



NATURE RESERVE IN ÖREBRO COUNTY

Knuthöjdsmossen



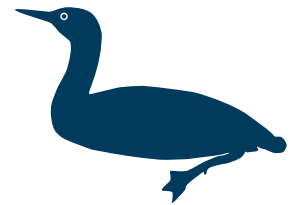
Knuthöjdsmossen. Photo: Bergslagsbild AB

The hundreds of pools make Knuthöjdsmossen a paradise for a multitude of insects and birds. The Red-throated Diver has become a big celebrity of Knuthöjdsmossen, but it is easily disturbed. During the period 1 April to 1 September, it is forbidden to leave the trail in the main part of the reserve, or enter the path north of points A and B on the map.

Under the bog are traces from the progression and melting of the ice sheet 10 000 years ago. The bog sits on top of a great sand plain, formed where melting water from the ice sheet discharged into a delta. The bog formed when the climate became warmer and more humid. It grew quickly in height, and shaped into a flat-

tened dome, a so-called raised bog. The pools at the centre of the bog are several meters deep and reach all the way down to the sand plain created during melting. Before trees and plants had time to establish and bind the sand, strong winds swept it into dunes. Hälleforsdynen ("The Great Hällefors Dune") is the tallest sand dune in the area. The dune hosts many special insects, one being the very rare "gray ant" (*Fornica cinerea*). Knuthöjdsmossen is a popular breeding locale for the Red-throated Diver, as it prefers to build its nest on the shore line of small tarns and pools. A log bridged trail run around the area. The first stretch (approximately 400 m) is relatively wide easy to access.

*Thanks for
allowing us to nest
here in peace!*



Facts:

Established: 1973, changed 2023

Area: 100 hectare

Landowner: Hällefors Tierp Skogar AB and private

The area is part of the EU's network of protected nature, Natura 2000

Managed by: Länsstyrelsen (County Administrative Board)



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Whitin the grounds of the reservet, it is forbidden to:

- die Natur beschädigen (z.B. Boden, die Oberfläche des Mooredamage fixed natural objects or surface (e.g. ground, bog surface, or sand dune)
- intentionally disturb the wildlife
- damage living or dead trees
- fish
- camp
- make a fire
- use bicycle or motor vehicle except on the designated road to the parking lot

- tread ground off marked trails within the hatched area on the map between April 1 and September 1
- walk on the trail that extends north of points A and B on the map between April 1 and September 1

How to get there

Follow road 63 towards Gåsborn-Sävsjön for 1.7 km. Turn right at a small sign to the nature reserve. Follow the road for 200 metres then turn left. The nature reserve is reached after 800 metres, where there is a toilet and car park. Coordinates to parking: 59.7876478, 14.4804677 (WGS84),