

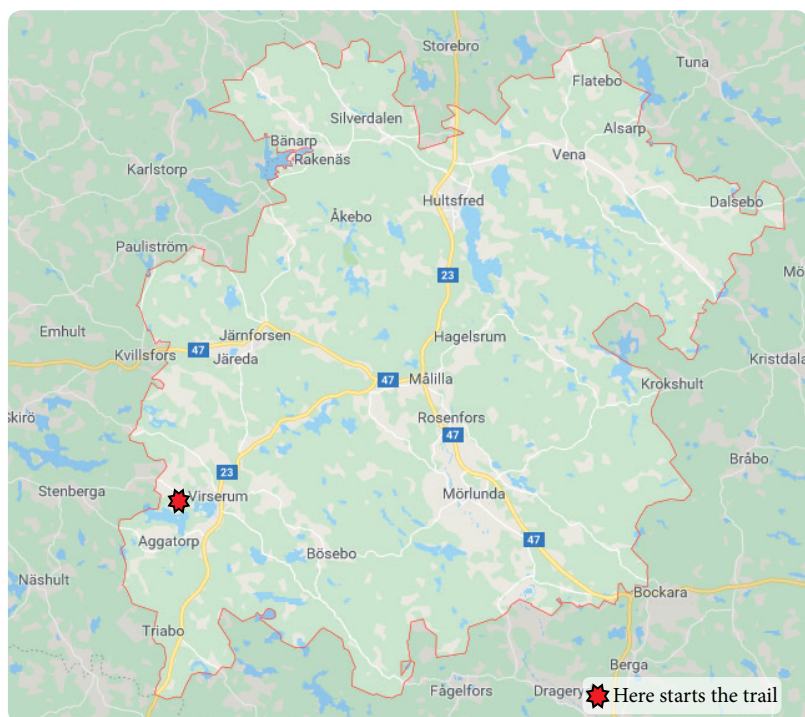


# Hjortenleden

14 km • 3-4 hours

In Virserum there are two fine trails, one around Lake Virserum and one around Lake Hjortesjön. Both offer a wealth of fine views and at Hjortöström, both trails follow the same route for a short while. The trails can be walked separately or together for a total distance of about 20 km.

The Hjortesjön trail takes you along fine gravel roads through cultivated landscapes and villages, and on smaller paths through the forest. You pass everything from the Knalla Cross, to Näcken (the water sprite) and the hydroelectric power station.



*Welcome to enjoy nature!*

Thanks to the right of public access, everyone can move freely in the Swedish countryside. Read more at [www.naturvardsverket.se/allemanratten](http://www.naturvardsverket.se/allemanratten)

- Good things to bring with you on a day trip are water, plasters, map, mobile, an extra sweater and spare socks.
- Dogs must be kept on a leash in the wild from 1st March to 20th August.
- The moose hunt takes place in mid-October.
- Take a bag with you for rubbish & food scraps
- Make sure you know about any fire bans in force during the summer. Under normal circumstances, you may light a fire, but not on rocks or stones and make sure to



Here you will find more hiking trails!

## Good to know!

- You can start at a variety of places – you choose!
- If you make a detour to see Näcken, you'll find a seating area where you can take a well-earned break.
- If you also make a detour to Dackestupet, you'll find a shelter and a barbecue area, together with a fantastic view.
- At Hjortöström there's a seating area close to the water.



## What can you find along the Hjortenleden?

### 1. Start

You can begin your hike from different spots. We're starting from Point 1 where you can park your car and start your walk through the metal gate in the direction of the Knalla Cross.

### 2. The Knalla Cross

A prehistoric gravesite. There's a sign here that tells you about Jon Israelsson and the story behind why the cross stands there.

### 3. Mill

Here you pass a fine little building, the Sjöarp watermill. It is one of the smaller watermills built for grinding grain between millstones. It has a horizontally positioned water wheel which is connected directly to the shaft, without gears, which drives a horizontal millstone.

### 4. Hydroelectric power station

At Mörtefors you come to a sizable hydroelectric plant.

A water fall height of 13.5 metres over an almost 100-metre long wooden gutter provides the turbine with an output of 166 kW, which means that the plant can produce enough electricity in a day to meet the annual consumption of one whole household.

### 5. Necken (the Watersprite)

If you make a detour towards Björneström you will see a wooden sculpture by Theodor Karlsson that is placed in the middle of the river. Next to it are tables and benches where you can take a break!

### 6. Hjorteström

Hjorteström was formerly a small industrial village. The foremost business here was Hjorteström's Foundry and Mechanical Workshop, which was founded in 1887 and closed down in the late 1960s. The decisive battle of the Dacke War also took place here.

