

## 50. Prostatalen at Klerefors, Älgån

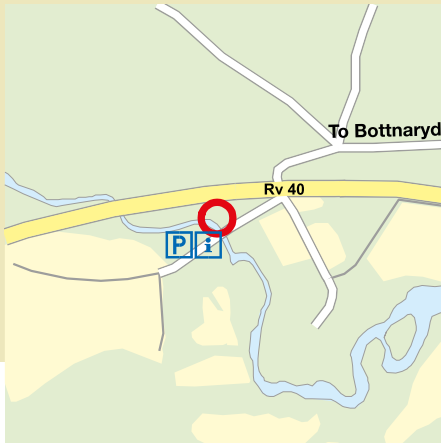
**The Prostatalen pine tree is on church land and is a diocese reserve of the Skara diocese. This impressive tree and landmark is also called the Ullebotallen pine tree.**

The pine tree is about 600 years' old, 27m high and has a circumference of 4.4m. It stands between an old stone bridge overgrown with grass and a modern main road where traffic speeds past. At Klerefors there are no less than three generations of bridges. Here, the road goes to Jönköping over the Älgån river which is one of Nissan's tributaries.

The Älgån river in Klerebo is a fast-running stream, Klerefors, in an undulating agricultural landscape with a fine meadow flora. Along field edges and road sides in drier places one can find common heath grass, mat-grass, meadow oat-grass, common milkwort, and on more fertile ground



Leopard's bane



#### WORTH KNOWING

This pine tree is next to road 40. The name indicates that it was the priest's pine tree.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** From Bottnaryd, 1.5 km. From Movägens southwards to the old main road, a cycle path goes under road 40. By car, drive 1.8 km west of Bottnaryd, at the road sign Löckne turn left at a small sign Stiftsreservat. Be careful at road 40 as it has much traffic and the turn-off is small.

**PARKING:** About 100 metres after the turn-off is a parking place for visitors.

**BUS:** Towards Borås. In Bottnaryd walk 1.5 km west along old main road. And bus stop Löcknevägen 200 metres from the tree. Follow the cycle path under road 40.

**DIFFICULTY:** ● Very easy



Tree bumblebee on devil's bit scabious

viper's-grass, melancholy thistle, devil's bit scabious, and here and there, leopard's bane.

The pine tree was a sapling in this border landscape between Småland and Västergötland in the Middle Ages. It is mentioned in old court records and has been a landmark and meeting place for several centuries.

