

39. Dunkehallaåns dalgång

With the long valley of the Dunkehallaån River, Jönköping has an impressive landscape close to the town. Heritage and natural environment come together with flowing water.

The Dunkehallaån River has its headstream around Dumme mosse on the high plateau west of Jönköping. From Klämmestorp to Dalvik, it flows quietly through deciduous woodland and wooded water meadow. At Dalvik, the river is fringed with alder trees and open grassland. From Pojkadammen Dam, also called Prostkvarnsdammen, it becomes a fast-running watercourse with rapids and waterfalls down to Lake Vättern. The fall height is 88m and several of the waterfalls are high. The fall of water in the Dunkehalla

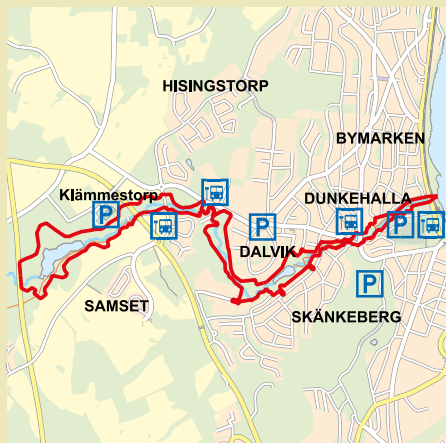
ravine was used for mills and small-scale industry which became established here during the 17th century. At most there were some fifteen mill sites in the ravine.

From Dalvik down to Dunkehalla-vägen the river is edged with deciduous trees and parkland with many traces of former mills and other buildings. Here, during the high summer season, one can see the umbrella-like leaves of the butterbur and other garden plants which have established themselves in the wild.

There are many birds as well. The dipper and grey wagtail can be seen now and again by the flowing falls. Duck of various species can be seen in several of the dammed ponds along the river.



Grayling



WORTH KNOWING

The Dunkehallaleden path follows the long valley of the Dunkehallaån River from Kortebovägen at Vätterstranden to Dalvik in the western heights of Jönköping. The path continues through the Dalvikspark Park and onward to Klämmestorp where the Hallbyleden path joins it. At Klämmestorp there are also riding paths and tracks used by Jönköping's field riding club.

HOW TO GET THERE:

TO THE RIVER MOUTH: Västra Storgatan towards Bankeryd, turn left at Hulukvarnsgatan.

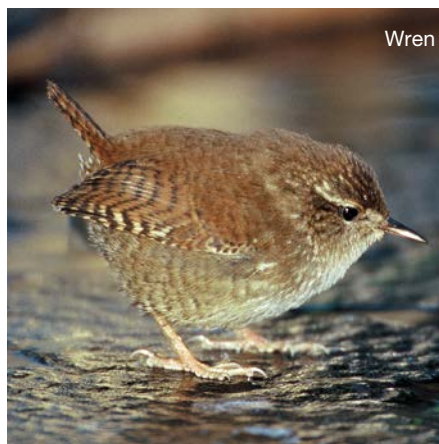
TO DALVIK PARK: Drive along Dunkehallaavägen to Dalvik centre.

TO KLÄMMESTORP: Take Dunkehallaavägen over Svearondellen, left at Klämmestorp.

PARKING: At Hulukvarnsgatan, Dalvik centre and at Klämmestorp.

BUS: Towards Bankeryd, bus stop Talavidskolan (school) and bus towards Samset, bus stop Stattutgatan or Sveavägen.

DIFFICULTY: ● Advanced



Wren



Butterbur



Iris