

Siljansnäs nature reserve and naturum Dalarna is located about 14 kilometers from Leksand. During Summer there is an open café just next to the reserve.

In the nature reserve there are two marked nature trails. One is 1.6 kilometers long and takes you through the nature reserve. It is partly steep and can be slippery after rain. Along the trail, you will pass several nice viewpoints and a forest hut. The other trail is about 350 meters long and consists of a wide walkway suitable for wheelchairs and strollers. Along the short trail there is a shelter with fireplace and several benches.

§ within the reserve its *prohibited to*:

- damage the ground or geological objects,
- damage living or dead trees and shrubs,
- light a fire outside the designated area,
- drive motor vehicles other than on designated routes,
- park outside designated areas.

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View from the meadow in Siljansnäs nature reserve.

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Siljansnäs nature reserve was established in 1978 and expanded in 1984. The reserve is 31 hectares. The goal is to protect a valuable area for nature, recreation and tourism.

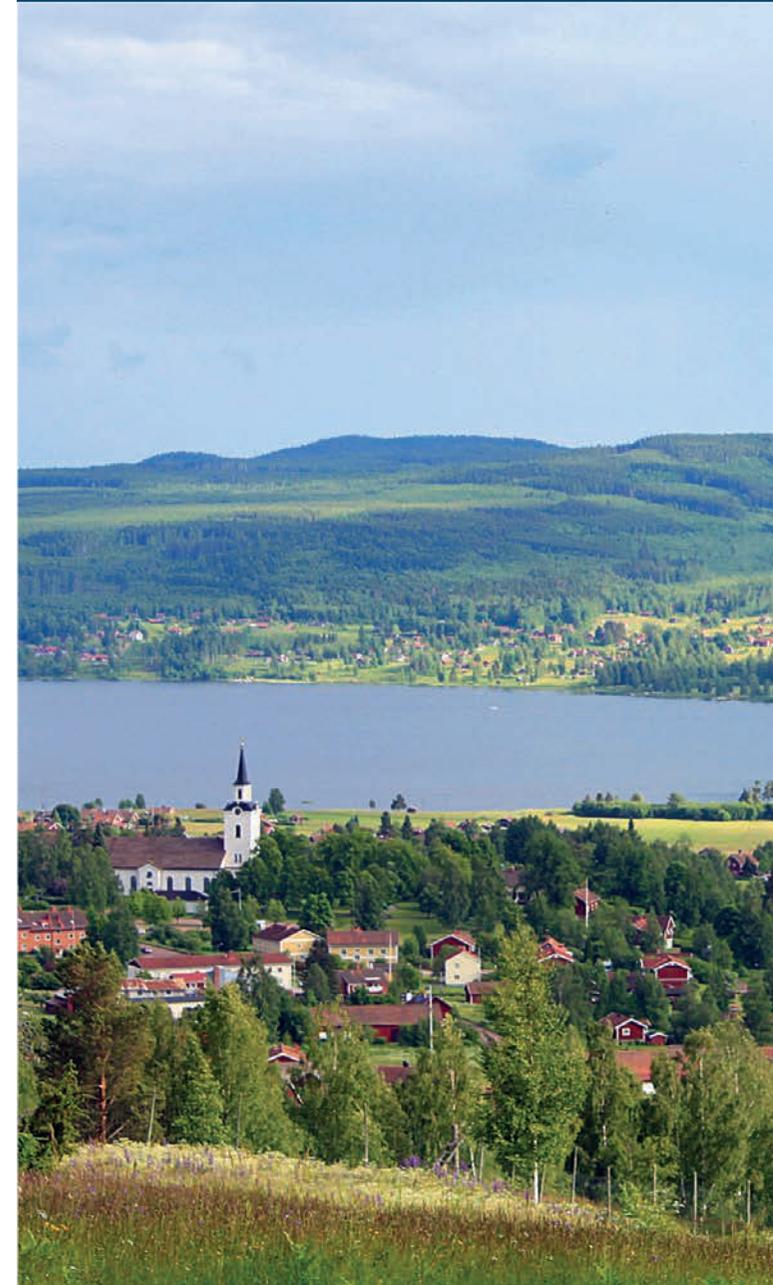
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Welcome to Siljansnäs!

Siljansnäs nature reserve is located on the top of Björkberget above the village Siljansnäs. Up on the ridge, the view over the Siljan area is breathtaking. Here you will also find naturum Dalarna, a visitor center that offers nature information and activities.

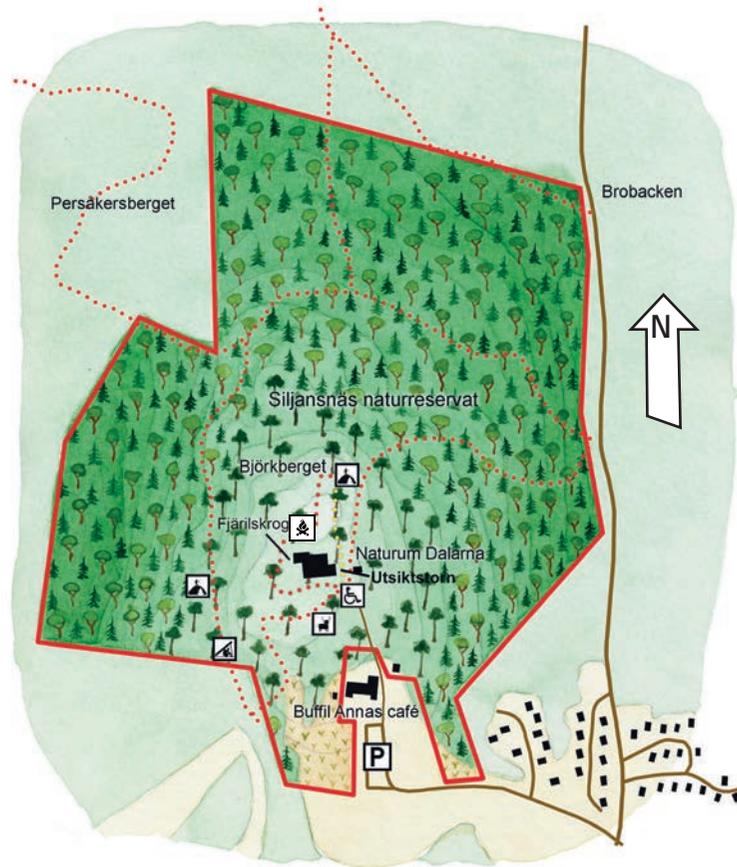
Björkberget peak is 361 meters above sea level. Most of the mountain is covered with coniferous forest. The forest is characterized by how much water there is in the soil. On the mountain top the ground is dry and thin and thick carpets of heather, bilberry and crowberry spread underneath tall pines. The mountain slopes are nutritious, moist and lush with spruce, birch and rowan. There is an old cutting area in the reserve that eventually will develop into natural forest.



Harebell
Campanula rotundifolia

A big meadow with junipers is located in the southern part of the nature reserve. Here you can find harebell, bitter-vetch and daisy. The meadow is kept open with traditional methods. During late Summer the meadow is cut with scythes and the grass is collected into hay fences to dry.

If you visit the nature reserve in Spring or early Summer, you will certainly hear a chorus of birdsong. Many small birds such as redstart, pied flycatcher, nuthatch and various woodpeckers nest in the forest. Predatory birds like buzzards, kestrels and sparrow hawks are commonly seen and if you are really lucky you may see a golden eagle sail high in the sky. Roe deer are common and red deer and moose are occasionally observed in the nature reserve.



-  Boundry of the nature reserve
-  Long nature trail
-  Short nature trail
-  Forest hut
-  Viewpoints
-  Accessible parking
-  Beehive/frogpond
-  Shelter with fireplace



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On the mountain top you will find several beautiful viewpoints.

Located within the nature reserve is naturum Dalarna, a visitor center featuring exhibits about the nature, landscape and geology of Dalarna. You can easily spend a whole day here. During Spring, Summer and Autumn the visitor center offers a program with a variety of activities, lectures and guided tours for adults and children. For more information please visit www.naturumdalarna.se.

Outside the visitor center you can experience different environments created for our wild neighbours; a beehive, a butterfly tavern, bird feeders and a pond for frogs and salamanders. In the summertime beautiful dragonflies hover over the pond.



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At naturum Dalarna there is a lot to explore!



There are two nature trails in the nature reserve, one long and one short.

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