



Canoe Route Järleån

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. Please follow the posted signs and respect private property.

Järle Nature Reserve. Land transport 4 km.

Ringholmsforsen. 100 m. Towing possible along west shore.

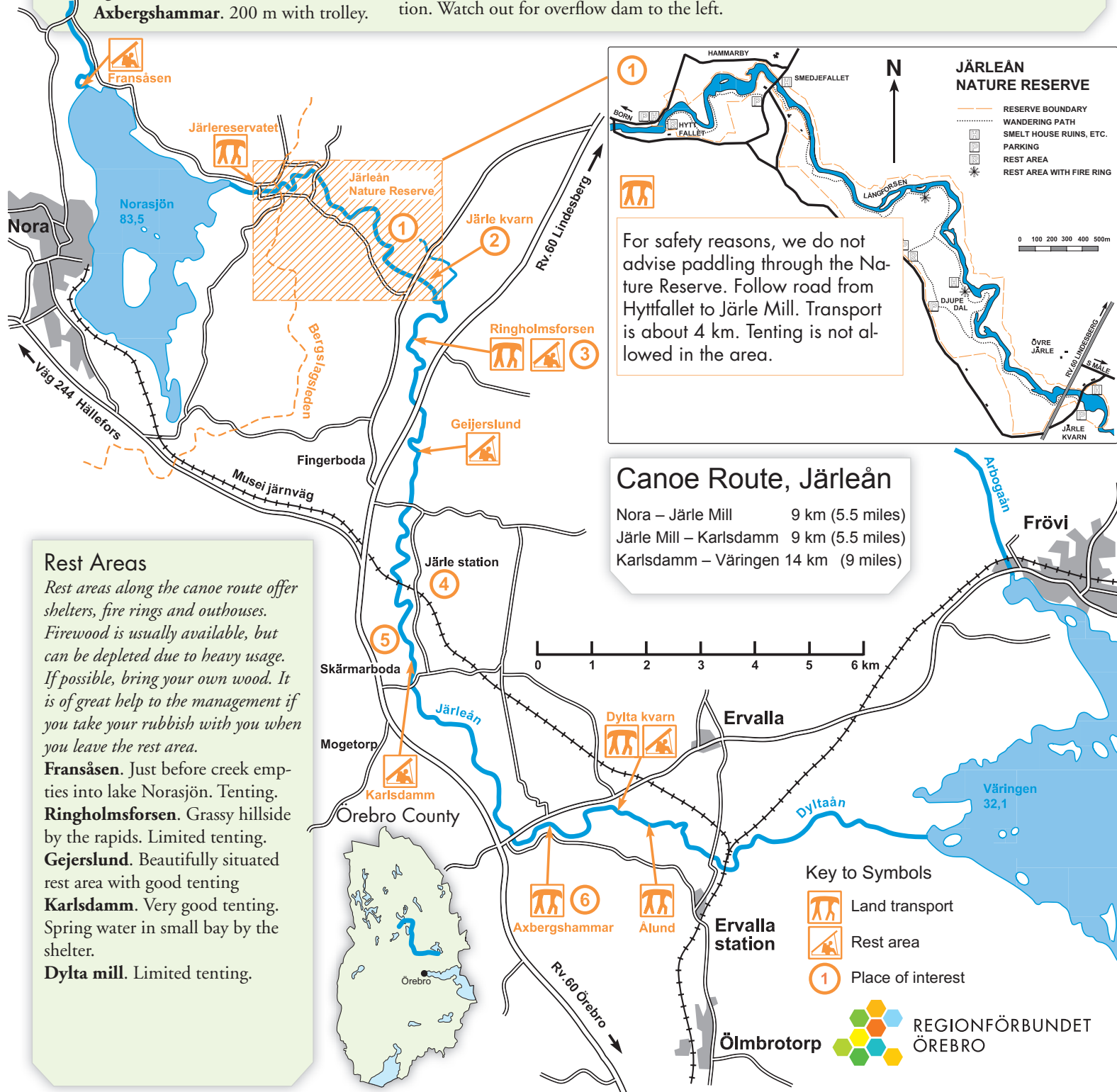
Axbergshammar. 200 m with trolley.

Warning! Power station opens and closes automatically, causing serious changes in water flow. Take-out 50 m upstream on left side. Launch downstream after 100 m on the same side.

Dylta Mill. 300 m with trolley. Warning! Power station opens and closes automatically, causing serious changes in water flow. Take-out right shore just before power station. Watch out for overflow dam to the left.

Launch by wind shelter, 300 m downstream on the north side.

Ålund. Just below power station at Dylta, by Ålund, are three rapids. The lower one is 200 m long, shallow and challenging. Towing in the rapids can be one way to pass, though not risk free. Take-out on the south side before the rapids. Launch on same side 300 m downstream.



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.

Fransåsen. Just before creek empties into lake Norasjön. Tenting.

Ringholmsforsen. Grassy hillside by the rapids. Limited tenting.

Geijerslund. Beautifully situated rest area with good tenting

Karlsdamm. Very good tenting. Spring water in small bay by the shelter.

Dylta mill. Limited tenting.

Canoe Route, Järleån

Nora – Järle Mill 9 km (5.5 miles)

Järle Mill – Karlsdamm 9 km (5.5 miles)

Karlsdamm – Väringen 14 km (9 miles)

Key to Symbols

Land transport

Rest area

Place of interest

Canoe Route Information

Järleån (Järle Creek) is in its lower course a calm and friendly creek. Further north, between Hammarby and Järle, it is more dramatic. It is one of central Sweden's most powerful rapid areas, with a descent of 36 m over 5 km.

This stretch goes through Järleån Nature Reserve. A leisurely walk along the rapids is recommended.

For the traveller who started his voyage further north, the nature reserve means a downhill land transport of 4 km. Take-out on south side just before the Hammarby bridge and launch below Järle Mill.

A comfortable paddling pace gives a speed of about 4-6 km per hour. Allow for discovery, rest, food preparation and camping. Make sure to arrive at your camping area in good time, using the adventure to relax. The rest area at Karlsdamm has spring water in the small bay by the shelter.

Starting at the Järle Mill

Just below the old mill at Järle is a good starting place. The stretch that follows after the long rapids stretch through the nature reserve is easily paddled, with the exception of two rapids and two land transports by power stations.

The rapids at Ringholmen can be tough. Land transport for 100 m is an alternative. The west bank can also be used for towing.

Land transport by the power stations in Axbergshammar and Dylta are short and easy. These power stations open and close automatically, resulting in serious differences in water flow.

Just below the Dylta power plant are three rapid areas near Ålund, which can be difficult to pass. Towing or land transport is recommended.

The trip can end before Axbergshammar, or even at Ervalla swim area or at the Djupviken small boat harbor in Väringen. Those who wish to continue, via Väringen, downstream on Arbogaån are advised to follow the south bank at Väringen, south of Kägelhomsön.

Starting at the Ervalla Station

Those who would like to canoe on Väringen can start at the launch and take-out point on the west side of the road between Ervalla and Arvall Station.

Cultural District

In the mid-1500s, there was a smelt house on Järleån. During the next centuries, the creek's river valley was important to the iron production in the Nora area. Smelt and forge houses were found at three different dams. For a shorter period of time, smaller forges existed along Djupedalsforsen. The need for waterpower could be satisfied without having to tap into the roughest parts of the rapids, which is one reason why Långforsen still has a natural flow.

Iron working in the area continued into the 1920s, but now there are just ruins left, along with slag piles and other remains.

The Järle Mill, which operated until the 1970s, is preserved in its original condition. It has been restored and is open as a museum.

Animal Life

The grove-like dominating forests provide nourishment for nearby mammals and birds. Small bird faunas in the area include many species. Of special interest are those with direct connection to the creek. Beavers are seen regularly. Young Common Goldeneyes and Gooseanders can be seen in calm creek areas during summer, while starlings stay near rapids, especially during winter.

Most noteworthy is the rare European Kingfisher, found by the creek occasionally. Sometimes they fly at high speed, with a shrill call, just over the surface of the water.

Plant Life

Different hardwood trees make up most of the forested area. Grey alder and ash trees dominate, especially in areas that were once used for haymaking or grazing.

Occasionally, one finds old, thick ash and birch trees still standing from haymaking days. Bird cherry trees are common and add to the forest's grove-like qualities.

Bush and herb vegetation is lush, with species like mezoneon, toothwort, lungwort and horsetails. The main flowers of the area are windflower in spring and globeflower in early summer.

Map

Topographic map 602 Örebro

Fishing

Fishing licences are sold for Norasjön and Väringen. No fishing in Järleån. The Nora or Lindsberg Tourist Offices have more information.

Canoe Routes in Örebro County

Järleån is 1 of 6 canoe routes. Others are Nittälven, Svartån, Arbogaån, Rastälven and Svartälven. Regionförbundet Örebro is responsible for the canoe routes.

Canoe Rentals

A list of rental agencies can be found at www.regionorebro.se/naturochfriluftsliv.

More Information

Nora Tourist Office, +46 (0)587-811 20, www.nora.se; Lindsberg Tourist Office, +46 (0)581-811 70, www.lindsberg.se; Örebrokompaniet, +46 (0)19-21 21 21, www.visitorebro.se; Regionförbundet Örebro County, +46 (0)19-602 63 00, www.regionorebro.se.

The Great Outdoors Online

More information on outdoor activities in Örebro County can be found at 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 1 (see map)

1. Järleån Nature Reserve
2. Cultural area by Järle Mill
3. Ravine formations at Ringholmsforsen
4. Sweden's oldest train station, Järle, and its railway bridge
5. Castle-like ruins at Tistaborg
6. Estate environment at Axbergshammar