



Paddling by the city center

Nature, culture and wilderness

Suitable canoe	Gussed expenditure of time	Distance to paddle	Difficulty level
Kayak	5 hours	About 20 km	Easy

The tour is starting at the island Borgmästarholmen, alternatively at the camping Husabergsudde or at the harbor. In these two latest cases you will need to paddle to the bathing beach of Borgmästarholmen.

1. You are now on Borgmästarholmen. Once upon a time this island was owned by the city's mayor. There was no bridge over to the shore. You needed to take the boat. During the second half of the 19th century, the mayor's name was Knös. He used the island as a training base for his marksmen. He built a bowling alley and a shooting gallery on the island. Later, the island became the city's fairground. 1989 the bridge was built and the shooting gallery became a café and bar. Today, the island is leased by a company called Askersund Outdoor, which installed its "Base Camp" on it. It is used as a center for outdoor and conference activities. Summer times you can camp on the island, rent outdoor equipment as well as enjoy tasty food in the bistro.

2. Sjöängen - the city's cultural center got inaugurated in November 2016. The center is consisting of a library, a music school, an art hall, events, conferences, a cinema and a school. This house is full with life. Close to it you can see a new district of Askersund, which got built during the last few years. In the yellow, former industrial buildings you can find today, among others, a gym, small companies, a restaurant and a bowling hall.

3. The small summerhouses which are built by the shore of the so-called "Triåkåberg" have been constructed in the beginning and middle of the 20th century. If you are climbing up the hill, you will get a fantastic view over lake Alsen, Stjernsund manor and the city of Askersund, which its country church.

4. "Skatthöjden", the "treasure height", is the first phase of building housing in this area, called Edö.

5. Aviator monument. In the beginning of the 20th century, the habitants of Askersund witnessed a historical drama. On a cold winter day they gathered on the frozen lake Alsen in order to watch Sweden's first female aviator, Elsa Andersson,



carry out a parachute jump. Unfortunately, something went wrong and Elsa Andersson crashed on the ice and died. A monument was risen in order to remember her.

6. Edö Seat farm (Edö Säteri). It has it's origins back in the 14th century, when it was owned by Ulf Gudmundsson, the husband of Holy Birgitta. Today it is a private housing. Pay attention to the boat traffic when crossing the channel.

7. The hunting hut Tasstorp is situated on the spit of Tasstorpamon. The hut was a part of Edö Säteri. Continue along with the beach and experience the great fauna och flora on your way to Åmmeberg.

8. The harbor of Åmmeberg. The boats charged with ore started from here in order to carry it from Zinkgruvan to the Göta Canal and further to the rest of the world. Today, it is a very popular harbor for recreational boats. Take a break and go up to the center of Åmmeberg where you can visit the old bowling alley, motive power depot or the water tower. There is even a small grocery shop.

9. Not far away from the harbor you can see the golf court which has a fantastic view. If you are hungry, do not hesitate to get a lunch in the club house.

10. If you choose to continue within the bay Långviken, you will pass a steep cliff and a little longer the farm of Långvik and some new building along the water. Though, you might even enjoy varied nature with some heights and small meadows. Follow the western shore in order to get out Kärrafjärden. Be careful when crossing the fairway and pay attention for the passing boats.

11. You are now passing the natural reserve Prinskullen. It is situated on the second biggest island of Lake Vättern: Öhna. It is great to visit during spring, when the blue liverworts are blooming. When you come to the northern spit of Öhna you will even see "Kungsbyggan", the King's jetty by Stjernsund Manor.

12. When crossing the fairway between Stenholmen and Borgmästarholmen you may pay attention to other boats. Nevertheless, do not miss the nice view over Stjernsund Manor, which has historical roots in the 17 century. The manor is mostly known today for it's well preserved interior, which is from the middle of the 19th century. Summer times you can book guided tours every day. There is a Café on the northern side of the manor, with a stunning view over Askersund. You can get in land on the "guest jetty" which is situated close to the Café. Take a break and have a walk through the pretty park.

13. Husabergs Udde. The camping site is situated on historical ground. According to some legends, there is a Viking treasure buried there. Today, it is a camping site with a mini-golf and close enough to the city center, which can be reached by bike or foot.



Renting canoe: You can rent a kayak on Borgmästarholmen or Husabergs Udde.

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.

Other boats: there are many boats trafficking the waters of Alsen, for example the excursion boat M/S Wettervik, motor- and sailing boats. When sitting in a canoe or kayak, you are quite invisible, especially against the light. Be careful and try to keep paddling close to the shore, where you even will benefit of the best views. If you need to cross a fairway, check out for other boats and let them pass before you continue. Priority to the right. Sailing boats always have priority.

