

67. Ödestugu



The common pasqueflower blooms in mid-spring, when nature awakes. Its elegant blue-violet flowers contrast against last year's grass and withered leaves. You have a good chance of finding it in Ödestugu during April-May.

There are beautiful areas of pasture on a ridge next to the road north of Ödestugu kyrkby. The light grazing land alternates with wooded land which includes spruce and pine.

At Laggarebackarna, the hilltop closest to Kyrkbyn, the rock is exposed. The flora here includes many species which benefit from sunlight and grazing. Pasqueflower, fern-leaf

dropwort, cowslip, leopard's bane, cat's-foot and devil's bit scabious are some of those one can find in the enclosed pasture.

One species which is very rare in this area, the rock cinquefoil, can be found on the slope towards the road. There are also some on parts of the steep slope which is no longer grazed, closer to the church. The rock

cinquefoil is a perennial herb which can grow up to half a metre high. The rock cinquefoil thrives best with moderate grazing, and is especially found on sun-warmed rocky shelves and dry slopes, and at the edges of thickets.

Further northwards is open pasture. Also here are meadow flowers such as bitter vetch, harebell, oxeye daisy and globeflower. Take the opportunity



WORTH KNOWING

In the grazing land are cairns from the Bronze Age and Iron Age. The mediaeval stone church has a red-painted bell tower. By Hästgångsån you can find a cave, Skomakarens kammare (The shoemaker's chamber) where a shoemaker once hid for years to avoid war service.

HOW TO GET THERE: Drive along the E4 southwards and turn off towards Växjö/Vrigstad. Turn left towards Tenhult or Ödestugu.

PARKING: There is parking in Ödestugu village, a short walk northwards.

BUS: Bus from Jönköping to Ödestugu.

DIFFICULTY: ● Easy



Rock cinquefoil

to enjoy the profusion of flowers on a windless, early summer evening, or why not take a wonderful autumn walk on small tracks and paths through the traditional countryside.



Pasqueflower



Pods of bitter vetch



Bird's-foot trefoil

