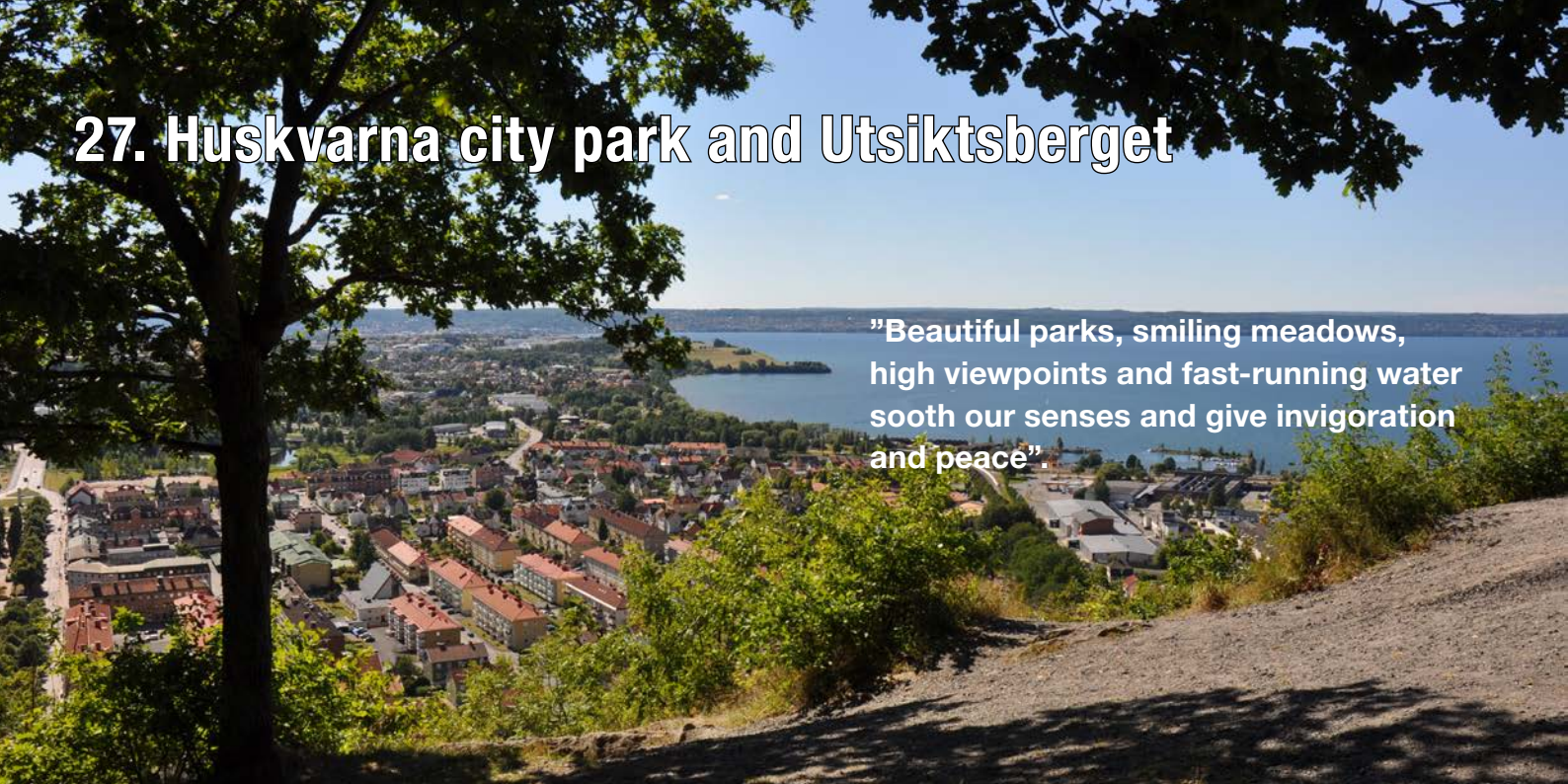


27. Huskvarna city park and Utsiktsberget



”Beautiful parks, smiling meadows, high viewpoints and fast-running water sooth our senses and give invigoration and peace”.

The text in the picture above was the reason for the choice of the location of the city park in Huskvarna. Work on the park was started in 1911. Natural vegetation was kept in place and paths made. A city park pavilion was completed in 1914.

The Huskvarna city park is a continuation southwards of the Huskvarnabergen nature reserve and reaches as far as the suburb of Norrängen. In the north, the Rosendalabäck brook runs down the west-facing hillside. When there is much water in the brook, it rushes down and forms small waterfalls.

There are old wide-crowned oak

trees dotted around the extensive park. Up on the slopes, the canopy is denser and benches are placed along a footpath. In the lower, lighter area, there is a fine example of natural meadowland adjacent to an urban area.

In early spring, bitter vetch, viper's grass, common milkwort, saw-wort and sweet vernal grass bloom. Later, there are oxeye daisy, zigzag clover and peach-leaved bellflower. When leopard's bane flowers it is time for haymaking.

On the steep slope above the city park, the deciduous woodland continues with oak, lime, maple, ash and hazel. Small woodland glades are

reminiscent of former meadows. There is considerable variation, with running brooks, shaded vertical rock faces and steep scree with large boulders.

Paths lead up to the nature reserve in the north and the Utsiktsberget hill in the south. The viewpoint on the top of the hill is a popular excursion destination. Here one can sit on a bench and admire the view over Esplanaden and Huskvarna and surroundings.

North of Utsikten is Stora Kleven, which is grazing land with old fruit trees, oak, birch and juniper shrubs. Around flat areas of rock and boulders are maiden pink, fern-leaf dropwort and meadow oatgrass. In the many



WORTH KNOWING

Up on the crown and steep slope, paths and steps connect Egna hem to Huskvarna centre. The Södra Vätterleden path goes through the area and southwards to the Huskvarna falls and Pusta kulle. Utsikten and the steep slope are a Natura 2000 area.

HOW TO GET THERE: Huskvarna city park is at Norra Parkgatan, 500 metres north of Huskvarna centre. To get to Utsiktsberget, take Ådalsvägen, road 132, turn left at Egna hem and after 600 metres a sign for Utsikten.

PARKING: In the northern part of the city park. Parking for disabled at the city park pavilion and Huskvarna city park viewpoints. At the end of the Månbergsvägen road is the Utsiktsberget parking.

BUS: From Huskvarna towards Egna hem, bus stop Floragatan, walk north to the city park, and bus stop Fagerslättsvägen, go along Månbergsvägen westwards to Utsikten.

DIFFICULTY: ● *Medium*



German catchfly

wild cherry trees which grow here, you can pick black, sweet, tasty cherries in July.



Fly honeysuckle



The city park pavilion