

The Hagfors area has been characterised by the forest and the iron industry for hundreds of years.

Here we cherish our cultural inheritance far away from the pulse of the big city. We let mother nature open and cleanse our minds. We have the wilderness almost outside our doors and although few people have ever seen bear, wolf or lynx we can still feel their presence.

We would like to share our everyday life with you so that you can experience the variety we can offer. Try a family adventure for both young and old or a survival week for those who like it a bit rougher. You can botanize in the "Iron Country" where you can find the roots to the development of this area. You can "conquer" the wilderness on your own or with a guide. You can go skiing both downhill and cross-country or you can go fishing, bathing, canoeing...

In the land of the fairy tale nothing is impossible. Listen to the quietness of the wilderness. See your mirror image in the black water of a small forest lake. Meet the people and its history.

The Hagfors area



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THE IRON HISTORY. The ironmaking came to the area in the 17th century and ever since then the many iron-mills have made up the base in the industry. In mid 19th century there were dozens of small foundries and hammers that Uddeholmsbolaget was in charge of. For those who are interested in the iron industry culture there are numerous possibilities to excursions in the Iron country. Placenames that end on -fors or -hyttan remind us of the waterpower and the steel industry that once was, and they might lead on you to find out more about the remains of the old mills and foundries.

In Gustavsfors there are mural remnants of the plant that was in operation until 1908. In the nearby folklore museum there is documentation about the old mill and there are also people there who can tell a tale or two.

In Sunnemo the folklore museum is called Gubbkroken. Originally it was a stopover and restingplace for the orefreighters that transported iron ore from the mines in the Nordmark area to the Sunnemo mill. You can see the remains of the plant today plus a restored sliver-planer.



INDUSTRIAL HISTORY. Stjärnsfors is the place that survived longest in the infamous plantdeath. Here was built a mill, a charcoal furnace and a pulp mill and the place lived on well into the 1950s. A fine art forge shop, a mill museum and an iron work museum are what a visitor can see today. After the death of the small ironplants in the 1880s, the iron industry was concentrated to Hagfors iron works, which today is the worldleading manufacturer of tool steel.

But there is also a history to be seen, for example the old Bessemer furnace that has been unused since 1959. It was opened in 1880 and it is one of the few Bessemer furnaces left in the world today.

MUSEUMS

- 2** RAILROAD MUSEUM, HAGFORS
- 14** STJÄRNSFORS MILL AND IRON WORK MUSEUM
- 16** WADMAL STAMPER

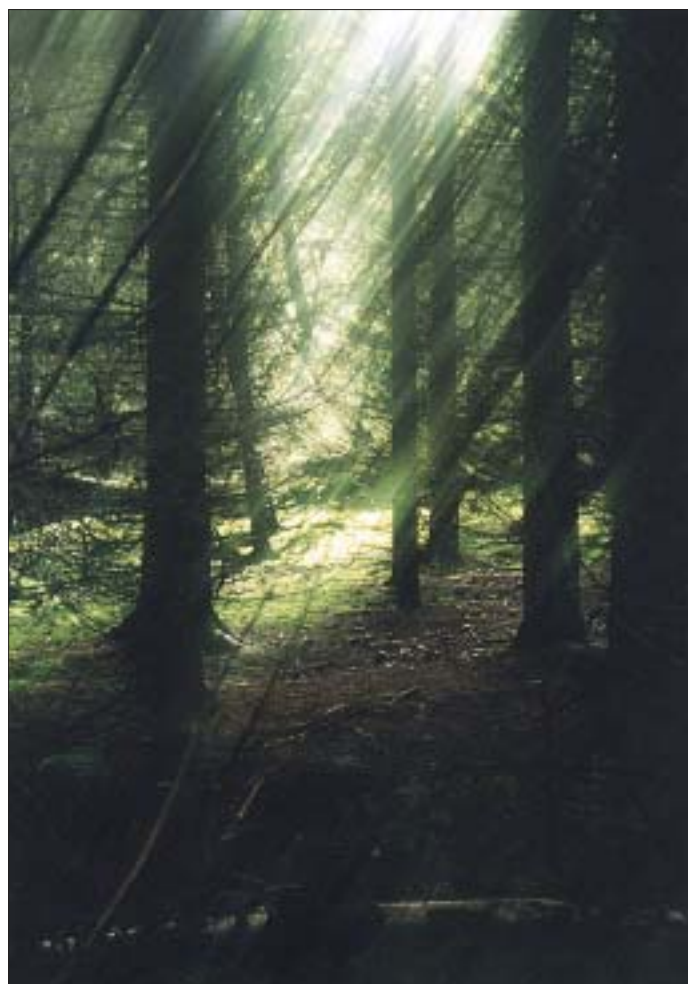
LIFE IN THE OLD TIMES. How many people today know how a charcoal stack works, how to bake bread in a woodheated oven, how to make wadmal? Or how many of you have ever tasted “nävgröt” and bacon? All of this and more you can experience yourself in one of the folklore museums throughout the Hagfors area.

Art and artisans have many practitioners in the Hagfors area. In the folklore museums at Kärnäsen, Sunnemo, Ekshärad and Gustavsfors you will find the makers of genuine handicraft of many different sorts. In Stjärnsfors you can see candleholders, chandeliers and so on manufactured in hammered iron. In the area you also find wood carvers, potters, weavers and so forth.

HOMESTEADS

- 20** KÄRNÄSEN
- 9** EKSHÄRAD
- 12** GUBBKROKEN
- 2** HAGFORS
- 13** GUSTAVSFORS

INTO THE WILDERNESS. In the district there are numerous ways of how to take pleasure in the wilderness. The ever-smiling Klarälven runs like a main artery through the area. The river is surrounded and framed by rolling forests ideal for recreation and wildlife and here




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are also numerous lakes for the fishing enthusiasts. Klarälven is known for its grayling fishing and for the fact that there is a natural salmon trout habitat. A "put&take" fishing with a wildlife flavour you find in the streaming waters along the Musån.

You can also catch salmon in Hagfors centre. For fishing you can hire a whole tarn or an own island.

FISHING

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TREKKING AROUND. There are plenty of hiking trails in the forests if you are keen on walking around making your own discoveries. For those of you who want something extra there are different tour organizers who can take you for example to elk safaris, forest trekking, night canoeing or beaver safaris.



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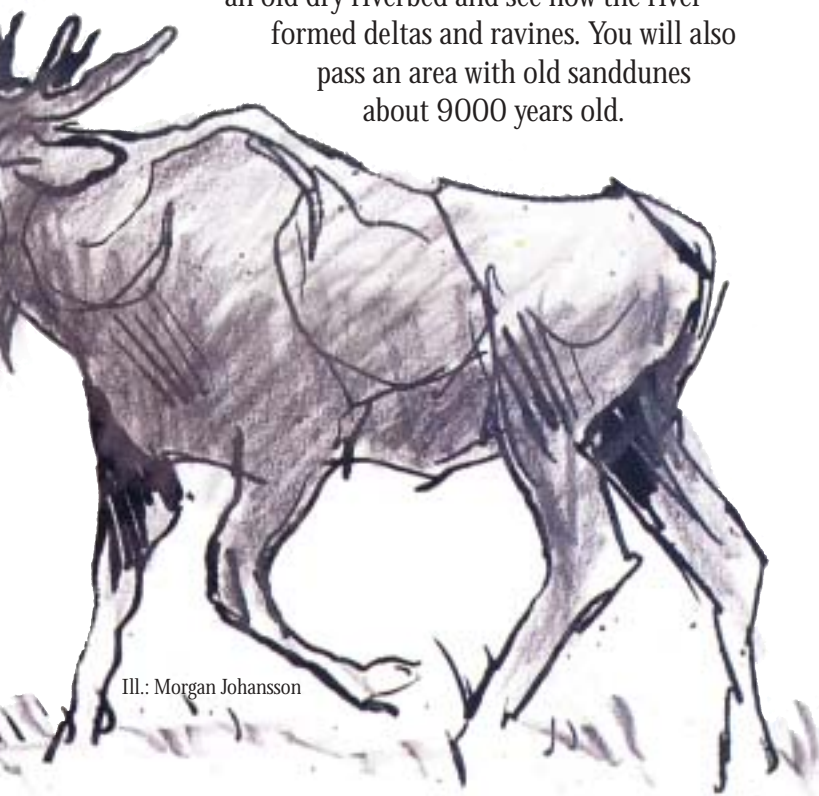
NATURE AND WILDERNESS

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| 8 LEWA I VILDMARKEN | 9 ERLEBNIS-PROFIS |
| 8 VILDMARKSLAND | 5 VÄRMLANDSGÅRDEN |
| 4 WILDLANDIA FRITIDSCENTER | 19 BRATTFALLET HALGÅN |



EXPERIENCE SOMETHING NEW. The possibilities of wilderness experiences are huge but there are also a few arrangements that go beyond the ordinary. What about the possibility of searching for rock crystals and other noble stones? What about the opportunity of visiting a stoneage dwelling far away in the mists of history?

Follow the traces of the inland ice from Brattfallet, 15 km north of Ekshärad. There is a beautiful waterscenery where Halgån's water splashes deep into the narrow canyon, that once was created when the ground split up millions of years ago. Walk down towards Klarälven on an old dry riverbed and see how the river formed deltas and ravines. You will also pass an area with old sanddunes about 9000 years old.



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IN THE TRACE OF THE PILGRIM. The Klarälven valley has for a long time been called the Pilgrim's trail. Here the old medieval pilgrims walked on their way to Nidaros (Trondheim) to visit Saint Olav's grave. By the riverbed in Ekshärad there are remnants of a medieval church place where they celebrated the memory of Saint Olav every year. This event is still celebrated annually in the "Olofsvaka".

Due to the fact that the church was threatened many times by the flooding of Klarälven, it was moved to a safer place. Several medieval works of art are preserved here and a room with textiles from the 13th century has been furnished. Just outside the splintclad church there are hundreds of beautiful forged crosses preserved, the so called "Trees of Life". They have been manufactured in this area since the time of the first Wallon blacksmiths, who came from Belgium in the 17th century.



CANOEING WATERS. There are about 250 kilometres of beautiful waterways to glide ahead on, along slowly meandering creeks, small forest lakes or larger open waters where complete silence will surround you and make this an experience of closeness to nature. In Klarälven and the system of lakes around Gustav Adolf you will find the best canoeing waters in the area. You can hire canoes on many places and you can of course get help and information from your local tourist office.

Events

Klarälv Fair

Amusement in Tallhult

“Eldfesten”

- amusement park event

**Klarhäjja - living home-
stead**

Markets

Public auctions

Folk theatres

Uddeholm Swedish Rally

- an event of world-class

INDOOR SPORTS. Älvstranden in Hagfors is a sports and leisure complex with most facilities. Here you find halls for bowling, body building and other sports as well as a library and a cafeteria. The well-managed indoor swimminghall has three different pools.

LOW-PRICE GOLF. Beautiful located next to the lake Rådasjön, the 18-hole golf-course gives you a demanding playing. A very good alternative for the family.

WINTER ACTIVITIES. The skicentre of Värnullsåsen is an establishment with nine different downhill slopes. Close by you will find cross-country skitracks and our indoor ice-hockey rink, Valhall.

In Ekshärad you have Ekeshärad, which is a small but complete ski establishment with both downhill and cross-country skiing.

SPORTS

- 2 ÄLVSTRANDEN
- 18 GOLF-COURSE
- 2 VÄRMULLSÅSEN
- 3 EKESBERGET
- 14 RIDING-SCHOOL

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- 15 LIDSBRON
- 17 GRÖCKEN



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- 3 Ekesbergets Stugby

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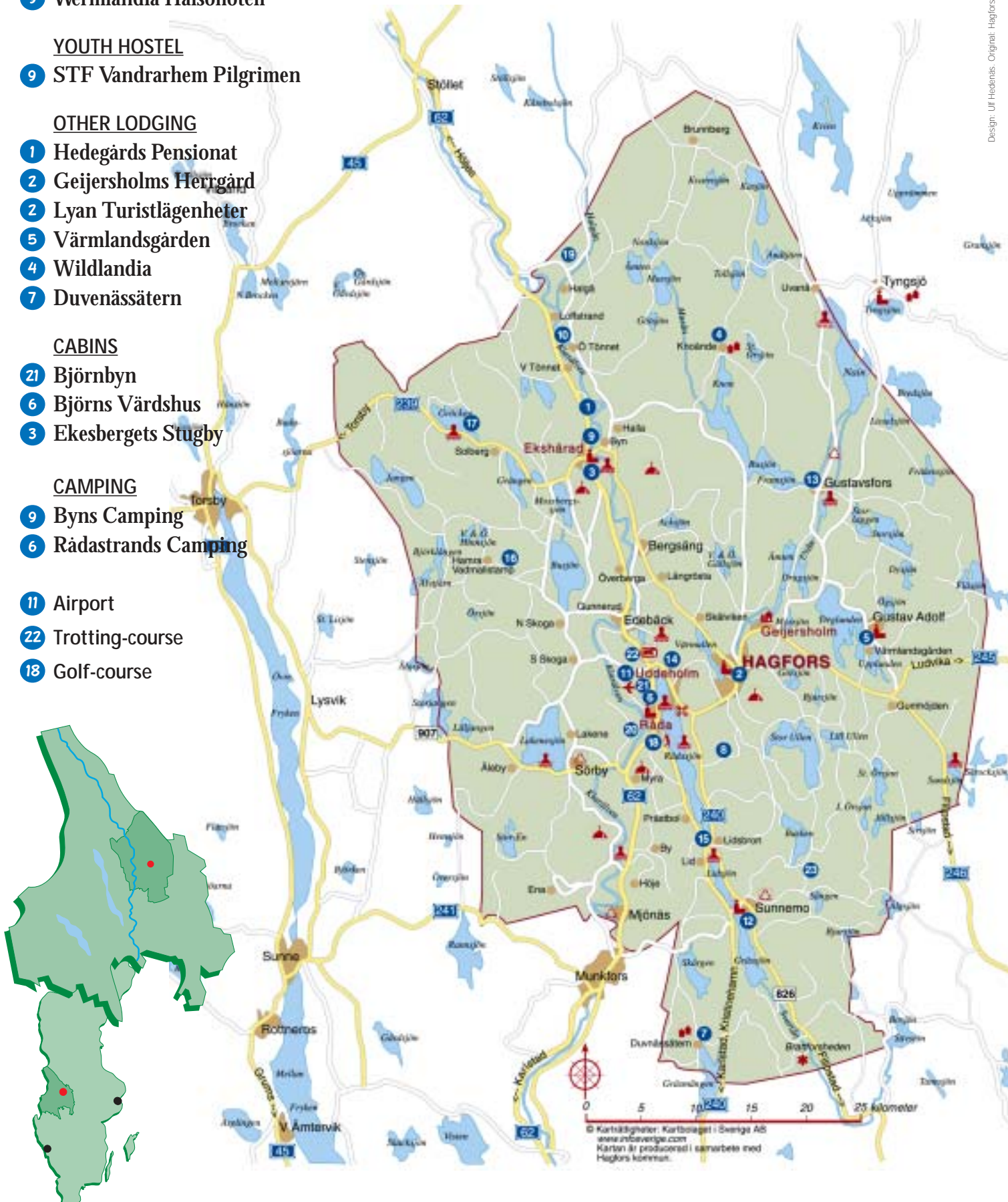
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