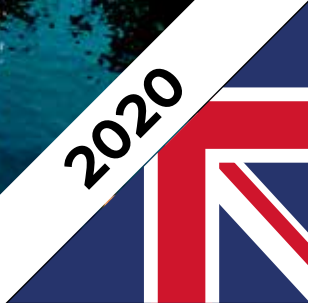


VÄSTERVIK

GUIDE



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Welcome to the archipelago and the summer city of Västervik

WHEN IN VÄSTERVIK, the sea is just around the corner. Enjoy the summery and salty smells and just listen to the wooden boats chugging their way into the fishing port. Enjoy bathing from the rocks, just 300 metres from the town centre. During the summer, exciting events are arranged such as festivals, markets and concerts throughout the entire municipality. Västervik is the largest urban area in the municipality, a small and charming city with cobbled streets, squares and alleys. In Västervik, you will also find a variety of exciting shops. There is a large selection of exquisite restaurants and relaxing coffee bars.

We hope that you will have a lot of use of the Västervik Guide and the Västervik map during your stay in Västervik municipality.

Here are some tips for special places to visit in the municipality. If you want additional tips, check out our digital summer guide www.vastervik.com

Welcome to an exciting summer filled with experiences in the archipelago city of Västervik!



EVENTS/MUSIC

VisFestivalen, 9–11 July
Durspelstämman i Ankarsrum, 24–26 July
Löga Beach Party, 25 July
Hamnplan Live, 1 August
Diggiloo, 2 August
Grande Finale After work, 28 August

OUTDOOR/ADVENTURE

Karhu Run, 6 July
Loftahammar Endurance Day, 1 August
Västervik Triathlon, 8 August

SPORT

Speedway, elitserien (May–Sept)
Tjust 2-dagars, 30 June–1 July
Västervik Junior Open, 29–30 July
Swedish Floorball Open, 31 July–1 August

CULTURE/OTHER

Konstrundan, 25 April
Västerviks konstförening Sommarsalong,
 27 June – 27 July
Hasselörodden, 15 July
Move Me, Movie Night, week 29
Sagobyn, Gamleby, 22 August
Garpedagen, Gamleby, 23 August
Sportbildsdagen, 5 September



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Island guide

What are you waiting for? On the horizon there are 5,000 islands and islets just waiting to be explored, your back-pack is packed, your life vest is on and it's time to leave.

1 FLATVARP

Flatvarp's smooth, extensive rocks to sunbathe on can be reached by boat, car and bike via the bridge to Stora Askö. Here you can sunbathe, swim and also enjoy a picnic.

2 GÄRDSHOLMEN

Gårdsholmen is a small island in the Syrsan Bay. There are a great deal of cliffs here, but there are also some sandy beaches. There are very good fishing waters around the island.

3 VÄDESKÄR

The island of Väderskär lies far out in the open sea, but, despite its exposed location, it has been inhabited for hundreds of years. You will find a small red wooden chapel here that dates back to the 17th century, which is a popular venue for weddings.

4 STORA GRINDÖ

On Stora Grindö you will find barren cliffs and the quaintness of "Seacrow Island" in harmony with modern coffee art. Drop by for an espresso, a bite to eat or shop for smoked fish. Eel fishing and salmon farming are carried out here. Stora Grindö is an extremely charming fishing village.

5 STEDSHOLMEN

Stedsholmen is an island fishing village and an old pilot site; when it was closed down in the 1960s it had been in operation for approximately 350 years. Guided tours can be booked with the island's only resident fisherman, a descendant of one of the pilots who used to work on the island. There is also a guest jetty.

6 BJÖRKÖ

The island has been inhabited since the 17th century and is a popular tourist destination. This green island in the inner archipelago has been called Sweden's most beautiful island. There are still people who live permanently on the island who keep animals.

7 SMÅGÖ

Smågö is a small island with lots of bays and inlets. It is

mainly unexploited, but there are activities for tourists. Forest and pastureland are bordered by cliffs and the sea.

8 RÅGÖ

Rågö is a 100-hectare nature reserve with old farm buildings in a beautiful pastoral setting. Here you will find a restaurant, hostels, an archipelago museum and a wooden boat workshop. Don't miss Rågödagen (Rågö day), which takes place in July, it's a real celebration!

9 HASSELÖ

Hasselö is the largest island in the Tjust archipelago. Hasselö has a sandy beach and a varied landscape. There is a summer shop that has a café, restaurant and a guest harbour; and bicycles and sea kayaks are also available for rent. On Hasselö you can rent a cottage or stay at the island's youth hostel.

10 TORRÖN

This is Torrön close to Hasselö-Sladö. Only a narrow strait separates the islands. Torrön is a wilderness island where visitors can find their own paths over rocks and through woods and marshes. It is only a few hours' walk around the island close to the water's edge. It will be a varied walk across smooth rocks, steep rocky slopes and soft moss through a dense pine forest.

11 SPÅRÖ

Island with steep cliffs down to the narrow but deep Spårö sound. It is best known for its lighthouse, which, with its red roof, is visible from a great distance in the archipelago. It is definitely worth the steep walk, as you will be able to get a closer look at the lighthouse and take in the amazing view. The lighthouse was built in 1776.

12 IDÖ

Idö is found in the outer archipelago, half an hour by boat from Västervik centre. The island is a kilometre in length and in width, and offers a varied landscape. Idö has an archipelago with a private guest harbour.

13 HÄNDELÖP

Händelöp is a vibrant fishing village just outside Västervik. Boats can moor either at the fishing harbour at 'Huvudet', where there are fine rocks for sunbathing, or inside the bay in the village. In the village an inviting archipelago market is arranged on the Saturday in week 28. There is road for vehicles and a bridge to Händelöp, which is a short cycle ride from Västervik. Listen carefully to the village's peculiar dialect!

14 BLANKAHOLM

Blankaholm is a small community in a bay, with a guest harbour and a guesthouse. The local inn organises evenings with music and art exhibitions.

15 ÖSTRA SKÄLÖ

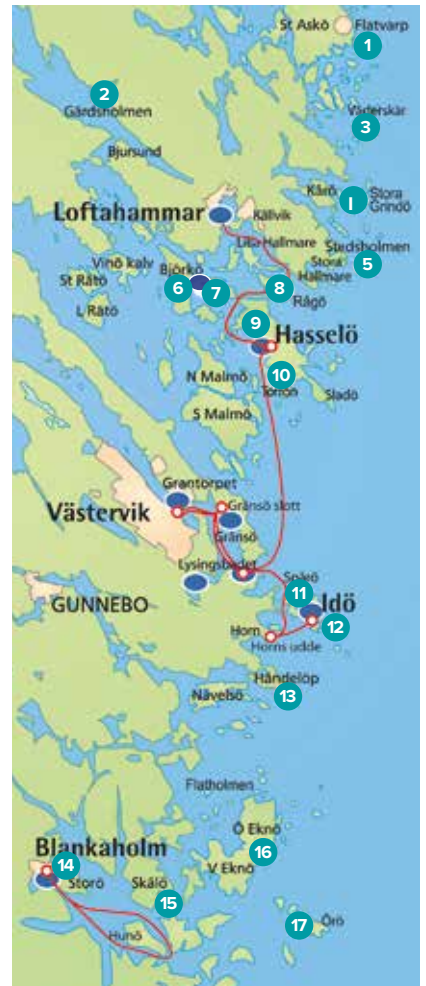
You can either get here by car or by boat. The harbour is a good starting point for canoeists who want to explore the southern part of the archipelago and Örö.

16 ÖSTRA AND VÄSTRA EKNÖ

This is a large forested island with two old fishing villages: Österbo and Västerbo. There are good roads, many paths and a hiking trail on the island. You can also rent a cabin and hire a bike on the island. On West Eknö there are jetties where boats can be moored.

17 ÖRÖ

Örö is a favourite among kayakers. In the spring you can enjoy the apple blossom, the wood anemones and the refreshing winds. Comfortable guest houses serve home-made food from local ingredients – made with lots of love and care. There are rooms and cottages to rent, and some have self-catering facilities. It is advisable to book in advance, and do not miss the beautiful sauna on the jetty, which has a hatch in the floor from which you can jump into the sea.



Archipelago traffic

Fishing

Västervik's archipelago is a legendary hot spot in fishing circles. Passionate anglers make a pilgrimage to enjoy world class pike fishing. The availability of sea trout, salmon and perch will also have you in a spin. Excellent fishing waters await you inland too. Those who want to fish or hunt during their holidays have plenty of activities to choose from in Västervik.

Risebo Fritid, hunting and fishing
www.risebofritid.se

Hunting and fishing shop
Jakt- och fiskecenter (the hunting and fishing shop) has an indoor shooting arena.

Fishing permits are available for purchase here as well as tips on where the best fishing waters are:
www.Risebofritid.se
www.langsjon.se
www.Sveaskog.se
vastervik.com/fiske



Archipelago traffic

M/S *Ellen Key* and M/S *Kung Märta* provide regular services from **Västervik – Idö** and **Västervik – Hasselö**, and the boat trip takes about an hour. Both ferries depart 4-5 times per day during the peak season.

During the high season (18/6-14/8) there are daily ferries from Loftahammar. Take the boat from Sandbyhovsbryggan in **Loftahammar out to Rågö**, for further transport to Hasselö.

The trips can be booked online at boka.vastervik.com before departure, or purchased at the terminal.

Archipelago life on Idö

For those who want a real archipelago experience, the best thing to do is to aim for the little island of Idö in the outer archipelago. During the summer, several boats travel here each day from Horns Udde and from Västervik. Idö Skärgårdskrog is located in the island's harbour area, situated on a hill overlooking the sea.

THE PILOT LOOKOUT TOWER

From the small harbour it is only a few minutes' walk up to the island's white landmark,

the old pilot lookout tower. The curious, who can manage the narrow steps up to the top of the tower to the roof will be rewarded with a fabulous view of land and sea! On one side you have the mainland and on the other you have the high seas. The old pilot lookout tower has been left untouched after it was closed in 1986, but you will still be able to gain an inkling of what it was like for the islanders in the olden days (a harsh way of life sometimes). From the top of the tower you will be able to catch a glimpse of a collection of red houses, and those who continue their archi-

pelago expedition along a meandering forest path will eventually reach the village with its boathouses and ruminating cows. Saltkråkan for real.

BATHING AREAS

If you feel like a dip in one of Idö's many bays there is a great chance you will find a smooth rock where you will be completely by yourself. For those who don't want to or can't bathe from the rocks, there is also a shallow sandy beach. But bathing is far from the only water activity offered to those who visit this little archipelago island. Eagle and seal safari are other popular options.



YOUTH HOSTEL

The Falun-red youth hostel with its white trims around the windows, is the island's former primary school, and we can see the pictures and the class photos on the walls and an old climbing frame in the playground. Some thirty beds in five bright and modern rooms are available in the main building and in a small, homely little cottage. The hostel has a large garden, perfect for light summer nights where you can enjoy a barbecue, games and play. Opposite the youth hostel is the world's smallest, unmanned, open at 24-07, flea market. Shoppers serve themselves and put some money in the tin.

Hasselö

The island is one of the larger islands of the Tjust archipelago. During the summer you get there from Västervik on board M/S *Ellen Key*. A brisk one-hour boat ride against a backdrop of blue waves, green islets, white sails and a countless number of blue and yellow flags.

At the end of the journey you will see a wooded idyll with a sandy beach and red cottages. In the small harbour a tractor awaits you to take you on a memorable sightseeing tour around the island. (Please note! This must be booked in advance, the day before.) If you prefer to rent your own bike, make your own way to Handelsboa to pick up your "wheels".

HANDELSBOA

Bicycle-friendly dirt tracks travel the length and breadth of the entire island. Handelsboa harbour area serves as a lively central point for the whole island. A popular country store which in addition to supplying you with everything you need (and a little more) for a successful stay in the archipelago, also rents out bikes, kayaks, canoes, pedal boats and golf clubs for your game of mini-golf. Just next door is a cafeteria where you can enjoy all of the day's meals if you want to... and of course they sell ice cream. For those who prefer warmer water than the sea, there is also a hot tub you can rent.

RESTAURANT SJÖKANTEN

Restaurant Sjökanten is in a cosy little boat house a bit south of the harbour. When you visit the restaurant, you should take the opportunity to visit the small farm museum as well. Around lunchtime, a generous archipelago buffet is served and in the evening there's a three-course menu with meat or fish – always with a large variety of local ingredients. Next to the water, there is two wood-fired hot tubes and a sauna for hire, with a view of the big blue. If you continue a little further south from Sjökanten via the pine forest, bilberry sprigs and summer cottages, you come to the small island of Sladö. When you have crossed the bridge to the island, beautiful meadows open up with juniper shrubs, sheep, cows, endless stone walls and softly rounded rocks inviting you to go for a swim in the sea. Such stunning beauty.

Boat taxi

If you don't have your own boat, it is, in addition to the regular ferries, always possible to get around the archipelago with the help of a water taxi or by renting a motorboat or kayak. There are a number of companies that will rent you a boat/kayak.

Molanders Båttransporter

Tel. +46 70-671 39 14. Max 12 pers.

Smågö Fraktservice

Tel. +46 (0)490-911 40. Max 29 pers. + 12 pers.

Solidö Skärgårdstaxi

Tel. +46 490-910 19. Max 20 pers.

Idö Skärgårdstransporter

Tel. +46 70-566 77 38. Max 12 pers.

Kräkelund Dyk & Sjöentreprenad

Tel. +46 70-444 57 08. Max 12 pers.

Marqua Sjötransporter

Tel. + 46 70-444 60 00. Max 12 pers.

Travel by mail boat

The boat that delivers the mail to the islanders in the central archipelago to islands such as **Norra Malmö**, **Smågö**, **Björkö** and **Hasselö** departs from Gränsö canal. Reservations must be booked with Solidö archipelago taxi at least one day in advance.

The archipelago without a boat

You don't need a boat to enjoy the archipelago.

There are bridges to the archipelago islands such as **Stora Askö** and **Östra Skälö**. And the coastal communities of **Loftahammar** and **Blankaholm** provide a wonderful archipelago feeling without you having to leave the mainland. At **Händelöp** just outside Västervik, you can experience a real island community without your own boat. The small and very vibrant fishing village acquired a bridge to the mainland in the 1960's and since then the resident population has just increased at the same time as the houses and stores have been kept intact. In the village of Händelöp an inviting archipelago market is arranged on the Saturday in week 28.



Loftahammar, a true summer holiday destination

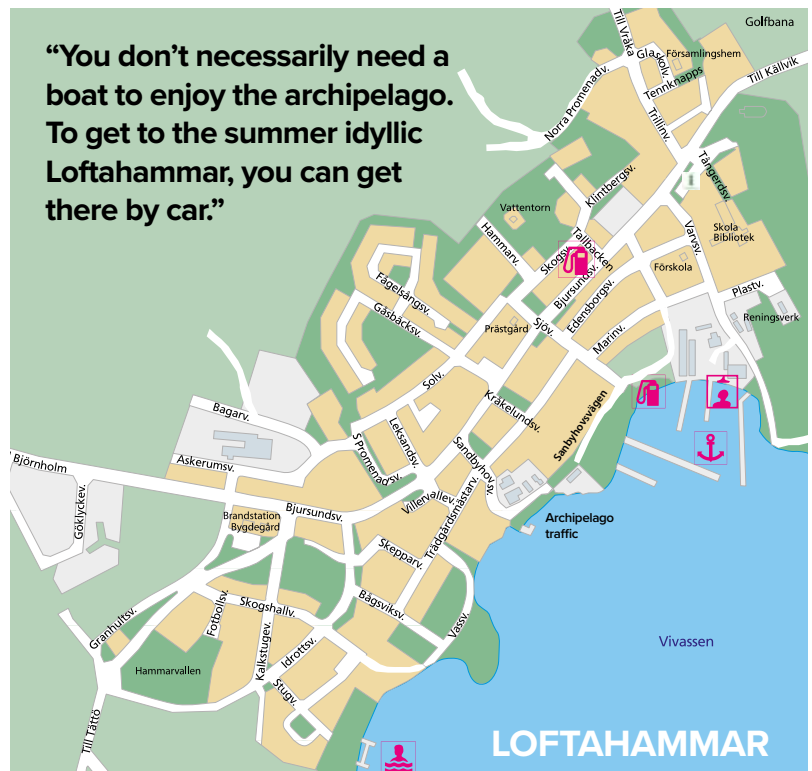
Sun-drenched rocks from which to bathe, tarmacked jetties, screeching seagulls and ice cream. Loftahammar is a true summer holiday destination, an idyllic coastal town in the northern part of the municipality, which attracts holidaymakers far and wide. This is where sailors, campers, motorcycle enthusiasts and summer cottage owners come to relax and unwind. During the winter, Loftahammar is a sleepy little island village. But when the sun comes out during the spring, there is an increase in the activity level in the town. The boats are launched into the lake, the people of Östergötland arrive and open their summer cottages, the dedicated seasonal campers take up their pitches at the camp sites and the sunbathers find their way out onto the rocks and beaches

once again. At the centre of Loftahammar, business activity is on the increase and at its centre stands the little Ica supermarket.

Stures bageri (café and restaurant) is on the main street where the third generation of Anderssons provides Loftahammar with coffee, cakes, refreshments and food – another pleasant place you can't miss in Loftahammar.

For those who prefer an active holiday, a visit to **Sweeds** is a must. Here you can rent bikes and boats and arrange guided canoeing trips, walks and fishing tours. The best way to end a day in Loftahammar is with a walk through the guest harbour, strolling among the large and small boats, and then supper at **Sjöökrogen**.

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YOUR DIGITAL GUIDE TO VÄSTERVIK



Summer in the archipelago city

A world-class archipelago that will enrich all of your experiences making your summer holiday just perfect. Västervik offers a number of new attractions this year: Björn Ulvaeus' floating hotel, new archipelago services, popular events and much, much more. Book on vastervik.com

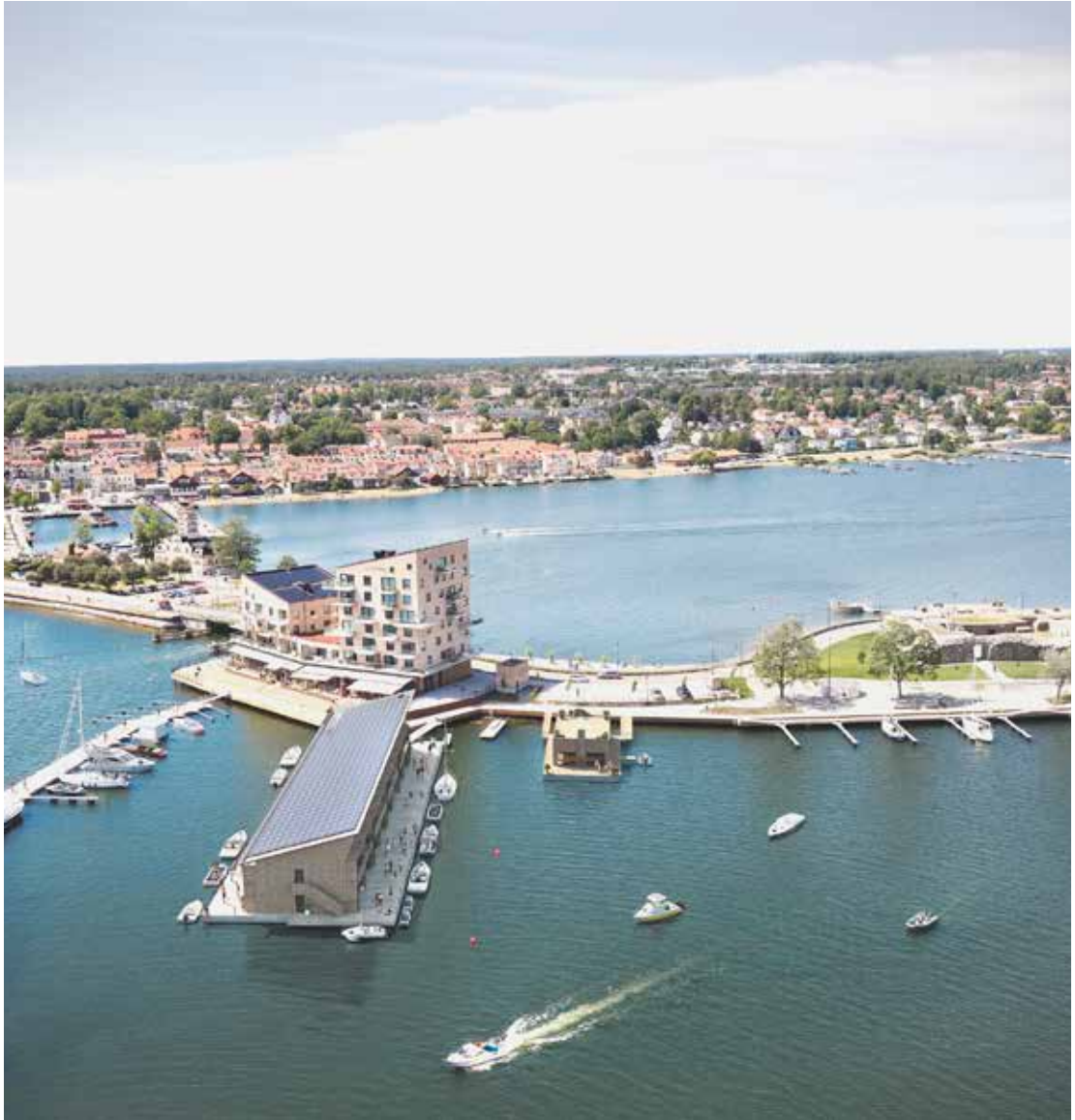
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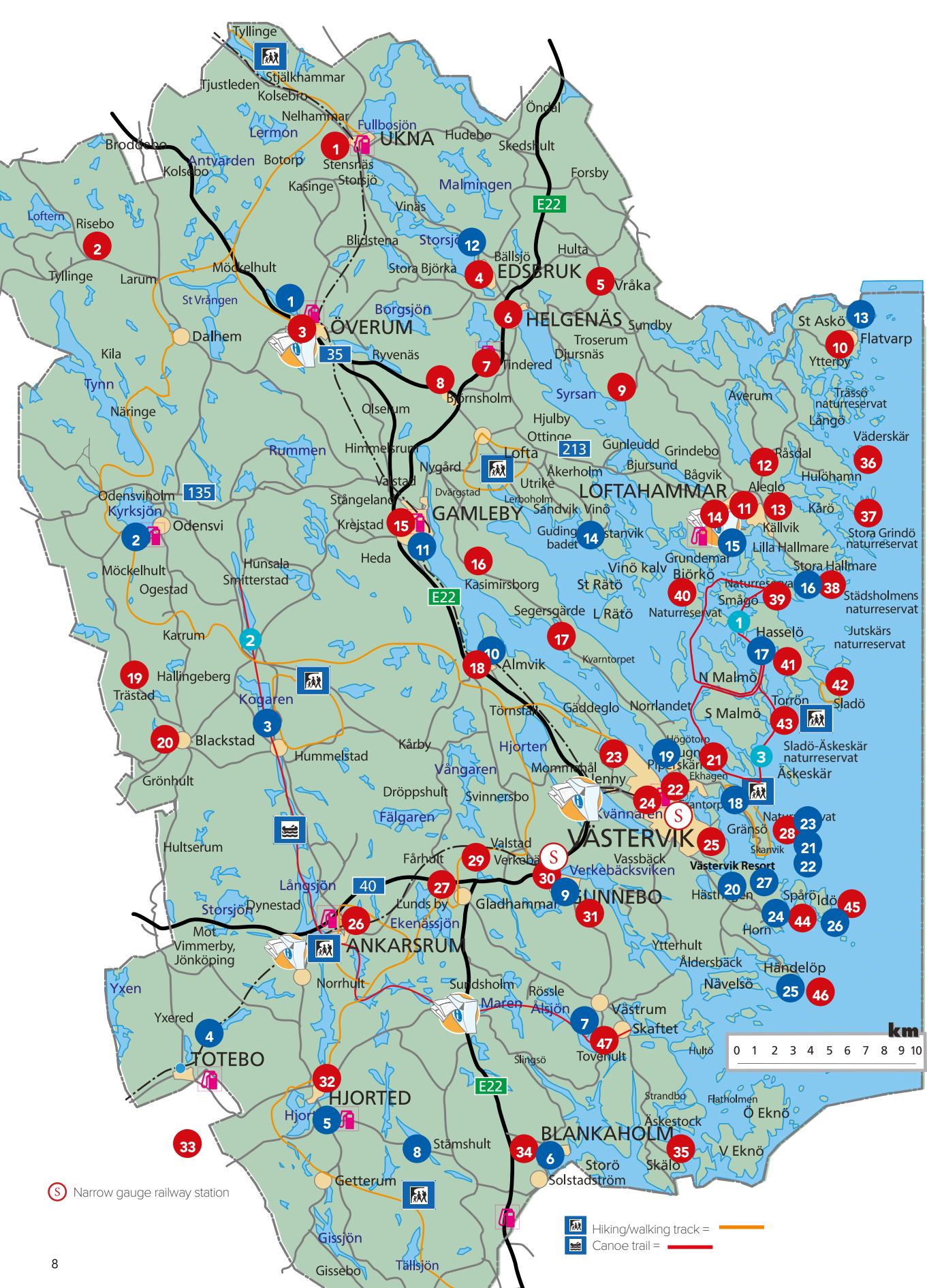
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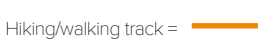


A PLACE TO MEET



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(S) Narrow gauge railway station

 Hiking/walking track = 
 Canoe trail = 

GUIDE TO THE MUNICIPALITIES

- 1 Uknadalen, Ukna church ruins
- 2 Risebo recreation, hunting and fishing camp
- 3 Överum's mill museum, works environment
- 4 Edsbruk's church ruins, a small industrial community
- 5 Lilla Återbruket, glass art
- 6 Helgenäs, adventure fort
- 7 Tindered lantkök, road pub
- 8 Ancient monuments petroglyphs
- 9 Gärdsholmen archipelago, homestead, fishing camp
- 10 Flatvarp, viewpoint
- 11 Loftahammar, tourist service, nature trails, picnic areas
- 12 Aleglo mill, local arts and crafts museum
- 13 Källvik, old health spa
- 14 Loftahammars Golfbana
- 15 Gamleby, tourist service, market environment, Garpedansberget, archaeological sites, shopping centres, restaurants, cafés, antique shops
- 16 Casimirsborg, boatyard, ancient monuments, petroglyphs
- 17 Segersgårde nature reserve
- 18 Almvik's tile museum, café
- 19 Hallingeberg's theatre
- 20 Blackstad, outdoor pool
- 21 Ekshagen golf course
- 22 Archipelago traffic terminal
- 23 Speedway Arena
- 24 Västervik, Tourist Center,
- 25 Västervik Resort, golf course, activities, boat tours, fishing camp restaurants, café
- 26 Aktiveum, mill park, mill environment
- 27 Lunds by
- 28 Gränsö nature reserve, Gränsö Slott's - Hotel & Spa
- 29 Hvalstad mill
- 30 Verkeback, herring fishing, narrow-gauge railway station
- 31 Gunnebo mill museum
- 32 Hjorted's moped museum
- 33 Virum's moose park
- 34 Blankaholm, tourist service coastal community, boat tours, inn, guest harbour
- 35 Östra Skälö, viewpoint
- 36 Väderskär, fishing village, chapel
- 37 Stora Grindö, Laxboa restaurant
- 38 Stedsholmen, nature reserve, old pilot station
- 39 Rågö, nature reserve, restaurant, guest harbour
- 40 Björkö, nature reserve waterfowl hunting
- 41 Hasselö, Hasselö sand, sport fishing, restaurants
- 42 Sladö, nature reserve, fishing village
- 43 Torrön
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- 45 Idö archipelago, old pilot station, plot look-out tower, restaurant, activities, guest harbour
- 46 Händelöps by, fishing village
- 47 Tofvehult

PLACES TO BATHE

- 1 **SÅDUGGEN EDSBRUK.** Relaxing sandy beach with jetty.
- 2 **KYRKSJÖN ODENSVI.** Child-friendly inland waters and bathing areas await.
- 3 **KOGAREN.** An idyll.
- 4 **NÄSSJÖN, TOTEBO.** Inland waters with a sandy beach and grassy areas.
- 5 **HJORTEDS BADPLATS.** Sandy beach with jetties on Lake Hjorten.
- 6 **BLANKAHOLMS BAD & CAMPING.** A pleasant, small bathing area in Blankaholm Bay.
- 7 **TOVEN VÄSTRUM.** A real inland lake idyll with a beach and rocks.
- 8 **ÖBÄLEN GUNNEBO.** A small sandy beach in the middle of the forest.
- 9 **PUKSÅTER GUNNEBO.** Popular bathing area with a jetty, Verkebacksviken. Popular with divers.
- 10 **ALMVIKS BADPLATS.** A real treasure at Gamlebyviken, with floating jetties which form an enclosure for small children.
- 11 **HAMMARSBADET GAMLEBY.** A beautiful sandy beach and shallow lagoon for the children.
- 12 **STORSJÖN.** A sandy beach, jetties and rocks all in the same area.
- 13 **FLATVARP.** Rocks from which to sunbathe and swim with panoramic views of the archipelago.
- 14 **GUDINGEBADET LOFTAHAMMAR.** Bathing, sandy beaches, rocks and jetties.
- 15 **TÄTTÖ HAVSBAD LOFTAHAMMAR.** Child-friendly bathing area with lots of fun activities for both children and adults.
- 16 **HALLMARE HAVSBAD LOFTAHAMMAR.** Shallow sandy beach.
- 17 **HASSELÖ SAND (AN ISLAND).** Fine sandy beach where the ferry boats berth.
- 18 **BONDBACKEN GRÄNSÖ.** Shallow sandy beach with views of the sea.
- 19 **LÖGARBERGEN VÄSTERVIK.** The most central area of rocks for sunbathing in Västervik. Only 300 meters from the centre of Västervik.
- 20 **KORPAHOLMARN VÄSTERVIK.** Rocks from which to sunbathe and swim with pedestrian bridges between the islands.
- 20 **VÄSTERVIK RESORT.** Long sandy beach with adjoining water park.
- 21 **SKANVIK GRÄNSÖ.** This is where the residents of Västervik go for a swim, at the far end of Gränsö.
- 22 **SANDVIK, GRÄNSÖ.** This shallow sandy beach on Gränsö is a huge favourite among families with children.
- 23 **LILLÖN GRÄNSÖ.** Out here on Gränsö you can find your own rock to bathe from.
- 24 **GRÖNÖ/SPÅRÖSUND.** Rocks with views of the archipelago and the open sea.
- 25 **HÄNDELÖP.** Stunning rocky areas with spectacular views out over the open sea.
- 26 **IDÖ (AN ISLAND).** Sun-warmed rocks and a small shallow sandy beach.
- 28 **GRÄNSÖ SLOTT.** At Gränsö castle you can bathe from the jetties and from the sandy beach.
- 28 **EKHOLMEN, GRÄNSÖ.** Here, at the tip of the small island just outside Gränsö Castle, linked to Gränsö by a footbridge, is Gränsö Castle's rocky beach.

VÄSTERVIK – A SEAFARING HISTORY

At the beginning of the 13th century some rocky areas could be seen above the surface of the water in the inlet to Gamlebyviken. The newly emerged rocks meant that you could set up obstacles to stop foreign ships from getting into Västervik which at that time was at the farthest end of the bay, where Gamleby now lies. One hundred years later, there were a lot of islands visible. People started to build on them, thanks in part to Duke Albert af Mecklenburg who became friendly with head of the royal council and marshal Bo Jonsson Grip. A friendship that meant that you had to use Västervik as a tax district, which was the beginning of the areas occupation and settlements.

THE DANES ARE COMING!

A castle was built at the mouth of Gamlebyviken which at the time was called Ståkeholm. Later on

the spelling was changed to what it is now known as, Stegeholm. Around the year 1430, King Erik of Pomerania ordered the city to be moved from its initial location, inside the bay, down to the mouth of the bay. About twenty years later Danish forces attacked the town for the first time, and they would attack again. The Danes did attack once more in 1517, and both the town and the castle were destroyed. Many of the townspeople who had taken shelter in the castle died. This meant that a decision was made once again to move the town further into the bay, but the peace was short-lived. In the year 1547, King Gustav Vasa came and decided to return the town to the coast. This time, they built up the city around St. Gertrude's Church, only to be visited once again by the Danes a few years later. In 1548 Gustav Vasa gives the order for a shipyard to be

built. For hundreds of years, the city's existence was completely dependent on the shipyard and trade with the rest of the world.

A SMALL TOWN THAT IS GROWING

During the 19th century a school, hospital, secondary school and a local prison were built. 1890 to 1920 was the most expansive period in Västervik's history when the population almost doubled. During this period St. Petri Church, the hot baths and the market hall were built.

SANKTA GERTRUD AND ASPAGÅRDEN

The old pews in St. Gertrude's Church date back to 1748. At that time, it was compulsory to go to church on Sundays, unless you had a "lawful excuse" not to. Every opportunity was taken to create places to sit, which you can find many incredible exam-

ples of in St. Gertrude's Church. Between the altar and the pulpit for example, there are benches that turn to face both ways so that everyone could sit facing the pulpit, no matter where you were sitting in the church. Each family was designated a bench and paid rent for it one year at a time. The names of the families that rented a particular bench can still be seen on the benches. Another of Västervik's oldest buildings is Aspagården, located next to the church. This is now a ceramics studio where all of the items made are turned and sold on site. Legend tells that there must be a secret passage from here to Stegeholm's fortress.



City tour in Västervik

Get to know Västervik and its history with our City tour guide. With the help of the purple markings 1-29 on the large accompanying map, you will be able to find your way around.



1 SANKT PETRI CHURCH The church was built in 1903-1905 as a replacement for St. Gertrude's Church by architect A. E. Melander, who also designed the Västervik station building. It cost 380,000 kronor to build the church, terraces and gardens, which is equivalent to around 39,500 euros. The baptismal font dates back to 1644 and was manufactured by the well-known foundry Gusums Bruk. Musical euphony in the church is still provided by two distinguished organs – an Åkerman & Lund organ from 1905 and a Marcussen & Son organ.



G BÅTSMANSGRÄND The alley is located in the part of town known as Gamla Öster (the old eastern quarter), which sits just above the harbour. It is home to eight timbered and wainscoted boatswain cabins in the traditional Swedish style. The cabins were built in the 1740s as homes for the boatswains and their families, who Västervik City was entrusted to

look after on behalf of the Swedish Crown. In the first half of the 20th century, the cabins were used to house members of the citizen's fire brigade, and in 1970 the alley was protected as a site of national cultural heritage. At around the same time, some of the buildings began to be used as cafés and hostels. In the innermost part of the alley, you can find a bust of the Swedish actor and director Gösta Bernhard, who was born on Gröna Street in 1910 (now known as Gösta Bernhard Street).



3 TJUSTGALLERIET This is the site where businessman Göran Wimmerström ran a grocery store throughout much of the early 20th century. Today it is the workshop of artist Åsa F Jägerhorn, who has had a longstanding impact on the cultural life of Västervik through her work with ceramics, paintings, public installations and the written word.



4 JERNSKA GÅRDEN Listed merchant's yard from the middle of the 18th century with angled structure, storehouse and row of out-buildings around a culturally significant garden with very old trees.



5 LEWENHAUPTSKA FASTIGHETEN The Lewenhaupt Home is a prime representative of the county estates that can be found all along Strömsgatan. In this part of town, just above the wharf, stately homes were built so that they could be seen from the water while remaining accessible to the harbour. Many of the estates were built by successful sea captains or ship owners, while others belonged to members of the nobility who lived in mansions around Tjust. For example, Lewenhaupt and Key had estates on Strömsgatan which they used as comfortable winter residences.



6 VÄSTERVIKS STADSHOTELL In 1844, a new building was constructed in Västervik at the behest of Baron Johan Nordenfalk. The building was intended to serve as a residence for a new county governor should the Kalmar County split into two. No division ever occurred however, and the local area did not receive its own county governor. As a result, the building was turned into a hotel, and a rather grand one

at that considering the size of Västervik at the time. The original building was later demolished in 1988 and a new one was built in its place, taking inspiration from its predecessor. The entranceway of the new hotel is the same as the original.



7 STADSKÄLLAREN Before the city hotel was built, the Stadskällaren was the heart of the city's social life. This old cellar vault is still around today. In the mid-19th century, the locale was owned by the divorced brewery owner Gustava Sandberg – an enterprising woman who was murdered by her lackey in 1861. When her will was opened, it was revealed that a large part of her fortune was to be left to the Swedish Royal Court. The offer was politely

turned down however, and it was instead divided amongst a number of different schools in the area.



8 GAMLA VARMBADHUSET The little island of Strömsholmen (literally stream islet) is named for its location between the Lilla and Stora streams. Older names for the same island include Tullholmen (customs islet) and Bränneriholmen (distillery islet). Today, the island is home to the Gamla Varmbadhuset Public Bathhouse, originally built in 1910 in an art nouveau style by Fredrik Anderberg. The bathhouse arrived to the city in a period characterised by new ideas and beliefs surrounding hygiene and cleanliness.

In the same spirit and more or less at the same time, the city also got its market hall at Fiskartorget Square and a water tower which brought clean running water to Västervik. The building ceased to operate as a bathhouse in 1975 and since then it has been used for a variety of functions, including the tourist office. Å



9 SLOTTSHOLMEN & STEGEHOLMS CASTLE Stegeholmen Castle was likely established in the 1360s by Albert II, Duke of Mecklenburg, in order to secure Gamlebyviken and the town of Västervik, which at the time was located further up the bay, where Gamleby is located today. The town was moved in 1433 to its current position in order to ensure that

the inhabitants of the castle would have access to provisions. Stegeholmen Castle was owned at one point by Märta Sture, the renowned widow of Svante Sture, who was murdered by Eric XIV in 1567. In the 17th century, Stegeholmen Castle was owned by Count Hans Christoffer von Köningsmarck, and during this time it began to be transformed from a Medieval castle into a baroque palace. Unfortunately, the building works were never complete and the castle was burnt down in 1677 in relation with the war against Denmark. The remains of the castle now play host to the city's annual Song Festival (VisFestivalen), which has been taking place in Västervik each summer since 1966. From 2014 onwards, extensive work has been carried out on the castle, including the construction of both new buildings and bridges, turning the location into a natural meeting point for the city. Right behind the castle, the Unos Tower stretches out into the sky, 34 metres above sea level. The tower is situated on Kulbacken Hill, together with Västervik Museum and Naturrum Visitor Centre.



10 LILLA STRÖMMEN This little stretch of water was for a long time the main route to access Gamlebyviken, right up until the stretch between Strömsholmen and Slottsholmen was dredged in the 19th century, giving way to the Stora Strömmen. Back in the day, there was once a set of scales at the bridgehead, which was used to weigh all goods coming in to be sold in the city in order to determine the customs duty to be applied.



11 STRANDVÄGEN. Strandvägen (beach promenade) is lined with restaurants and is one of Västervik's most popular promenades during the summer. This is where Hotel Larsson used to be with its beach pavilion and dance floor on stilts in the water. Just after the turn of the century, the area was filled in and

the beach revetment was moved to its current location. The largest and grandest building is the so-called Häggbladska Building from 1910. It was built by Emil Häggblad who earned a lot of money from the gold mines in Rhodesia.



12 WIMMERSTRÖMSKA The Wimmerström family owned a bakery and patisserie on Storgatan Street from 1845 through to the middle of the 20th century. The home- stead includes an inner courtyard and a house that can be accessed from Brunnsgratan Street. When Stina Wimmerström died in 1991, she left the property to the Kalmar County Museum. The home is now open to the public as a museum providing information on one of Västervik's notable families.



13 SALUHALLEN This building was constructed in 1910-11 in the same style as the old public bathhouse (see point eight). The building was used as a market hall up until the 1950s. The area in which the market hall is located goes by the curious name of Fläsklösa, which literally means to be without pork. The name can be traced back to an old pub that was once located there, long before the market hall was built. How the pub came to bear such a name is unknown.



14 TORGGATAN Look up at the firewall on the west side of the street. Above a painted bank entrance, you can see a roof and gable with a window containing drapery that flutters in the wind. Further up you'll see a little cat, attempting to catch a bird in a roof window. All of this is part of a splendid optical illusion created by the architect Tommy Lyberg and the artist Henry Gustafsson.



15 FISKARETORGET The square got its name from the lively fishing trade that took place here over the centuries, thanks to the many boats that would land here with their catch after traversing the archipelago. Even if the fish market no longer remains, its memory is kept alive by the Hasselödden rowing race, which kicks off in mid-July each year. Hundreds of rowers arrive at Fiskarhamnen Harbour in old-fashioned boats, after having rowed from Hasselö Island in the Västervik Archipelago.



16 GRÖNSAKSTORGET The yellow house looming over Grönsakstorget was built in the 1790s, and is the site at which the poet and composer (not to mention the county governor of Skaraborg County) Gunnar Wennerberg was married to his wife Hedda, the daughter of Admiral Claes Cronstedt, in 1852. The house has served many purposes over the years, having played host to both a library and the local singing academy. It was also the meeting place of Club Mageliso in the 1960s, whose students organised the first Song Festival (VisFestivalen) at Slottsholmen in 1966.



17 STORA TORGET This central square in Västervik has been dominated by the town hall from 1793. The building replaced an older town hall at the same location and functioned as a meeting place for the city's magistrature. It was also home to some detention rooms and provision stores. Today, the town hall is home to Västervik Tourist Center. At the other end of the square is the Enander Department Store, which was built by Sven Johan Enander, who chanced upon the town when travelling around peddling goods. In 1887 he founded SJ Enanders Manufacturing Company and in 1908 he commissioned the construction of the building to be used as a very modern department store which even had lifts and

central vacuum cleaners. All manner of goods could be purchased at the store, from clothing for men and women, shoes, hats, sewing materials, rugs, curtains and tailored goods. Upon his death in 1919, Sven donated his fortune to a fund for tuberculosis – an illness which still claims many lives today. The large brick building on the south side of the square was built by Västervik architect Gustaf de Frumerie in 1904 in a Gothic style. The building was heavily criticised for its special style, with many stating that it would be well suited to a German Hansestad, but not to Västervik. The building in the northern part of the square also came in for criticism when it was built in 1959. Its strict design with large glass panes and sheet metal façade was typical of the wave of demolitions and new-builds that swept across the country in the 1960s.



24 FRUMERIESKA FASTIGHETEN This plot of land was the site upon which Västervik's first factory was established – a wool factory which gave its name to the adjacent Fabriksgatan (literally factory street). The part of the property which faces Östra Kyrkogatan was once home to Captain J. A. Frumiere, who commanded the pride and joy of Västervik's trading fleet: The Indien sailing ship. In 1904, Frumiere's widow, Laura Amalia Teresia, commissioned an extension to the property in the form of a three-story row of houses along Fabriksgatan. The architect was the family's son, Gustaf Frumiere.



18 GAMLA NORR Gamla Norr is the part of town located between Gamlebyviken and Västra Kyrkogatan. When Västervik was practically burnt to the ground by Danish troops in 1677, a new city plan was established the following year. Despite the fact that an ordinance from

1644 had prohibited beach-side streets of 20 ells in length, the city planner (fortification engineer Anders Berg) permitted new buildings along the coastline at Gamlebyviken. Up until the 1960s, the beach was lined with seaside homesteads, from Fiskartorget Square all the way down to the end of Hamngatan. A few properties remain, offering the possibility for visitors to moor their boats to the fences.

19 MAECHAELSKA GÅRDEN This building from the end of the 18th century was owned by the Maechael family, who immigrated from Germany in the 17th century and came to play a crucial role in the city's economy and development. The building is a typical example of the large trading homesteads that dominated the northern part of the city in the 18th and 19th centuries. In the mid-1970s, many outbuildings were demolished in this area and modern apartment buildings were constructed in their place. These new modern buildings were all constructed on solid foundations, whereas when the Maechaelska Homestead was built the water line was much closer to the building.



20 SALT STOREHOUSES The storehouses date back to the 18th century and have been used to store a number of different goods, including salt, which has long been considered an important import product in Sweden. Västervik has historically had status as a staple port, meaning that merchants in the city have had the right to trade with other countries. In

return for this privilege, the city has been required to store salt as a supply depot for the nation.



21 KOLLBERGSKA AND NORÉNSKA GÅRDEN The Kollbergsga Homestead is located right beside the salt storehouses. It has a typical design for an older seaside homestead in the city. The main building at the Norénska

Homestead, which was a trading homestead, was built in 1796. The row of buildings on the homestead along Hamngatan Street were built in 1814 and included a bridge house, a storehouse, a shed for carriages and some stables. The homesteads along Hamngatan have often had direct access to the water, which was very important considering that travelling by boat was the most effective means of transport at the time.



22 GELBGJUTAREGÅRDEN This homestead operated a brass foundry which made brass fittings and ship bells for the ships that were built in Västervik in the heyday of sailing vessels. The business began in 1832 and operated for three generations. The actual workshop itself was located in the outbuilding to the north of the homestead by Rådhusgatan.



23 KLOCKAREGÅRDEN The façade on the house at Klockaregården Homestead dates back to 1753, and the building has an old-fashioned design. The building was originally used as a place where hides, pelts and furs were prepared. The further away from the

water you get, the smaller the building become, and the more they tend to be associated with handicraft in comparison with the ones located closer to the water. This building was bought by the city in 1790 and used as a home for the city's clerk up until 1888.



25 ASPAGÅRDEN The Aspagården Homestead is one of the oldest in the city. The building closest to the church is a panelled two-story farmhouse with a lined vestibule, built together with a storehouse and a bakehouse. The homestead was likely built just after the fire of 1677. Two other houses from the 18th century are located on the plot. Today, a ceramist and a textile artist have their

workshops in the buildings.



26 SANKTA GERTRUDE'S CHURCH When Västervik was established in its current location in the year 1433 by Eric of Pomerania, the city's inhabitants were granted four tax free years in order to build a church. Over the years, the church has been rebuilt time and time again. By the beginning of the 20th century, the

church had been holding services for almost 500 years and was becoming worn down. The last mass held at the church took place on the Sunday of Christ the King in 1905. On the first day of advent in the same year, the new church of St. Petri was used for the first time. St. Gertrude's was then used to store grains, which led to it being stormed during the hunger demonstrations of 1917. As time went on, the idea of returning the church to its original use began to gain popularity and in 1933 St. Gertrude's was once more inaugurated. The church's original steeple was destroyed by a lightning strike which hit during a service in 1762. It was replaced in the 1780s by the current steeple, which was designed by the architect Carl Fredrik Adelcrantz. Amongst the items in the church's inventory, of particular note is the Wistenius organ from 1743, which is considered to be one of the most valuable organs in Sweden.



27 CEDERFLYCHTSKA HUSET Anna Cederflycht was born in 1684 as the daughter of the powerful merchant Hans Andersson. She went on to marry the rich ship owner Anders Cederflycht of Gothenburg. Unfortunately, the marriage was unhappy, and the pair refused to include one another in their wills. When Anders passed away, his entire fortune was left

to their son Hans, however Hans himself died only one year later. The result is that Anna eventually inherited the money she never wanted, and so decided to donate much of it to various causes, including the Cederflycht House which was built in 1748 as an almshouse. The house had room for sixteen poor people, both from Västervik and from neighbouring parishes. In 1758, the town's priest Henric Jakob Sivers noted that the residence was somewhat lavish for an almshouse, writing that in Västervik, "the poor live better than the rich".

28 THE OLD SCHOOLHOUSE The schoolhouse began to be used in 1809 after the older one was deemed unfit for purpose. Under certain periods in the 18th century, it had been completely impossible to hold classes in the old building, and the school was often left with no choice but to hire a room from one of the city's cobblers in order to conduct lessons.



29 GAMLA TEATERN The theatre was built in 1815, making it one of the first theatre buildings in the country outside of the capital. The building functioned as a theatre up to 1917 when it was closed before subsequently being reopened as a chapel during the religious revival. The building has continued to be used for such purposes and is currently a Pentecostal church.

Other parts of the municipality



ÖVERUM

Överum is an industrial town located 40 km north of Västervik. The town is most famous for Överums bruk, a company that manufactures ploughs. Överum also has its own mill museum.



GAMLEBY

In the shelter of the bay and leaning against the mythical Garpedansberget is Gamleby. A historic society with a wide range of shops and restaurants that surround the medieval square. On top of Garpedansberget there is a sculpture park with a interesting collection of gnomes, goblins and elves. On KustCamp Gamleby, you can book a hike on the fairy-tale trail with troll mother Grimhild. There you can also rent a boat, and fish for big pike in Gamlebyviken. Travel from Västervik's archipelago to the inland of Småland! Along winding country roads you can expect magical forests, summer pastures, barns, stone fences, bilberry sprigs and an endless slew of adventure.



GUNNEBO

Gunnebo is one of our mill towns. Its proximity to water and shipping meant that it was suitable for an industry to develop there. Gunnebo bruk started its nail manufacturing business on 6 June 1764.

ANKARSRUM

Ankarsrum is a mill town between two inland lakes. Ankarsrum has a child-friendly bathing area. Each year folk musicians come here to play. In the park you will also find Aktivium which is an industrial museum depicting the area's history.



TOTEBO

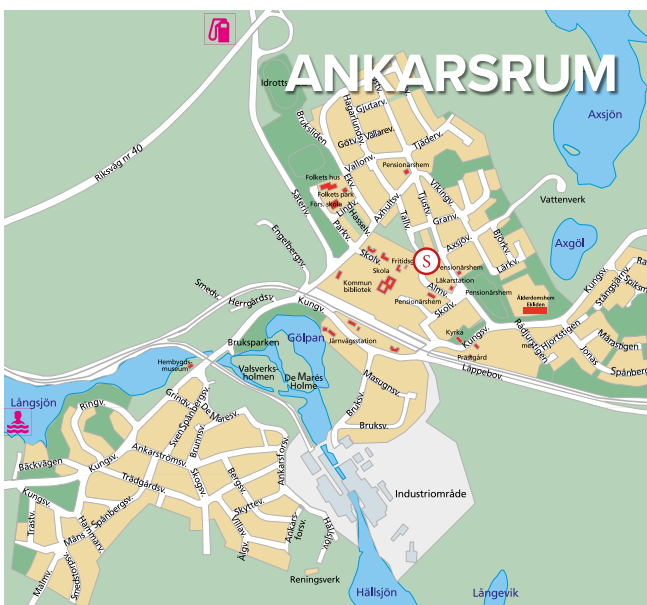
Totebo is an old railway town. The town originated as a railway station on the narrow-gauge track between Västervik and Hultsfred and was founded in 1879. In the early 20th century, a furniture factory was started in the town. The company, Totebo AB, started by manufacturing wooden cases for radios; today it is a supplier for IKEA, among others.

HJORTED

Hjorted is 35 km from Västervik. It is a picturesque community close to the inland lake Hjorten. The popular moped museum can also be found in Hjorted. A visit to Hjorted's moped museum is a nostalgic trip back in time.

BLANKAHOLM

The family-friendly archipelago paradise Blankaholm is midway between Västervik and Oskarshamn. A verdant garden of delights that lives up during the summers with the guest harbour and its jetties and vegetation making up the central areas. You can also arrange for overnight accommodation in Blankaholm's Naturcamping (campsite). Near the harbour there is a tennis court, mini-golf, various playgrounds and a football pitch. The top of Majkase mountain offers great views and if instead you look straight down from the bridge, you might catch sight of bleak or perch.



 Narrow gauge railway station

Excursions and other fun stuff

Here we have compiled some of the best places to visit in the region with a selection for the entire family. Each tip is indicated on the large accompanying map, with numbers in a yellow circle. Just choose what you would like to do.



1 ÖVERUM IRONWORKS MUSEUM

Cannons, horseshoes, nails and axes ... The traditional industrial town of Överum has a 360-year history of iron making. Today there is a small ironworks museum in the old hammer forge.



2 HJORTED'S MOPED MUSEUM

Take a look in your rear-view mirror and enjoy the time when Elvis was King and the moped was the ultimate symbol of freedom. Hjorted's moped museum is a Swedish retro gem packed with well-cared-for veteran mopeds and cool nostalgic gadgets.



3 LUNDS BY

Try Lunds by near Gladhammar and refuel your summer senses with Swedish country life and unbridled carpentry joy. In this village which dates back to the 1700s, parts of the Children of Noisy Village were filmed. There are three excellent hiking trails that start from here in the village.



4 VIRUM MOOSE PARK

A Wild Safari in Virum Moose Park will give you the opportunity to both pet and feed the four-legged giants while you sit well protected in a carriage with a roof and open sides. Get your camera ready for some close encounters with the King of the forest. Round off your adventure in Småland with a cup of coffee and moose shopping at Älglogen.



5 ALMVIK'S BRICK-WORK MUSEUM

A well-preserved industrial heritage that will give your imagination a spin, a testimony to the hundreds of years of strenuous hard work. After the visit, you can relax and ponder over what you have just witnessed at Almviik's café.



6 VÄSTERVIK RESORT

At the resort's adventure pool there are pools for all members of the family, including water slides, a wave pool and hot springs.



7 NATURUM VÄSTERVIK

A large exhibition about the sea and archipelago life. Go on a guided nature walk, learn more about bees and pollination, discover the exhibits and take a peek into the aquariums. At Kulbacken there is also Uno's tower that offers you magnificent views.



8 THE NARROW-GAUGE RAILWAY

Since the 1950s, the orange railcars have rumbled their way through the forests of Småland between Hultsfred and Västervik. Between the middle of June and the beginning of September you can step onboard and experience a train journey from yesteryear. Departure times can be found at smalsparet.se



9 GOLF & PADEL

One of Västervik's three golf courses is in Loftahammar. The popular 9-hole course offers a driving range and a practice area. The club also has a padel tennis court.



10 GRÄNSÖ CASTLE'S CANDLE-MAKER

Lovingly handmade creations made of stearin are manufactured and sold in a historical building in the cultural area of Kulbacken. Even the King of Sweden has purchased candles from Gränsö castle's candle-maker!



11 FILM VILLAGE, SMÅLAND

The children's film village in Mariannelund shows how films were made when Emil, Pippi, Ronja and all of the others became our favourite film characters. In an interactive film studio the kids can make their own movies.



12 BULLERBYN

Astrid Lindgren's father, Samuel August grew up in Sevedstorp in the parish of Pelarne, and this is where the films about the Noisy Village were made in 1986-87. Jump in the hay, pet the animals and enjoy the refreshments in Lagårdscafé.



13 TALES AND LEGENDS

On top of Garpedansberget there is a sculpture park with an interesting collection of gnomes, goblins and elves. On KustCamp Gamleby, you can book a hike on the fairy-tale trail with troll mother Grimhild.



14 ASTRID LINDGREN'S WORLD

In Vimmerby's fairytale theme park, you will be able to meet Astrid Lindgren's characters in their real environments and see how the familiar stories come to life. Nearby, the cultural area, Astrid Lindgren's Näs also awaits you where you can visit the extensive exhibitions, take a peek at the author's childhood home, experience the lush theme gardens and enjoy the flavours that Småland has to offer.



15 VIMMERBY ADVENTURE

See Sweden in miniature, climb among the treetops along the adventure cableway, try the pedal car track, laser tag arena, mini-golf and bouncy cushion. Vimmerby Adventure park in Södra Vi is both educational and fun.



16 VRÅKA

Vråka is one of Småland's best preserved linear villages. This is where you will be able to visit the glassworks Lilla Återbruket which transforms jars and bottles into new glass objects. Purchase unique creations in the shop.



17 LINKS GOLF

On the way out to the summer paradise island Gräsön in the Tjust archipelago you will find Västervik's scenic golf course. The course offers varied play and has several characteristics, parkland, forest and links. A newly-established driving range with 3 levels. The golf course has its own restaurant.



18 BÅTSMANSSTUGORNA

Båtsmansgränd is lined by small boatswains' log cabins, once used as homes for boatswains who worked for Tjust Båtsmanskompani. Today, it houses a café, hostel and a herb garden.



19 GRÄNSÖ SLOTT

Gräsön castle, the region's only four-star superior facility, has expanded its spa facilities. A brand new spa and relaxation area with four new indoor water attractions as well as a new large infinity pool right on the seafront have been added which will provide guests with more experiences and greater relaxation. In addition, a new beautiful outdoor area has been added as well as new fittings.

Gräsön castle is located in the middle of the nature reserve just a few minutes drive from the centre of Västervik. The facilities are open to the public and there are places to bathe at Ekholmen which is situated close by, along with parks and beautiful areas for walking and picnicking. The café is open daily during the summer.



20 VÄSTERVIK + GOTLAND = TRUE

Make a detour to Gotland. Combine the Gotlandic culture and shopping in Visby with the Song Festival and archipelago experiences and enjoy eventful and delightfully beautiful summer days. Now it is possible to make a day trip by ferry boat from Västervik over to "Öjn".



21 CLIMBING

Did you know that Västervik is one of Europe's best climbing destinations? The granite in Småland has created rare opportunities for free climbing without a rope. In several parts of the area you will find opportunities for bouldering as well as „regular“ climbing. Everything from kiddie climbing to tough challenges for the more experienced climbers. Read more at: www.risebofritid.se www.vastervikclimbing.se



22 LOFTA CAFFÈ

Coffee and culture can be found in the excellent Lofta Caffè operated by Frank and Cécile in Lofta's old elementary school. Freshly ground espresso, tasty pastries, friendly conversations and an art exhibition provide for a more relaxing day. Around the corner there are petroglyphs on display, and if you

would really like to do more, you should make your way over to Loftaleden on a 20 km long walk in the green surroundings.



23 ASPAGÅRDEN

In one of the oldest buildings in Västervik, Kerstin Svensson Åhlin has her pottery workshop. This is where she turns her art goods and other practical items.



24 WAFFLES WITH ICE CREAM

Waffles are usually served every summer at the rectory between St. Gertrude's Church and the city park, as well as in Västervik's summer home in the forest glade at Grantorpet. Gläntan also offer bathing areas.



25 LOFTA

Cosy Lofta Caffè offers ever-changing art exhibitions in combination with Italian coffee culture. Just around the corner there are petroglyphs you can take a look at. If you get a taste for nature you should walk along Loftaleden – a 20 km long hiking trail in scenic surroundings.

26 SMULTRONBODA SHEEP FARM

At Smultronboda sheep farm sheep husbandry is practised. There is also a smoke house, farm shop with local food and crafts; the farm also offers holiday lets and short term accommodation. Enjoy coffee in the garden, pet the lambs in the pasture and buy some award winning cured meats and provisions



27 WIMMERSTRÖMSKA

Visit an authentic manor house and see how the fascinating Stina Wimmerström lived. Västervik's Art Group is in the main building, don't miss their exhibits.



28 SEGERSGÄRDE NATURE RESERVE

The nature reserve Segersgårde is a classic area to visit. Elder-flowers and Early purple orchids among others, grow on the flowery slopes. If you walk the path up to the top of Örnberget or Fruberget you will be rewarded by a heavenly view of the archipelago. With a little luck, you may see white-tailed eagles soaring on high. Along the trail there is a fantastic cave that will impress both children and adults. Fruberget is also a climbing area, so you may meet a few climbers with crash pads on their backs on their way up to the mountain's many boulders.



29 TINDERED COUNTRY KITCHEN

Tindered country kitchen along the E22 motorway north of Västervik has been named Road House of the Year on several occasions. The ingredients come from the owner's own and other farms in the area and many of the dishes and pastries are made from the family's recipe book passed down through the generations. Wonderful setting next to Lake Ommen.



30 EDSBRUK KONST & CAFÉ

Café and art.



of fibre concrete and depict figures drawn from local legends (trolls, elves, nymphs, gnomes, lind-worms and dragons, etc.). On the top of the rock, a gazebo and several picnic areas with views of Gamleby and Gamlebyviken can be found. Garpedansberget also offers rock climbing with several climbing routes offering varying degrees of difficulty. At the foot of Garpedansberget is Tjustvallen. There is a football pitch, a frozen bandy pitch and tennis courts. You will also find old **GAMLEBY FOLK PARK**; 6 this year it celebrates 75 years.

7 HAMMARSBADET is a 4-star family campsite with a beach located right next to Gamlebyviken. The water temperatures in this popular lagoon-like bathing area are warmer than in the open sea. The diving tower is from 3 to 10 metres in height. If that's too high for you, there is a floating trampoline and obstacle course in the water. The campsite offers terraced pitches in a hilly natural setting. You can rent a rowing or motorboat and find your own rock to sunbathe on. A wood-fired family sauna is available for rent. There is also a miniature golf course with twelve full-sized courses.

8 HOLMS YACHTVARV (yacht yard) was operating during the first half of the 20th century and is known worldwide for its fast and well-built sailing yachts. The name that is mainly associated with the shipyard is Tore Holm. With two gold medals and two bronzes, he's the Swede who won the most sailing medals in the Olympic Games, there are also yachts in Gamleby that he designed himself. Many of the archipelago cruisers that were built at the shipyard have unfortunately been sold abroad. Some older sailing yachts remain and are deteriorating with age, but there is a growing interest to save these unique fast-sailing boats. The old yacht yard is now being renovated so that it can become a tourist attraction once again.

The area around Gamleby belongs to one of the most dense archaeological areas in Sweden and provides unique opportunities for the study of the surrounding prehistoric communities. The area has preserved a city plan that is several hundreds of years old and there are remnants of the medieval town of Gamleby, a forerunner to Västervik.

1 GAMLEBY SHOPPING CENTRE is a complete shopping centre with an indoor square that provides a bright and pleasant feel. In and around the shopping centre there are all sorts of shops and services including a supermarket, an off-licence, petrol stations, restaurants, pharmacies, banks, ATMs, a tourist service area, dentist, health centre, newsagent, post office, and ample parking spaces.

2 GAMLA TORGET, Gamleby's unique, triangular square with cobblestones and paving stones. The square also has a Pagoda phone booth. Around the square there are several restaurants, cafés, antique shops, a hardware store, hairdressers and a radio & TV store. **3 GAMLEBY'S OLD MEDIEVAL CHURCH**, Saint Gertrud, was a towerless stone building in use from the 12th century and demolished in 1875. The three-arched church with a straight chancel had eight columns and measured 30x22 metres. The church ruins can be seen behind Gamla torget on Storgatan 8. Today, only one section of the east gable remains above ground.

The park in Gamleby is called **4 UNOS PARK** and is behind **GAMLA TORGET** next to Gamleby stream. Unos Park was improved thanks to a donation from the late dentist, Uno Malmberg from Gamleby. The sculpture "Åtanke" by Lore Nynnel, stands in the park, there is also a boules court, a play area for children and an outdoor stage.

5 GARPEDANSBERGET is a precipitous 80 metre high rock that provides fantastic views of Gamleby. The unique **6 TROLL PARK** Garpes vänner (Garpe's friends), the sculpture park, has become an established tourist attraction throughout Sweden. The artist Jerzy Przybyl has created the sculpture park along a 300 metre long rock face. The sculptures are made

9 ERNEBERGSFÄLTET In the summer, there are several well-managed football pitches and in the winter there is an artificial snow track for long-distance skiing.

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Each tip is indicated on the large accompanying map. On the maps (Gamleby, Gunnebo and Överum on page 13 and 16 in this folder) you'll find them marked with the above number in a blue circle.

- 1 Anders Nytt och Antikt, Västervik
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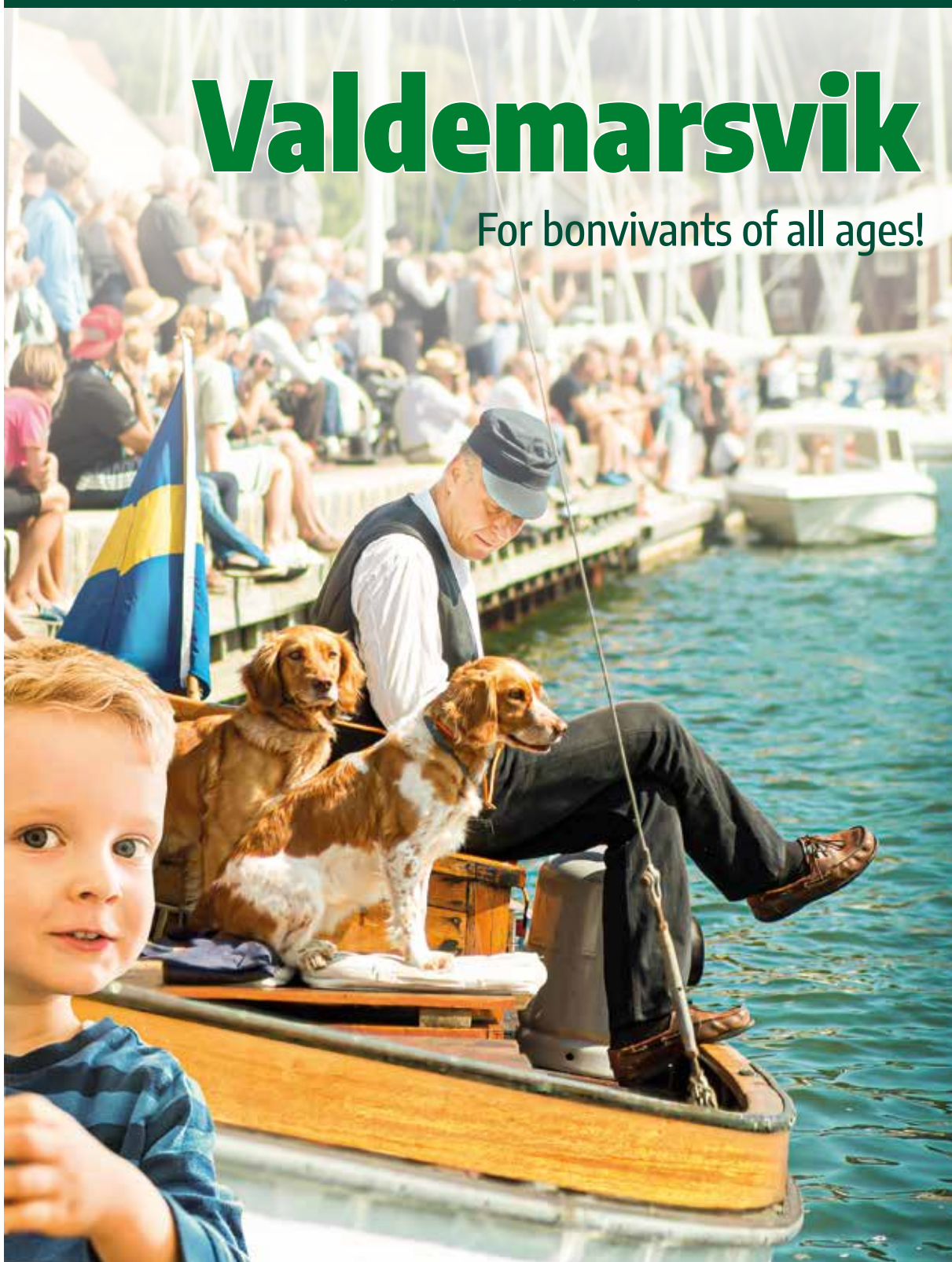
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NOT MANY PEOPLE ARE AWARE THAT TJUST-BYGDEN RUNS THROUGH SOME OF THE COUNTRY'S MOST STRIKING BRONZE AGE DISTRICTS.

The area has thousands of ancient remains that provide us with an inkling as to what it was like during the Bronze Age. Hence the launch of the concept "Bronze Age Coast". Having previously had a more or less anonymous existence – although most of us have probably seen a few burial cairns here and there – the idea now is to encourage people to discover more and more about the Bronze Age. One of the most accessible areas is Hermanstorp on the outskirts of Västervik. The ancient remains lie like a string of pearls along the former inlet. To this day you can look out over the area and imagine what the landscape looked like during its heyday.

Around 7,000 years ago, during the late Stone Age, the area formed part of the coast at that time. The beach level was more than 25 meters higher than it is today and Målserum formed a large island on the outskirts of the archipelago. During the Bronze Age, 3,800-2,500 years ago, the beach level was about 12-18 meters higher than today's level.

An important aspect of the work with Bronze Age Coast, carried out by Västervik Municipality in collaboration with Västervik's Museum, the County Administrative Board, local associations and landowners, has been to make the various areas where there are ancient remains accessible to the general public. There is now a brochure available with information and maps, a hiking app for those who prefer digital communications and excellent pathways that have been marked out which enable you to get around on foot or by bike without the risk of missing any of the interesting places to see and explore. For the really keen, we recommend a full-day tour of Gamlebyviken, to take in the immenseness of the remains that have been found and gain an understanding of the thronging and highly interesting environment the area must have been during the Bronze Age.

What we see above ground today are mainly graves in the form of cairns and stone circles, but Tjustbygden is also one of the largest petroglyph areas in northern Europe. From what we can gather today, the tradition of petroglyphs is not nearly as widespread in the interior parish environments. This has therefore been crucial for the boundary within the Bronze Age Coast, which mainly refers to the area around Västervik-Gamleby-Lofta. If you would like to know more, you can read about the project on vastervik.se and watch video clips on YouTube. You will also have an opportunity to ask questions at this year's Västervik Outdoor Festival, which will take place on 6 June on Fiskaretorget.



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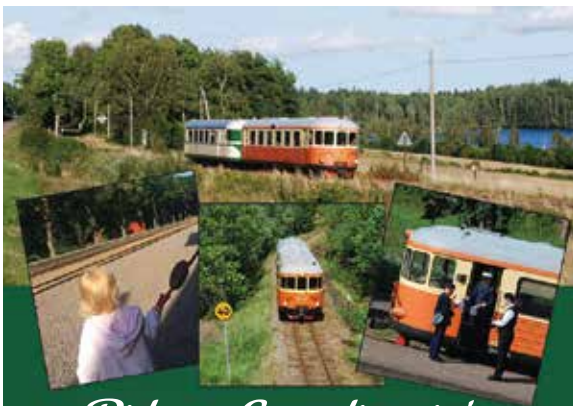
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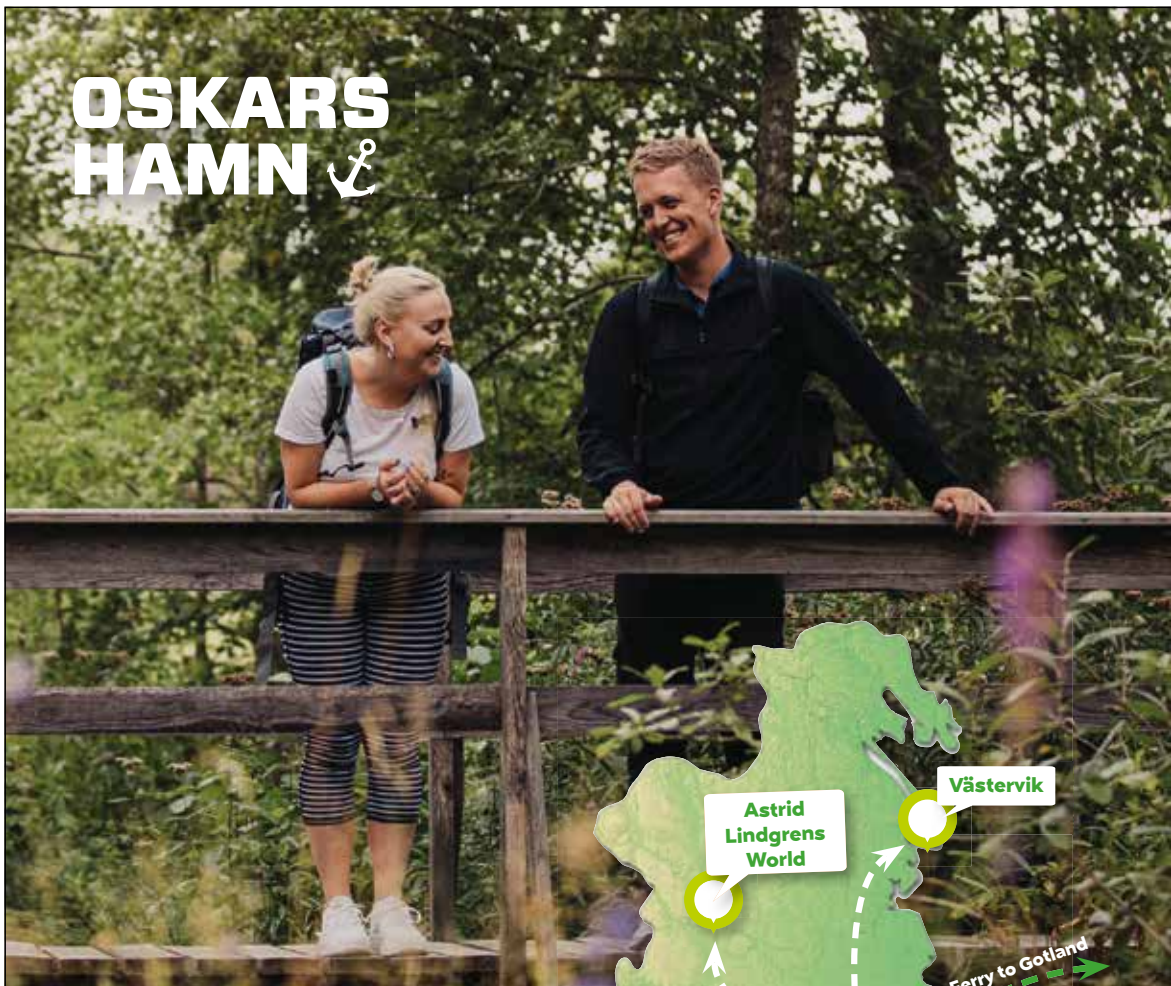
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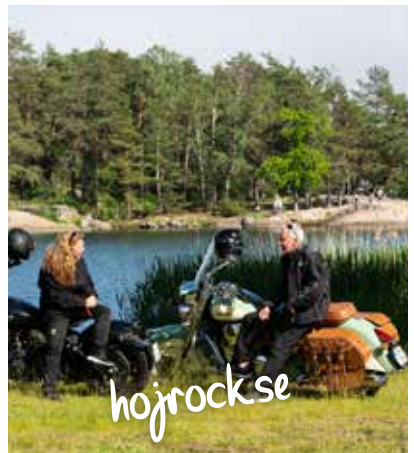
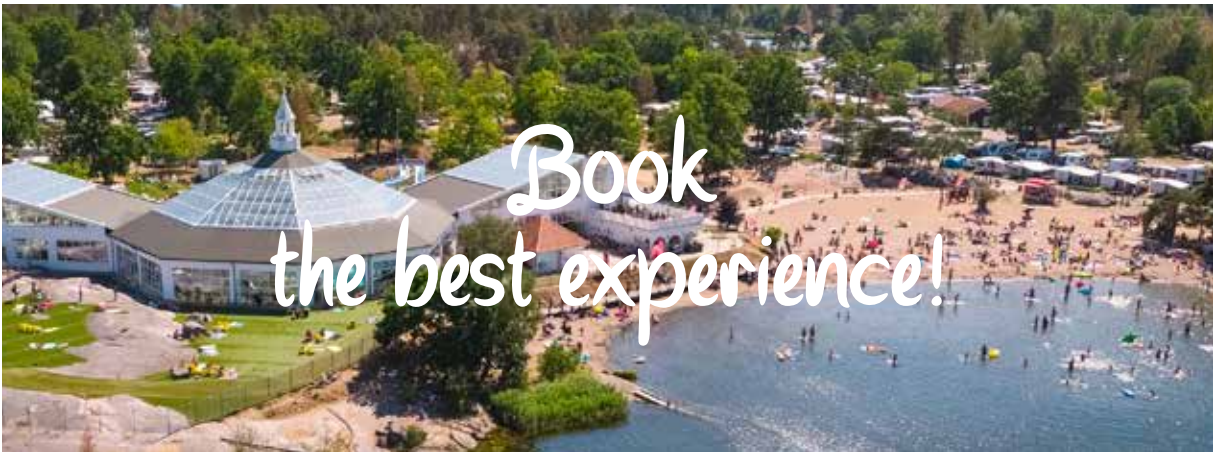


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