

Many ancient remains

For those interested in cultural history, there is also much to discover in Trollskogen. Around 15 burial cairns and stone-settings provide the oldest traces of human settlement.

In the 15th century, Örboviken (now Grankullaviken) was a major naval base commanding a large part of the Central Baltic. Traces of the two entrenchments (eastern and western redoubts) which defended the base are still visible. There is also a stone wall dating back to the 16th century, which probably enclosed a hunting park. On the shore is the wreck of the schooner Swiks, which ran ashore here during a storm in December 1926.



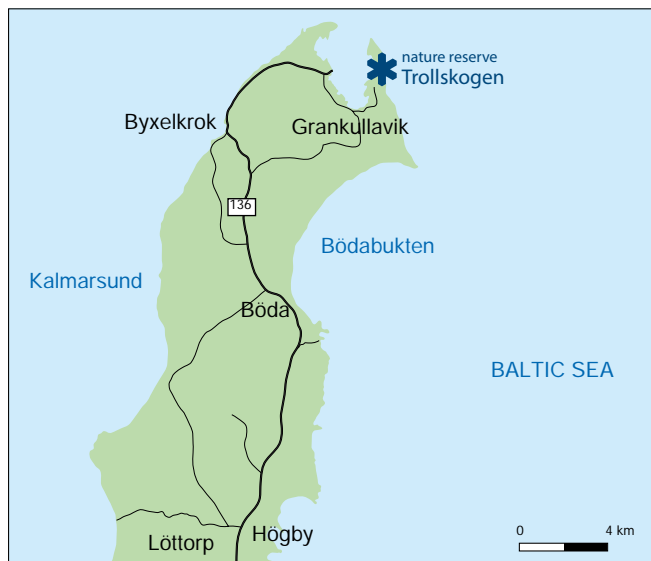
Wreck of the schooner Swiks.

Please note ...

... that within the nature reserve it is forbidden to:

- drive motor vehicles, other than on existing roads,
- ride, other than on existing roads,
- cycle, other than on the "main road",
- camp,
- light fires,
- bring unleashed dogs or other loose pets,
- put up boards, signs, placards, posters or similar or make inscriptions,
- destroy, remove or damage fixed natural objects or surfaces,
- collect loose stones or remove pieces of bedrock,
- damage or remove growing or dead trees, stumps, bark, branches or shrubs,
- dig up or pick plants or parts of plants, other than berries and edible fungi,
- climb in nesting trees,
- hunt, kill, trap or harm wild mammals, amphibians, reptiles or birds, remove or damage eggs or nests, or otherwise disturb animal life,
- moor at a buoy or anchor permanently,
- drive water scooters or water-ski,
- use the area for competition or exercises without permission from the County Administrative Board,
- pursue commercial activities without permission from the County Administrative Board.

Investigations or research must be carried out in consultation with the County Administrative Board.



How to get to Trollskogen Nature Reserve: The reserve is located on the northern tip of Öland (approx. 65 km from Borgholm).

Trollskogen's coordinates (RT90): X: 63 58 21, Y: 15 79 10.

Visit the nature reserve and the naturum Trollskogen!

Trollskogen is one of the most popular nature areas on northern Öland. Three walking trails start from the parking area, offering easy access to the countryside and history of the reserve. By the parking area you also find naturum Trollskogen – a visitors' centre with exciting and educational information for all ages about the geology, flora, fauna and cultural history of Öland.



Further information

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NATURE RESERVE IN THE COUNTY OF KALMAR



Trollskogen



Welcome!

Trollskogen is a wild area of forest and shoreline that fires the imagination. The name Trollskogen (Trolls' Forest) is appropriate – gnarled pines and old oaks create a magical atmosphere. The nature reserve is located on the northern part of Öland, on the easternmost of the two promontories enclosing the bay Grankullaviken.

Bewitching pine forest and exciting shores

Old pine forest grows on the inner parts of the promontory. The oldest trees are almost 200 years old. Many of the trees are entwined with ivy, adding to the magical atmosphere. The forest is thin and sparse in places. This is due to a long tradition of grazing and to Böda farmers collecting wood and timber from Trollskogen.

The eastern shore is extremely exposed to wind and waves. Here, the promontory is lined with barren shingle beaches with sparse vegetation. The pines nearest the shore are low and crooked due to their exposed location. The protected shore on the other side of the promontory has a completely different character. Grankullaviken is edged with open coastal meadows with a rich flora of grass and herbs.

Old oaks

The pine forest is dotted with around 30 old, large oaks. The largest is called Trolleken (Troll Oak), one of the oldest oaks on Öland. As many as 155 different lichens have been found growing on the oaks. Many of them are rare. Take a closer look at the rough bark on the oaks and discover the variation in colour and shape of the lichens!



Trolleken – one of the oldest oaks on Ölands.
Ill: P. Larsson



Great black-backed gull
Larus marinus
Ill: P. Larsson



Black woodpecker
Dryocopus martius
Ill: P. Larsson



Woodruff
Galium odoratum
Ill: B. Mossberg



Beefsteak fungus
Fistulina hepatica
Ill: N. Forshed

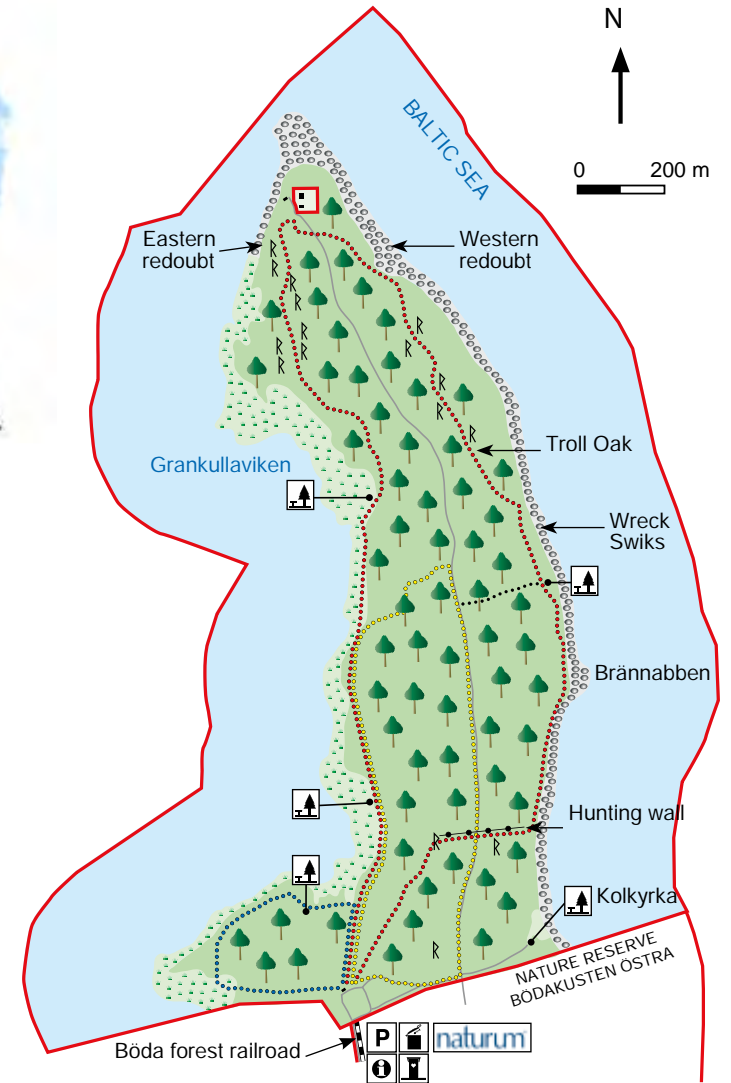


Lecanographa amylacea
Ill: M. Holmer

Other rarities

Trollskogen is an excellent place for botanising or bird-watching. Woad, sea wormwood, spiny restharrow and strawberry clover are some of the species growing here. The rich birdlife in Trollskogen includes parrot crossbill, common crossbill, black woodpecker and willow tit.

Many rare species of fungi and insects have been found in the reserve. The fungi have imaginative names such as giant funnel and orange coral. The inconspicuous pine processionary moth is a truly rare insect. It is only known in three areas throughout Scandinavia. When the larvae are going to feed or pupate, they march out in a long single file – which gives the moth its strange name.



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- Rubbish bin
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- Blue trail, with footbridges (1 km)
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