

Walk in beautiful nature

It is easy to find the reserve. The adventure begins behind Hagfors city hall. From here, follow the hiking trail that will take you up on the boulder-ridge Mana. Follow the ridge and the trail markings and continue down to Hagfors health center. Just above the health center there is a wind shelter where you can sit down and enjoy the beautiful view. If you continue over the bridge and down the stairs you enter the lush en enchanted natural forest where you can follow Örbäcken upstream to Stora fall (the Big Fall).

Next to the road going up to Värmullsåsen, at the main entrance you will come to Lugna vattnet (calm water), where the stream stands still. Passing Görsjövägen, you will soon enter the part of Örbäcken where nature suddenly changes. The air becomes cooler, the forest gets darker and the pines are replaced by mountains. You are now at the Rocky Mountains. At Bäckkroken you will come to Lilla Fallet (the Little Fall).

You can also take short easy walks around the ridge Mana-there are three bridges over the brook before the first crossing. There is also an adapted trail that has been made accessible for guests with disabilities.

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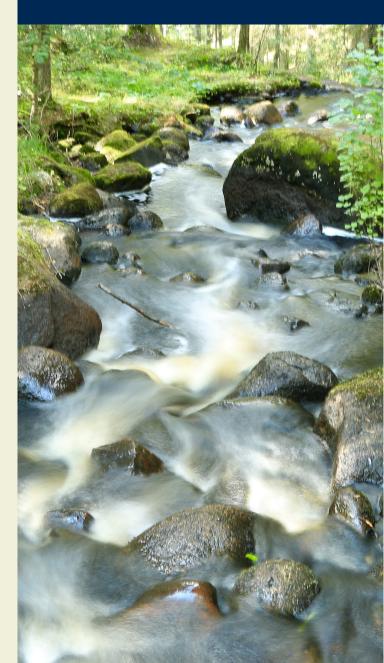
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Welcome to Mana-Örbäcken

It almost feels like being transferred to another world, time and place when you take your first steps into the nature reserve of Mana-Örbäcken. Here, in Hagfors city center, side by side with modern society lies an untouched oasis where time has stood still and where nature has been allowed to take care of itself for centuries.

In the 25 hectare reserve there are plenty of trails that lead you through an exciting and unique nature. Walk next to the purling stream Örbäcken which is surrounded by ancient nature forests, experience the unique plant and wildlife or walk up on the boulder-ridge Mana, which is beautifully dressed in pine forests. Here, many trees are between 100 and 200 years old. Imagine if they could talk?



Protected nature

The purpose of the reserve is to conserve biodiversity and valuable natural habitats foreveryone to enjoy. Continued protection will let the unique natural environments be preserved and improved, while parts of the area can also be made more accessible as rambling areas and school trip woodlands.

The reserve contains several different types of habitat. Many different species exist here and find room to flourish. You can find rare species such as the freshwater pearl mussel, creeping lady's tresses, porodaedalea pini and asterodon ferruginosus.

Mana Esker forms a natural boundary separating the reserve from the city. In places you will find snags. Snags are dead pines that stubbornly refuse to fall. The esker landscape in the eastern part of the reserve has both flat and rolling terrain.

The landscape is home to a mixed forest of varying age. Örbäcken winds its way down a mighty ravine. Here and there it winds its way and meanders. The clear water is home to a viable stock of salmon trout. In recent years freshwater pearl mussels have been discovered here. The banks of the stream are lush with deciduous trees, and lofty spruce and pine. There is plenty of deadwood that serves as a valuable habitat for insects, fungi, lichens and mosses. Insects attract woodpeckers and dead trees provide nesting sites, for example, for the boreal owl. Some trees have fallen across the stream to form important hiding places for salmon trout, referred to as jams.



Discover plant life (flora), wildlife (fauna) and mushrooms (fungi). It is not permitted to deliberately damage or disturb plant life and wildlife, nor is it permitted to destroy or damage fixed objects.

Study wildlife. It is not permitted to climb nesting trees, to be around bird nests or to catch or collect mammals (such as squirrels), birds, birds' eggs, trout or invertebrates, such as molluscs and freshwater pearl mussels. Nor is it permitted to catch insects, such as beetles or butterflies, in kill traps.

Study plant life, mushrooms and wood. It is not permitted to collect mosses, lichen or wood fungi, nor is it permitted to damage or remove deadwood such as coarse woody debris, dry trees and dry branches.

Bike and hike. You may not have a dog off the leash in the nature reserve, nor may you ride horses or drive motor vehicles other than snowmobiles on the snowmobile trails inside the nature reserve.

Eat packed lunches and using disposable barbecues, provided that you take your waste home with you. You may not build a fire or pitch a tent.



Black Woodpecker Dryocopus martius