



NATURE RESERVE IN ÖREBRO COUNTY

Fagertärn

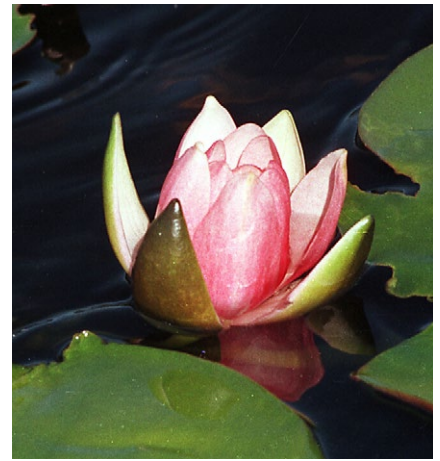
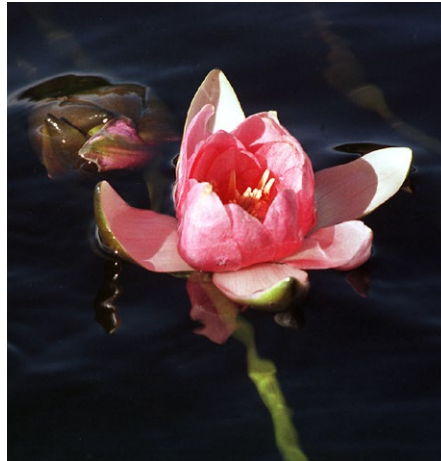


Photo: Roger Lundberg

Like a sparkling eye, the lake lies motionless, deep in the old forest. For a few short weeks when the red water-lilies are in bloom, Lake Fagertärn comes to life and becomes a popular destination for visitors. The red water-lilies bloom from mid-summer to the second half of August.

Coveted rarity

The beautiful water-lilies were discovered in 1856 by a student interested in botany, Bernhard Agaton Kjellmark. News spread fast and the plunder of the rare plants began – every botanist wanted them in their collection! Consequently as early as 1905 the County Governor in Örebro declared that all water-lilies should be protected .

A mutation

The flowers are of different shades, ranging from pale pink to dark red. Their unusual colour is due to a mutation, a random genetic change. This mutation probably took place here in Lake Fagertärn, but red

water-lilies are also found in other lakes in Tiveden. Apart from the colour, the red water-lilies are identical to the white, so they are not a separate species.

Forest plants

Drag your eyes away from the water and set off on a journey of discovery around the shore of Lake Fagertärn. The forest nearest to the lake has not been touched for many years, and many pines are over 200 years old. Plants that thrive here include the small orchid, creeping lady's tresses with its small white flowers and the eye-catching orange-red *Sarcodon* fungus.

Many bird species

There is rich birdlife and, particularly in the spring, many species can be seen and heard. You may catch sight of a black-and-white goldeneye or hear the diver's shrill call across the water.

Facts

Established: 1983

Area: 35 ha

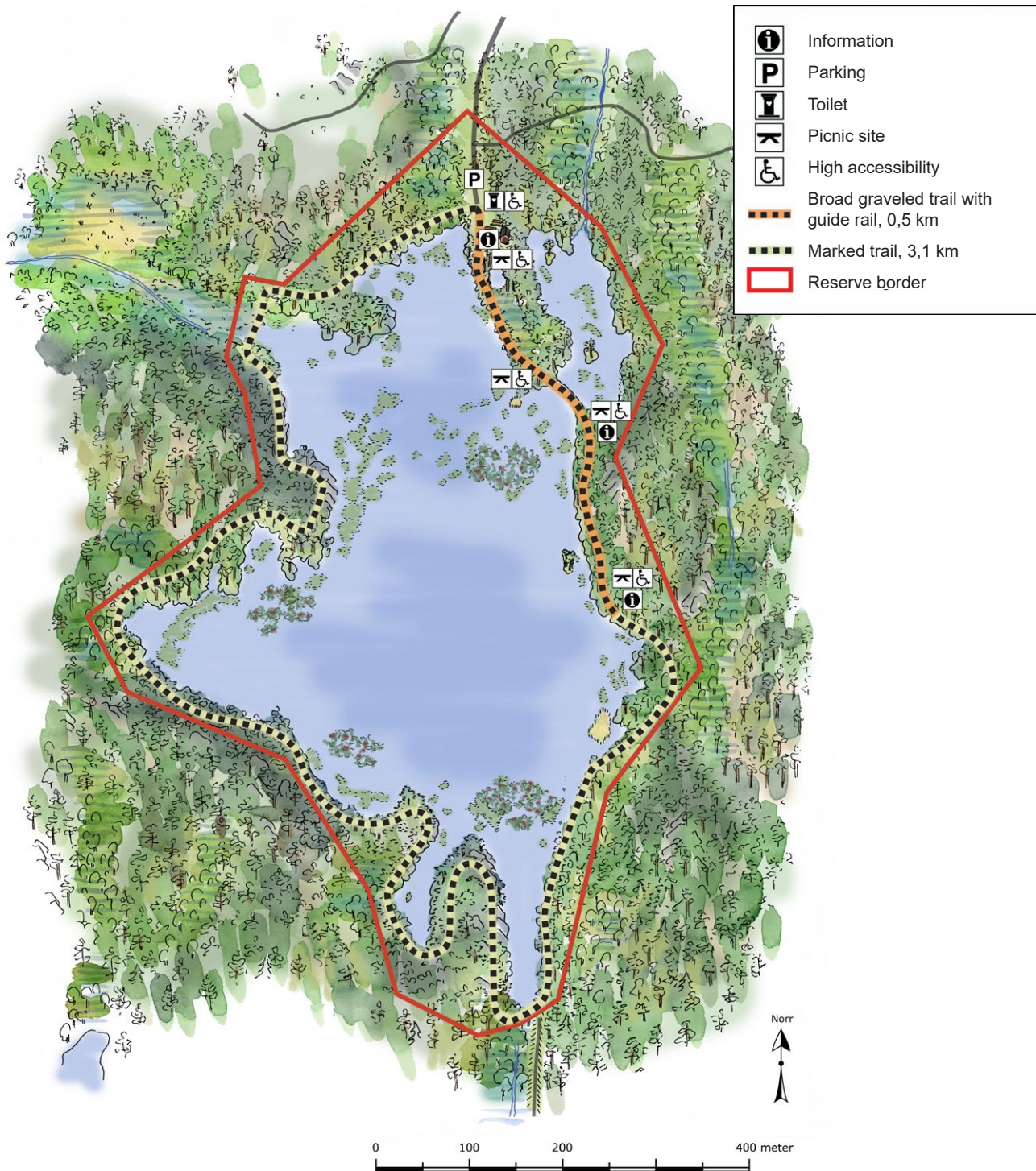
Landowner: Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (Naturvårdsverket)

Managed by: Örebro County Administrative Board (Länsstyrelsen i Örebro län)

The site is a part of the Natura 2000 European network of conservation areas.



Länsstyrelsen
Örebro län



In the nature reserve it is forbidden to:

- use boats, canoes or other floating devices on the lake
- swim or access the water area in any other way
- pick, dig up or damage in any other way waterlilies or other water plants
- introduce plant or animal species
- light fires
- remove branches, cut down or damage in any other way living or dead trees and bushes
- camp or park caravans overnight
- drive motor vehicles anywhere except on the roads leading to car parks
- set up notice boards, posters, signs, inscriptions or similar

How to get there

There is a signpost at Aspa Bruk on road 49 south of Askersund. There is also a sign on the road between Askersund and Tived, one kilometre north of Bosjön. At the car park there is a tourist information office with a small shop, open during the summer.