



NATURRESERVAT I ÖREBRO LÄN

# Harge uddar



Photo: Eva Ekholm Pehrson and Elisabeth Karlsson

Harge Uddar lies in magnificent countryside on the edge of Lake Vättern, in the southern part of Örebro county. It consists of many small headlands that are completely exposed to the winds and waves of the lake.

## Remains of chalk quarrying

The cliffs and precipitous slopes of Harge Uddar are part of a bigger fault that stretches along Lake Vättern. The rock consists of granite, with elements of quartz-porphry and limestone. In several places, there are small chalk quarries. The chalk was transported by boat from Vännevik. Far out on the western side, there are still traces of loading in the form of chalk fragments and dust.

## Wind-battered pines and rare mosses

The short, knotty and wind-battered pines are typical of the area. These wind-pruned pines are found mainly on mountain tops and beaches. The rocky block and cliff surfaces have a rich flora of lichens and mosses. There are rare mosses such as *Cirriphyllum tommasinii*, rock pouncewort and pillows of *Leucobryaceae*. There are also many lime-loving plants, such as dark-red helleborine, bloody cranesbill and rue-leaved saxifrage. The headlands glow with the warm, red colour of the granite, and mountain everlasting, angular Solomon's seal and breckland thyme grow in the cracks.

## Migratory seabirds

The Harge Uddar headlands, and particularly the nearby Klävudden headland, offer fine viewing points for observing migratory seabirds. During the spring migrations, birds such as eider ducks, velvet scoter and common scoter can be seen, species otherwise associated with the sea. The best time for spotting migratory birds is at sunrise. The gregarious red-breasted merganser is usually found at sea but is happy to rest at Harge Uddar.

## Footpaths and shelter

From the car park, a 2.5 km marked path runs round the area. In places the path is a bit challenging. The easiest way is to go straight to Vännevik. There is a wind shelter and barbecue at Korpaberget with a fine view over Lake Vättern.

## All season visits

Harge Uddar is a fine nature reserve in all seasons. Even on a stormy November evening, Lake Vättern's face can be threatening, yet attractive and fresh. On a crystal clear February day, when the water has frozen in Viken, the lake is at its best.

### Facts about the Reserve

Established: 2001

Area: 36 hektar

Landowner: Private

Natura 2000: the area is a part of EU's network of protected nature

Established by: County Administrative board



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### In the nature reserve it is forbidden to:

- Bring unleashed dogs
- Disturb animals
- Light fires except where designated
- Remove branches, cut down or damage in any other way living or dead trees and bushes
- Pick flowers, dig up or damage in any other way herbs mosses or lichens
- Camp
- Cycle, except on the cycle path to Vänneviken harbour
- Mark trails with paper strips
- Set up notice boards, placards, posters, signs or similar

### How to get there

Signpost from road 50, immediately south of Stora Hammarsbron. Car park, shelter and barbecues at the reserve.