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Fagertärn is perhaps the most visited nature reserve in the province. It is well known for the red lily.

The red waterlily (Näckrosa) was discovered by the botanist Agaton Bernhard Kjellmark, when he was visiting Aspa in 1856. He spread his discovery in scientific circles. The rumor about the unusual water lily spread rapidly, so lots of lilies were plundered. Already in 1905 Örebro county protected the special water lily.

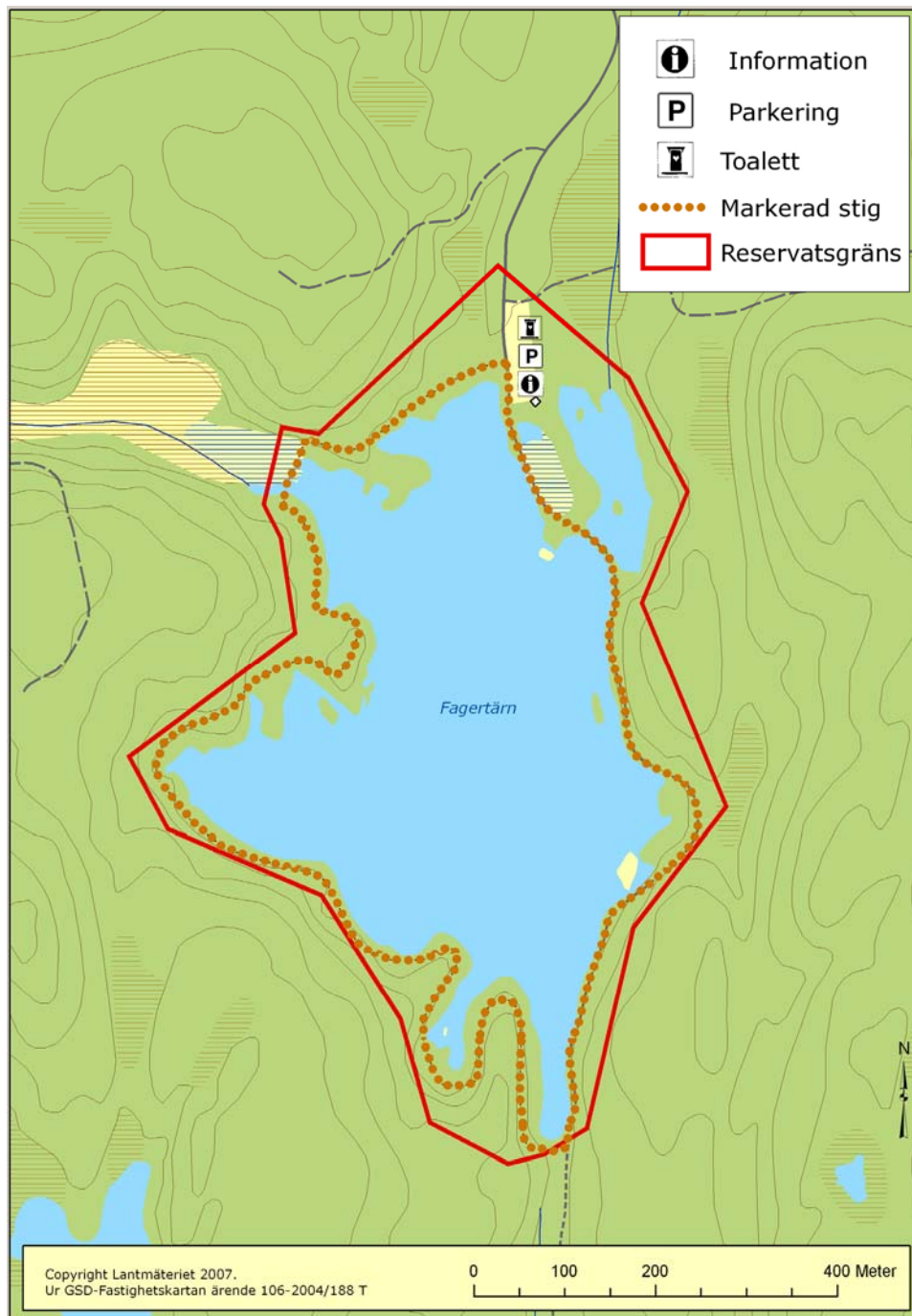
The flowers are found in different variations from light pink to dark red. The pink and red color is created by mutations, by random changes in the genes. They also occur in other lakes in Tiveden, sometimes planted out in the 19th century. They are protected there also.

After 1980, the number of water lilies in Lake Fagertärn reduced drastic. An obvious reason for this is never found. The red water lilies bloom approximately from July 15th to August 15th. At the parking lot begins a 2.5 kilometre long walk around the lake. The left part is adapted to wheelchairs and prams. The water lilies are to be found in the rear part of the lake. Take with you a pair of binoculars. There is a legend which says that the red colour of the lily is caused by blood.

Sage of the red lily

This legend tells about fisherman Fager, who didn't caught enough fish to feed his family. The only way to survive was an agreement with the water spirit, Nack. He promised him a lifetime good catch. In exchange the water spirit was to be married to the beautiful daughter of Fager, when she became the age of 18 year.

So then came the 18th anniversary of the daughter. She dressed up very nicely and hid a dagger under her clothes. She then rowed over the Lake Fagertärn. When the water spirit appeared to the surface to take his bride, the girl called out: "You will never have me!" and thrust the knife into her chest. Her blood flowed into the dark water and coloured the white water lilies red forever.



Wegbeschrijving

Vanaf Tived de weg naar Askersund nemen. Na 10 km is er eens afslag naar Bosjön en Fagertärn, dan de borden verder volgen, zo'n 10 km het bos in. Vanaf weg 49, ten zuiden van Askersund zijn ook borden geplaatst. Bij de parkeerplaats bevindt zich in de zomer een bemande kiosk met touristinformatie.

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