

## 43. Lillån in Bankeryd

Wandering through the deciduous wood with the sun shining through the trees onto the bubbling water is a relaxing experience. Perhaps a grey wagtail or dipper will appear; they both nest along the river.

The Lillån river is an invaluable watercourse, both for fishing and nature conservation. Its headstream is at Skams hål in the forest north of Hallbysjön lake. The lower part of the Lillån river meanders down through Bankeryd and reaches Lake Vättern between Sjöåkra and Vidablick.

There are several paths alongside the river, a popular recreation area. At Sjöåkra, an old road leads down through the ravine to the remains of



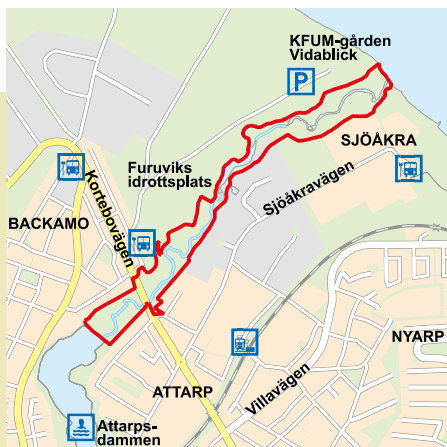
an old bridge at the river; today only parts of it remain.

The Lillån river is a spawning and nursery area for salmon trout.

The reservoir behind the Attarpsdammen dam is used for angling. A fish bypass winds up the dam, allowing salmon trout to reach their old spawning grounds further up in the river, and the young salmon trout to migrate down to Lake Vättern.



Fish bypass



### WORTH KNOWING

The path down at Lake Vättern crosses the mouth of the Lillån river. Northwards, the path passes Vidablick and through the Backamoskogen wood to Domsand. Southwards it goes to Sjöåkra and Berghalla. Along the Lillån river is the Skogstrollens stig path, which starts at Vidablick north of the Lillån river.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** Kortebovägen through Bankeryd, right at the sign Vidablick.

**PARKING:** At Vidablick.

**BUS/TRAIN:** Train towards Skövde stops at Bankeryd. Bus towards Habo, bus stop Vidablicksvägen in Bankeryd. Or towards Bankeryd, bus stop Sjöåkra.

**DIFFICULTY:** ● *Medium*