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Fast facts

Length
circa 71 km.

Time required
circa 5-6 hours.

Level of difficulty
Medium.

Terrain
Asphalt, gravel and cycle paths in urban arias, hilly with some long ascents.

Markings
The Cykle Path is not signed or marked

Startingpoint
Tidaholm´s cultural centre Vulcanön, is a good staring point as it is an important part of Tidaholm´s history. There is a large car park adjacent to to the library on Södra Kungsvägen.

Find us
Tidaholm is located in western Sweden near Lake Vättern, approximantely 160 km from Gothenburg. If you choose to travle by rail, take the train to Falköping or Skövde and then take a bus to Tidaholm. By car Tidaholm lies 58 km from Jököping

Tidaholm Loop Cycle Path

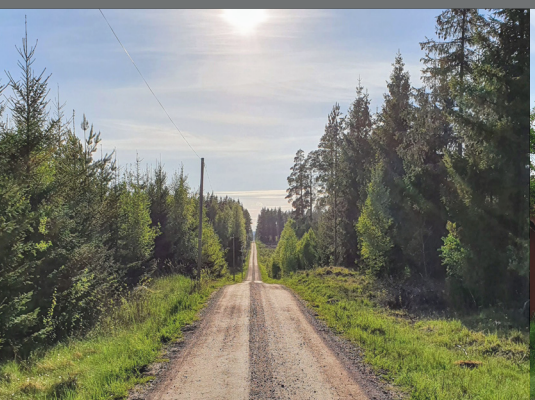
In Tidaholm's municipality there are many secondary roads which are suitable for cycling. Along the Tidaholm Loop Cycle Path you will pass over plains with unrestricted views, beech forest with all its mysteries, wonderful cultivated landscapes in ever-changing colours and Hökensås Nature Conservation Area, with its mighty coniferous forest and abundance of lakes. The landscape is very diversified.

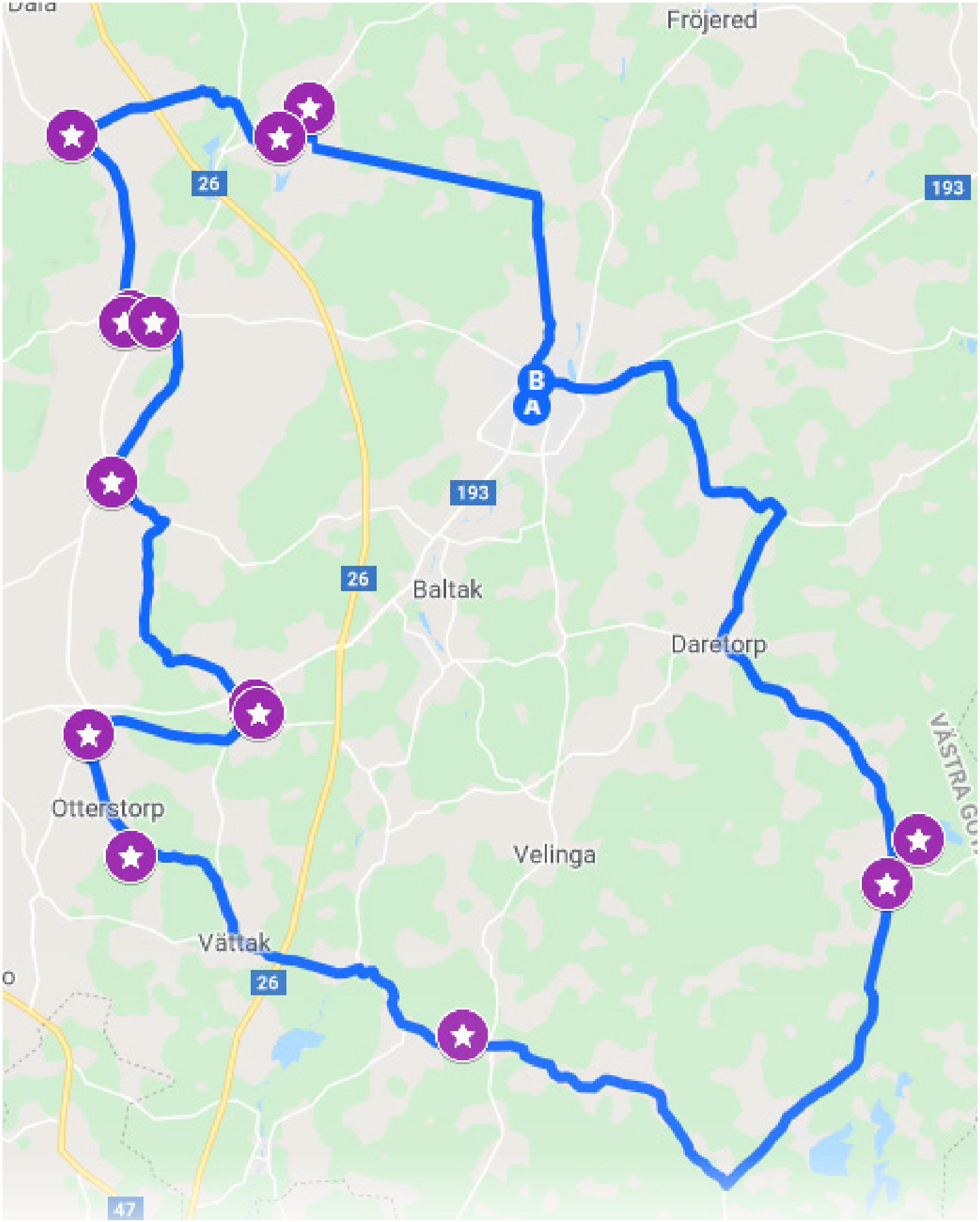
Attractions along the cycle path

1. **Hömbs village** comprises about a dozen small dwellings at regular intervals along a village street which ends with Hömbs church and the charming Luffer cottage.
2. **Kavlås castle** was developed during the 1700s into one of the county's foremost estates.
3. **Kungslena** is located in an old village. Among other things there are three passage graves here, several Iron Age graves and ancient fields.

- Kungslena kyrka church was founded in the 1200s. The church has beautiful church paintings executed in 1749 by Johan Risberg. Among the items remaining from the earliest church is a baptismal font of sandstone from the 1100s.
- Kungslena Kungsgård manor served as the residence of the colonel of the Royal Skaraborg Regiment for 185 years. Today the manor is privately owned.

4. **Gestilren** is where, according to several historians, a decisive battle for Sweden's future took place in the year 1210. Seven hundred years after the battle this stone was erected as a memorial.
5. **Granne Påle** is a remarkable wooden signpost from the 1700s. The original road sign is said to have been erected in the time of Queen Kristina (1600s).
6. **The beech forest in Ekedalen** was planted in the latter part of the 1870s. The reserve is protected and is circa 3.5 hectares.
7. **The burial ground in Dimbo** is Västergötland's largest from the Iron Age, with just over 300 graves from the Late Iron Age.
8. **Suntak old church** is a rare preserved example of Romanesque architecture and dates from the latter half of the 1100s. On the walls are the remains of late medieval frescoes by Amund. A remarkable Bishop's bench was found in the church, believed to be from the late middle ages. The Suntak chair with its sculpted dragon's head is now housed in Västergötlands Museum.
9. **Storegården** is a manor in the Götaland style. The manor house was built originally for two families, and according to local legend in 1817, but is probably significantly older.
10. **Valstads Café** is where you can take a break and bring your own picnic basket.
11. **Otterstorpasjön** with its jetty and lovely grassy beach, is well worth a small detour on a warm summer's day.
12. **Grimmestorps mansion** dates back to the early Middle Ages, and following a motley history the mansion has been renovated.
13. **First Camp Hökensås** is beautifully situated by Hökensås Nature Reserve in unusual landscape with sparse pine forest and many ponds and lakes. The camping is open all year round and has amongst other things a restaurant, general store and mini-golf.
14. **Hökensås sport fishing** offers fly fishing, spinning, float fishing and in the winter jig fishing. Hökensås, a 5,153-hectare Nature Reserve, is very hilly with about 50 lakes and ponds in the depressions created during the Ice Age. Most of the lakes offer fishing in all forms. There is even the possibility of renting a lake.
15. **Lilla Havssjön** lake is the bathing paradise of choice for the Tidaholm residents with jetty, diving board, sandy and grassy beach. At the bathing spot there is also a BBQ area as well as changing huts and a dry toilet.

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