



Paddling in Sweden's best hidden archipelago Among islets and rocks

Suitable canoe	Gussed expenditure of time	Distance to paddle	Difficulty level
Kayak	2,5 hours	About 12 km	Middle/difficult

There is no possibility to rent a kayak directly at the starting point. You will need your own kayak or be able to carry a rented boat to the starting point.

Launch your kayak close to Bastedalen. There is a gravel parking spot where you can park your car. Paddle straight westwards and round the island Grönön on its northern shore. Paddle between Stora Laholmarna and continue then in north western direction and the island Björkholmen.

Round Björkholmen from the north. Here you will have the opportunity to stay overnight. There is a toilet and fireplace. From Björkholmen it is great to start "island-hopping" southwards, as the islands are aligned like on a string of pearls. From the channel Enesundet you continue in eastern direction where you are crossing an area with small islands, situated south west of Grönön.

There are many narrow passages and sometimes it might be challenging to get around the rocks - but it is so much fun when you succeed! The water quality is good and there is no problem to take a mouthful water directly from Lake Vättern. For sure, you will find your own island for you all alone for a break. You might even take a walk on the island Grönön. This island is partly handicap accessible and there are toilets and a fireplace. You even can take a shorter hike around the island, as there is a marked trail.

Continue your tour round Grönön and follow the eastern side in order to find an adapted spot to cross the fairway back to the harbor of Bastedalen. The birdlife is very rich in these surroundings. You might see white tail eagles, ospreys or black-throated loons. When you are paddling in your kayak, you often get very close to the fauna. It is important that you are respectful towards the birds and their cubs. Make sure to not split families.

There entire archipelago is a natural reserve. You are only allowed to light fire at the designated fire places. You can pitch your tent for a night on the islands Stora Krokholmen, Stora Aspön, Björkholmen and Grönön. On these islands you will find toilets. Please take your rubbish with you home.



Remember: park only on the graveled parking spot. Take some extra clothes with you, which you store in a waterproof bag. Your mobile phone also needs to be stored waterproof. It is always great to have some snacks and something to drink with you. Take a map over the surroundings with you! Do not forget to check the weather reports before starting the tour and be ready to change your plans. When getting to Grönön you are crossing a fairway. Be careful and pay attention to the boat traffic as you not very visible as a paddler.

