

58. Hassafall in Sandserydsån and Kallebäcken

Two fast-running watercourses enter the Tabergsån river from the west. Both have long-distance footpaths more-or-less alongside them.

The Hassafall waterfall

These watercourses are migration routes for salmon trout, which swim up from Lake Vättern to their spawning and nursery areas. In the Kallebäcken brook at Åsaforsvägen, the Municipality of Jönköping and the County Administrative Board have constructed a fish bypass for the salmon trout. Upstream in the Kallebäck brook there are good gravel bottoms for the salmon trout to spawn.

The Hassafall waterfall is in the Sandserydsån river, which starts west of the village of Sandseryd. The river flows through a flat area in its upper reaches, but in total it has a considerable fall height. In just 2 km, the river

falls 110m with several waterfalls, of which the most well-known is the Hassafall waterfall. There are eight obstacles to fish migration in this stretch, of which three were made by people and five are natural. These obstacles mean that the salmon trout can only use the lower part of the river.

The Kallebäcken brook has cold water, as suggested by its name. It consists mainly of ground water, with a constant water temperature throughout the year. The good quality of the water means that freshwater shrimps, stonefly nymphs and salmon trout are all at home here. Woollywort is a characteristic plant of Kallebäcken. This

light green, fluffy moss lives where the groundwater flows from the sandy soil, which is rich in lime. Other species in the brook are balsam, alternate-leaved golden saxifrage and snake-skin liverwort.

Spruce woodland surrounds both watercourses and is good for woodpeckers. The dipper and grey wagtail are typical here. The dipper likes to sit on a stone in the rapids, suddenly diving into the cold water.



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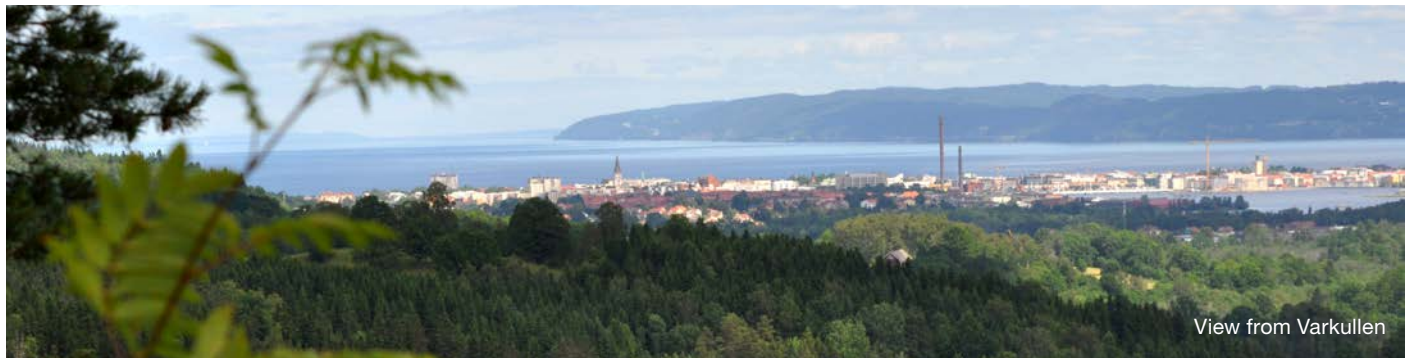
The Hassafallsleden path begins and ends at the Hovslätt hembygdsgård (community centre). A side path leads up to the Varkullen viewpoint. The Kallebäcksleden path starts below the hill and continues southwards. Some sections of the paths are natural paths and good shoes are recommended.

HOW TO GET THERE: The Hembygdsgård (community centre) is level with the roundabout in Hovslätt. The Kallebäcksleden path can be accessed at Åsafors in south-west Hovslätt. Or from Stavåkra in Häradsvägen below Åsa village, go down the slope to Kallebäcken and the footpath.

PARKING: At the Hovslätt hembygdsgård (community centre) and Stavåkra.

BUS: To the bus stop Hovslättsrondellen (roundabout) or Huluäng. From Huluäng bus stop walk 600m through Huluäng west to Åsafors and the Kallebäcksleden footpath.

DIFFICULTY: ● *Advanced*



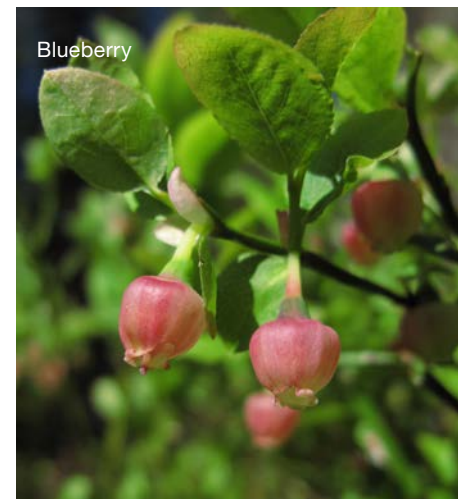
View from Varkullen



Woollywort



Dipper



Blueberry