

## A couple of trail tips:

In combination with other trails and roads many suitable round trips along the Gästrikeleden Trail can be created. Here are a couple of trails tips:

### Hemlingby, 9 km

An easily walked trip interchanging between forest paths and smaller roads to a beautifully situated rest area with wind shelter.

Starting and finishing points: Trail hub at Hemlingbystugan Cottage. Follow the Gästrikeleden Trail for approximately 4.5 km to the wind shelter between the Hemlingby lakes. Take the 10 km circuit marked green back to the Hemlingbystugan.



Hemlingby  
spårcentral



Hyttöfjärden

### Kakängssundet, 5 km

Short round trip in interesting nature with older mixed forest and large areas of deciduous hardwood forest. The trail largely follows the Lerån Stream with areas close to the beachfronts previously used for haymaking and pasture.

Starting and finishing points: Start in Hyttön and follow the forestry road along the timber flume north towards the power lines. At this point the trail turns off along Lerån Stream. At Lerån Stream is a wind shelter. When the trail emerges again on the forestry road after approximately 3 km, follow it south to Hyttön.

## Welcome to the Gästrikeleden Trail!

The Gästrikeleden Trail will take you on a journey around Gästrikland's countryside and cultural history. Along the southern part you can, for example, experience the abundant nature of the Dalälven River with its nature reserves and Färnebofjärden National Park. Along the whole trail you will see traces of the iron production's importance for this part of the country. The term Iron Country Gästrikland (Järnriket Gästrikland) can truly be experienced 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.



Hyttön



The Timber flume

**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 - GYSINGE

(Gävle)

(Sandviken)

2. Gysinge, (Sandviken) - Hofors
3. Hofors - Rönnåsen, (Ockelbo)
4. Rönnåsen, (Ockelbo) - Hemlingby, (Gävle)

## HEMLINGBY - GYSINGE

**1. Hemlingby** is Gävle Municipality's largest open-air recreation area with many exercise tracks to choose from, rest areas, sauna and restaurant. The whole area is also a nature reserve.

**2.** Just south of Hemlingby the trail passes through an area known as **Kalkområdet (lime area) southeast of Gävle**. The presence of lime in the area gives both rich and unique flora.

**3.** At **Långhäll** the Gästrikeleden Trail connects with the Upplandsleden Trail. West of Långhäll the trail passes old charcoal kilns.

**4.** The nature reserves **Bläcktjärnsjön** and **Sävasjön** are situated close by the trail. The lime-rich soil gives the reserve a rich and varied flora including a number of species of orchid.

**5.** The **timber flume** was erected at the turn of the 1900s to transport timber to the sawmill at Bomhus. The flume is 30 km long. Up to 11 million logs were transported every year. Timber rafting ceased in 1970 but water still runs in the flume from spring through to autumn.

**6.** **Spjutholmen Nature Reserve** consists of a fragmented mix of wetlands and bouldered moraine. Beside the beaches are older areas of deciduous forest with oak, ash and lime present. There is also one of only a few areas of primary spruce forest in the Nedre Dalälven River area.

**7.** The **Bredfors area** was previously an extensive system of rushing rapids. Nowadays, almost all water is used to produce electricity at the Söderfors Power Station. The primeval forests are rich with dying and dead trees. Grayling can be found in areas where there are still rapids. This is the southernmost point of the distribution area of the grayling.



View from Hemlingbyberget Mountain



**8.** In the **Kvillanudden Nature Reserve** on the Östvedaåsen Ridge outcrop in Öbyfjärden Bay and the nearby Landa Nature Reserve are unique areas of the silver birch species known as "brunmasurbjörk". Kvillanudden is a popular excursion with magnificent views over the bays of the Dalälven River.

**9.** **Hedesundafjärden Bay** stretches out over flat moraine landscape. Over the bay on Ön Island stretching out in the distance and which is the start of Hedesundsåsen Ridge. On Ön Island are both Stone Age settlements and graves from the Viking Age.

**10.** At **Järnvägsbanken** are remnants from the railway track between Sala, Gysinge and Gävle. Train traffic ceased here in 1963.

**11.** **Jordbärsuren** is Norrland's largest area of raised fen. This type of fen is one of the most barren areas of vegetation in the country. Jordbärsuren and the lower part of the Ålboån Stream are a nature reserve.

**12.** **Gysinge** has great sightseeing. One of the country's best kept industrial environments with manor houses, inns, orange-eries and labourers' quarters is to be found here. The works were erected in 1668. In 1900, Gysinge was first in the world to produce steel by means of electricity. Färnebofjärden National Park can also be visited here. The Färnebofjärden Nature Centre (Färnebofjärden naturum), displaying the Nedre Dalälven area's nature and cultural history, is situated in the former stable buildings of the works.



Dalälven River, Öbyfjärden Bay



Gysinge Herrgård

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