



Paddling in Sweden's best hidden archipelago The islands Hjortholmarna

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

This tour is leading you through waters protected from the winds. It is therefore fitting people who are not very experienced paddlers or kayakers who wish a shorter tour which is still giving them the opportunity to discover the archipelago. The best starting point is the harbor in Olshammar.

You will then pass by a point of land called “Knappnäset” and then continue towards the point “Långarn”. Continue along Långarn towards the south and the channel Lövsundet. If you are lucky you might spot an osprey or a white tailed-eagle. Cross the channel at the most narrow place, towards the island Lövön. Continue along Lövön towards the island Stora Aspön. Here you can find small sandy bays and flat rocks where you can take a break.

Follow the shore of Aspön in northern direction and paddle on the inner side of the island Myrholmen towards Lusahällen. There you will find fireplaces and an information board about the island Stora Aspön. A 25 km long hiking trail is starting from here, which will lead you over the island. The nature and landscape is varied, it is worth to have hiking boots with you!

Stora Hjortholmen is a popular spot among boat enthusiast. Here you can even stay overnight in your tent. We can recommend a great spot on the southern point.

Continue the tour between Stora Hjortholmen and Ängsholmen. Be careful when crossing the channels towards Åkernäset, by Lilla Aspön and towards Ramholmen. From Ramholmen you take the direction towards Kvistudden, which used to be an arboretum that was a part of Aspa manor. Today, there are small paths in the surroundings. Continue along the western beach of Lake Vättern until you arrive at the harbor again.

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.

