily 9am to 7pm.

Directions In the centre of Gökhem's old village. GPS: 58.174092, 13.40817.

Info www.svenskakyrkan.se/floby/vara-kyrkor, Floby Pastorat +46 515-72 38 80.

21. GÖKHEMSKOGEN

Gökhemskogen is a privately owned **recreation area** with marked trails of different lengths in a scenic nature and cultural environment. At the beginning of the last century, the area was a cultivated landscape and tuberculosis was still raging. At that time Runstedt was parish priest in Gökhem. In 1902 Runstedt put the local school children to work by sowing pine trees that grew and became what is today called the great forest. Because nature is of great importance as a source of recreation, Gökhemskogen's owners work for the local outdoor life and thus contributing to better health, understanding of nature and a vibrant countryside. Some parts of the area are accessible to wheelchairs and prams.

Open All year round.

Directions From Floby: Take road 181 towards Falköping. Turn left onto road 47. After 2,4 km turn left. After 200 m there is Parking for forest visitors. Parking for buses is available on request at Torpa Gård & Ångar 0706-76 27 42. Bus stop Ålleberg. GPS: 58.176657, 13.384349

Info www.torpa.nu/aktiviteter/natur-kultur/, +46 706-78 32 99.

22. ALPHEM ARBORETUM

The arboretum was created by Frans Johan Gegerfeldt, a local postman, between 1903–1953. Here you can find rare trees and bushes from all over the world. Besides there are unique stone and rock creations, laboriously constructed by Mr Gegerfeldt. The family home he built, can still be seen in the park along with his memorial stone, which he himself chose. A young boy, who used to visit the arboretum, later worked for Walt Disney and used the Gegerfeldt house as a model for the house of the Seven Dwarves in the film "Snow White". Alphem Arboretum is now run by a not-for-profit association, which organises a number of **activities** including Midsummer celebrations. During the Summer months



Gökhem kyrka (20)



Alphem Arboretum (22)



Gökhemskogen (21)

there is a **café** in the grounds. Both the café and its toilet are wheelchair accessible.

Open The arboretum is open all year round. The café is open during the Summer. See the website.

Directions From Falköping follow sign for road number 47 towards Trollhättan. Turn off towards Floby and then follow sign for Arboretum. Parking available for cars and coaches. Night parking for a mobile home. GPS 58.14548, 13.316116.

Info www.alphem.se. For booking of guided tours phone +46 767-91 62 27.

23. FLOBY ANTIKVARIAT



Floby Antikvariat second-hand bookshop sells books on all subjects – from detective stories and popular fiction to the von Wright brothers, poetry and regional literature. Porcelain, glass, textiles, gramophone records, postcards, maps, newspapers – yes, here you can find everything under the sun. We also have a flea market with everything imaginable. The shop is located in a former Swedish Evangelical Mission chapel built in the 1920s, a very special building.

Open Year-round Sundays 11am to 5pm. Extra open in July, see the website. Open other times by arrangement.

Directions A white house close to (southeast of) Floby church. Car and coach parking on the road. GPS: 58.12353, 13.35120.

Info www.flobyantikvariat.se, FB: Floby Antikvariat, +46 515-409 40.

24. GÖTEVE CHURCH



The church was built in the 12:th century. Some of its oldest treasures are fragments of limestone paintings, its baptismal font, a 13:th century icon and a depiction of the Madonna hailing from the 15:th century. Over the course of centuries, the church has been expanded, rebuilt and adapted to the needs of the new ages. Its interior is packed with gems to discover and behold. Among them is a richly decorated wooden

ceiling, an adorned gallery and a beautiful pulpit.

Open Daily 9am to 7pm.

Directions Between Slutarp and Floby.

GPS: 58.123833, 13.413084.

Info www.svenskakyrkan.se/floby/vara-kyrkor, Floby Pastorat +46 515-72 38 80.

25. WARDINS GÅRDSPRODUKTER

Organic show garden with farm produce on sale. Stroll around on your own or in pre-booked groups and experience the market garden with all your senses. Maria and Sven-Åke have always been interested in food, culture and older types of vegetables in combination with permaculture. Organic production began in 1996 and today the farm produces more than 90 different vegetables, herbs, berries, fruit and a great number of flowers. **Self-picking** of vegetables, flowers and berries. Rent a simple barn as a **party venue**, with or without food. Disabled access. **Service point for hikers** (water, toilet, pre-booked food) along the pilgrim trails **Vilskeleden** and **S:t Olofsleden**. **Parking for motorhomes.**

Open Kålgårdsvandring (guided tour in the garden), food and drinks including catering are to be prebooked. The farm shop is open Thursdays 10am to 4pm or by arrangement during harvest season. Products are also sold in REKO-rings (collaboration of small-scale producers).

Directions Jäla is situated about 20 km south-west of Falköping. In Falköping, take the road 47 towards Trollhättan, turn left towards Jäla. Follow the signs to Jäla for about 17 km. When you come to Jäla turn to the right just before the sign to Jäla and up the hill approx. 200 metres. Coach parking 150 metres from the farm. GPS: 58.03642, 13.36642.

Info www.wardins.se, FB: Wardins Gårdsprodukter, +46 708-92 11 19, +46 733-84 10 17.



Floby Antikvariat (23)



Wardins Gårdsprodukter (25)
(Foto: Angelica Lyckborg)



Mönarps Gård (26)


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26. MÖNARPS GÅRD

Here you are staying near a working farm. In the **guest wing** there are 4 double rooms with private bathroom and sauna in some of them. On the farm is also a **guest cottage** with a double bed. Access to shared kitchen for both options. Welcome to visit the beautiful **show garden** with flowers, kitchen garden and apple grove. There is an **outdoor kitchen** and **barbecue area** that overnight guests have access to. Close to **cycling and hiking tracks**. For activities on the farm see the Facebook page.

Open All-year round. Booking also via **airbnb**.

Directions From Ulricehamn towards Falköping, at Slutarp: turn left and follow the signs to Mönarps Gård. From Falköping: take Road 47 towards Trollhättan, turn left towards Jäla. After approx. 8 km, at the T-junction, follow the signs towards Mönarps Gård. GPS: 58.101874,13.481406.

Info www.monarpsgard.se, FB: Mönarps Gård, Instagram: @monarps.gard, +46 701-91 82 77.

27. SLUTARPSDÖSEN

"Slutarpsdösen" – a dolmen Stone age grave with a rectangular, 2 metre long, 1 metre wide tomb covered by a single capstone. The tomb once held the skeletons of 30–34 individuals. The capstone is about 3.5 metres long, 2 metres wide and 0.5 metres thick. The capstone's upper has a large number petroglyphs of carved footprints and cup marks.

Directions In Slutarp, take the road west towards Floby. After approx. 500 metres, you'll find the cairn on a small hill in the field on the left-hand side of the road. GPS: 58.0901250,13.512361.

Info www.falkoping.se/museet.

28. LIDEN LANTBRUK

Welcome to Liden Farm in beautiful Falbygden. The farm raises suckler cows, calves and Connemara ponies and has

been KRAV certified since 1994. Gamlastugan, the old farmhouse from 1860, has been carefully renovated and is one of our **guest houses**. The genuine atmosphere remains, as do the old tiled stoves. The cottage has 4+2 beds in three rooms, a lounge and a large old-fashioned hall. Fully equipped kitchen and a bathroom with a shower and washing machine. Lilla Loftet is cosily equipped with a double bed, bunk bed and sitting area. Kitchen, shower and toilet downstairs. Large living room with a fireplace.

Open Rent accommodation on a weekly or daily basis. Gamlastugan can be booked year-round. Lilla is available for booking May–Sep.

Directions 10 km south of Falköping. At the north entrance to Slutarp on the road 46, turn towards Värkumla 3/Vartofta 8. About 550 metres down, you'll see a table on the left with three milk bottles. GPS: 58.083435, 13.532152.

Info www.lidenslutarp.se, FB: Liden Lantbruk B&B, +46 768-97 03 27, +46 763-44 37 84.

29. JENSENS ATELJÉ

Jensen's ateljé is a combined **art gallery, shop and studio**, located in the old village school in Värkumla. In the gallery artist Kristian Jensen exhibits his colourful but still subtle paintings along with 3D pictures, where surprising shadow like images can be seen across the canvases. His paintings are dreamlike but also full of details which portray a feeling of natural mystery as well as an illusion of depth. Mr Jensen's unique approach of layer-upon-layer technique, using ink, paper and scalpels, helps the viewer to feel a part of his art. In the shop you can buy original art as well as reproductions, trays and post cards. Within walking distance of the gallery are the notable twin passage graves of Vårskäl. Nearby is also Värkumla pilgrim church, built in the 12th century and the pilgrim trail S:t Olofsleden passes the studio.

Open Phone first or take a chance that we are at home.

Directions From Falköping take road number 46. In Slutarp

turn left towards Värkumla. Follow the road for 3 km; then turn left towards Vartofta. Follow the road for 1 km. From Ulricehamn take road number 46 and turn right in Kinnarp towards Värkumla. Follow the road for 4 km. Parking available for cars, coaches as well as camper vans. GPS 58.08045, 13.57910.

Info www.jensensatelje.se, FB: Jensens Ateljé, Instagram: @jensensatelje, +46 766-16 59 00.

30. TVILLINGGÅNGGRIFTERNA I VÅRSKÄL

In Värkumla, on the road between Kinnarp and Vartofta one of the largest passage graves "gånggrifter" in Falbygden can be found. The large capstones are impressive and have probably been transported here. A couple of kilometres towards Vartofta you can find "Gran-Annas" well preserved cottage from the 18th century.

Directions In the fields south of the road between Värkumla and Vartofta. GPS: 58.082411,13.588577.

Info www.falkoping.se/museet.

31. SMULA ÅS

An impressive ridge of boulders situated between Vartofta and Åsarp. Marked of many years of hard grazing. The flora is rich and varied including thousands of Violets, nature reserve.

Directions East of the road between Åsarp and Vartofta, opposite Smula village. GPS: 58.04378, 13.59552.

Info www.vastkuststiftelsen.se

32. VARTOFTA-ÅSAKA

Gravel ridge with rich flora to the west of Vartofta-Åsaka church. Vartofta Åsaka church, dating from the middle ages lies high up on the top of a hill in the middle of the village.

Directions Along the small roads between Åsarp and

Vartofta. GPS: 58.064870, 13.658448.

Info www.svenskakyrkan.se/falkoping/vara-kyrkor and www.vastkuststiftelsen.se.

33. NOLGÅRDEN, NÄS

Nature reserve. Gravel ridges formed by years of grazing and haymaking lie like long islands in the fields. The flora is very rich and distinctive. An example of these steppe plants is the feather grass (*Stipa pennata*) and here is the richest occurrence in Scandinavia. Among the so-called companion plants are dragon flower, color marten and magnificent brown herb.

Directions The reserve is located in the Näs parish along the road between Näs and Björstorp. Entry from road 47.

GPS: 58.089108, 13.697487.

Info www.vastkuststiftelsen.se.

34. KÄLVENE CHURCH

Grey medieval church built from raw stone in the 12th century. In the weapon house an old punishment stock for four people from the 17th or 18th century can be found. The outer door is the original, made from solid pine with iron fittings.

Open For church service and by agreement.

Directions Road 47 from Falköping towards Jönköping. Turn right at the second exit towards Vartofta. The church is located on a high open hill close to the road 47.

GPS: 58.0989, 13.7219.

Info www.svenskakyrkan.se/falkoping/vara-kyrkor.

35. LJUNGHEMS BACKAR

Natural/cultural area with beautiful ridges, plateaus, damp valleys and ancient fields. The Ljunghem hills are known as one of Sweden's hundred pearls. There is a rich flora that suits the calcareous soil as well as several cairns and stone circles. The ridges were formed during the last ice age by calcareous ice stream material from Falbygden.



Liden Lantbruk (28)



Jensens Ateljé (29)



Tvillinggånggrifter i Vårskäl (30)



Varggropen i Vistorp (38)



Ryttarens Torvströfabrik (37)



Fageråsstugan (39)

Directions Road 47 Falköping–Jönköping. Turn off towards Sandhem. Ljunghem's hills are located just west of the road. GPS: 58.038506, 13.827066.

36. ERIKSGATULEDEN GORGES

One walking trail – an early medieval road system – that was likely a part of the "Eriksгатuleden" trail, begins at Sandhem church. On certain sections, up to twelve sunken lanes can be found one after the other ("hålvägar"). The trail leads through forests and alongside lakes and farms, passing remains of Sandhem's aquavit brewery that was one of the biggest in Västergötland in the 1800s.

Directions Noticeboard next to Sandhem church and sign-posted from road 47. GPS: 57.994176, 13.785847.

37. RYTTARENS TORVSTRÖFABRIK

In 1906, agronomist Nils Hartelius of Sandhem started the Torvströaktiebolaget Ryttaren company. The purpose of the factory, was to take advantage of the good peat found in the bogs east of the factory. The peat moss factory was in operation until the autumn of 1997, and in 1999 it was taken over by the Ryttarens Torvströfabrik Association. Today, Ryttaren consists of a large belt-driven **peat moss factory** with associated machine house. The area also contains a sawmill, a former wood-wool factory, worker dwellings and a narrow gauge **railway** for transporting peat moss from the bogs to the factory. Ryttarens Torvströfabrik is one of Sweden's two **peat museums** and the only preserved factory in this size from the last turn of the century that has functioning machinery. The entire facility has been a listed historic building since 2012. The factory is open for **tours** including an exciting trip on the railway to the former peat-cutting sites. **Coffee served** during the guided tours. Ryttaren has a 2.5 km long **hiking trail** with information boards through the bogs. **Open** 13 July–11 Aug: Saturday–Sunday with tours at 3pm. The café opens at 2:30pm.

Peat Day 7 Sep, 10am to 3pm. Other opening hours according to arrangement for groups (minimum 10 people).

Directions Ryttaren is located 25 km south-east of Falköping. Turn off the road 47 towards Kättilstorp, 13 km south-east of Falköping. At the railway crossing, turn left at the yellow sign: Ryttaren 4. Parking, also for coaches. GPS: 58.02140, 13.73660.

Info www.ryttaren.nu, FB: Torvströfabriken Ryttaren, +46 705–16 30 39, +46 702–36 05 84.

38. VISTORPS WOLF PIT

Restored wolf pit ("varggrop"). A couple of km north of Vistorps Church, 200m from the road. Detailed information can be found at the site.

Directions Approx. 100 metres east of the road between Kättilstorp and Vistorp. Signs show the way. GPS: 58.027121, 13.693879.

39. FAGERÅSSTUGAN

The Fagerås cottage, which is owned by Åsarp's Local Historical Society, is a typical farm from the 19th century. **Waffles, café** and **exhibitions**. Not suitable for wheel-chairs.

Open July, Sundays 2pm to 5pm.

Directions From the church in Åsarp drive 2km towards Vartofta. Follow the sign to St Fagerås Hembygdsgränd to the right. Parking. GPS: 58.03662, 13.60044.

Info www.hbfasarp.se, Margareta Runesson +46 730–91 98 52.

40. EKEHAGENS FORNTIDSBY

Ekehagens Forntidsby is an **archaeological open-air museum**, located in beautiful oak woodlands along the river Ätran. Here you can find reconstructed prehistoric settlements from the Stone-, Bronze and Iron ages. Cows and sheep



Ekehagens Forntidsby (40)



Fredahl Rydén's begravningsmuseum (42)



Alvareds bro (41)





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Open See the website.
Directions In the village of Åsarp, located on road 46, follow sign for Ekehagens Forntidsby. Parking available for cars and coaches. GPS 58.0322762, 13.5573969.
Info www.ekehagen.se, FB: Ekehagens Forntidsby, +46 515-88 67 60.

41. ALVARED BRIDGE

The ford at Alvared has since time immemorial been a natural crossing point over the Ätran River. A wooden bridge can be found on the very first map from 1642. In the 18th century, a new bridge made of oak was planned. It was never constructed as a royal ordinance dictated that public bridges should be built of stone. The stone bridge at Alvared was built in 1766, using four segmental arches. Unfortunately, on the upstream side the stonework did not last very long and had to be rebuilt in the 1830s. At the end of the 19th century, the fourth arch, to the north, was removed. Alvared Bridge was taken out of use in the 1920s. In 1952, it was badly damaged by flooding. It was repaired in 1973 and most recently in 2011, where the fallen arches were raised slightly, all the weathered stone was replaced with new stone and new rails were fitted.
Directions Next to the bridge over the Ätran river on road 46 at the northern end of Åsarp. GPS: 58.02694, 13.54999.

42. FREDAHL RYDÉNS BURIAL MUSEUM

The burial museum ("begravningsmuseum") displays burial items associated with Swedish traditions and items from the company's own production.

Open By arrangement. **Directions** Fredahls is just west of Åsarp centre, north of Road 46. GPS: 58.025147, 13.562056.
Info www.fredahlrydens.se, +46 515-77 72 00.

43. OLSBROSTENEN

Engravings depicting 4-footed animals from the Viking period. "The large animal" was a royal symbol from Denmark and the picture can have possible connections to the throne in Imperial capital of Constantinople. This is the only rune stone in Sweden that mentions Estonia.
Directions West of Åsarp, signposted from road 46. Parking for cars and coach. GPS: 58.017123, 13.556571.

44. JANSA-JOHANS STENMUR

An impressive stone wall with an unusual background. Built during the 1880's by Jansa-Johan from Vintorp, Börstig. The wall has always been known locally as "Jansa-Johans stone wall". The wall is a cultural monument.
Directions Reached from the Åsarp-Börstig road. 2,5 kilometres from the T crossing by road 46 in Åsarp take a right turn by the wooden sign. Continue 1.5 km in the forest. Parking for 1-2 cars and 1 coach. GPS: 58.035116, 13.512116.

45. LÖNERN TURISM

At the northern part of Lake Lönern, Lönern Turism offers lakeside **parking for motorhomes, caravans and nature camping** with outside toilet. Combine staying overnight with great **fishing**. Lönern Turism has its own barbecue areas, coffee tables and swimming area. Winding, small roads in the varied forest and agricultural area, invites to **hiking and biking**. There are berries and mushrooms in the surrounding area, along with game such as moose and deer. Enjoy the tranquility, the lake with rich bird life and the rustle of the forest.
Open 1 April - 31 Oct.



Jansa-Johans stenmur (44)



Olsbrostenen (43)



Lönern Turism (45)
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Directions From Trädet, along road 46, turn east on Solbergavägen and drive about 5 km. In Solberga turn south, follow the sign: Sandhem. In Åryd, after about 5 km, turn south and follow the sign: Råves. Drive about 2 km on a gravel road. GPS: 57.93963,13.64819.

Info www.lonern.se, FB: Lönern Turism, +46 706-09 20 73.

46. KRONOGÅRDEN IN TRÄDET

Welcome to the **homestead museum** Kronogården. Here you can experience a genuine 19th century homestead, with poor house, shoemakers, shop, craftsman's workshop and school. **Quiz walks** are arranged from June to August. The route is **wheelchair accessible** and traverses beautiful nature. A longer **nature trail**, leave from Kronogården with information about the flora and fauna of the Ätra Valley. There is also an **exhibition** of the nature to be found in Ätra Valley and Falbygden. **Redvägsleden** – the hiking trail between Trädet and Ulricehamn – starts from the north of Kronogården.

Open Quiz walks – see the website. Other times can be booked in advance.

Directions Signposted from the road 46, Ryninga just north of Trädet village. Parking, also for coaches. GPS: 57.997242, 13.559741.

Info www.kolaby.se, FB: Kronogården Hembygdsgård, +46 722-28 91 47, +46 705-72 91 61.

47. PONNYSKOLAN

Riding school for small children on small ponies in small groups. Children, up to the age of 10, are welcome to Hillevi to learn riding on Shetland ponies. Riding lessons will be held in an enclosed paddock or in the surrounding forest. You can book an occasional riding lesson. A 20-minute pony ride with a leadrope is available for toddlers. On the farm Skatås, you'll also find donkeys, rabbits, hens, cats and a mini pig.

Open Booking all year round.



Kronogården Trädet (46)



Ponnyskolan (47)
 (Foto: Pernilla Gard)



Ekebacken Gård & MC-Camping (48)

Directions Börstig is situated between Ulricehamn and Falköping. In the village Trädet, along road 46, there is a sign "Börstig" pointing westwards. Drive 2,5 km:s and then turn right at the sign "Ponnyskolan". GPS: 57.99050, 13.49103.

Info www.ponnyskolan.se, +46 705-53 10 54.

48. EKEBACKEN GÅRD & MC-CAMPING

On the rural 19th-century farm, John "Tofsen" and Anneli "Yrsela" offer a **basic campsite** for **tents**, the winter-sheltered **cottage** "Kvila" and a few **spaces for motor-homes**. The couple's great interest in motorcycles means that they have primarily turned to motorcyclists, but everyone is welcome. There are barbecue areas, bench tables, shower, washbasin, toilets, wifi, electricity and views of fields and forests. This is the small personal campsite with space for friendship, peace and community! On the farm is Börstig's old poorhouse. Among the remains of an ancient burial mound is "Annelis Sagokulle" (Annelis fairy tale hill), with figures cast in concrete. Here, self-produced **honey** and **eggs** from the farm's chickens as well as this and that from the website's shop are sold. Payment by swish, card or cash.

Open Camping with shower facilities and spaces for motor-homes from 2 May-30 Sep. Winter insulated cottages available all year round. Access to a shower is included for camping and cottage, but not included for motorhomes.

Directions Börstig is located between Falköping and Ulricehamn west of road 46 and is signposted in Trädet and Åsarp. GPS: 57.99293, 13.45366.

Info www.ekebackengard.se, FB: Ekebacken Gård & MC-Camping, +46 722-50 20 10.

49. FRÄLSEGÅRDEN NATURE RESERVE

The Ulricehamnsåsen ridge can be followed all the way along the Ätran Valley from Trädet to Ulricehamn. At Frälsegården,

on road 46 south of Trädet, the ridge is very distinctive with its typical juniper vegetation. A flora representative of dry-field slopes, including many rare plants such as Rock Cinquefoil, Bloody Cranesbill and Pasqueflower can be seen. On the ridge there are also **burial grounds** from the Iron Age, and by the road there are two erected stones, 'The King's Stones'.

Directions Signposted from road 46 – "Naturreservat och gravfält" just south of Trädet. Ample parking.

GPS: 57.97726, 13.52504.

Info www.vastkuststiftelsen.se.

50. HUMLA BRIDGE

Arch bridge over river Ätran, built of dressed stone in the 19th century.

Directions 300m south east of Humla church, to the east of road 46. Signposted "Humla bro". Best seen from the new bridge. For a closer view walk 50–100m along the gravel road opposite the parking area. GPS: 57.95706, 13.52479.

51. GADDAKVARN

Gadda mill is an old mill building, which is owned by Blidsberg's Local Historical Society. The mill was moved from Dalum and rebuilt by the Ätra River in Blidsberg. **Waffle café** and **Quiz walk**.

Open Waffle café Wednesday evenings 29 May–14 August. Quiz walk starts 6pm to 7pm.

Directions Walk over the bridge and the Ätran River in the centre of Blidsberg, then turn immediately left.

GPS: 57.929888, 13.497585.

Info Alf Svensson, +46 705–23 14 08.

52. BASTA KVARNKAFÉ

Café in the old mill from the 1880s that has a power plant that is still running. Here you can enjoy Jenny's home-made Italian gelato, light lunches, sandwiches, pastries and waffles. Basta

Kvarn offers a unique café environment on green islands that are connected by small bridges in the flowing water of Ätran. Here there are fish, which children love to feed and fish feed is sold in the café. Around 130 seats indoors on two floors and 150 outdoors. **Suitable for disabled persons.**

Open 26 March–1 April: 10am to 6pm.

May–9 June: Monday–Sunday 10am to 6pm.

10 June–18 Aug: Monday–Sunday 10am to 8pm.

19 Aug–29 Sep: Monday–Sunday 10am to 6 pm.

2 Oct–30 Nov: Wednesday–Friday 11am to 2pm and Saturday–Sunday 11am to 4pm.

During public holidays, opening hours may change. Groups such as bus trips and motorcycle groups are booked in advance. Please call Jenny +46 733–26 24 08.

Directions In central Blidsberg. GPS 57.930010, 13.494482.

Info www.bastakvarn.se, FB: Basta Kvarnkafé,

Instagram: @bastakvarn, +46 321–298 83.

53. BAKTRÅGEN NATURE RESERVE

Interesting ridge formations with many unusual plants in the varied landscape east of Blidsberg. Two long hollows in the form of baking troughs can be found in the middle of the ridge. The nature reserve comprises two separate areas close to each other. They are of geological interest and have a particularly rich flora together with several cultural monuments.

Directions Signposted from road 46. Two different starting points 800m down the gravel road. Parking, even for coaches. Information signs. GPS: 57.924157, 13.503775.

Info www.vastkuststiftelsen.se.

54. DALUM CHURCH

A medieval stone church from the 12th century with baroque interior. An earlier reed tower is said to have been burnt down by the Danes in 1520. The current tower, from the 17th century, was built with defence in mind – small windows in all four directions (those to the east have since been filled in).

Rune stones can be found in the churchyard.

Open June–August Monday–Thursday 10am to 3pm.

Directions In Dalum, turn east off the road 46 towards Kölingared. GPS: 57.8996, 13.4779.

Info www.svenskakyrkan.se/ulricehamn/dalums-kyrka, +46 321–171 00.

55. KYCKLINGKULLEN HILLOCK

Kycklingskullen is a small ridge formation with chalk-rich soil, giving rise to the interesting flora found in the area. A **rune stone** and **grave sites** can be found on the other side of the road. **Directions** Alongside the road 46, just south of Dalum. GPS: 57.89571, 13.44976.

56. EARTH CAVERN AT NÖRE

The cavern ("Jordkulan") was an emergency dwelling dating back to the early 19th century. It is beautifully situated in Fredsskogen on the outskirts of Dalum. The cottage was inhabited until 1885. The walls are partly stone and the floor is of earth. It is now restored and always open for visitors.

Directions Follow the directions from Staffansgården in Nöre village. GPS: 57.87931, 13.44835.

57. KRONOGÅRDEN ÄLMESTAD HÄLLSTAD ISLANDSHÄSTAR

Riding tours on Icelandic horses for experienced and novice riders of all ages. **The Children's Farm** with horses, cows, sheep, pigs, chickens, dogs, cats, guinea pigs and rabbits. **Bed & Breakfast** with four double rooms. **Sale** of the farm's beef and lamb.

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Advance bookings only.

Directions Along road 182, 15 km north west of Ulricehamn. GPS: 57.90679, 13.34119.

Info www.turridningar.se. +46 702–26 97 95.

58. CREA DIEM BOKCAFÉ

Surrounded by greenery in Od's church village in three red buildings: **Café & Bookstore**, **Exhibition Cottage** and **Butik 11Hektar**. The **garden Dahlias by Linn** right next to de Book Café. Bookstore with newly published books, where inspiration and reflection is the common theme, with topics include culture, history, garden, food, local literature, children's books. The Book Café with its glass veranda offers homemade sandwiches, small dishes and sweet buffet. **Exhibitions, lectures, courses and activities. Guided tours** and storytelling. **Tourist information. Bicycle rental. Cottages** to rent. Butik 11Hektar – for wonderful care of home and environment. Dahlias by Linn, see seasonal opening hours.

Open Crea Diem Bookcafé April–Dec Thursday–Sunday 11am to 5pm. Pre-booked groups and conferences also outside of normal opening hours.

Directions Ods church village, off road 182, between Timmele and Annelund. GPS: 57.9446, 13.1867.

Info www.creadiem.se, FB and Instagram: @Crea.Diem. Bokcafe, +46 705–78 56 34.

59. BURIAL GROUND AT STENLYCKKAN

The burial ground ("gravfältet") is from the Iron Age and there are 16 burial mounds and 27 round stone formations. Stone settings are a type of tomb that occurs throughout the Iron Age (500 BC–1050 AD). Burial mounds became common during the Late Iron Age. The burial ground is beautifully situated on a hill among beeches and oaks next to the church in Od.

Directions The village of Od is located along road 182 between Timmele and Annelund.

GPS: 57.944107, 13.185796.



Humla bro (50)



Gaddakvarn (51)



Basta Kvarnkafé (52)



Hällstad Islandshästar (57)

(Foto: Pernilla Gard)



Crea Diem Bokcafé (58)



Stenlyckans gravfält (59)

60. OD CHURCH

The church is probably from the first half of the 12th century and is located next to the Iron Age burial ground Stenlyckan. It shows the old importance of the place. The church is one of the few with a medieval anteroom left. The 12th-century baptismal font and a standing medieval wooden Madonna sculpture, Mary and the Child, are from the church's rich history. During a restoration, medieval frescoes were found on the walls. The north wall paintings are from the 13th century and the south wall are from the 16th century. Additions and alterations took place during the 17th and 18th centuries, from which time the church's portrait paintings are also.

Open 17 June–1 Sep daily 11am–5pm and at services.

Directions The village of Od is located along road 182 between Timmele and Annelund. GPS: 57.943210, 13.187525.

Info www.svenskakyrkan.se/herrljunga/ods-kyrka

61. HÄLLSTAD CHURCH AND HÄLLSTAD MONUMENT

The church was built in 1819 on the same site where a 12th century church once stood. It is located between two important pagan sites: the stone circles in Väby and the Viking-era burial site in Hov. In Hov, burial chambers with weapons, riding equipment, jewels and sacrificial animals have previously been discovered. At the Hällstad cemetery, there is a Romanesque burial monument from the 12th century, which depicts a medieval world and Christianity's victory over paganism. On the covering slab and the gable slabs, there are motifs depicting acanthus tendrils coming out of the mouth of two opposing dragons and two people holding books and censers in a holy environment.

Open See the website. **Directions** From road 182 at Älmes-tads northern entrance, turn to Hökerum. You find the church after approx. 600 m. GPS 57.897627, 13.332263.

Info www.svenskakyrkan.se/ulricehamn/hallstads-kyrka, +46 321-171 00.



Ods kyrka (60)



Hällstadmonumentet (61)



Knalten Ekologiska Grönsaker (62)

62. KNALTEN EKOLOGISKA GRÖNSAKER

With a passion for locally grown, freshly harvested, organic and tasty food, Pierre and Sonia grow around 50 different KRAV-approved vegetables in the open air and in greenhouses. In **the farm shop**, they sell their own vegetables as well as eggs, honey and dairy products from small producers in the local area, but also olive oil from Italy and cheese and spices from France. Sales also take place on **the pedestrian street in Ulricehamn**, at local markets, via "REKO-ringar" and to restaurants and shops. On the farm Knalten, which is located in the middle of the forest between Ulricehamn and Borås, the family works to restore and preserve a rich biological diversity.

Open During harvest season: Farm shop Wednesday 4pm–6.30pm and Thursday 10am–2pm. Market stall on Storgatan in Ulricehamn Saturday 10am–2pm. For other points of sale and opening hours, see the website and their Facebook page.

Directions Take the road between Ällestad and Hökerum. Turn east at the sign for Salunda and continue for approx. 1 km to the farm. GPS: 57.880387, 13.328355.

Info www.knalten-eko.se, FB: Knalten Ekologiska Grönsaker, Instagram: @knalten, +46 703-02 73 03.

63. STONE CIRCLES AT VÄBY

Nine stone circles ("Domarringar") at Brunstorp in Väby. The circles were burial sites during the iron age and include 2 cairns. Each ring comprise 5 to 9 stones.

Directions At Väby, between Ällestad and Hökerum, turn to Snugge. Signposted "Domarringar" and is located on the right hand side. GPS: 57.8752, 13.3137.

64. TREVIA CAFÉ & PUB

Trevia is located at the edge of the forest along the old country road between Härna and Grovare. Through their interest in food, wine and creativity, Karin and Hans create countless



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opportunities for meetings between people. The farm's **café, pub** and **restaurant** serve coffee, simple dishes and three-course dinners with wine/beer. Food from the restaurant menu needs to be booked 1–2 days before. Choose to sit on the terrace or inside the former barn's cozy and creative environment. **The farm shop** sells, among other things, high-quality self-made candles and felted handicrafts. Trevia organizes **pub nights, art exhibitions, music events** and **inspiration days**, such as felting in wool or casting candles. **Conference room, barbecue hut** and **event tent** of 135 sqm can be booked. The 4-bed **guest house** can be rented with or without breakfast. Pets are also welcome here. **Motorhome and caravan parking** with access to water and toilet available (no shower).

Open All year round, see website.

Directions Härna village is located along the road Ålmestad–Nitta. Turn off at Härna church – signposted Trevia. Drive 1.5 km to the farm. Parking also for coaches. GPS: 57.852989, 13.215661.

Info www.trevia.se, +46 707–45 27 24.

65. KUNGSSTENEN I HÄRNA

On the burial ground Kungshögen, stands Västergötland's second highest **runestone** called Kungsstenen. It is 3.85 m high and 0.75 m wide. Anyone who can interpret runes can read "Bolle (Bole) raised this stone after Bolla (Bola) their friend". In the area there are also raised stones, cairn, carved out cups on rock and remains of ancient fields.

Directions The burial ground is located near the road, about 500 m northeast of Härna 12th century church. Follow the sign: Gravfält. GPS: 57.848258, 13.241591.

66. HÖKERUM CASTLE

On historic land by Lake Mogden sits the castle, which the Strandmark family rebuilt in the 1990s. A medieval cellar

vault still exists today. At the nearby Hökerums Gärd, Katarina Andersson and Peter Strandmark run a farm with cattle and chickens. **The farm shop** is located in the castle. Food from themselves and other producers such as meat, eggs, oil, juice, flour, and more, are sold here. See the Facebook page Hökerums Slott for info about the availability of fresh meat. Availability also via "REKO-ring". Nearby is an approximately 8 km long **hiking trail** around the lake. Please respect that parts of the castle are private residence.

Open The farm shop 20 Apr–21 Sep: Saturdays 12.00 noon–3.00pm even weeks or per arrangement. For additional opening hours see Facebook.

Directions In central Hökerum, at Annebergs El, turn onto Slottsvägen. Signposted by the avenue to the castle. GPS: 57.845585, 13.290331.

Info FB: Hökerums Slott, +46 702–48 57 12.

67. VÄDERSHOLM RUINED FORTIFICATION

Traces of the central tower and remains of the stone foundations from a 13th century fort. Situated on a promontory by Lake Mogden. Originally built on an islet split by a moat. It was here that Knight Heyne Snakeborg was under siege by Queen Margareta's troops from 1388 to 1389. During excavations over 4 000 objects were found, including coins, arrows and keys. There are also remains of the Fagranäs fortification, examined by archaeologists in 2014–2015.

Directions Signposted from the cycle path along the old railway line in Hökerum. By car: Turn off road 40 at Hökerum towards Hökerum. Turn off towards Timmele. After approx 1½km turn down a gravel road to the left – signposted "Borgruin". Ample parking. Not suitable for coaches. GPS: 57.8400, 13.3088.

68. GORGES IN TIMMELE

North-west of the church in Timmele, beside the old ford across the River Ätran, are the best-preserved gorges (hål-vägar) in the country. These are part of the 'röjda vägen' bridle path that gave the area its name – Redvägs Härad. The gorges are deep ravines, the result of erosion over many centuries and the many people, soldiers, horses and animals that have passed through the area. These gorges, probably remains of the bridle path, can be seen at a number of sloping areas along the Ätran Valley.

Directions By the side of road 46 in Timmele. Parking by the Pizzeria. GPS: 57.8553, 13.4339.

69. ULRICEHAMNSBYGDENS MOTORMUSEUM

In this museum you can find cars, motorbikes, mopeds and other motorized objects, spanning more than 8 decades. The museum is run by a group of knowledgeable enthusiasts.

Open See website.

Directions From road number 46 in Timmele, follow sign for Timmele kyrka (church). The entrance to the museum can be found at the parking area below the church.

GPS 57.853555, 13.435378

Info www.ulricehamnsbygdensmotormuseum.se. For booking of guided tours for groups (max 50 persons), please phone +46 707–19 55 50.

70. TIMMELE HEMBYGDSGÅRD GÄSTGIVAREGÅRDEN

The old inn at Timmele is built at an old meeting point. It was here, at a ford across the River Ätran, that several roads converged, including the Ätrastigen bridle path, which is thousands of years old. The present building was originally constructed in the 18th century and served as an inn until 1907. Timmele Local Historical Society has restored the

former inn as a homestead museum with a **meeting venue, museum items and a herb garden**. The society organizes **midsummer celebration** 21 June, **waffle café with exhibition, guided tours, cultural activities** and more. Booking for **groups** all year round, with or without coffee. **Open** Waffle café 8 June–10 Aug (closed 22 June) Saturdays 3pm to 5.30pm. Music 8 June and 29 June. For more info see website and Facebook.

Directions Signposted from road 46 at the southern entrance to Timmele. Parking by the church.

GPS: 57.852279, 13.437995.

Info www.hembygd.se/timmele, FB: Timmele Hembygdsgården. Lars Neuman +46 702–46 09 41.

70. TIMMELE MINIBY

Timmele church village in miniature, opened 2006. See how the village looked around 1880, before land parcelling took place. There is something of interest for everyone, regardless of age. Outdoors, always available.

Directions At Timmele church. Coach parking.

GPS 57.853330, 13.438210.

Info www.timmele-miniby.nu.

Guided tours: Anders Neuman +46 705–87 63 03.

71. BRONZE AGE CAIRN AT KROKEN

Two cairns ("rösen") from 1700–500 BC, not excavated. The larger of the two is 25 metres in diameter and beautifully made. The levelled-off top is unusual and looks intentional. Generally, cairns have a high point in the middle and slope down from the sides. The Kroken cairns are not located at a height, but in close proximity to waterways and gorges, presumably at an old pass over Tattarån.

Directions Between Ulricehamn and Timmele. From road 46 turn off to the Motorcross track. Sign posted. Walk the last 600m from the car park. GPS: 57.8306, 13.4346.



Domarringarna i Väby (63)



Trevia Café & Pub (64)



Hökerums Slott (66)



Hålvägarna i Timmele (68)



UlricehamnsBygdens MotorMuseum (69)



Timmele hembygdsgård (70)

72. STONE WITH CUP MARKS AT KROKEN

A remarkable stone ("skålgropssten") with approximately 230 carved out cups dating from the bronze age and used during sacrifices.

Directions Approx 20m east of road 46, 100m to the south of the Hössna turnoff. Parking by the Motortrack. Show consideration for grazing animals. GPS: 57.8265, 13.4407.

73. STORRYDETS GÅRDSBUTIK

Storrydets Gårdsbutik sits along the winding country road towards Hössna. At this **farm shop**, you can buy **locally produced food** from the farm and other local entrepreneurs – meat, honey, eggs, and more, and browse amongst timeless **interior design** from Swedish companies. The farm also has a **flower garden** with the possibility to buy bouquets. In summer, you can sit down with **coffee** and homemade **cookies** in the middle of the flower garden, among pecking hens and buzzing bees – and also watch the farm's animals graze in the beautiful surroundings.

Open See Facebook and Instagram.

Directions From Ulricehamn, take road 46 north towards Timmele. At the racetrack, turn right towards Hössna. The farm is on the right side of the road about 1.4 km from the intersection. GPS: 57.832582, 13.476400.

Info FB: Storrydets gårdsbutik, Instagram: @storrydetsgard, +46 768-75 67 77.

74. ÅRÅS SÄTERI OCH TRÄDGÅRDAR

Årås Manor and Gardens dating back to the 1400s is a beautiful oasis located by the river Tidan, where it connects the lakes Jogen and Vällern. In addition to **the manor** and **the gardens**, there is also a cozy **hostel**, a newly renovated **garden hotel** and an **old mill**, which can be rented for weddings and parties. In the manor garden during the summer is a **gar-**

den café with seating in the park and inside the old manor's kitchen. It offers good pastries, sandwiches, organic ice cream and locally roasted coffee. **Booked groups** are welcome for lunch and guided tours. The hostel (STF) with "Drängstugan" has 12 picturesquely decorated rooms with a total of 36 beds. In the spring of 2024 the unique garden hotel will open its doors. It is the south wing building, which for several years has been renovated with building care and conservation in focus. Here there are 14 beds in 7 unique double rooms. In addition to outdoor activities, there is a **barbecue hut**, **two boules courts**, **rowing boat**, **canoes** and **bicycles** for rent. A number of **cycling** and **hiking trails** start from Årås. The entire business is run voluntarily by Bygdegårdsföreningen Årås Kvarn.

Open The gardens, the hotel and hostel are open all year round, guided tours by appointment. For events, see the website. Garden café weekends during the summer.

Directions In the middle of the triangle Falköping–Jönköping–Ulricehamn. GPS: 57.886504, 13.639784.

Info www.araskvarn.se, FB: Årås Kvarn & Vandrarhem, +46 723-29 11 51 week days from 9am to 12 noon.

75. KNÄTTE KULLAR

A nature reserve with 2 ridges south of Knätte church. The ridges are formed of glacial deposits. Vegetation is rich and varied.

Directions Knätte is located north east of Ulricehamn, between Hössna and Dalum. GPS: 57.859819, 13.553745.

Info www.vastkuststiftelsen.se.

76. HÖSSNA PRÄSTGÅRD NATURE RESERVE

A 63 hectare nature reserve at Hössnas rectory. The reserve lies on the hilly slopes of the Åtran valley. Lime-rich fens lie along the slopes provide a habitat for a very rich flora. A

large selection of pre-historic monuments can be found including mounds, a stone with carved out drinking bowls, an old hollow way and pre historic fields. Restoration work will continue for many years. The area is maintained such that it will revert to the state it had under previous centuries.

Directions Alongside the church in Hössna.

GPS: 57.82497, 13.53864.

Info www.vastkuststiftelsen.se.

77. STORA STEGERHULT

Stora Stegerhult used to be an old family farm, where its last owner Miss Gerda Stromberg spent her time keeping livestock, growing crops, hunting and fishing. She bequeathed her entire estate to the parish of Liared in 1985. At the time all the buildings were in a poor state of repair but are now carefully restored. The farmhouse along with the barn, the store house, the well pole and the traditional gates, give an excellent picture of life in the Swedish countryside in the 19th century. Responsible for the upkeep of the farm is Liared's Local History Society for Stora Stegerhult. The farm is open to the public during Summer Sundays with **guides** on hand to show you around and **refreshments** are available. There is a **flea market** in the barn. The Society also organises guided walks in the local area. There are also a large collection of old photographs and a parish record register. Accessible outdoor toilet.

Open June–July Sundays 3pm to 6pm. On Midsummer's Eve there are traditional celebrations at 3pm. For guided visit outside opening hours, please contact us.

Directions From the crossroads at Liared's church, follow signs for Mullsjö. Continue for 4 km until you see a sign for Stora Stegerhult. Parking available for both cars and coaches. GPS 57.8449, 13.7072.

Info Lillemor Holmberg, +46 730-44 90 17.

78. TISSERED RUINED CHURCH

A church ruin from the 11th century and an old cottage once used a school. **Directions** Tissered is located between Strängsered and Liared. Take the road 40 east of Ulricehamn. Turn off towards Liared at Rasta. Follow the road north towards Tissered. Before reaching Tissered, turn off to the east down the alleyway (difficult to find). Parking at the farm. GPS 57.804187, 13.653216.

79. KARINS LADA

Karins Lada is a rustic café with a yarn and handicraft shop and **farmstead museum**. The **café** serves coffee with home-made pastries, pies and sandwiches. In the **shop** you can buy products from various artisans and a wide assortment of yarns. Take a walk along the 2 km **nature trail**, where children can count trolls. **Quiz walks** are also organized here, stroller-friendly. During the summer months **musical evenings** are arranged and in winter **christmas market**. For more activities see the website. The barn can be **hired** all-year round for weddings and other events and it is wheelchair-accessible. **Parking for a few motorhomes**. **Open** See the website. Pre-booked groups are welcome.

Directions East of Ulricehamn. Turn off road 40 towards Vråna (at Strängsered). Follow the road for about 3 km, turn right at the T-junction, towards Vråna. Then take the first turn on the right, signposted N Hästhagen, also signposted with a coffee cup. Parking for coaches. GPS: 57.800684, 13.699842. **Info** www.karinslada.se, FB: Karins Lada, Instagram: @karinslada, +46 702-82 60 35.

80. GALTÅSEN

The highest point of Västergötland at 361.5 metres above sea level. The "Galtåsenleden" hiking trail, approx. 10 km, starts from Lassalyckan's recreation centre in Ulricehamn and heads towards Galtåsen.



Timmele Miniby (70)



Storrydets Gårdsbutik (73)



Årås Säteri och Trädgårdar (74)



Stora Stegerhult (77)
(Foto: Agneta Tjäder)



Karins Lada (79)



Kulturhuset Folkets Hus (81)

Directions East of Ulricehamn, from road 40 turn south towards Kinnared. 2nd left at the letter boxes. Follow signs. GPS: 57.78759, 13.54346.

81. ULRICEHAMNS GUIDEFÖRENING

The knowledgeable **local guides** organise interesting bus tours with various themes, e.g. "Gårdarna runt sjön [Manors around the lake]", "Ånglagårdsbygden [The Ånglagården area]", "Åtradalen möter Falbygden [Åtran valley meets Falbygden]" and "I stjärnornas spår" [In the footsteps of the stars] – a journey in the film municipality Ulricehamn. The guides' knowledge of local history, rich cultural heritage and wonderful natural surroundings is extensive and they know where tour groups can get a tasty bite to eat or find a pleasant café. The guide association offers ready-made solutions or adapts and tailors the tour in line with your wishes. **You organise the bus – we do the rest!** They also offer **tours of town and sculptures**.

Info www.ulricehamnsguideforening.se, FB: Ulricehamns Guideförening, +46 705–46 04 11, Ulricehamns Tourist Office +46 321–59 59 59.

81. ULRICEHAMN

On the sloping cobbled square, **Stora Torget** you find the **town hall**. It was erected in 1789 after the great town fire, in which the old town hall was burnt down. Carl Michael Bellman, a famous songwriter, wrote a poem to collect money for the next town hall. Today the town's political leaders have their offices in the building. **Storgatan**, previously known as Gamla Västerlånggatan, is part of the former bridleway from Falkenberg, along Åtran, to Falköping. The town's oldest building is located at Storgatan 37.

The city park is an oasis in the town with a fine play ground, bubbling stream and old cottages from the district dating back to the 18th and 19th centuries, donated to the town by the squire of Brusewitz from Limmared.

81. KULTURHUSET FOLKETS HUS

Constructed as a community house 1903–1905. The grand wooden paneling with wavy design language, two towers and curved double staircase, makes the building one of Sweden's most beautiful "People's houses". It has a great value for the entire city and cityscape, showing the movements and activism of popular movements in the late turn of the century. Contains premises for **conferences, meetings, education and music**. Ulricehamns **theater scene** and **cinema** are here.

Directions Nygatan 24, Ulricehamn, GPS: 57.79137, 13.41503. **Info** www.folketshusulricehamn.se, FB: Folket Hus Ulricehamn, +46 321–354 44.

82. ÅSAKULLEN/KRÅKEBOBERGET

Panoramic views over the lake Åsunden and Ulricehamn. A nature reserve covering an area of broad leaf woodland by Kråkeboberget and Åsakullen, which lie on the western side of lake Åsunden between the villages of Brunn and Tvärred.

Directions Follow the old Borås road (not road 40) out of Ulricehamn, passing the Police station. Follow the signs to Tvärred. Just after passing the last of the build up area turn to the left at two small signs "Naturreservat" and "Åsundenleden". Parking by the "Åsastugan" (cottage) up on the hill. GPS: 57.78978, 13.39210.

Info www.vastkuststiftelsen.se.

83. STEN STURE MONUMENT

A monument commemorating the battle on an ice covered Åsunden in 1520. During the battle Sten Sture was fatally injured by a Danish cannon ball. The monument was erected in the early 20th century. In the area there is a restaurant, camp site, cabins, beach, hiking- ang bicycle trails.

Directions Directly to the south of Ulricehamn. Follow road 157 along the lake and look for the sign to "Skotteksgården".

Parking available for cars and coaches.

GPS 57.769998, 13.400424.

Info www.ulricehamnsturistbyra.se, Ulricehamns Tourist Office +46 321–59 59 59.

84. HEMMA PÅ KÄLLEBACKA

Café and farm shop filled with interior design, yarn and plants. In an inspiring environment dating back to the 18th century, you can enjoy a creative space and a unique environment. Åsa and Marja have taken over from Peter and Christina and want to maintain the unique environment and special meeting place they have created. Enjoy coffee and home baked pastries out in the sun or inside in front of the fireplace. Thursdays at 6pm to 9pm there is a **knitting café**, with advance registration.

Open Year-round, Fridays 1pm to 5pm, Saturday–Sunday 11am to 5pm. Other times upon arrangement.

Directions From road 157 at Marbäck's southern entrance, turn east. Signposted Källebacka. Parking, also for coaches. GPS: 57.733885, 13.438830.

Info www.kallebacka.se, FB: Hemma på Källebacka, Instagram: @hemmapakallebacka, +46 709–64 19 99.

85. STONE CIST AT MARBÄCK

Well-preserved megalith grave ("hällkista") from the end of the Stone Age. It has 23 upright stones and a capstone. Originally, there were more capstones, but they have been removed and have very likely been used in a stone bridge over a stream about 300 metres north of the grave. Wonderful discoveries of flint daggers, spearheads, arrowheads, scrapers, etc.

Directions South of Marbäck, turn off the road 157 towards Päbo. Stop at the first house on the left and follow the boundary slightly off the road. Approx 150m from the road you will find the grave in an open field up on a ridge. GPS: 57.7298, 13.4444.

86. KOMOSSE WETLANDS

Komosse is a nature reserve east of Ulricehamn and one of Europe's finest remaining wetlands. It is one of southern Sweden's largest linked bogs. Enjoy the diverse flora and fauna and a silence broken only by birdsong. **Hike Björnöleden**, a 5km planked trail.

Directions Björnöleden can be reached by taking the road between Köttkulla and Mulseryd, which traverses the bog. Parking at Mörkö, near the beach at Lake Trehörningen. GPS 57.690571, 13.695831.

Info www.vastkuststiftelsen.se, Ulricehamn Tourist Office +46 312–59 59 59.

87. VEGBY HEMBYGDSPARK

Vegby Local History Society ("Vegbyortens Hembygdsförening") holds most of its activities in this beautifully located **open-air museum**. Here you can find Lilja and Fina's cottages, a barn, a disused shop and a display of objects and tools from the historical textile industry in the area. Summer time you can buy **waffles** as well as enjoying **exhibitions**. **Midsummer celebration**. The Society also plays an important part in maintaining and providing information about the **historical churches** in Södra Säm as well as the old "**Priest Road**" ("**Prästavägen**") the latter probably originating in the 14th century. "The Road", which is 2.5 km long and suitable for **walking and cycling**, connects the village of Södra Säm and its now ruined church with the church in Gällstad.

Open Midsummer celebrations 21 June at 3–5pm. Waffle café Sundays at 2–5pm 30 June–25 Aug. Pre-booked groups also welcome at other times. **Directions** Vegby Hembygds-park is located at the end of Oxelvägen in Vegby, 150 m east of the Water Tower. GPS 57.681681, 13.374653. There are information boards at the ruined church in Södra Säm and at the start of "Prästavägen". GPS 57.651455, 13.395083.



Tissereds kyrkoruin (78)



Rådhuset, Ulricehamn (81)



Ulricehamns Guideförening (81)



Hemma på Källebacka (84)



Hällkistan i Marbäck (85)



Björnöleden på Komosse (86)
(Foto: Ulricehamns Turistbyrå)



Info www.hembygd.se/vegbyorten, Marita Wegstrand +46 702-53 50 33.

88. GÄLLSTADS HEMBYGDSGÅRD OCH PRÄSTAKVARNEN

Gällstads Hembygdsförening (Gällstad Local History Society) wants to show and tell the story about life in the area in the past, preserve the rural history and various craft traditions and tell stories about the people who lived here, known and unknown. Some of the association's activities are art exhibitions, lectures, photo exhibitions in the homestead "**Hembygdsgården**" – Gällstad's first primary school from the 19th century. **Petra-Johanna's stuga**, a small cottage from the 18th century, is next door to the homestead. In Rännaväg you can find **Anders Johan's stuga**, built in the 18th century. There was a shop here between 1875–1914. About 2.5 km from the homestead is **Prästakvarnen**, which is a popular destination. The mill at Sämån was built around 1873 and was in operation until 1945. According to old documents, there have been mills here since 1691. In summer, the association has a café in the garden at Petra-Johanna's stuga, at Prästakvarnen or at Anders Johan's stuga. The 2.5 km long **cycle and hiking road** Prästavägen, also called Körkevägen, dates back from the 14th century, connecting Gällstad's church with Södra Säm's village and church ruin.

Open See the website and Facebook.

Directions Hembygdsgården: Skolgatan 13, 523 60 Gällstad GPS: 57.66585, 13.43249. Prästakvarnen: From Gällstad, road 157 north. Turn right at the sign Boarp 3 and follow the road 1.5 km to the mill, which has parking space. GPS: 57.68452, 13.44276.

Info ghf.swedenroots.se, FB: Gällstads Hembygdsförening, chairperson Mai Johansson +46 705-42 91 39.

89. KUMMELIBERG BURIAL GROUND

Situated to the west of Gällstad with views over Samsjön you will find this fine burial site. The site was used over a long period, from Viking burial mounds, flat gravestones and bronze age rings. There is also a children's play area.

Directions At the roundabout in Gällstad turn towards Vegby. At the next junction turn left to Månstad. Signposted "gravfält". Parking. GPS: 57.6607, 13.4003.

Info www.hembygd.se/vegbyorten

90. SÄM CHURCHES AND "PRÄSTAVÄGEN"

The **church** has been a **ruin** since the 1820's. Archeological excavations in 2009 indicated that the church was probably built between 1250 and 1300 on the site of an older building. It has a rather unusual form. An old map shows an old churchyard approx 200m to the south east. Relics of a wooden church from the 12th century were found here. The 2.5 km long "**Priest Road**" ("**Prästavägen**") links the village of Södra Säm and its now ruined church with the church in Gällstad. The "Road" probably dates from the 14th century and got its name from the route the priest walked between his two churches. When the church in Södra Säm was abandoned in 1823, it was the turn of the parishioners there to walk to the church in Gällstad and as a result the "Priest Road" became known as the "Church Road" ("**Körkevägen**").

Guided tours can be booked, please contact Ulricehamns Guideförening +46 705-46 04 11. You can **walk or cycle** the "Road", which will take you through a rich cultural landscape, where the remains of some 20 dwellings have been identified. Display boards tell the history of the time and the people, who lived there. Halfway along the "Road" there is a small picnic area with tables and benches. From the "Road" you can also find Kummelberg's burial ground and "Jordkulan" an earth cavern.



Vegby hembygdspark (87)



Prästakvarnen och Gällstad hembygdsgård (88)



Prästavägen (90)
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Directions In the roundabout in Gällstad turn to Vegby and at the next junction turn left to Månstad. After about 1 km there is a parking for car and coach as well as information sign and brochures. The church ruin is in within sight.

GPS: 57.651455, 13.39508. Prästavägen from Gällstad: Park by Gällstad's church. Walk about 20 m on the road to Toarp, south west of the church. Signs and brochures are available where Prästavägen begins. GPS: 57.663448, 13.428555.

Info www.ulricehamn.se/innehall/2016/12/Kyrkoruinen-i-Södra-Säm.pdf and www.ulricehamn.se/innehall/2015/01/Prästavgäsbroschyr-2017.pdf. www.hembygd.se/vegbyorten, Arne Johansson +46 764-73 91 79.

91. EARTH CAVERN AT SÖDRA SÄM

Wooded ridge and renovated cavern ("jordkula") with table and benches and fire place both outside and inside. Probably built during the 1860s and inhabited until 1875. Marital disagreements were behind the building of the cavern, which served as a home for one of the partners. Always open. Wood is available for fires.

Directions At the roundabout in Gällstad turn off towards Vegby. At the next junction turn left to Månstad. Follow the signs (a small wooden sign) to the south of the ruined church at Säm. Parking available. GPS: 57.642762, 13.389994.

Info www.ulricehamn.se/innehall/2016/12/Jordkulan-i-Södra-Säm.pdf, www.hembygd.se/vegbyorten.

92. WOLF PIT AT BYSTAD

This wolf pit ("varggrop") is unique and one of the best preserved in the country. It has a diameter of approx 5m and is 3.5m deep. A burial mound and standing stones can be seen close by. Follow the signs from road 157.

Directions Just south of Bystadsjön. Follow the signs from the road 157 south of Gällstad. GPS: 57.629617, 13.441377.

Info www.ulricehamn.se/innehall/2016/12/Varggropen-i-bystad.pdf



Jordkulan i Södra Säm (91)



Finnekumla kyrka (93)
(Foto: Göran Fahlström)



Torpa (94)
(Foto: Jonas Ingman/Vastsverige.com)

93. FINNEKUMLA CHURCH

The church was built in the 12th century, but has since been rebuilt and extended. It got its current appearance in the middle of the 19th century. The baptismal font from the end of the 12th century was made by Master Andreas and is one of the few fonts he marked with his name. In runes it says "Andreas has made me". Among the inventory is a money chest from the 17th century. It is constructed with two locks, a kind of early "combination lock", which required two churchwardens to be opened. There is also a measuring stick from the 18th century that people used to check that they had the correct measurements that were being used. In the church there are permanent **exhibitions**, for example about the author Birgit Th Sparre, and "Night and Day"—featuring the importance of light and darkness for life. New exhibition for children and grown-ups: Explore the forest in the church. Who will you meet? Use your imagination! Bats live in the church tower. Biodiversity is prioritized at the cemetery. Every hour and half hour you can listen to recorded hymns for 7 minutes. For **guidance** contact Birgit Andersson +46 706-67 23 86.

Open All year round, every day 10am to 7pm. "Music in summer evenings" during August.

Directions In Vegby, follow the sign for Länghem and drive south for about 3 km. Turn right at the Finnekumla sign and then right at the Fästeredssund sign. Then on the right, it's signposted Finnekumla church. Parking also for coaches.

GPS: 57.65539, 13.347466.

Info www.svenskkyrkan.se/ulricehamn/finnekumla-kyrka, +46 321-171 00.

94. TORPA-HOFSNÄS AREA

The Torpanäset nature reserve and Hofsnäs nature trails are between the Yttre Åsunden and Torpasjön lakes. The reserve is a European protected site with unique flora. Here you will find hiking trails among hundred-year old oaks, precious

deciduous trees and Red List insects and plants. You will also find Torpa Stenhus, a well-preserved mediaeval castle from the 15th century, and Hofsnäs Manor. There are bathing areas, boat hire, barbecue pits, cafés and restaurants on the grounds. Here, nature, culture, activities and recreation combine.

Directions The Torpa–Hofsnäs isthmus is about 25 km from Tranemo and 30 km from Borås, between Hofsnäs Herrgård and Torpa Stenhus. GPS: 57.644710,13.296971.

Info www.vastkuststiftelsen.se Tranemo Kommun +46 325–57 60 00.

95. OUTDOOR SUPPORT

Outdoor Support is an activity company that offers **outdoor activities** of various kinds all-year round – with or without a guide, individually or in groups. Try different adventures – cycling, hiking, paddling, cooking over an open fire or eating at a restaurant, sleeping out in a tent, wind shelter or in a comfortable bed. From May to October, you can **rent bicycles, e-bikes, canoes, kayaks**, and more, at Hofsnäs Herrgård and also book **guided tours**. Experience the varied nature and many cultural monuments of Sjuhäradsbygden (Ulricehamns och Tranemo municipalities), together with Outdoor Support.

Open Outdoor activities all-year round.

Directions Hofsnäs Herrgård is located by the southern part of Lake Åsunden and is easily reached from Ulricehamn, Tranemo and Borås, among other places.

GPS: 57.628677,13.290131. **Info** www.outdoorsupport.se, FB: Outdoor Support i Ulricehamn, Instagram: @outdoorsupport-ulricehamn, +46 702–77 53 64.

96. OXABANAN

Oxabanan is a historic trail from Limmared to Hofsnäs in Länghem. You walk through a varied landscape, passing Skårtebo, Opensten and Månstad. The trail was originally

a railway between Limmared and Åsunden built for transportation to the glass factory in Limmared. However, the track was not strong enough to bear the locomotive so the wagons were drawn by oxen, hence the name. Walking the 17km long Oxabanan is a wonderful experience.

Directions Starts at Limmareds shooting range. Parking. Signposted from road 157 north-east of Limmared. GPS: 57.550590, 13.369410.

Info www.vastsverige.com/svenljunga-tranemo/produkter/oxabanan. Tranemo Kommun +46 325–57 60 00.

97. MININATURUM

A 300 m planked trail over a bog. Also suitable for nature lovers in wheelchairs. The planked trail leads to a mini nature centre with a beautiful view of Lake Sämsjön and the surrounding farmlands. Good for bird watching.

Directions About 2 km from the old station area in Månstad, towards Vegby/Ulricehamn next to the paved rail trail. GPS: 57.618745,13.351174.

Info Tranemo Kommun +46 325–57 60 00.

98. MÅNSTAD RUNESTONE

Månstad's only rune stone ("runsten") stands as a monument to times gone by. On the stone it says "Ingwald raised this stone in memory of his son Grinulf". Its original site is not known, but it was found during the renovation of the Månstad bridge in the late 1800s.

Directions Along the cycle path on the hill just north of the church. GPS: 57.603273, 13.346844

Info Tranemo Kommun +46 325–57 60 00.

99. SKÅRTEBO NATURE RESERVE

The nature reserve is a popular destination during the spring and summer, with nature trails (0.5–2.3 km), barbecue areas and lookout towers. The northern area in the reserve has a

number of small screes with lime and other deciduous trees. In wetter areas you can find globeflowers and thistles. The Skårtebo farm was a parsonage from the mid-1600s to 1923.

Directions Signposted from the road 157 north-east of Limmared. GPS: 57.57077, 13.36142.

Info www.vastkuststiftelsen.se.

100. OPENSTEN

On the hill lie the ruins of a middle age fort, dating back to the 14th century. At that time the hill was surrounded by water. Interesting flora and an observation tower for bird watchers. Situated along the Oxabanan walking trail.

Directions Signposted from road 157 nord-east of Limmared. GPS: 57.562205,13.356184.

Info www.vastsverige.com/svenljunga-tranemo/produkter/oxabanan. Tranemo Kommun +46 325–57 60 00.

101. GLASETS HUS

Glaset Hus is a stone's throw from Limmareds Glasbruk, Sweden's oldest working glassworks, established 1740. Glaset Hus is a house of experiences with a **museum, glass-blowing, art exhibitions** and a **conference area** in a unique environment. Large glass exhibition with glass from the 18th century to today's ABSOLUT bottle. **Café and lunch restaurant** in a beautiful winter garden and a **shop** full of blown glass. Try blowing your own glass. You are welcome to pre-book a **guided tour, glass show or try your hand at glass-blowing**. "Glasparken" is an **activity park** for children and youth. Free of charge and open all year, a range of activities are offered to promote culture, attract play and movement and, above all, promote new interactions.

Open Year-round, Tuesdays, Fridays: 10am to 6pm. Wednesday–Thursday and Saturday–Sunday: 10am to 4pm. Closed Mondays. Changes listed on the website. Extended opening hours summer.

Directions Central Limmared. Car and coach parking.

GPS: 57.535677, 13.353939.

Info www.glasetshuslimmared.se, FB: Glaset Hus Limmared, Instagram: @glasetshuslimmared, +46 325–66 00 60.

102. LIMMAREDS SÄTERI

Limmared Manor is a farm dating back to the 14th century. In addition to the farm's eggs, beef, pork and charcuterie, the **farm shop** also sells other locally produced foods such as vegetables, bread, flour etc. **Catering** can be ordered. There is also **self-pickning** of sweetcorn. On the upper floor, men's and women's clothing from, among others Mingel and Masai are sold. One of the houses at Limmared's Säteri is **Kattebo**. The upper floor with 2 rooms and kitchen (2 beds + sofa bed 2 people) is rented out to overnight guests. Booking also via **airbnb**. Breakfast can be ordered.

Open Year-round. Farm shop: Thursday–Friday 2pm to 6pm and Saturdays 9am to 1pm or by agreement.

Directions From road 27 south-west of Limmared, turn west at the sign for Limmareds Säteri. The farm is 500 m from the junction. GPS: 57.523588, 13.336017.

Info www.limmaredssateri.se, FB: Limmareds säteri.

Andrea: grocery shop + catering +46 767–86 69 57, Margit: clothing shop + accommodation Kattebo +46 702–56 35 19.

103. TRANEMO CHURCH

One of the country's few symmetrical churches. It is six sided with a tower in the middle. The exciting architecture makes the church well worth a visit. It was built in 1882 from plans drawn by the architect Emil Langlét.

Directions Kyrkogatan, Tranemo. GPS: 57.487553,13.347012.

Info www.svenskakyrkan.se/kind/tranemo-kyrka. +46 325–61 20 00



Mininaturum (97)



Outdoor Support (95)



Skårtebo (99)
(Foto: Krister Melkersson)



Glaset Hus (101)
(Foto: Jonas Ingman)



Ambjörnarp (105)



Limmareds Säteri (102)

104. BREDASTEN BURIAL GROUND

The burial ground ("gravfält") is located where Björkered in Ambjörnarp and Hjärphult in Tranemo meet. It covers a 40 x 25 metre area and has two judge circles, a trident, a square stone formation, a stone circle and a three metre high and wide Menhir – boundary stone.

Directions West of the road between Tranemo and Ambjörnarp. GPS: 57.454304, 13.311398.

Info Tranemo Kommun +46 325–57 60 00.

105. AMBJÖRNARP



Ambjörnarp byalag hires out **rail bikes** along the Western Central railway, Ambjörnarp–Sjötofta, 16 km there and back. They have eight rail bikes for up to two adults and one child. Along the railway, there is a beautifully situated rest area by Holmsjön Lake where you can barbecue. In Sjötofta, you can visit the burial grounds. **The station area** in Ambjörnarp is home to the station building, station loo (now privately owned) and freight shed. The railway's switches and rails are intact in the station area. In the village, you will find the **Bicycle and Local History Museum** ("Cykel- och Hembygds-museum"), and the Stjärnebo **homestead, mini-golf, playground. Swimming and fishing** opportunities nearby and the possibility of **renting av boat. Bike trail** on the paved railway to Falköping via Tranemo and Ulricehamn.

Open Visit the website.

Directions In central Ambjörnarp. Parking available for coaches. GPS 57.42032, 14.29538.

Info www.ambjornarp.se. Rail bike hire, only booking online via www.ambjornarp.se. The Museum is open June–Aug. Only for pre-booked groups 10–25 persons, please phone +46 738–05 44 64.

106. BJÖRNHYLTANS TRÄDGÅRD & GÅRDSBUTIK

Come and experience **the garden** where everything comes together – the kitchen garden, herb garden, flower garden and greenhouse. Buy **organically** in the **farm shop** and choose from around 70 vegetables and herbs. You can experience our little 'Mediterranean cultivation' and enjoy **coffee** and cakes in the greenhouse. **Courses and private guided tours** can be booked on the website. You can also walk the **culture and nature trail** 'Carlssons promenad' 1,5 km, which tells you about the history of the farm and local community. **For the children** there is a lot to see and do, for example hens, sheep and the children's place of work.

Open The farm shop: May and Sep Fridays 2pm to 7pm and in July–Aug Thursdays, Fridays 2pm to 7pm. Asparagus- and Garden tours: 5pm Fridays when the farm shop is open. Sundays: "A thousand gardens" 30 June, "Open garden" 21 July and "Garden day" 11 Aug.

Directions 15 km south of Tranemo, follow the signs from the road between Ambjörnarp and Sjötofta. The last bit of the road is not navigable by coach.

GPS: 57.397972, 13.273831.

Info www.bjornhyltans.se, FB: Björnhyltans, Instagram: @bjornhyltanstradgard, +46 738–45 57 77, +46 767–79 52 93.

107. BURIAL GROUND IN SJÖTOFTA

By the old railway station in Sjötofta is a fine iron age burial site ("gravfält") with stone circles (6th century) and stones set out in the form of a boat (typical Scandinavian ancient monument). Local folklore tells of a bridal party that was turned to stone on the way to the church.

Directions In central Sjötofta.

GPS: 57.35947, 13.28919.

Info Tranemo Kommun +46 325–57 60 00.



Tranemo kyrka (103)



Björnhyltans Trädgård & Gårdsbutik (106)



Sjötofta gravfält (107)

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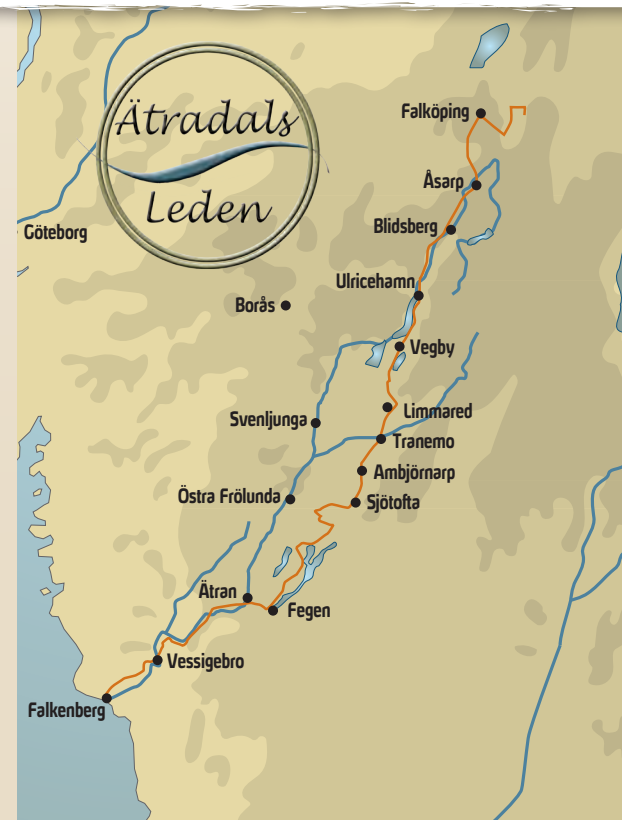
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Welcome!

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