

In the surroundings of Tranås are several possibilities for hiking and cycling. There are separate maps/routes available in the reception. There are however more hiking and cycling routes as well as several points of interest which are absolutely worth visiting. Don't you have a bike? Rent a bike (and / or bicycle rack) in the reception!! This is an overview of our ideas:

Hiking trails:

- **Älmåsberget (1):** From the campsite you can take a walk of 5 km. Follow the Hättevägen along the lake to the south. At the house with number **61B** you turn to the right ****** and follow the gravel path up. Turn left at the T-junction. Follow the road till you come to a more open spot. At your left hand side you'll find a small path, up to the viewpoint. Take the same way back, but now you'll go straight ahead at the T-junction. Follow the path which smoothly goes down. Finally you'll reach the backside of the campsite again.
****** *You can, instead of turning right, even walk straight ahead along the lake. You will walk into a gate/house, but you can take the gravel path along the house and follow your way (mentioned purple on the map). From the campsite along the lake and back is around 6 km.*
- **Säteri (2) – 6 km:** The "Säteri" is a big land house or farm. In the past and even nowadays the owner of the Säteri owned a lot of property. The owner of the Tranås Säteri still owns a lot of property as well. Walk from the campsite to the roundabout and take the road back to Tranås. Turn right after 50 mtrs, into the "Strandvägen". Follow this road to the end, till you'll reach a turning point. Go left on the small path. Follow this small path until you'll reach a big red storehouse. This storehouse belongs to the "Säteri": the Säteri is the yellow house on your right hand. Turn left after the red storehouse and walk to the junction. *(Now: option /short cut: Turn left and follow this path until you'll reach the Hättevägen)* Walk the road straight ahead until the beginning of the Hättevägen. Turn left and walk out the Hättevägen until you'll reach the campsite again.
- **Illern nature reserve (3).** This reserve is situated south/east of Tranås. Here you'll find several marked hiking trails. From the campsite you can even walk to the Illern. Follow the orange signs (first sign is just behind the reception), till you see other marked trails. This is after ca. 6 km. Don't continue following the orange trail! This goes to Gränna and is 65km! Alternative: take the car to the Illern reserve: Drive back to the main road (131), turn to the left to "Österbymo". Turn left at the sign "Sandvik". Park your car there. Cross the road (131) and you'll walk straight into the Illern reserve.
- **Skrällshål (4) – Waterfall.** On the border between "Jönköpingslän" and "Östergötlandlän" flows the "Häradsbäcken" stream, where you can walk to a nice waterfall near "Skrällshål". Drive from the campsite back to the 131. Turn left to Österbymo. Cross the "Läns" border and turn left on a gravel path, directly after the first sharp curve (with the black mailbox). Follow the gravel path, while keeping left, till you'll arrive on an open spot with the sign "Skrällshål". This is about 500 mtr after the house. Park your car and follow the marked trail to the waterfall.
- **Romanäs nature reserve (6):** North from Tranås, around 7 km from Tranås Centre (10 km from the campsite) you can take a nice walk along the Sommen lake. A map is available in the reception.
- **Trollstenen (7):**.... The Troll stone. A short, but nice trail, especially for kids! The Troll stone is a big stone which lies on 3 small stones, but doesn't roll off! How? You'll read it on the information signs (Sw/Eng/Germ) along the trail. Information is given to adults as well as to children!
Road description to the Troll stone:
Drive back to the road 131 and turn to the right, to Tranås center. Keep following the road (131) till you'll arrive at the roundabout near Lidl. Here you'll turn right. Follow the road and turn to the right at the sign "Mårdsmålens Handelsträdgård och Café Pelargonien 1". Follow the road and follow the signs to Fösingstorp, Tenbäcken and Ålebäcken. Take right on the gravel path after 1 km and park your car after 100 meter. Continue your way hiking. The trail itself is about 10-15 minutes. **Tip:** take a small present with you for the kids (t. ex. small bag with candy). Why? Read the information for the children yourself and you'll find out!
- **Torpön isle:** Torpön is the biggest isle in the Sommen lake. On this isle you'll find many hiking trails. A few suggestions:
 - **Röaberg (8):** When you drive from Ramfall to the Torpön isle via a small bridge, you take the first parking place (after ca 500 meter). Park your car here and walk a little bit back. Here starts the hiking trail (orange). The path goes high along the edge of the lake, so it gives you several magnificent views! Follow the path till you've reached the paved road. Here you can turn right and follow the paved road back to the parking, but we advise you to take the same road back (return = +/- 7 km).
 - **Bodaberg (9):** Follow the road on the Torpön isle till you see the sign "Bodaberg". Park the car about 200 meter further, at the left hand side of the road. Please keep in mind that you always park your car in the travel

direction!!! Walk back to the sign "Bodaberget" and pass the fence. Walk to Bodaberget where you can enjoy a nice view over the lake Sommen!

- **Hiking and climbing/Vindskyd (10):** This is a very nice, but at some places intensive hiking trail! Follow the paved road till you've reached the sign "Utsikt 3,5 km". Turn to the right and follow the gravel road till you've reached the sign "Vindskyd 1,3 km". Turn to the right again and follow the road till you've reached an open spot where you can park your car (near to the lake). This is a very nice grill area and it's even the beginning of the hiking trail (take left along the water, follow the orange dots). During the first 800 meters you'll have to climb a lot (sometimes even with the help of some ropes which you'll find along the trail!). Continue your way till you've reached a turning circle. Here you'll turn left, and follow the gravel path. Follow the road till the T-junction. Turn left. ** Halfway this road you can take a path up to the hill to a viewpoint "utsiktspunkt". Walk back to the gravel road again** Follow this road to the sign "Vindskyd 1,3 km. Turn left again. Follow this road till you've reached your car again. Total hiking trail +/- 4 km.
- **Torpöns färjeläge (12):** From this point you can take a nice walk along the lake. Follow the orange marks south/east which starts about 150/200 mtr from the restaurant. Follow the orange route till you'll reach a gravel path. Follow this path, but don't follow the orange route anymore! Just follow the gravel path straight ahead till you reach the big road. Here you'll take right and follow the road till you reach the restaurant again.
- **Seloberg - Ydre:** There are 2 canyons in Ydre which are 800 and 700 meter long, called "Skams gator". There is a hiking trail where you can walk 400 meter through the biggest canyon. The trail passes the great thief Selo's cave where he hid his stolen goods, remains of an old quarry and Ydre district's old execution site. The trail is an adventure for children as well as adults!
Road description: take road 131 to Österbymo till you, after about 22 km, reach Sund. Drive down to Sund village and take at the church the exit to Norra Vi. Drive along the lakes and take then the 2nd street right. Efter about 150 meter you'll find the information board.
- **Gränna : Västanå hiking trail:** Nice trail along the lake Vättern, the picturesque Röttle by and... for those who want a long hike.. the Tegnér tower. The trail is 15 km, but can be cut off till about 6 km. More information / map is available in the reception. Note: 2 intense parts with robes along a chasm!
- **Skurugata canyon - Eksjö.** Beautiful hiking trail (+/- 2 hours) through an impressive canyon(follow the blue route). Despite of several heavy climbing and scrambling parts, it's very nice to do with children. (advise from +/- 8 years)! You can combine this hiking trail with a visit to the wooden village "Eksjö".

Cycling routes:

- **Illern nature reserve (3) :** This nature reserve is situated south/east from Tranås and is especially suitable for mountain bikers. In this area you'll find several marked hiking routes. One of these routes is especially made for mountain bikers (7 km). Take the Hättevägen back to the road 131. Drive straight ahead at the roundabout. Take left at the T-junction. Follow this road till you see the sign SOL. Take left and follow this road till you'll reach SOL / Illern nature reserve.
- **Troll stone route;** 19 km. A map is available in the reception. Drive to the Lidl and turn right at the roundabout. The route leads for example to the Troll stone (last part to the stone is a hiking path!) and the outdoor museum Hultet (see points of interest).
- **Gripenberg route;** 29 km. A map is available in the reception. This route starts at the Tranås train station and leads for example to the Gripenberg castle and the Vallgåsa stone.
- **To Torpön** (the biggest isle in the lake Sommen): This route is only recommendable for people who are used to long, tough routes. From Hätte Camping it takes 33 km till the most Northern Point of Torpön; Torpöns Färjeläge (ferry). We advise you to take the same route back (total 66 km). It is even possible to take the ferry and follow your route via Boxholm / road 32 (75 km). Please note that some parts of the trail go via the busy 32!
"Sommenrunt": along the whole Sommen lake: 120 km.
- **Visingsö:** The isle in the lake Vättern. This isle is quite flat, so it's perfect to cycle around there! Partly forest and partly open with small townships. Advice: park the car in Gränna and take only your bike with you on the ferry! Cheaper and no waiting time! In the harbor you'll have to pay a fee for parking the car. In the center it's free parking. Don't you have a bike? Bicycles are for rent on Visingsö, straight after you leave the ferry.
- **Göta Canal:** Along a big part of the canal you'll find a cycling path. Bicycles can be rented at "STF Borensberg" (Glasbruket) in Borensberg. They even offer nice cycling tours, a perfect way to explore the beautiful nature of Östergötland and the Göta Canal with her impressive sluices!
It is about 1 hour driving from the campsite to the Göta Canal.
- Several tours 33 – 111 km in Ydre: please ask in the reception for more information!

Points of interest:

- **Hultet outdoor museum (13):** For everyone who likes to get in contact with some Swedish history, Hultet is definitely worth visiting! It is situated on a beautiful location along the Sommen lake.
Open: 1 June - 31 August, Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday 14:00 hours. Guided tours only.
- **Östanåparken (14):** The Östanå park is situated in the center of Tranås, opposite of the city hall, near the Svartån river. Here you'll have the possibility to take a nice walk while enjoying birds and nature. You'll find some cycle roads and small paths and plenty of benches to sit on. You'll even find a frisbee golf court and outdoor gym trail. Along the river you can take a walk on the footbridges and take a seat on one of the benches. Near the City hall / Svartån river you'll even find Tranås Wake park. For opening hours please look at their facebook page.
- **Ekbergsparkens natur reserve (15):** Ekbergs park is a deciduous forest in Tranås. It has a local folklore museum where you will find several buildings from the 17th century which moved to this area from several places from Tranås and Sommen. On the north side of the park you will find a restaurant and youth hostel. Road description: take the Storgatan southwards in Tranås. Turn left on "Ekliden" and you will soon find Ekbergsparken on your right hand side. When you drive more up to "Hembygdsgården" you will find many parking places.
- **Säby kyrka (5):** This church is one of the nicest medieval churches of the Jönköpings county and it's built in the 12th century. Among the preserved altar ornaments, the distinguished altar closet is counted with a pieta image to the church's finest attraction. The pulpit's 14 sculptures from the 17th century are among the most interesting works in our country from that time. The church is located 6 km south from Tranås, along road 32. It is open Monday – Friday 1/6 – 31/8 07:00 – 16:30 hours.
- **Isle Torpön:** The lake Sommen is known as one of the most beautiful lakes in Sweden and has a numerous amount of isles. It is known as "the lake with the 365 isles" ... for every day of the year 1 isle! The biggest isle, Torpön, is absolutely worth visiting. There are many hiking and cycling trails. But you can even admire the biggest Olm (tree) of Sweden! **(11)**. At the northern part of the isle you'll find a nice restaurant, a climbing forest (against fee) and "Naturum" **(12)**. In the "Naturum" you'll learn everything about the animals which live in and around the Sommen lake (free entrance).
- **Kunga bordet / Norra Vi:** The place Norra Vi is located on the most southern point of the Sommen lake. In 1953 King Gustaf VI Adolf took a welcome-tour through the whole country after he became king of Sweden. Especially for him they built a picnic table, so he could take his lunch while he could enjoy the great view over the Lake Sommen.
Drive past the little harbour and turn left to "Kunga Bordet". Follow the road up on the hill and follow the signs. Enjoy, just like him, the beautiful view!!!
- **Boxholm II.** This is one of the oldest on wooden driven steam ships in Sweden. Tour information is available in the reception (July - half of August).
- **Gränna:** This village, along the Vättern lake, is specially known for the red/white candy sticks, the "polkagris". In several shops they show you how they make this candy. But in Gränna you'll also find the outdoor museum "Grännaberget friluftsmuseum", which you reach by taking a long steep stairs, close to the "Hotel Amalias Hus". Here you can see some Swedish history, but you can even enjoy a great view over the lake Vättern, while taking a sandwich or an ice cream!
- **Gränna:** South from Gränna you'll find Röttle by. It is an idyllic, quiet and scenic place with 2 nice mills, a waterfall and a small harbor. The Rasmus mill and the Jerusalem mill remain from the 17th century. In the Rasmus mill stone milling of flour is shown during the summer.
- **Aneby - Stalpet:** The highest waterfall in south Sweden (20 mtr). Next to the waterfall you will find Stalpets café, workmanship and mini golf. You'll have a nice view on the waterfall while enjoying a Swedish "fika" (coffee with...) Road description: Take road 32 south to Vetlanda. Aneby is about 25 km from Tranås (exit "Stalpet").
- **Eksjö:** This nice, typical Swedish wooden village, +/- 45 km South of Tranås, is absolutely worth visiting! You can combine a visit to Eksjö with the beautiful "Skurugata" hiking trail. (see hiking trails)
- **Eksjö - Skullaryd älgpark:** moose park, around 30 minutes driving from Tranås, 10 km north of Eksjö. (see brochure)

- **Jönköping:** This big city is perfect for people who like to go out shopping (centre + A6 Shopping Centre).
Huskvarna museum: a museum full of history where you can follow an almost 400 year's development of world's oldest and versatile industry. It started with weapons for the Swedish army. Later on they extended the production with sewing machines, stoves, cookers, bicycles, motor bicycles etc. etc.
Match museum: The Match Museum is the world's only. It is located in a beautiful building that once was the first match factory in Jönköping. Encounter the people and machines that built up the match industry and developed it into a global operation.
- **Linköping** This big city is perfect for people who like to go out shopping. But Linköping has more to offer!
Gamla Stan: The old part with many authentic Swedish houses and shops.
Flygvapenmuseum (Saab): Aircraft museum, where you can admire many old aircrafts, but even an old wreck of a Military airplane which has been shot down above the Eastern Sea by the Russians in 1952. Very impressive! In the "Flygglabb" you'll find several games, like for example a flight simulator. Fun for both younger and older ones! Free entrance!!
- **Göta Canal:** Motala / Borensberg / Berg. In about 1 hour driving you'll reach the impressive Göta Canal, with her famous sluices. It is even possible to book nice boat trips! More information is available in the reception.
- **Vadstena:** Nice village along the lake Vättern, with a beautiful castle. Worth to combine with Tåkern / Omberg / Rökstenen.
- **Strövtåg: nice route along to the Vättern lake:**
Hästholmen: Nice village along lake Vättern.
Alvästra monastery ruin: Here you'll find mediaeval remnants. The monastery was very important during the time Sweden was flourishing and was in function for more than 400 years.
Omberg: A nice nature reserve close to the Vättern lake with nice hiking trails and a great view over the lake!
Tåkern: A bird reserve with a visiting center and Naturum.
Rökstenen: One of the best kept rune stones.



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