

# The Municipality and Nature Conservation



In the Municipality of Jönköping, many people are involved in nature conservation and outdoor life. The City Planning Office has general responsibility for nature conservation, and the Technical Office administers the Municipality's natural areas and park areas, The Environment Office manages nature conservation in water environments. Fritid Jönköping coordinates outdoor life and maintains long-distance footpaths and the Education Department works with nature education. Municipal district work often involves input in nature and outdoor life. The Municipality cooperates with open-air, outdoor and interest organisations in the Nature Conservation Group which meets on average once each month.

Our most important document in this work is Programme for Sustainable Development – Environment, Nature

Conservation Programme and Forestry Programme for the Municipality of Jönköping's Forests and Woodland.

Management plans for nature reserves and other natural areas include conservation management. The Municipality's General Plan sets out the general objectives for land use, and conservation on a smaller scale is regulated in detailed plans.

The Municipality of Jönköping administers nine nature reserves. These are Domneån, Dumme mosse, Taberg, Strömsberg, Rosenlunds bankar, Rocksjön, Bondberget and Vista kulle. Rocksjön and Strömsberg were inaugurated by the Municipality, while the others were inaugurated by the government.

Management advisory groups have been formed for Taberg, Bondberget, Rocksjön and Strömsberg, where various interested parties in each

respective area are included. The management plans for the reserve are normally updated at least every ten years or as required. Several reserves are in the process of being designated, and the Hägeberg-Granbäck wood and Kaxholmen's deciduous woodland will soon be protected as nature reserves. In total, one third of the county's reserves lie within the Municipality of Jönköping, 40 of the county's 120. But more reserves are needed.

Many positive things have happened in recent years as regards nature conservation and outdoor matters in the municipality.

- We have made an inventory of trees worthy of protection throughout the Municipality in cooperation with the County Administrative Board. In total, about 26,000 trees were included in this inventory.
- Urban areas close to natural areas



have been surveyed as regards key habitats. We have many valuable biotypes, mostly woodland on steep terrain and old oak trees with tree-living lichens.

- Management plans and measures for nature conservation and outdoor life are established in many urban areas, for example, the Vattenledning area and Junebäcken in Jönköping, the Huskvarnaån river and Stensholmskärret in Huskvarna.
- Some twenty LONA projects (Local Nature Conservation input projects) have been implemented or are ongoing in the form of restoration of natural environments.
- Work with more nature-friendly forest management methods has commenced, including through continuity forestry, such as the Lübeck method.

- We participate in the improvement of Vättern brooks for better environment, and we remove impediments to assist the migration of salmon trout, grayling and river lamprey.
- The Rocksjön nature reserve with its marsh woodland and wetland which is situated in the middle of Jönköping was inaugurated in 2010 by the Municipality.
- The Municipality is one of the principals for the biosphere area of Östra Vätterbranterna – appointed by UNESCO in 2012 – a biosphere area shall be a model area for sustainable development.

