

## A couple of trail tips:

Endless trail alternatives can be created along the Gästrikeleden Trail with the assistance of other trails and roads. Here are two suggestions:

### Kungshögsslingan, 16 km

This is an excellent day trip passing through undulating forested landscapes in the southwest part of Gästrikland. You will also pass a number of shielings (mountain pasture huts). Kungshögshällarnas Nature Reserve consists of beautiful areas of bedrock and primeval pine forest. There is also a lookout tower. The circuit also passes the Bårhällarna area with its curious stone sculptures. A good starting and finishing point for trails is Ulvkisbosjön Lake.



Stone sculptures at Bårhällarna

### Kratte Masugn

At Kratte Masugn (masugn = blast furnace) are prepared nature trails and smaller forestry roads giving the opportunity to create many different walking trails in an old and very interesting ironworks environment with many remnants remaining of the ironworks era.



The chapel at Kratte Masugn

## Welcome to the Gästrikeleden Trail!

Gästrikeleden will take you on a journey around Gästrikland's countryside and cultural history. Along the southern part of the area is the rich nature of Dalaävlen River with both nature reserves and the Färnebofjärden National Park. Along the whole trail are examples of iron production and its importance to this part of the country. The term Iron Country Gästrikland (Järnriket Gästrikland) is truly evident here.

Walking through this beautiful countryside gives a number of positive effects. Along the Gästrikeleden Trail you will experience interesting and relaxing encounters with both nature and cultural environments while at the same time getting some great exercise.

This leaflet is one of a series of four covering the whole of the Gästrikeleden Trail including traversing and connecting trails. The leaflets are also available as PDF files on all Gästrikland municipality web sites and on [www.gastrikland.com](http://www.gastrikland.com) Orange markers on trees and posts mark out the trail. To avoid any uncertainty there are arrows showing direction or signs marked GÄSTRIKELEDEN.



**Map tips:** The leisure time map "Fritidskarta Gästrikland", produced in a co-operation between the Gästrikland municipalities, covers the whole trail. Scale 1:90 000. Another alternative is to print out maps from the Internet. Under "Kartor" (Maps) on [www.eniro.se](http://www.eniro.se) you can easily choose which part of the trail you want to print out.

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270 km of marked walking trails  
around Gästrikland  
+ traversing and connecting trails



1. Hemlingby, (Gävle) - Gysinge, (Sandviken)

## 2. GYSINGE - HOFORS

(Sandviken)

3. Hofors - Rönnåsen, (Ockelbo)

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## GYSINGE - HOFORS

1. In **Gysinge** is a unique and well preserved industrial environment with origins from the 1600s. Today, the old stable buildings at the works incorporate the Färnebofjärden Nature Centre (Färnebofjärden Naturum). Information is available here about the Dalävlen area's nature in general and about the Färnebofjärden National Park in particular. West of Gysinge is a new section of the Gästrikeleden Trail running close to the river and within the national park.

### 2. Koversta Old Heritage Village

(Koversta gammelby) is a uniquely preserved small village first recorded in 1362. The village is owned and run by the association Föreningen för Hembygdsvård i Österfärnebo (Association for Homesteads in Österfärnebo). Cottages are open to visitors during the summer with refreshments for purchase at Mel-langården.



*Kratte Masugn*

### 3. Kungshögsleden Trail

takes you to **Kungshögshällarna**. The tower at the top offers fantastic views over the forest landscape.

4. **Sjöängen** at **Ulvkisbosjön Lake** is an interesting area of flora with junipers and wet meadows around the streams traversing the area. At certain times of the year there are different species of orchid to be seen.



*Where the forge in Oppsjö Lake was once situated*

### 5. At this point the trail passes through the relics of the

**Oppsjö Bruk Works**. The 1670s saw manufacturing of sheet metal at the forge here. The trail also passes beautiful bathing areas at Oppsjön Lake. Bruksleden Trail connects to the Gästrikeleden Trail just south of **Oppsjön Lake**.

	Rest cabin
	Rest area
	Lookout point
	Connecting trail
	Actual trail stage
	Other stages
	Nature reserve



6. **Gjusberget Mountain** offers magnificent views. Right alongside is the **Köpmanmossen** Nature Reserve.

7. On the beach at **Stillaren the Storlinden** (small-leaved lime tree) is still standing. It is over 200 years old.

8. The slagheaps tell of the time when **Skommarhyttan** was one of the finest foundries in the area. The remains of the blast furnace can still be seen.

9. **Bodåsdalen Valley** is 10 kilometres long. The valley is the route of many migratory birds in the autumn.

10. **Kratte Masugn** was a blast furnace constructed during the 1670s. There are a number of nature trails here with many things to see. Today, Kratte Masugn is a conference centre.

11. At **Gropbacka** are many relics of the iron ore and lime quarrying era. There is also the cottage of Skommarhyttan poet and writer Erik Axel Karlfeldt. Gropbacka was originally a soldiers' quarters.

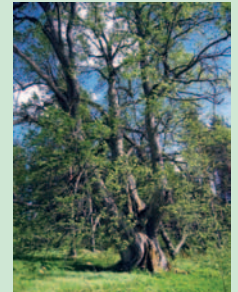


*Skommarhyttan Foundry*

12. **Knivåsberget Mountain** is 250 metres above sea level with magnificent views over the Norrland terrain and Oxaögat Lake.

13. The forge at **Stenshyttan** ceased production in the 1850s. Remnants from the iron production remain along the stream from Dammsjön Lake.

14. The top of **Fjällberget Mountain** lies just over the coastline's highest level. IK Sport has their club premises here. Silver was mined in the mountain in the 1800s.



*Storlinden at Stillbo*



*Koversta Old Heritage Village*