



The Hassafallsleden and Kallebäckleden trails

DISTANCE: Long-distance footpath: Circular trails west of Hovslätt

The districts around the Tabergsån and Sandserydsån rivers have long been popular walking areas, valued for their outstanding nature. There are now two waymarked trails to enjoy: Hassafallsleden and Kallebäck-leden.

The Hassafallsleden trail initially follows the Tabergsån river downstream through lush alder forest. Where the Tabergsån joins the Sandserydsån river, the trail follows the river upstream, passing the impressive setting of the Hassafall waterfall. There are also two pleasant places for barbecues here. The trail continues to Varkullen (228 m) on forest paths and roads. From here, there are enchanting views in all directions across the Södra Vätterbygden district. Lake Vätter with Visingsö and Omberg glistens in the north, while in the south is mighty Taberg hill. From Vårkullen, you can continue westwards along the Kallebäck-leden trail or turn off downhill, back to the open-air museum.

If you continue along the Kallebäck-leden trail, you'll pass old industrial buildings at Åsafors, an old water catchment, and the remains of Månestorp mill.

The Hassafallsleden trail is quite challenging, but offers fascinating and exciting nature. The trail involves narrow paths, some steps, basic footbridges and more substantial bridges. There are no particularly steep sections on the Kallebäck-leden trail. Both trails are waymarked in blue. From the Kallebäck-leden trail, you can link to the Södra Vätterleden trail, which you can follow towards Norrahammar and Taberg or westwards towards Bottnaryd.

The initiative for the Hassafallsleden and Kallebäck-leden trails came from the Hofslätt local history society, which is also responsible for their upkeep and maintenance, together with Jönköpings municipality's leisure and recreation services department.

Find out more

Useful website for planning your trip:

JÖNKÖPING PUBLIC TRANSPORT – jlt.se

TABERG LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY – hembygd.se/tabergs-bergslags

NORRAHAMMAR INDUSTRIAL MUSEUM – industrimuseet.se

TABERGS TOPPEN – tabergstoppen.se and toppgolf.se

SÖDRA VÄTTERLEDEN TRAIL – jonkoping.se

TABERG NATURE RESERVE – länstyrelsen.se

TABERG MINE AND BAT CENTRE – vattern.org

TABERG MINE AND BAT CENTRE – taberg.info/gruvan

HOVSLÄTT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY – hovslatt.se/hforening (info about the Kallebäcksleden and Hassafallsleden trails)



Naturkartan

Download the Nature Map, your guide to nature in Jönköping municipality.



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The Right of Public Access allows you to walk and cycle almost everywhere. You can camp for a night, and pick flowers, berries and mushrooms. You can light a small fire if you are careful. The best place to light a fire is in a designated place for barbecues. A ban on fires may be introduced in very dry conditions.

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Teckenförklaring

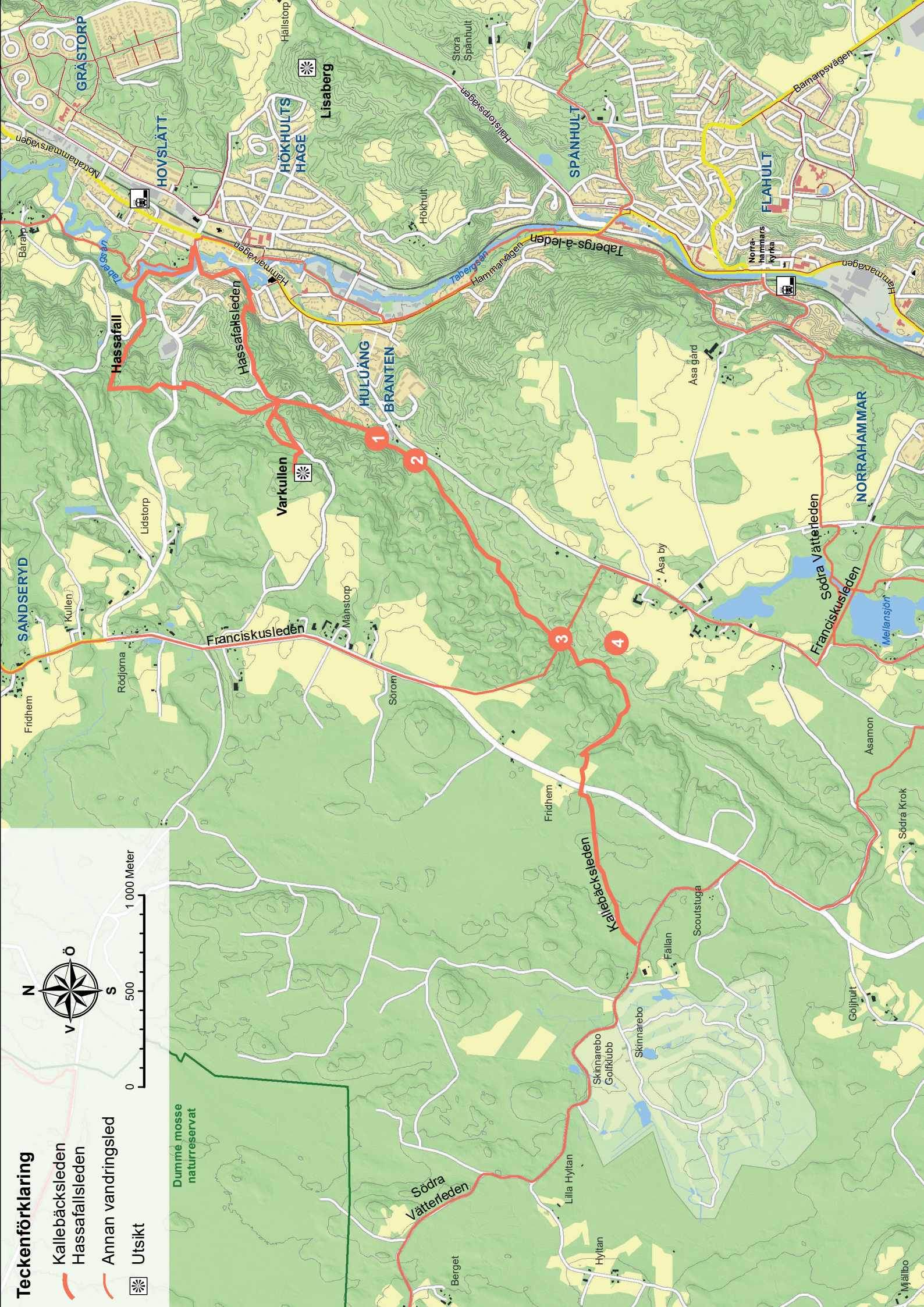
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Things to see along the trail

1 Åsafors industries. Emil Andersson built a few houses and industrial buildings here at the start of the last century (1902-1903). The intention was to start a carpentry shop. However, plans changed, and factory owner Gunnesson moved his mirror factory to Åsafors. A sewing factory and organ factory also operated here for a few years. In 1918, Johan Gustavsson moved his cardboard products company, Jönköpings Pappindustri, to Åsafors. Gustavsson also entered into agreements with the linen factory Jönköpings Linnefabrik to sew men's shirts. These businesses operated in parallel for 20 years or so. However, a lightning strike in the summer of 1940 destroyed the entire factory, bringing the sewing work to an end, while the cardboard box company built new premises. The premises were subsequently used to manufacture signs. Today, part of the site is occupied by the carpentry company Åsafors Snickerifabrik AB.

2 Water catchment. In 1957, Norrahammars Köping built a waterworks here to serve its part of Hovslätt's growing community. Wells and a pumping station were installed and, on a hill to the west, Arthur Pettersson's building firm built a large water cistern to which the water was pumped, before flowing back down by gravity to supply large parts of Hovslätt with water.

In 1953, the City of Jönköping started supplying water to households in the north part of the village, and the two water mains were later joined up. Since the 1971 local government reform, Jönköping municipality has been responsible for supplying water to all of Hovslätt.

3 Månestorp mill. In 1819, the men of Månestorp in Sandseryd parish built a mill here, and the visible groundwork shows it was a large waterwheel. On the other side of the stream were two smaller simple water-mills, of which no traces remain.

4 Aunt Hedda's coffin tree . This tree is located a short way up towards Åsa on what is known as the "church path". This tree was once designated as a "coffin tree" but for various reasons was not used for this purpose. Today, half of the tree has been blown away and only a high stump remains, albeit with a small sign telling visitors about the tree's history.

Map and information produced in collaboration with Hofslätt local history society.