



MARIESTAD

1,8 km
round tour

Crossing four bridges

Walking over four bridges in central Mariestad takes you along, as well as over, the River Tidan. The walk is beautiful and offers both historic milieus and natural scenery. The path is not marked and goes on tarmacked and gravel walking and cycle paths in the town's parkland. It is suitable for prams and walking frames in all seasons of the year.

Begin by Nya torget

From Nya torget square, in the centre of town, walk south along Nygatan and pass the bathhouse. You are already at the first bridge of the tour, Gärdesbron, or Bathhouse bridge as it is also known. Via the wide walking and cycle path on either side of the road lanes you can effortlessly cross over Tidan's rushing water. Back on dry land again take an immediate right and follow the gravel walking and cycle path along the banks of the River Tidan.



The University Bridge

The bridge between theory and practice

Soon you arrive at the University Bridge that has a broad shoulder from which you get a great view over the River Tidan and the Marieholm residence. At the Gardening School, on your right side, Gothenburg University has amongst other courses, education within horticulture and landscape preservation. The bridge links the college with the gardens and cultivation on the other side of the river. Cross the bridge and follow the path that goes straight along Tidan, behind the façade of the Gardening School, and on, past the houses, towards the centre.

Approaching Lake Vänern

Take a left over Marieholm's bridge past the old Residence. Take the time to step into the inner courtyard and admire the old buildings. In two of the wings there is Vadsbo museum with exhibits describing Mariestad and the area's history and industrial development.



Between the University Bridge and Marieholm's Bridge

The Hamn bridge to the guest harbour

After Marieholm's bridge take a sharp right and follow the River Tidan's outlet into Lake Vänern. Mariestad's old prison lies on the left side, now a hotel and hostel. If you glance to your right you will see the centre with the cathedral towering up over the rooftops. You soon arrive at Hamn bridge which leads you to the guest harbour and over River Tidan one last time. The view over Lake Vänern and Torsö island usually prompts a stop at one of the benches on the bridge. When you reach the guest harbour, take Hamngatan to the right and then left through the avenue in the Esplanade back to Nya torget square where you began.



View over the harbour from the west side

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