

FINNLEDEN ÖSTRA 19 KM



Difficulty: average
Markings: orange
Recommended shoes: boots

Terrain: views, mainly spruce forest, cultural history, waterways, heather, mires, shorter stages on timber roads
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Summary

Finnleden is a system of trails in Mangskog of around 30 km, with three different starting points - in Slobyn, Tobyn and at the Mangskog church. From the north west at Bråtarna there is an access road of 1,2 km which at the Finn croft Porna connects to the stage starting in Slobyn. In the north the trails meet in one, continuing north to the Sunne border and the next trail system at Ängen. Via Tiskaretjärnsleden, Tischasslingan and Gruvrundan it is possible to continue into Arvika again, crossing the municipality border to Gunnarskog via Bruksleden.

The area is characterized by wilderness spirit and beautiful nature. There are remains of Finn culture and historical forestry work.

VÄSTRA/WESTERN TRAIL (9 km) – beautiful nature along this trail, starting in the small village Slobyn at 165 masl and ending in the wilderness at 300 masl. Varied terrain with mires, tarns and croft remains. The trail crosses a small stone bridge by the tarn Fågeltjärnet.

MELLERSTA/MIDDLE TRAIL (5 km) – nice walk through forests on wide paths and carriage roads. About halfway you can see the tarn Gravtjärnet a bit from the trail.

ÖSTRA/EASTERN TRAIL (19 km) – beautiful nature and wilderness spirit in varied and hilly terrain. View over lake Lången and heights, spruce and pine forests, mires, carriage roads, forest paths and croft remains. Shorter stages on timber roads.

Phone coverage varies. Mostly bad coverage on the western trail, somewhat better on the Middle and Eastern trail.

Finnleden Östra is marked in orange on trees or posts. A PDF map is available for download.

Suggested starting point

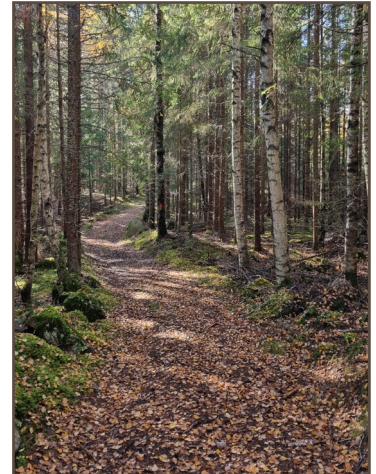
WGS84: Latitude 59.750875, longitude 12.825900

A large parking area is available at the Mangskogs church. You can also go here by bus, the connection 113 Arvika-Mangskog. For time tables, see Värmlandstrafik (varmlandstrafik.se).

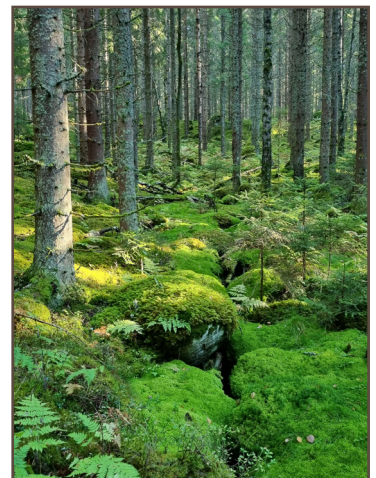
Description from south to north

Since the trail continues north into Sunne municipality, details are given with the Mangskog church in the south as a starting point.

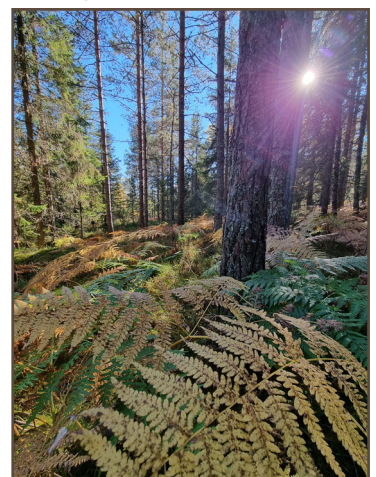
The climb from the Mangskog church to Humsjön is relatively demanding. If you prefer to have the height meters on your side, it is easier to take the north-south direction.



Carriage road climbing up the hill from the Mangskog church.



Spruce forest and moss on the heights north of the church.



Pine forest on mountainous ground north of Patronrtorp.

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The Mangskog church - Patronatorp, 3,6 km

The ascent is 150 height meters, but the surface is an even and wide carriage road through mixed forest. Expect a few short stages on gravel roads. You will pass the remains of the croft Brelinstorpet before reaching Patronatorp, an abandoned but privately owned croft.

Patronatorp - Humsjön, 5,2 km

From now on there is more wilderness spirit and deeper forests, but back in time the farms were not so far apart. The trail passes the remains of Storåsen, Västra Jonsbol, Grevtorpet and Molltorpet (some of them indicated by plaques) before reaching the height east of lake Lången. From here you have a nice view of the lake for around 500 m. After a stage through spruce forest the trail follows along a timber road in Humsjön and head west.

Humsjön - passage across road 878, 3,1 km

Through nice pine and spruce forests you descend towards the north west and pass the remains of the croft Karlbergslyckan. After 300 m down to the timber road you reach an asphalt road, which you follow south for another 300 m.

The trail takes off northwest onto a timber road. Passing the creek at the junction, you enter the Bjurbäcken area. Bjur is an old Swedish word for "beaver".

Passage across road 878 - passage across road 879, 4,4 km

800 m of timber road leads to a t-junction where the trail meets with the Middle and Western trails. You take the path to the south west, signposted "Slobyn", as the Eastern and Western trails coincide for a few hundred meters (till you reach Nytorp). After about 600 m you reach Fågelkullen at 285 masl. Going south west again, you cross a plateau with a peak of 315 masl and reach Nytorp.

The trails split and to the north, the Eastern trail crosses a cutting area, soon replaced by a path through mixed forest, taking you to the western side of the tarn Långtjärnet. North of the tarn a wide carriage road takes you to road 879. You follow it 100 m east to take off north on a small forest road, past a house which used to be the local school. A carriage road continues up the hill.

Passage across 879 - the Sunne border and Ängenleden, 2,3 km

After the climb along the carriage road you reach Östigårn, where the anthropologist Nils Keyland* lived, there is a magnificent view of the surroundings. The farm is privately owned, so please stay on the trail. Further up the hill is Harkaputt, the farm where Keyland's good friend the architect Ludvig Mattsson** lived for some time. Also this farm is privately owned.



Timber road crossing the mire south of Ritalamp.



Lake Lången seen from the eastern heights.



Area with heather, south of Karlbergslyckan.

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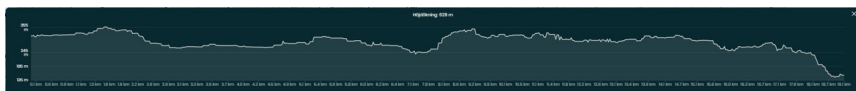
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Once up the hill, a forest path leads by the place where Keyland died on July 7th in 1924. It is marked by a rock and a plaque.

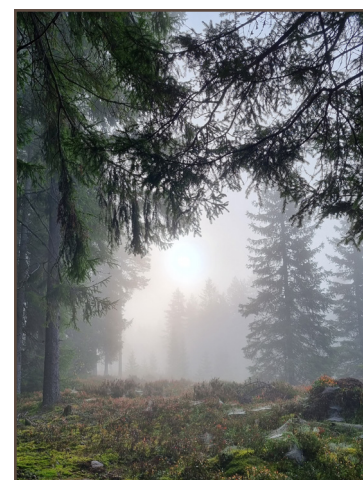
Going north, the terrain is fairly flat with coniferous forest. After passing the farm Nordtomten (please keep away from the electrical fencing and respect the signs) you cross a mire area before reaching the Sunne border. A few hundred meters into the Sunne-side the Finnleden stops and Ängenleden takes over.

Elevation profile for Finnleden Östra

The profile shows the southern part of the trail to the right and the northern part to the left. For an interactive map, where you can see the height of different positions, look up www.naturkartan.se. Enlarge the map view by clicking on the green framed symbol shown to the right. Then click on the circled symbol. Move the cursor over the elevation profile to see the corresponding position on the map.



Remains of Karlbergslyckan.



Spruce forest at northern Humsjön.

*NILS KEYLAND (1867 – 1924)

Nils Keyland was a versatile man - anthropologist, photographer, violinist, composer, poet, draftsman, mathematician, writer and a hiker. He was born in 1867 and grew up in Bjurbäcken, Mangskog.

In 1912 he was hired as an office administrator at Nordiska muséet (the Nordic museum) in Stockholm and later manager of the Skansen Cultural History department until his death in 1924. He was especially known for his research on Finnish culture and collecting items for Skansen. Keyland's name was originally Kailainen after his Finnish mother. Keyland is buried at the Mangskog church.

**LUDVIG MATTSSON (1888 – 1960)

Ludvig Mattsson was born in Bjurbäcken in Mangskog but the family moved to Arvika in 1898. He studied to become an architect at the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, but did not graduate, as he also took art classes. After returning to Arvika, he established himself as an architect.

He has drawn at least 850 buildings in and around Arvika, such as the Old Bath House (now the School of Music downtown), the YMCA building, the Hedenskog building on Hantverksgatan, the Solberga high school, the Carolina Sebenius chapel at Mikaelikyrkan and others. (Reference: www.kyrkogardsvandring.se)

Mattsson was also a photographer and drew several buildings and illustrated objects for the anthropology projects of Nils Keyland. He is buried at the Mikaelikyrkan in Arvika.



Långtjärnet in Bjurbäcken.