



Paddling in Sweden's best hidden archipelago Around the island Lilla Aspön

Suitable canoe	Gussed expenditure of time	Distance to paddle	Difficulty level
Kayak	2,5 hours	About 10 km	Easy

Start at the harbor of Olshammar. On sunny days there are many boats trafficking in the harbor, be careful and try to paddle along the shore. Pass Knappnäset and continue towards the next spit, which is called Lånarn.

From Långarn, you round the island Visholmen from the northern side in order to cross the fairway on your way towards Åkernäset, which is the southernmost point of Lilla Aspön. Choose then the eastern side northwards. Lilla Aspön is one of the highest islands in the archipelago and is about 50 meters above sea level.

North of Lilla Aspön there are a couple of smaller islands. They are covered by forest as they are protected from the weather and the wind. There is a great resting-place on the north-western spit of Lilla Aspön. Continue southwards.

By the channel Stora Lersundet are a couple of smaller islands. Usually it is possible to paddle between them and Lilla Aspön. By Rövareholmen there is a spit with a nice resting-place, especially when there is evening sun. If you are lucky you can spot ospreys.

From Rövareholmen you continue paddling towards the northernmost point of Ramholmen. Then you follow Ramholmen southwards on the western side in order to join the spit Långarn and finally Knappnäsudden. Paddle close to the shore on your way back to the harbor.

Remember: 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. Get 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.



In the harbor in Olshammar there is a boat slip which you as a kayakist can use. Do respect other boats which are getting watered and try not to block the boat slip. You may pay a voluntary charge for using the boat slip and parking spaces. On sunny days there are many boats trafficking in the harbor. Be careful and try to paddle along the shore.

Almost the entire tour is going through the natural reserve Norra Vätterns skärgård. Make sure you know the rules that apply there.

When crossing fairways, make sure that there are no other boats in the surroundings. It is difficult for them to spot you in your kayak. Be especially careful when crossing the fairway towards Åkernäset on Lilla Aspön and towards Ramholmen.

