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THINGS YOU SHOULD NOT MISS WHEN...

...you want to experience Dalslands stunning scenery with its many expressions. Our landscape comprises of unique natural resources which offer lots of experiences you will not find elsewhere. We mix known tourist attractions with little gems. Whether you want to hike, bike, swim or just enjoy a peaceful moment on a beautiful meadow among the flowers here are some of our top tips.



1 SEE MORE – PEDAL A RAIL TROLLEY
Pedaling a rail trolley is exciting and easy at the same time. Steel wheels roll pretty well along the steel track and there is no chance of going astray either...just follow the track. Here you can pause anywhere and enjoy what the landscape has to offer. The stretch between Bengtsfors and Årjäng is 50 kilometers, not quite flat but no direct tough climbs. Trolleys can be hired at DVVJ's railway station, either in Bengtsfors or Årjäng. The tour of the border area between Dalsland and Värmland is varied and beautiful. You pass forests, open countryside and several nice lakes on your tour so, if the weather permits, it is a good idea to bring along your swim-suit. The second stretch is 10 km long and follows the idyllic lakes from Forsbackabaden outside Åmål to Bollsyn in Svanskog. Trolleys can be hired at Daltrail. All trolley tours can be combined with a canoeing trip and transport can be arranged according to your preferences.

2 CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE KING OF THE FOREST

Just on the outskirts of Ed, Thomas and Conny Mossberg have created Dalslands Moose Ranch. In the 10 hectares large enclosure are now 11 tame moose in natural forest areas that offer plenty of cover, food and water. Here the moose live as if they were in the wild and they can withdraw and roam freely. However several times a day they curiously come to the feeding station at the park's entrance because it's feeding time. It is just then that you have the chance to get really, really close to these mighty animals. Meet the bull Älgert and his family and hear Thomas and Conny share their elk adventures. Did you know that the moose is the world's biggest deer? That the moose can run up to 60 km an hour and that they have an extremely well developed sense of hearing and smell? There is also a café and a shop with a large collection of moose souvenirs.



3 TRAIN TO HÄVERUD

Skip the car and take a trip by DVVJ's train to Häverud and Nils Ericson's ingenious aqueduct. The route Bengtsfors - Mellerud runs during the summer months. The whole trip takes about an hour but you can choose to get on and off at several stops along the way. Chug by train alongside the Dalsland canal and spend an afternoon in Häverud.



4 BRÄCKE ÄNGAR

Experience the old cultural landscape that is kept open by annual haymaking. There are many species of flora here but the display of flowers is richest in the spring when you can wander through a sea of primroses and wood anemones. This nature reservation has two hiking trails: Bräckestigen and Bräcketorpsstigen and there are several nice picnic spots.



5 GREAT BATHING SPOTS

When a province has so many lakes like ours the nice result is that visitors can pick and choose among many fine local beaches. These are equipped with piers and toilets and many also have a diving board. The vast majority have shallow waters and are child friendly. Inquire at the tourist offices or ask the locals - everyone knows where the bathing areas are.



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7 THE STENEBY TRAIL

This trail is 1.1 km. in length and is built entirely of wood. It winds its way into an otherwise inaccessible, somewhat jungle-like nature directly adjacent to the Steneby Nature Reserve and its giant pot holes. The trail goes through dense woods with some really old fir trees and is near the river Steneby with its crystal clear water. This provides excellent conditions for trout, freshwater mussels, beaver and a variety of small birds. For those who want to learn a little more about the area there is a children's nature quiz along the way. The Steneby Trail is part of the adventure center Dalslands Aktiviteter and is built to be enjoyed by wheel chair users and prams.

10 FORSBACKA GOLF CLUB

Forsbacka Golf Club, 7 km west of Åmål, is said to have one of Sweden's three most beautifully situated courses. The golf club has almost everything a golfer could ever wish for featuring a golf shop, the newly renovated club house, driving range, short hole course, a cozy hotel and restaurant. Forsbacka's scenic 18 holes park- and woodland course is beautifully situated on and around Lake Forsbacka. The first nine holes have wide fairways with tough water obstacles. The last hole reflects the character of a forest course where challenges lie more in placing your drive and approaching the green from the fairway. The newly renovated Hotel Jägmästarflygelin (1747) offers 13 uniquely designed rooms with contemporary character and a total of 23 beds. When the golf season is over Forsbacka golf course is perfect for autumn walks and later in winter even for cross-country skiing.



6 ON TWO WHEELS THROUGH DALSLAND

Biking is fun! If you combine it with vacation and new beautiful scenery you will make biking even more fun. Dalsland is made for adventures on two wheels. Our rural countryside with its winding gravel roads will take you through forests, across plains and alongside lakes. These roads are connected to villages, churches, farmyards, second-hand shops, museums, cafés, art studios... Create and put together your own individual bike route. Or make your life a little bit easier and use our official cycling routes; **Dalslandsleden** or **Sverigeleden**.

With its hilly terrain Dalsland might not offer the easiest biking routes in Sweden, but rewards after hard pedaling are never far away. Thanks to the landscapes character fantastic views are always around the corner and after biking upwards there are always wonderful downhill waiting. If you should prefer to hop over the hills you could try the beautiful plains of southern Dalsland. It is not as flat as Skåne but much easier biked than the rest of Dalsland. The abundance of small gravel roads and forest paths offer perfect possibilities and adrenaline kicks for the more enthusiastic biker. MTB-cyclists love Dalsland. Kroppefjäll in the south of Dalsland is one of many areas with tricky paths and challenges.



8 BEAVER SAFARI

Beavers are admittedly quite shy but with the help of an experienced guide it is absolutely possible to see them in the wild. It is easiest to approach from the water, the beaver's natural element where they are not as timid as if you would come by land. Together with Barbara from Dalsland Naturguide you set off on a reconnaissance tour on the lake or river depending on the weather and season. You paddle out at dusk, see the beavers' natural habitat and lodges and then take a small picnic on the shore. A really well worth experience for adults and children - but you must be quiet!



9 DALSLANDSRESOR

You want to experience the nature and culture of our landscape, stay in comfortable accommodation and enjoy good food. Perhaps you wish to take a bike ride, paddle a little and maybe even take a trip on the Dalsland canal with one of the tour boats. Wouldn't it be heavenly if someone could arrange all this for you? Plan, make reservations, carry luggage... No problem! That is exactly what the small travel company Dalslandsresor has as its speciality. Eva Fabbe offers many ready-made package tours, both short and long, for small or large groups. If on the other hand you don't find anything that suits your requirements she will put together your very own custom-made Dalsland experience.