

Welcome to Sunnanå!

Here in Sunnanå you will find a fantastic, varied nature with wetlands, marshes, former grazing land, forests dominated by oak trees and a small peninsula along the coastline of Lake Vänern, all rich in vegetation.

There is a wide range of bird species including Common Teal (*Anas crecca*), Gadwall (*Anas strepera*), Tufted Duck (*Aythya fuligula*), Western Marsh-Harrier (*Circus aeruginosus*), Common Snipe (*Gallinago gallinago*), Black Grouse (*Tetrao tetrix*), Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus scirpaceus*), Sedge Warbler (*Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*), Common Rosefincher (*Carpodacus erythrinus*) and even White-tailed Eagle (*Haliaeetus albicilla*). Not far from the entrance to the marina you will find Lake Vänern's biggest Black-headed Gull (*Chroicocephalus ridibundus*) sanctuary with approx. 1 200 couples.

North of Hasselängen there is an ancient graveyard (marked with "R" on the map) with four partially overgrown tombstones.

Photo: dragonfly (Odonata)

§ Inside the reserve you are allowed to:

- Camp one night, but not to enter or pass through the reserve with a caravan or any motor vehicle.
- Move about freely (please take account of ground conditions!). Dogs must be on a leash.
- Watch animals without disturbing them.
- Gather mushrooms and pick berries, but not cause damage to trees, plants or other vegetation.

The reservation starts north of Sunnanå marina and stretches approx. 1 kilometre to the west along the south side of Holmsån. Throughout the area there is a marked path which partially consists of wooden boardwalks.

The reserve was set up in 2007 as a state-subsidised contribution to nature protection and extends over an area of 137 hectare, with only 43 hectare being land area. It is owned and managed by the council of Melleruds kommun.

The purpose of the reservation is to preserve the rich bird life, particularly by cutting some of the reeds along the reedbed at the river mouth, but also to protect the region's existing flora and fauna.

Photo: Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) carrying a caught fish

Should you require any further information, please contact the registration office (Medborgarkontoret) in Mellerud (phone: 0530 18900) or Dalsland Center in Häverud. There you will also find an information brochure, "Nature Discoveries around Mellerud" (Upplevelsenatur i Melleruds kommun).

If you want to make a contribution to the maintenance of the local nature reservations, send text "Broschyr" (20 SEK) or "Sponsring" (50 SEK) to 72456.

