



Paddling by the city center

The wilderness around the corner

Suitable canoe	Gussed expenditure of time	Distance to paddle	Difficulty level
Open canoe Kayak	1 hour	About 3 km	Easy/beginners

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 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, Stjernerund 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 the population 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. When crossing the fairway between Stenholmen and Borgmästarholmen you should pay attention to other boats. Nevertheless, do not miss the nice view over Stjernerund 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 even can see the camping Husabergs Udde, which 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 to be reached by bike or foot.

Renting a canoe: You can rent a kayak on Borgmästarholmen and Husabergs Udde. You can rent an open canoe on Husabergs Udde and at 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.

Other boats: there are many boats trafficking the waters of Alsen, for example the excursion boat M/S Wettervik, motor- and sailing boats. 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.



