



Canoe Route

# Svartälven

North

with Rämmen area

## Land Transport

To mark the transport of canoes by land, signs have been posted at the launch and take-out. The path for land transport is marked with blue or orange arrows. Trolleys should be used along Arbogaån. Please follow the posted signs and respect private property.

**Tyfors start** is about 1.5 km (1 mile) north of bridge over Svartälven, on the border of Värmland and Dalarna on R 26. Exit is on the west side of the road—a small 500 m dirt road that leads to the river. Tenting and toilets are found here.

**Gustavsström.** 5 m. Take-out and launch on the west side.

**Södra Laggen.** 200 m. Take-out on west side. Follow path to launch, which is on the same side. Outhouse and tenting found here.

**Norra Älvsjön.** 150 m. Take-out and launch on west bank.

**Älvsjöhyttan.** 300 m. Take-out on east side, launch same side at the rest area.

**Örlingsdammen.** 100 m. Take-out on east side.

Follow steep path after the dam.

Warning for current near dam intakes when launching. Alternatively, follow road 300 m, launch on same side.

**Silvergruvan.** Take-out east bank. Follow road 250 m. Launch on east bank. Garbage area at take-out area.

**Hällefors.** Take-out east side. 900 m. Follow church wall to launch area. Launch on east side.

**Rämmen.** 900 m. Take-out east beach, follow dirt road to Näsrämmen. Launch on west bank.

**Näsrämmen.** 300 m. Launch west of the dam, follow dirt road, passing road 26 and then the path to Lesjön.

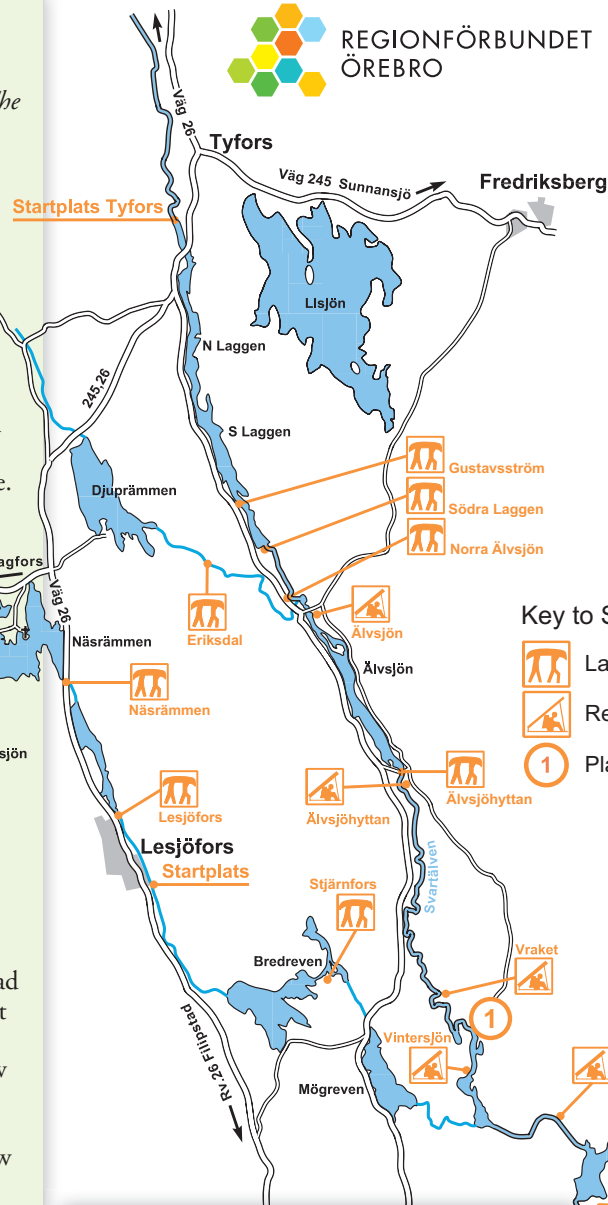
**Lesjöfors.** 3 km. Take-out on southwest side of Lesjön. Follow dirt and asphalt road south through Lesjöfors. Turn left after gas station. Follow dirt road 300 m to launch at Lesjöforsälven.

**Stjärnfors.** 100 m. Take-out on north side of dam. Follow road to launch north of the power station.

**Eriksdal.** 2.6 km. Take out on north side. Launch south of Norra Älvsjön land transport.

**Sävenfordsdammen.** Take-out on west bank. Follow road 600 m. Launch on west bank after Camp Sävenfors.

**Sikfors.** 1.5 km. Take-out on west bank. Transport over railroad tracks, by the manor. Launch behind Hyttudden.



## Canoe route from Tyfors to Hällefors 51 km/32 mi

Tyfors–Älvsjön	13 km	(8 mi)
Älvsjön–Älvsjöhyttan	5 km	(3 mi)
Älvsjöhyttan–Örlingsdammen	18 km	(11 mi)
Örlingsdammen–Hällefors	15 km	(9.3 mi)

## Canoe route from Lövsjön to Vintersjön 32 km/20 mi

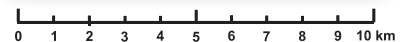
Lövsjön–Lesjöfors	17 km	(10.5 mi)
Lesjöfors–Vintersjön	15 km	(9.3 mi)

(Filipstad County is responsible for this stretch)

## Canoe route from Sävsjön to Grythyttan 28 km/17.5 mi

Sävsjön–Sikfors	13 km	(8 mi)
Sikfors–Grythyttan	15 km	(9.3 mi)

(see South Svartälven)



## Key to Symbols

- Land transport
- Rest area
- Place of interest

## Örebro County



## Rest Areas

Rest areas along the canoe route offer shelters, fire rings and outhouses. Firewood is usually available, but can be depleted due to heavy usage. If possible, bring your own wood. It is of great help to the management if you take your rubbish with you when you leave the rest area.

**Älvsjön.** Good tenting possibilities.

**Älvsjöhyttan.** Limited tenting possibilities.

**Vrakket.** Open meadows around old ruins. Good tenting.

**Vintersjön.** No wind shelter. Good tenting possibilities.

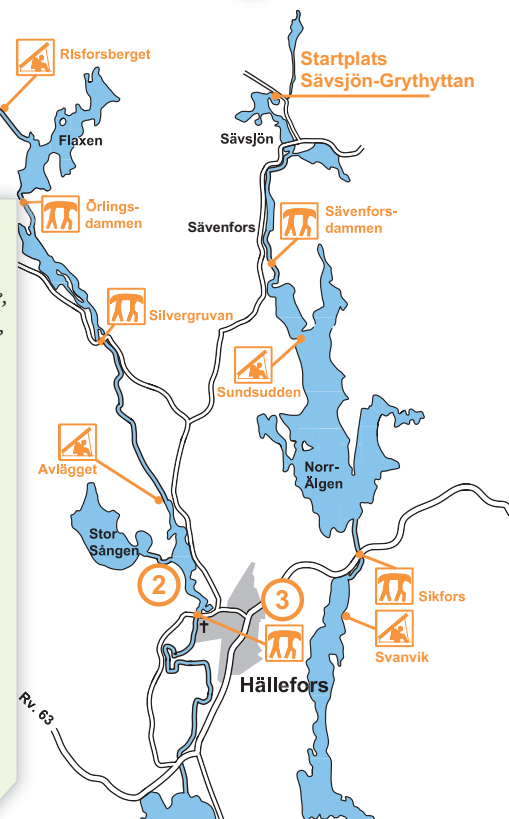
**Risforsberget.** Good tenting possibilities.

**Avlägget.** Good tenting possibilities.

**Sundsudden.** Good tenting possibilities.

**Svanvik.** No wind shelter. Good tenting possibilities.

**Hälgnsäsviken.** Limited tenting possibilities.



# Canoe Route Information

The Svartälven (Black River) lives up to its name, with dark water and tree-covered banks. The river flows through a real “Bergslag” area, covered with endless forests and mountains rich with ore. Wilderness is broken up only occasionally by crofts, villages or the rare industrial area.

From the source lakes 20 km north of Tyfors in Dalarna, down to Skagern, the total length is 200 km, most of which (about 150 km) runs through Örebro County. Those who begin at Älvsjöhyttan and travel to Grythyttan will have finished a journey of 55 km. It is possible to start further north in Tyfors, and extend the journey by 20 km. A comfortable paddling pace gives a pace of about 3-5 km per hour. (Note: 1km=0.6 miles)

## Tyfors–Älvsjöhyttan, 18 km/11 mi

From the Tyfors start, the river carefully flows south, first passing under the bridge at R26 and then continuing towards Gustavsström. There are a few cabins along the river. At Gustavsström there is a short lift over the road. Afterwards are two power station dams, one after 1.5 km and the next 1 km after that. After another 1 km is the first rest area. From there it is 5 km to the small village of Älvsjöhyttan.

## Älvsjöhyttan–Silvergruvan, 25 km/15.5 mi

Suitable start is the east bank below the dam at Älvsjöhyttan. This stretch is for the most part calm, without rapids or strong currents. The uppermost part of the river has widespread wilderness character, with numerous signs of moose, deer and beaver.

After Vintersjön the river is more affected by damming and large scale foresting. Both dams at Risfors and Örlingsdammen are now destroyed, but have been replaced by a newer, larger dam about 500 m north of the latter. Warning for strong current near the dam intakes! The north part of Lake Örlingen is largely influenced by the building of summer homes.

## Silvergruvan–Hällefors, 8 km/5 mi

Downstream from Silvergruvan the current is fairly strong, especially during high tide. Approaching Hällefors, the river flows through a lake landscape with low beaches and a number of small islands. Previously used for timber storage, half-sunken logs are sometimes found. Passing through Sängsbäcken gives access to the bathing area of Lill-Sängen. Take-out on the east bank. Hällefors has much to offer the nature enthusiast, for example Knuthöjdsossen Nature Reserve, a raised bog with an

impressive cluster of small lakes. Hällefors offers services of all types.

## Lövsjön–Lesjöfors, 17 km/10.5 mi

Suitable start is the north side of Lövsjön, next to a cape with a pleasant sand beach. The journey goes northeast via Holmsjön and through a small, shallow delta to Bosjön. The first houses come into view along the bank heading towards Rämman Manor, where there is a lift to Lake Näsrämman. From here the journey continues by several small and large islands, and passes the beautiful church on a north side cape. At the southeast bay is a lift over to Lesjön – then passing Lesjö village, with a nice swim area, before heading south to the northern part of Lesjöfors.

## Lesjöfors–Vintersjön, 15 km/9.3 mi

Starting at southern Lesjöfors by the northern end of Lesjöforsälven, the journey winds south and widens through Blockenhusagen and Fransagen, only to reduce in size again towards Bredreven. The route goes west by some built-up areas, mostly on the northern side of the lake. On the east side is a shorter lift to the northern part of Mögreven, with its fairly steep banks, heading south towards Kosundet, which then leads out to the southern part of the lake. By the southeast end there is a sand beach, where the Tvärälven begins, a small and shallow, winding river that runs through forest landscape to the Svartälven at Vintersjön.

## Sävsjön–Grythyttan, 22 km/13.5 mi

This stretch is of pretty much the same character as the last. It consists of river paddling on the Sävälven and lake paddling on Sör- and Norr-Älgen.

## Maps

Topographic map 615 Hällefors, 627 Fredriksberg

## Fishing

Fishing licenses for the area's waterways are necessary and available in the area. Contact the Hällefors Tourist Office at +46 (0)591-120 01 for information.

## Canoe Routes in Örebro County

Svartälven is one of 6 canoe routes. Others are Nittälven, Svartån, Arbogaån, Rastälven and Järleån. Regionförbundet Örebro is responsible for the canoe routes.

## Canoe Rentals

A list of rental agencies can be found at [www.regionorebro.se/naturochfriluftsliv](http://www.regionorebro.se/naturochfriluftsliv).

## More Information

Hällefors Tourist Office, +46 (0) 591-120 01, [www.hellefors.se](http://www.hellefors.se); Örebrokompaniet, +46 (0)19-21 21 21, [www.visitorebro.se](http://www.visitorebro.se); Destination Karlskoga Degerfors Tourist Office, +46 (0)586-614 74, [www.karlskoga.se](http://www.karlskoga.se); Regionförbundet Örebro County, +46 (0)19-602 63 00, [www.regionorebro.se](http://www.regionorebro.se).

## The Great Outdoors Online

More information on outdoor activities in Örebro County can be found at [www.regionorebro.se/naturochfriluftsliv](http://www.regionorebro.se/naturochfriluftsliv). Here you will find updated information on overnight camping along the canoe routes and the Bergslag Trail. You can even download stage routes and read tips and follow useful links to activities and places of interest.

## Places of Interest (see map)

### 1. Lower Vraket

Cultural landscape. A 10 m high ridge surrounded by meadows and pastures, birch forests.

### 2. Knuthöjdsossen

Nature reserve. Bog with abundant bird life. Footbridges, paths, wheelchair accessible. Special nature reserve brochure available.

### 3. Hällefors

Industrial area where culture meets nature. Known for its artistic residential area and the House of Design design exhibits.

### 4. Hammarmossen

Nature reserve. All-round bog with many small lakes.

### 5. Björskogs näs

Nature reserve. Rich plant life - Yellow Lady's Slipper orchid, among others. Special nature reserve brochure available.

### 6. Skräddartorp

Cultural homestead. Country estate with wagons, cabins and tool museum. Coffee/pastries. Run by Grythyttan homestead group.

### 7. Grythyttan

Charming 1600s town with well-known inn. House of Culinary Arts: culinary centre, school, boutique, restaurant, cookbook museum and exhibitions.

### 8. Sävenfors

A well-preserved establishment constructed as a dam facility, which facilitates a descent of 11 m. Large fishery/hatchery that distributes fish all over Sweden.