

Welcome to EDSBYN & ALFTA

Experience authentic Swedish culture and beautiful Swedish nature at its best.

See the architecture of our Hälsingegårdar with their beautiful front porches and murals.

Enjoy the peace and tranquility of almost untouched nature and wilderness.

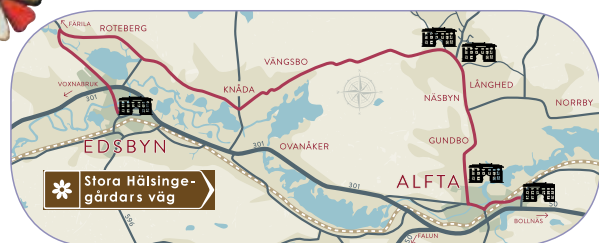


Farmhouses

Flax growing, among other things, created a wealthier class of farmers in the region. It was these farmers who began to build the impressive Decorated Farmhouses of Hälsingland. There was competition among the villages to have the most splendid and highly adorned farmstead buildings. The interiors featured beautiful folk art and intricate woodwork and carvings created by skilled local artists and craftsmen. Today, many of these Farmhouses of Hälsingland are well preserved and open to the public. Contained within them is the history of Hälsingland from the 18th century onwards. www.halsingegardar.se



STORA HÄLSINGEGÅRDARS VÄG



The Hälsingland Farm Trail is a tourist trail that meanders through and passes the villages and districts that are home to the biggest Hälsingland Farmhouses, the most magnificent porches, and most extravagantly painted interiors. The trail, which takes you through a cultural landscape that is a thousand years old, stretches from the banks of the Voxna River to the vast forests of the north, home to the farms' summer pastures.

The flax scutcheries, mills, and sawmills of the watercourses that flow from the wooded high country down through villages to the river bear witness to the agriculture that made the Hälsingland farmers rich. The route, which is 28 km long and runs between Alfta and Edsbyn, links the three open farms Ol-Anders, Löka, and Märtes. www.storahalsingegardarsvag.se

Ol-Anders

Runemovägen 6, Alfta, +46(0)271 140 10
Farm with Tourist Office, Emigrant Museum and Visitor Center

Opening times: June - August: Mon-Fri 10 am-5 pm, Sat-Sun 11 am-3 pm.
September - May: Tues-Thurs 10 am-12 pm and 1 pm-3 pm.

Löka

Gundbogatan 24, Alfta, +46(0)271 556 49 or +46(0)271 107 30
Farm with local Heritage Museum, and Alfta's Heritage Center
Open during the summer season and by appointment.

Märtes

Hembydsgatan 9, Edsbyn, +46(0)271 205 81 or +46(0)271 216 67
Ovanåker's Heritage Center. Open during the summer season and by appointment.

World Heritage

The decision to add the Decorated Farmhouses of Hälsingland to the World Heritage List was taken in the summer of 2012.

The easiest way to get information about the farmhouses is at one of our four Visitor Centers. There are Visitor Centers at Erik-Anders in Söderhamn, Ol-Anders in Alfta, Träslottet in Arbrå and Stenegård in Järvsö. All the Visitor Centers have exhibitions and sell souvenirs.



Churches

There are a number of churches and chapels worth visiting in the area, particularly in Edsbyn, which is renowned for its diversity of Christian denominations. The first minister of Ovanåker's church was Nicolaus Magni, grandfather of the famous Anders Celsius, the inventor of the inventor of the Celsius temperature scale. A monument in his honor

Edsbyn & Alfta
Tourist Information

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Museums - Exhibitions

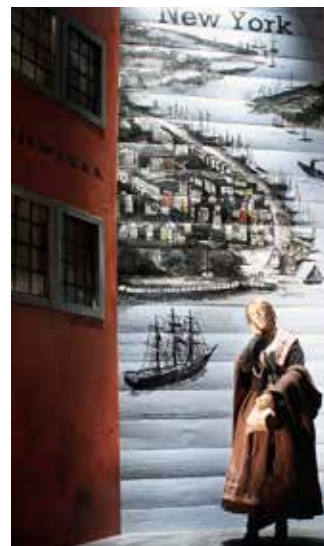
Edsbyns Museum

Edsbyns Museum depicts local history, featuring a turn-of-the-century shop and about thirty preserved works of art by one of Sweden's foremost naïvists, Johan Erik Olsson, better known as "Lim-Johan."

www.hembygd.se/ovanaker

Långgatan 31 A, Edsbyn +46(0)271 216 67

Open: Sunday-Friday, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.



Emigrant Museum

In 1846, about 1 200 followers of pastor Erik Jansson from Alfta and other parts of Hälsingland emigrated to North America, where they founded the colony of Bishop Hill in Illinois.

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Ol-Anders in Alfta

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JIM REEVES
museum

Väldens enda Jim Reeves museum
Här finner ni original-fotografier, unika dokument,
privata tillhörigheter mm CD-skivor och souvenirer

Öppet enligt öv.k April - Oktober
www.jimreeves.se
070 524 47 51 



See and Experience

The wilderness here is neither desolate nor monotonous. Over 350 lakes and 450 km of flowing streams and rivers yield wonderful outdoor opportunities. A canoe excursion is an excellent way to experience the untamed nature of this beautiful region. Swimming is permitted almost everywhere.

Nature – Hiking

Hälsingland has a magnificent and varied landscape with impressive forests, high mountains, and many lakes and watercourses. It offers great opportunities for outdoor relaxation and recreation. Trekking along the region's trails is a popular activity. Trail guides with information on overnighting and rest stops are available for purchase at the Tourist Bureau.

Fishing

There are many fine places to fish where you can find, among others, salmon, trout, char, grayling, pike-perch, perch, pike, and bream. Rainbow trout is stocked in some of the "put-and-take" ponds in the mountains and forest areas.

Winter

Gårdtjärnsberget is an alpine family resort with four ski runs of varying degrees of difficulty and two ski lifts, not to mention several groomed cross-country ski trails and plenty of great winter fishing.

Alfta and Edsbyn also feature two public facilities with indoor pools. Edsbyn is also famous for its bandy team, which has produced several of the sport's superstars and has won the Swedish championship several times.



Canoeing

Hire a canoe and paddle in a beautiful environment. Canoe rental. Open May-September.

Voxnabruks Kanot och Camping
+46(0)271 411 50
www.kanotcamping.se

Horse-Drawn Cart Trips in Alfta

Gather together some friends and take a delightful ride in a horse-drawn cart around the beautiful farmhouses in Långhed, Alfta. We also offer a horse-drawn cart tour concentrated in the wilderness. In wintertime we have horse-drawn sleigh rides. Open year round for booking

Häst & Vagn in Långhed, Diana Sandell
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www.hastturerihalsingland.se

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Bear Watching in Finnskogsriket

If you want to see a wild bear in your lifetime, come with us to The Bears' Mountain. Here you'll have the opportunity to observe the daily life of the brown bear. You can study them at close quarters, in peace and quiet.

The experience begins with a 45-minute walk from Vargas Vildmarkslodge to the hide, which is very comfortable. A two-course meal with wild ingredients is included, together with accommodation and breakfast in bed provided in the cozy hide.

This excursion is "quality marked" with the Swedish Eco-tourism Society's "Best of Nature" award.

Svensk Rovdjursturism - Vargas Vildmarkslodge
Stora Öjungen, Annefors
+46(0)278 340 96 or +46(0)70 317 75 29
www.swedenwildlife.se

Bear Safari in Edsbyn

Welcome to a bear safari in Edsbyn. You can observe, study, and photograph bears from our hide in the magnificent forest.

Nordic OutWild Events
Filip Hedberg +46(0)73 843 85 56
www.nordicoutwild.com

Accommodation

Hotels and Boarding Houses, Camping
 Cabins and Cottages

Alfta Gästgiveri

Hotel and a fully licensed restaurant.
 +46(0)271 120 10, Gästisbacken 5, ALFTA, www.alftagastgiveri.se

Hotell Edsbyn

Hotel and a fully licensed restaurant.
 +46(0)271 212 40, Långgatan 1, EDSBYN, www.hotelledsbyn.se

Skålsjögården

Beds and a fully licensed restaurant.
 +46(0)271 520 40, SKÅLSJÖN, www.skalsjogarden.se

STF Vandrarhem

Bed & Breakfast
 +46(0)271 344 62 or +46(0)70 688 04 34
 Hogatan 15, EDSBYN, www.merasverige.nu

Pannkakshuset - Bockhästen

Bed & Breakfast
 +46(0)70 228 20 69, SVABENSVERK

Svabensverks Herrgård

Bed & Breakfast
 +46(0)70 515 22 49, SVABENSVERK

Alfta Bad & Camping

Bed and Camping, self-catering.
 +46(0)70 687 20 26 Forsparken, ALFTA

Voxna Kanot och Camping

Bed and Camping, self-catering.
 +46(0)271 411 50
 Voxbo 21, VOXNABRUK

Stay at a Hälsingland Farm HANSERS in Fyrbov. 7, Alfta

Accommodation and self-catering
 +46(0)271 107 92 or +46 (0)73 582 40 43
hansersgarden@helsingenet.com

Stay at a Hälsingland Farm JAN-HANS in Norrby, Alfta

Accommodation and self-catering
 +46(0)271 140 65 or +46(0)70 225 31 19

Stay at a Hälsingland Farm PALLARS, Älvkarhed 231, Viksjöfors

Bed and breakfast
 +46(0)271 175 17 or +46(0)70 666 70 72

Live on a farmstead Hisved's Lantgård, Norra Långhed 8, ALFTA

Accommodation and self-catering.
 +46(0)271 131 78 or +46(0)70 526 89 49

Cottages to rent in Galven, Alfta

Accommodation and self-catering.
 +46(0)278 480 49 or +46(0)70 214 61 76
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