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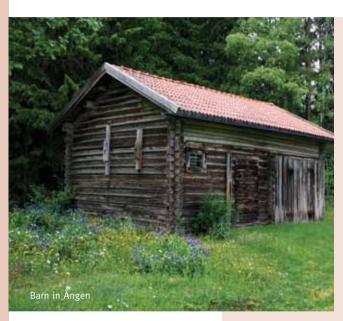
DISTANCE: 15.2 km
TYPE: tour

TIME: ca 5.5 hrs

DIFFICULTY: 3 (distance, underfoot)
MAP: Terrängkartan 655 Mora

ORSA

From Ämån river to a summer farm

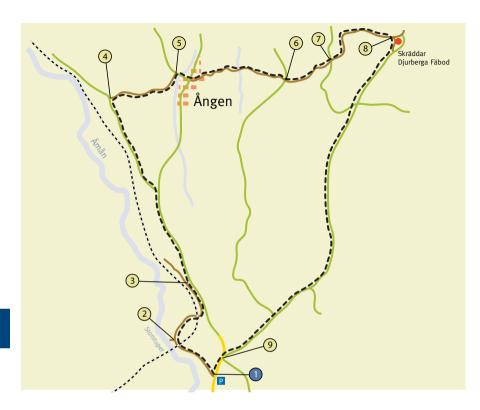


GETTING THERE

From the E45, about 4 km north from Orsa, take the exit to Voxna (road 296) which leads you through several villages. After 13.7 km, you will reach Mässbacken. Here, you take the left exit to 'Skräddar Djurberget Fäb'. After 1.3 km you go left at the fork in the road. Follow the road for another 4.8 km. On the right is a car park and on your left you can see the blue signpost 'Storstupet'.

WHY?

The Storstupet is a deep gorge through which the Ämån river flows. Authorities have tried to contain the waterfall, but this hasn't made this force of nature and the steep mountain slopes any less impressive. The cinematic setting is completed by the old railway bridge, which is 34 metres higher up. The Inlandsbanan train crosses the bridge a couple of times every day. This route will alternately lead you along narrow forest trails and broad gravel roads. The latter offers you the possibility to make some pace; once you are inside the forest you will not be able to go any faster than 2.5 km per hour. Almost two-thirds of the route leads you across the grounds of the Skräddar-Djurberga fäbod. This is an old summer farm (including cattle) which is kept in operation during the summer for the sake of tradition and for tourists. It is a superb place for a cup of coffee and a freshly baked 'kanelbulle'.



THE WALK

Starting at the car park **(GPS1)**, cross the road and walk straight ahead. At the blue road sign 'Storstupet' take the path that leads into the forest. Ignore any side tracks. After 1 km you will cross a railway track. Go into the direction of the cabin and keep to your left here. When you arrive at the crossing with a road sign **(GPS2)**, turn left and descend towards the gorge. From here, you have a magnificent view of the gorge and the railway bridge, which is 34 metres higher up. For the next part of the route, go back to the road sign **(GPS2)** and turn left, in the direction of 'Skräddar-Djurb fäb'. Further on, there is another railroad track, which you have to cross. 20 metres further on you turn left and follow the marked footpath. After a couple of hundred metres, you will reach a road sign. Leave the orange marking behind you and turn right. On the gravel road **(GPS3)** turn left. After 1.3 km turn left at a crossing of gravel roads, in the direction of Helvetes fallet. After 1.5 km you turn right, onto a narrow path **(GPS4)**, which is again marked with orange paint. The path goes through a patch of cleared forest for a while. Follow

the marking on the tree-stumps here. Soon, the narrow path sends you into the forest again. Keep following the orange marking. Further on, the terrain is more open again. After that, you will enter the woods again and pass a swampy area covered by planking. Further on, the ground is again covered by planking. When you reach a gravel road (GPSs), turn right and go across the wooden bridge. Shortly after that, you turn left at a crossing with a gravel road. After approximately 100 metres, the orange marking sends you to the right, in the direction of a small house. Follow the broad cart track along the left side of the house. A little further on, the marking leads you to the right, onto a narrow forest trail. Keep following this narrow path. Every now and then, you will pass several swampy peat areas. Sometimes these peat areas are covered by planking. After some time, you will cross a gravel road (GPS6). Go straight on here, into the forest and keep following the orange marking. Further on, you will get to some newly planted forest and pass a small stream. The path is sometimes hardly visible here, but the marking will lead you in the right direction. Further on, you will cross a cart track (GPS7) again. Keep following the orange marking and enter the forest again. Further on, there's another clearing. Every now and then, you will cross a forestry path. Follow the track, which leads into the forest again. Keep following the path until you reach the grounds of an old summer farm (the Skräddar-Djurberga fäbod), (GPS8). Follow the path leading between the sheds and go to the entrance of the grounds. You will pass the car park, Ignore a road to the left and follow the gravel road for 5 km. The orange marking is no longer present, but there are several posts with wooden signs. Ignore all side roads and continue until you reach a crossing with an asphalt road (GPS9). Turn left here. After 100 metres, there is a road to the left. Ignore this and go straight on. After another 250 metres, you will see the car park (GPS1) on the left, where you left your car.

