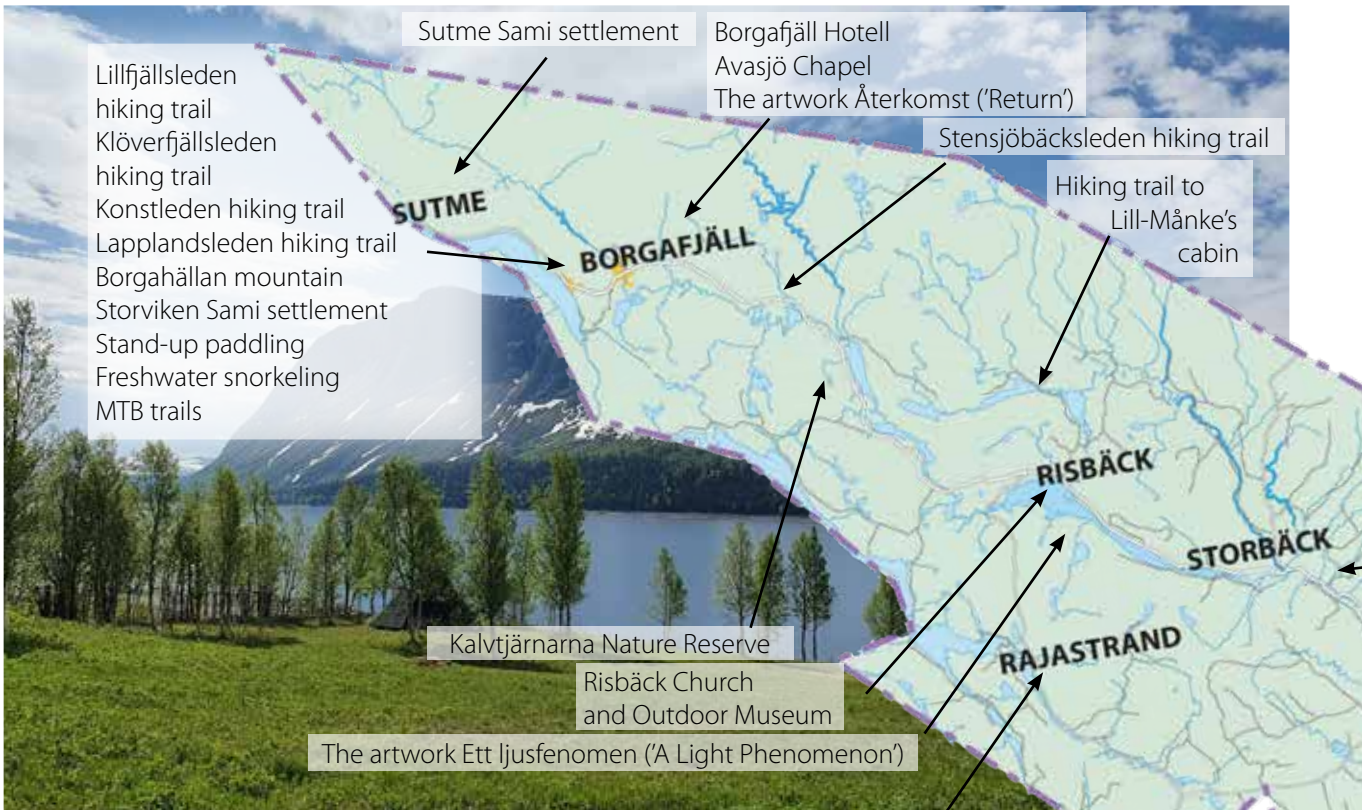




DOROTEA & BORGAFJÄLL

The Gateway to South Lapland





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Welcome to Dorotea – The Gateway to South Lapland

Dorotea is the gateway to the province of Lapland and is named after Queen Fredrika Dorotea Vilhelmina, the wife of King Gustav IV Adolf's. The village was originally called Bergvattnet, but changed its name when the church building was completed in 1799.

Dorotea is a Sami administrative municipality and the Sami name of the municipality is Kraapohke, which roughly translates into 'squeezed lake'. The municipality has a dense bear population, which is why a bear features in its coat of arms. There is also a bear sculpture, by the artist Lars Kupparinen, outside the town hall.



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Art, culture and architecture



Dorotea is home to a vibrant mix of Ralph Erskine's architecture, Carl Mille's statues and the world's only Caravan Museum! In addition, you will find plenty of cosy outdoor museums, beautiful churches and four of the artworks along Konstvägen Sju Älvar ('The Seven Rivers Art Route'). Pack your bags and get ready for the best of the art, culture and architecture on offer in Dorotea municipality.



Dorotea Caravan Museum – Husvagnsmuseet

Sweet memories of past camping holidays or painful memories of squeezing your fingers when folding tables? Regardless of which, Dorotea Caravan Museum offers a steady dose of nostalgia to everyone who preferred vacationing in this manner during the latter part of the 20th century. Apart from caravans, a number of classic camping accessories such as tracksuits, folding tables and plastic crockery are also on display in the museum.

Camping became increasingly popular in Sweden during the 1960s. In 1964 the company Polar began manufacturing caravans in a hayloft in Junsele. In 1968, the factory was moved to Dorotea, where it has been ever since and where high-quality caravans are still manufactured to this day. Polar's caravans are easily recognisable thanks to the polar bear logo. The Caravan Museum is open during the summer months, or by appointment, and is located opposite Solifer Polar's factory along the road E45.

Högländ Sawmill

The scenic village of Högländ features an old water sawmill from the 1850's, which was in use for around 100 years. Högländ is located by the river Långseleån and has strong historic ties to the local wood industry, like many other places in the area. The sawmill's gutter and water wheel were repaired during the 1980's, so that the sawmill could be used again in the old-fashioned way. There is also a log cabin and a smoke sauna on the site. Högländ is located about 50 km from Dorotea, along the road to Borgafjäll. To find the sawmill, follow the signs towards "Hembygdsområde".

Travel back in time

Risbäck Outdoor Museum

Risbäck was founded in the 1820's. Agriculture and forestry was the village's main source of income.

Risbäck became an important hub for the inhabitants of the surrounding mountain villages when the local church was built in the mid-19th century, as it was no longer necessary to travel 70 km to Dorotea for baptisms, weddings and funerals. By the 1880's, Risbäck had its own school, which is still in operation to this day for students in primary and middle school.

Opposite the church you will find the outdoor museum, where you can see various old buildings; the parish cottage from 1884, the old bakery, a smoke sauna, post office shed, church hut and Kämpeslogen, the old large barn which was used as a dance hall.



Högland Chapel



Kullerbacken Outdoor Museum

Kullerbacken Outdoor Museum in Dorotea

Have a stroll around the cosy area of Kullerbacken Outdoor Museum with its old residential buildings, barns, sheds and stables. There is also a Sami hut and a njalla, which is a traditional type of storage hut built on top of a long stump of a tree or pole in order to prevent animals of getting hold of the food stored inside. The oldest building is Pål-Anders' cottage, built during the end of the 18th century. The cottage was transported to Kullerbacken in 1992 as one of many old cottages that have been saved from decay and moved to this site over the years. Kullerbacken has a frequently used bakery, so don't be surprised by the scent of flatbread fresh from the oven when you're walking by in the summer.



Dorotea Church



The Last Supper



Avasjö Chapel

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Avasjö Chapel in Borgafjäll was designed by the British-born architect Ralph Erskine. It was built in 1950 with a free-standing belfry on the site. The baptismal font inside the chapel is also designed by Erskine.



Risbäck Church

Risbäck Church

The oldest church in Dorotea municipality is located by the lake Arksjön in Risbäck. It's a simple and beautiful wooden church where the first service was held in 1858.

Högland Chapel

The chapel was built as a school in the early 20th century, but was bought in 1939 by the Högland Chapel Foundation. Inside the chapel there are paintings in beautiful colors. Opposite the chapel is a red-painted belfry built in 1941 from drawings made by the master builder Jens Bredberg.

Go to church

Dorotea Church

Dorotea Church is designed by Evert Milles and is beautifully situated near the village center. The church was built in 1934, after the previous church was destroyed in a fire. The church houses two statues of the famous sculptor Carl Milles; one represents the archangel Gabriel and the other the apostle Paul. In the cemetery's small chapel you can view the life-sized sculptural group The Last Supper by the artist Björn Martinus. The sculptures display Jesus' last meal and the moment when he points out the disciple who will betray him.

Art, culture and architecture

Architectural masterpieces

Ralph Erskine's unique architecture in Borgafjäll

Ralph Erskine designed two buildings in Borgafjäll using natural materials from the area, to make the buildings blend in with the surrounding mountains. The hotel Borgafjäll Hotell was completed in the early 1950's as a large terrain sculpture, on which it is possible to ski thanks to the sloping roof.

The hotel's interior is a charming maze of corridors, ledges and rooms. Avasjö chapel is situated a couple of hundred meters from the hotel, with its vaulted gable roof being twice as high as the walls themselves. Read more about the chapel in the section **Go to church**.

Other famous buildings in Sweden designed by Erskine are Stockholm University Library and "Läppstiftet" ("The Lipstick") in Gothenburg.

Dorotea Library

The library's facade is beautifully shaped like an open book, with large sash windows giving the building a light and airy look. The library was designed by Torsten Sundgren from Umeå and opened in 1999. Why not admire this unique architectural feature with a nice cup of coffee and a biscuit at Konditori Dorotea, the local coffee shop just across the street?



Borgafjäll Hotell



Dorotea Library

Read a book

Helmer Grundström

What better way to spend your holiday than reading books? If you want to get to know the crofter's life in Västerbotten during the 20th century, the poet Helmer Grundström's works are available at the library, where some of his belongings are also on display. Grundström's works depict the poverty and the harsh working conditions as a day labourer in the village of Svanabyrn. He was known as "the dire poet of crofters' lives" and is the first author from Västerbotten County of national literary significance.



Helmer Grundström

Anna-Lisa Grundström

Another famous Grundström, Anna-Lisa Grundström, came from Avaträsk in Dorotea municipality. She grew up on a small farm and spent her summers tending farm animals. She portrayed the harsh conditions from her upbringing in 1920's and 1930's in several books, as well as in her paintings. Several of her original paintings can be viewed at the library and in Anna-Lisa's kulturrum ('Anna-Lisa's Culture Room') in Avaträsk.



Strömbom's Tower

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This mediievally inspired tower was built during World War II. Originally, the tower was surrounded by moats and a magnificent garden designed by Dr. Sten Strömbom, who wished to recreate parts of Versailles' magnificent gardens in Dorotea.

There are plans for restoring the tower and the garden.

Strömbom's Tower is located on Nensénsvägen, next to Dorotea Health Center.

Konstvägen Sju Älvar

Art, culture and architecture

Konstvägen Sju Älvar ('The Seven Rivers Art Route') is a 350 km journey that takes you across seven rivers and past 13 artworks. The road goes from Holmsund southeast of Umeå all the way to the road's end by the mountains of Borgafjäll.

Four of the artworks are situated in Dorotea municipality, erected between 1998 and 2013. The artworks are meant to be an integral part of the surrounding nature. Signs along the road direct you to the artworks and their adjacent parking lots. For more information, visit www.konstvagen.se.



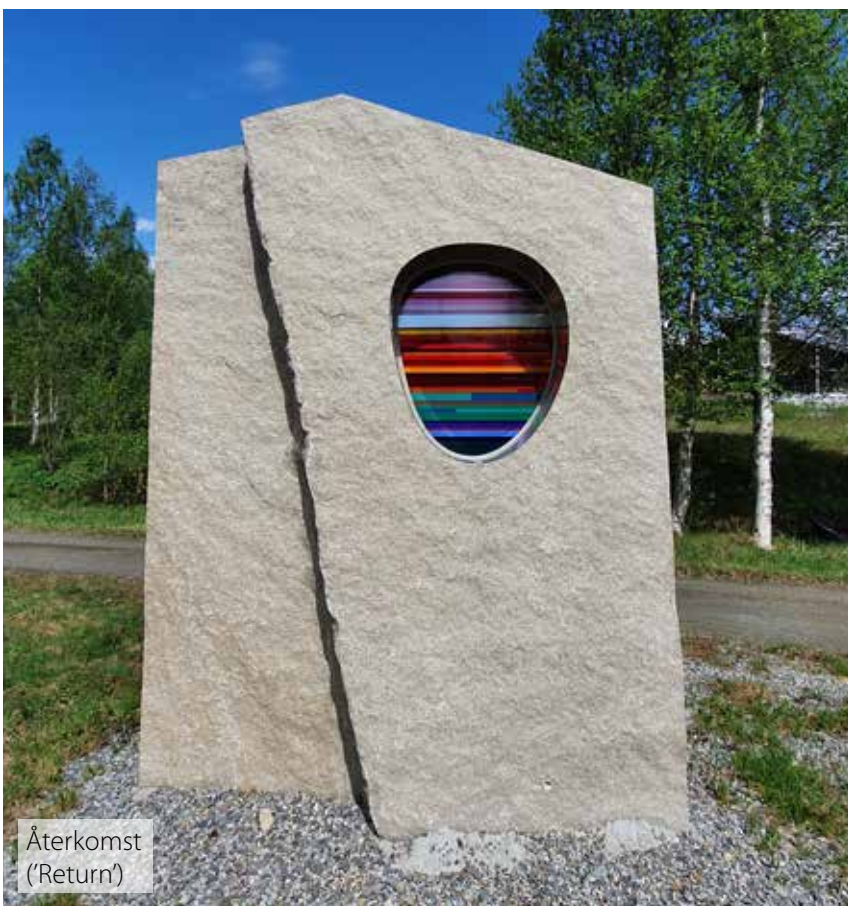
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On May 12, 1936, a serious accident occurred on Lake Ormsjön, where 14 people drowned on their way home from a log driving session. The artwork consists of two prayer stools in marble where you can rest your forehead for a moment of reflection. The artwork is located opposite the food store in the village of Västra Ormsjö.

Ett ljusfenomen (‘A Light Phenomenon’)

On a bare hillside in the late 1990s, a 300 meter wide circle with 32 light sources was created to be reflected in the lake below. As the years have gone by and the trees have grown, the character of the artwork has changed. The artwork is located in Storbäck along the road to Borgafjäll.

Återkomst (‘Return’)

This is the most recent addition to the artworks along Konstvägen. It is located by the river Korpån next to Borgafjäll Hotel. The material and form represent the mountain Borgahällan, Ralph Erskine's architecture and Sami culture. The Sami colours are represented in the glass, which is shaped like a Sami drum.

Himmelsmöte (‘Meeting the Sky’)

The artwork's form resembles a huge bird's egg in the middle of the barren nature. Through the circular opening in the ceiling you can see the sky, and maybe even a flock of birds passing by. The artwork is located 5 km west of Högland.

Family excursions

Bring your family along for a great adventure in Dorotea! Explore the fabled footpaths of a famous local priest, experience art and mythical beings in enchanted forests, have a picnic in Kvarnparken's playground and greet The Dorotea Queen.



Prästhällan viewpoint and Nensén's spring

To the east of the lake Bergvattensjön in Dorotea lies the hilly area Oxhornsberget, popularly known as Prästhällan ('The Priest's Hill'), the top of which towers 100 meters above central Dorotea. On a clear sunny day the view from the top stretches all the way to the Borgafjäll mountains. On and around Prästhällan, you can explore 1-3 km walking trails. The trails will take you through a beautiful forest with rocks and high cliffs. There is a wind shelter with a lovely view over Lake Bergvattensjön where you can have your lunch, or you can walk down to the forest area known as Skolskogen, where there is a BBQ area and readymade firewood.

Dorotea's legendary 19th century priest Jonas A Nensén visited Oxhornsberget frequently on his daily morning walks. He was the priest of Dorotea for more than 30 years during the 1800's and was known as the friendly inquisitive priest who went for long hikes all over Lapland and took notes of his experiences.

In the vicinity of Prästhällan you will also find Nensén's spring where Jonas Nensén went to drink the ferrous water to improve his health. The Prästhällan trail starts by Hotell Dorotea, bringing you to the viewpoint on Prästhällan 500 meters away.

Bergbodarna farmhouse

Visit Dorotea's charming farmhouse that was built in 1864. Bergbodarna is located 5 km south of the village. The last kilometer you walk uphill along a nice hiking trail. See details at www.naturkartan.se/dorotea

Bergvattensjön walking trail

A walk around Lake Bergvattensjön in central Dorotea is a great way to stretch your legs. This scenic trail is 3 km long and offers plenty of swimming possibilities. There are benches and picnic areas, so don't forget to bring your Swedish fika!



Explore Dorotea

Kullerbacksrundan walking trail

Kullerbacksrundan is a nice walking trail which starts by the Bergvattensjön trail and continues through a spruce forest, over footbridges across a smaller bog area before you make your way towards the local ski slope. You can take a break in the wind shelter next to the slope while enjoying a fantastic view of Dorotea and all the way to Lake Lajksjön. Afterwards, the trail follows the road down to Kullerbacken Outdoor Museum.

For the last part of the hike, follow the road E45 back to the starting point. Along the way you can make a stop at the local coffee shop Konditori Dorotea, where you can enjoy a nice coffee or buy a picnic to bring along to **Kvarnparken**, a park located on the road Parkvägen. Kvarnparken has a children's playground along with a wind shelter. Don't miss the opportunity to greet the beautiful Doroteadrottningen ('The Dorotea Queen') who was designed by the artist Lasse Åberg, and who adorns the school Strandenskolan's wall, next to the local library.



Hjortron och troll



Vittertrappan rock formation

Encounter magical beings

Hjortron & Troll

The chainsaw artist Kenneth Nielsen's farm in Fågelsta is a great place for a family outing. Here you can see wooden figures, carved from stumps and logs, placed along a 500 m long scenic walking path. Among the figures are folklore creatures, owls and other birds.

Fågelsta is located about 6 km south of Dorotea. Follow the signs to Hjortron & Troll. Before visiting, please call 0046 703 95 35 66.



Hjortron & Troll



The 'Experience trail' in Lavsjö

Vittertrappan ('The Vittra Staircase')

Vittertrappan is a work of art created by nature herself. This unique 15-meter rock formation resembles a staircase leading up the mountain. According to legend, the staircase was built by vittor, gnome-like nature spirits in Scandinavian mythology, to make it easier to cross the mountain. People believed that vittor kept cattle with magical features in a parallell universe, in the underground or in places nearby mountain farms. Vittertrappan is located along the road to Granåsen, about 9 km from Svanabyrn. There is a sign and a small parking lot next to the road, as well as a picnic table. Finish the day at the small beach by the lake next to Granåsen.

Nakna tyskar ('Naked Germans')

By Vittertrappan you can view the sculpture Vittra, which is one of the 13 wooden sculptures made for the project Nakna tyskar ('Naked Germans'). To view their locations, visit www.naturkartan.se/dorotea.

The 'Experience Trail' in Lavsjö

Prepare a picnic and head off to the cosy village of Lavsjö. Here you will find a 2,5 km long family-friendly 'experience trail' decorated with charming figures created by Britt-Karin Sonne, just like the one featured in the image above. The trail is easy to walk. Keep your eyes open, so you don't miss any of the artworks.

The trail starts by the football pitch in the village center and follows the exercise track. By Lake Lavsjön there is a nice little beach where you can eat your picnic.

Outdoor activities

The Gateway to South Lapland encompasses a vast geographical area with plenty of wonderful hiking trails. In the southeast you can explore sparse pine forests where the sun's rays shine through the tree tops or mysterious old-growth forests full of spruces covered in lichen. In the mountainous northwest you can enjoy adventures in the wide open landscapes, surrounded by the majestic mountain peaks. Visit www.naturkartan.se/dorotea to see all the hiking trails.



Blaikfjället Nature Reserve

Into the great wide open



The mountain Klöverfjället, as seen from the Lapplandsleden hiking trail



Konstleden hiking trail

Lapplandsleden hiking trail

A hike along Lapplandsleden could be the biggest adventure of the summer! Enjoy untouched nature and magnificent views along a 190 km trail connecting Borgafjäll to the famous hiking trail Kungsleden in Hemavan. At the entrance of Borgafjäll village, there is a parking lot where the trail begins. There you will also find several other, shorter, hiking trails.



Klöverfjällsleden hiking trail

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Klöverfjället mountain is one of Borgafjäll's most recognisable landmarks. A hike along the trail offers breathtaking views and takes you through sparse mountain forest up to the peaks. If you make it all the way to the top, you will be rewarded with a stunning panoramic view of the nearby mountains.

Blaikfjället Nature Reserve

Blaikfjället is a low-mountain area, approx. 600-700 meters above sea level, and considered Sweden's largest bog area. The nature reserve also is home to a 400-year-old spruce forest. The area, once covered by hayfields, is now home to various flora and fauna, in particular a multitude of bird species. Blaikfjället offers magnificent views and is a popular place for cloudberry picking. Several hiking trails start from Sagatun, approx. 30 km from Dorotea.

Konstleden hiking trail

Konstleden is a 15 km hiking trail across the mountains from Borgafjäll to Saxnäs. It is considered an extension of The Seven Rivers Art Route. The trail features artworks, such as Per Enoksson's *En god natts sömn* ('A Good Night's Sleep'), which consists of a stove and a bed, and is located at Lappvallen Sami settlement. By Satsfjället you will find the artwork *Vägvisaren* ('Signpost') by Tomas Colbengtson. It is made of stones and glass and resembles a signpost.

Hiking in the land of the Sami

Sutme Sami settlement

Sutme is a 200 year old Sami settlement, consisting of three main goahtis and residential huts. This was the Kroik family's main home during the summer season, where the women and children stayed while the men tended to the reindeer herd and marked the calves. During the winters, the family stayed at their home in the forests around Örnköldsvik.

The 1,5 km hiking trail begins by Sutme stugby's cabins. After 700 meters you'll spot a signpost towards Storfallet, a beautiful 10 meter waterfall which is definitely worth a detour. Many hikers enjoy a dip in the water on a hot summer's day.

From the Sutme settlement, you can continue your hike towards the mountain cabin Slipsikstugan. The trail to Slipsikstugan will also bring you to the brand new hiking trail Lapplandsleden.



Sutme Sami settlement



Lill-Månke's cabin

Storviken Sami settlement

Along the Storviksleden hiking trail you will experience stunning views and old Sami residential areas. The trail takes you up the mountain Våarmoevaartoe and then follows the ridge towards Storviken. From here you have a great view towards Korpådalen valley and Klöverfjället mountain in the north and towards Lake Borgasjön and Borgahällan mountain in the south. At Storviken you will find a Sami hut and some old timber sheds. The trail begins at the car park along the main road, opposite the road towards Borgadammen. The hike to Storviken is 11 km. You can also hike an 18 km circular trail.

Apart from Sutme and Storviken, there is also a third old Sami settlement in the area, Lappvallen, which can be reached when hiking the Konstleden hiking trail.



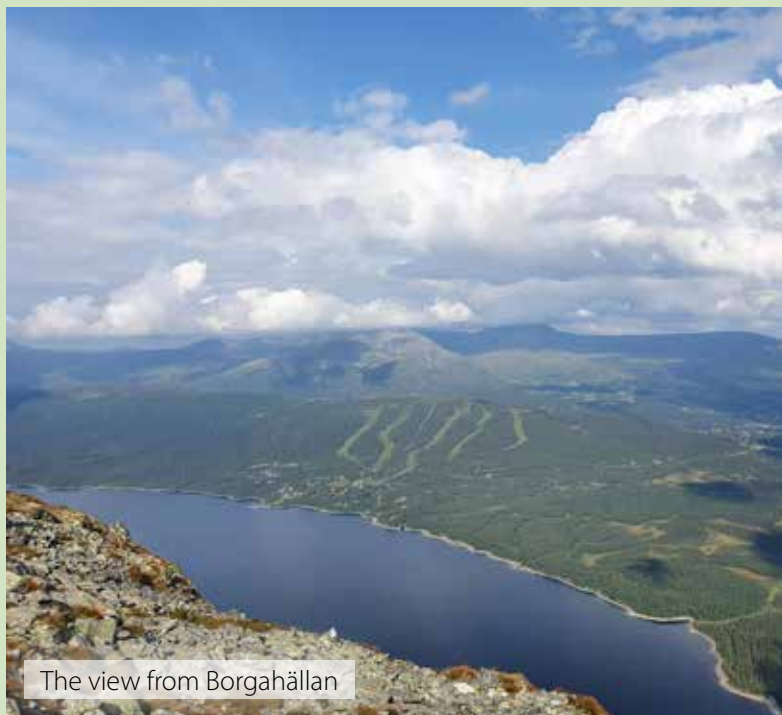
Storviken Sami settlement

Lill-Månke's cabin

Magnus Viglius Fjällström was born in Marsfjäll in 1856. At just 120 cm tall in adulthood, he was known as Lill-Månke ('Little Månke') and is thought to be the shortest Sami person in Scandinavia. Despite his short stature, he was a well-respected reindeer herder and owned large herds. The lake Svansjön on the slopes of Gitsfjället mountain was his autumn and spring residence from the 1880's. In 1900 he built a cabin and settled there permanently.

Lill-Månke's cabin is open to the public, and it is possible to stay the night. The hike to the cottage is 7 km from the road Rissjövägen, about 11 km from Risbäck, where there is a parking area and an information board. The trail takes you through mountain forest and over bog areas from where you see the mountains rising to the west. If you want to, continue hiking over Gitsfjället all the way to Saxnäs. The hike will then extend to 26 km one way.

Outdoor activities



The view from Borgahällan



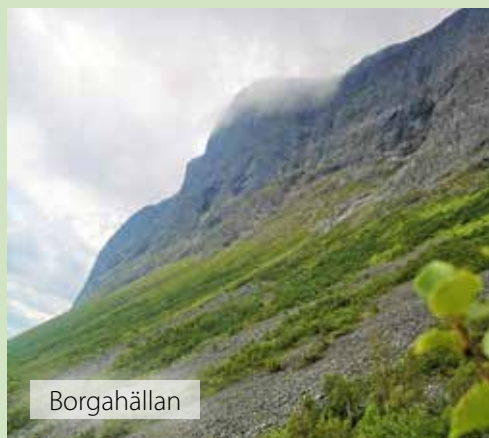
Månsberget's nature reserve



Trappberget



Trappberget



Borgahällan

Climb to the top

Trappberget mountain in Rajastrand

Visit the memorial place for the people who died in a tragic plane crash in October 1938.

This hike is a 1,5 km round trip with a steep ascent through the forest. At the top of the trail is a memorial stone and the engine of the plane, a Junkers W34. Five people lost their lives when an ambulance flight heading towards Östersund collided with the rock wall of the Trappberget due to bad weather.

To reach the trail, you need to go 8 km by car from Rajastrand. Drive towards Lillånäset, then turn left towards Grubbtjärn and then right when reaching the T-junction. The trail is marked with a blue sign reading "monument". You can park your car by the road.

Timmervältan by Månsberget

Månsberget Nature Reserve is located in the village of Östra Ormsjö. Månsberget is a place of floral heritage and no less than eight different orchids, including *Calypso Bulbosa* and *Cypripedium calceolus*, grow here. In the past Månsberget was used to roll timber logs down the mountainside. The hiking trail takes you through the beautiful coniferous forest.

From the wind shelter at the top, you can enjoy a lovely view over Lake Ormsjön and the mountains. The hike is a 1 km roundtrip up and down the steep slope of Månsberget.

To reach the trail, turn towards Månsberg when in Östra Ormsjö. After 1 km you turn left onto a small gravel road. After 700 meters you reach the parking lot. The trail starts at the information board at the edge of the forest.

Outdoor activities

Lillfjällsleden trail

Lillfjällsleden is a family-friendly hiking trail which offers splendid views of the Borgafjäll mountain range. At the peak you have a great view of the mountain Borgahällan, the Korpådalen valley and Klöverfjället mountain's pyramid-shaped peaks.

The entire trail takes you over mountains, along the lake Borgasjön and through old-growth forests and mountain birch forests. The entire trail is 12 km, but if you are hiking with young children, you might be content with hiking the 2 km to Lillfjället before returning.

The trail begins at the car park along the main road, opposite the gravel road towards Borgadammen.



The view from the Lillfjällsleden hiking trail



The view towards Borgahällan from Lillfjällsleden



The trail to Toppstugan



Toppstugan



Borgahällan

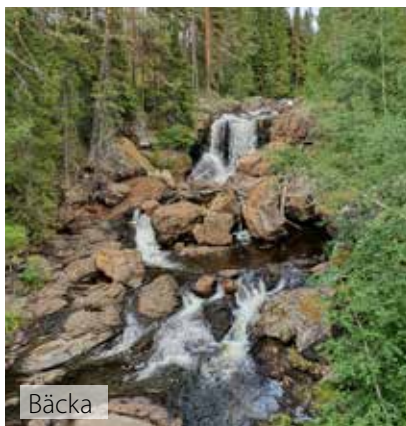
Borgahällan mountain is perhaps the most prominent landmark in Borgafjäll. Its 700 meter vertical drop towers on the other side of the lake Borgasjön. The hike to the top is 6 km, steep and sometimes challenging, but once you're at the top you have a breathtaking view of the surrounding mountains and the village of Borgafjäll. The hike can be done in half a day, but many like to take their time to explore the area and admire the scenery. The trail begins by the parking area nearby the Borgadammen levee. Follow the trail markings carefully so you don't start climbing up the ravine too early.

Toppstugan in Lajksjö

Toppstugan is a nice wooden cabin at the top of the mountain Hemberget in Lajksjö. From here you can enjoy the glorious view over Lake Lajksjön and the Borgafjäll mountain range. The hike to Toppstugan is 2,5 km and fairly easy. You walk along footpaths, forest roads and gravel roads. If you hike the trail in late summer, you can pick lingonberries and blueberries.

The trail begins by Föreningshuset ('The Clubhouse') in Lajksjö, where you also can park your car. From the road, follow the signs towards Toppstugan.

Outdoor activities



Walk to a waterfall

Stensjöbäcksleden hiking trail

Stensjöbäcksleden is a 3 km family-friendly hiking trail, through forests and over bogs, that offers great views of Gubbsjöklumpen's mountain top. Enjoy a picnic by the stream Stensjöbäcken while listening to the roar of the waterfall that for millennia has eroded a nearly ten meter deep canyon. You can also view giant kettles in the canyon and get a glimpse of the trouts before heading on to Stensjön lake or returning to the car park.

The beginning of the trail has a car park and is located approx. 1 km before Båtas when driving from Dorotea. Keep a lookout for the sign towards the trail on the right side of the road.

Bäcka hiking trail

Enjoy forest bathing in the Bäcka area to the soul-soothing sound of two waterfalls.

The first part of the trail takes you through a beautiful pine forest to the waterfall of the stream Stutvattenbäcken. Here you can dip your feet in the water and sunbathe on the rocks. Then continue towards the stream Västvattenbäcken, where the water has created a cave in the rock. Both of the streams were in the past used to float timber, and the old gutter used is left in its original place by Västvattenbäcken.

The trail is just over 1 km long and easy to hike, but runs along some steep ravines, so be careful! Bäcka is located 6 km northwest of Västra Ormsjö. There is a parking lot opposite the bridge over the Långseleån river.

Lillbergforsen hiking trail

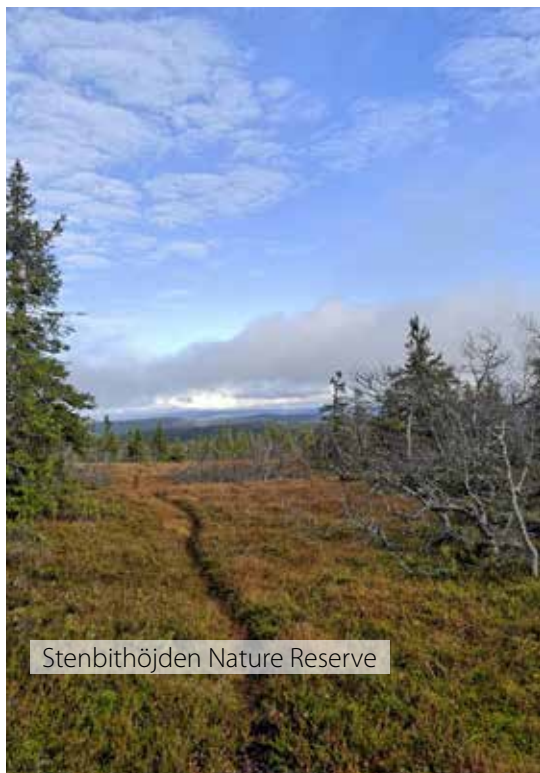
From Bergvattensjön in Dorotea, a well-trodden footpath takes you through beautiful forest areas with glades and bogs that during the summers are almost completely white from cotton grass.

Lillbergforsen is not a waterfall, but the sound of the rapids can be heard from a distance. There is a good chance of seeing white-throated dippers here. Don't forget your fishing rod and a packed lunch!

The hike to Lillbergforsen is 2 km when starting at the end of the road Byvägen. You can also combine the trip with a walk around Bergvattensjön which makes the hike a 9 km family-friendly round trip.

You can park your car next to the T-shaped pier along the road E45 or by Hotell Dorotea.

Visit www.naturkartan.se/dorotea to view the hiking trails of Dorotea Municipality



Stenbithöjden Nature Reserve



Kalvtjärnarna Nature Reserve



Stenbithöjden Nature Reserve



Kyrkstigen - 'The Church Path'

Stenbithöjden Nature Reserve

Stenbithöjden is a scenic hilly area with mountains, sharp cliffs, slopes and an old-growth forest. The highest peaks are around 700 meters above sea level. Between the heights are plenty of bogs and tarns, with Västra Stenbitsjön and Östra Stenbitsjön being the largest. If you like fishing, make sure to purchase a fishing license for this area!

The hiking trail leads you to a cabin with a lovely view of the surrounding area. It is possible to stay the night in the cabin.

The trail starts between the villages Granliden and Granåsen in the southeastern part of the municipality. The nature reserve is located in both Dorotea and Åsele municipalities.

For directions, see www.naturkartan.se/dorotea

Dip your toes in a tarn

Kyrkstigen - 'The Church Path'

Between Avaträsk and Dorotea is the old 'church path', which takes you through lovely forests with a couple of small streams. After a 5 km hike you can take a break in a wind shelter. Just before arrival in Dorotea, you can dip your feet in the water before embarking on the last steep climb which takes you through a sparse coniferous forest. Once you arrive at Dorotea Church, pay a visit inside and to the nearby Kullerbacken Outdoor Museum.

The trail begins at the BBQ area east of Avaträsk village, and is about 8 km long.

Kalvtjärnarna Nature Reserve

In the borderland between the forests and mountains lies Kalvtjärnarna nature reserve, where you can explore beautiful old-growth forest. Rare fungi such as *Fomitopsis rosea* and *Skeletocutis odora* grow on old tree stumps here. The trail goes upwards through the forest and after 2 km you arrive at a tarn, where you can go for a swim in the dark water, before settling down with a coffee.

If you wish to climb the mountain Kalvberget opposite the tarn, you have to make your way across unpaved terrain and climb 100 meters to the peak, where you get spectacular views of the nearby mountain ranges. Kalvtjärnarna nature reserve is located about 10 km after Risbäck when travelling by road from Dorotea. Signposts lead you to the beginning of the trail, where you also can park your car.

Outdoor activities

Go canoeing in the wilderness

Along Björnlandsleden you can go canoeing in the Lapland wilderness while still being in close proximity to populated areas and services.

Start canoeing at Åbron just west of Dorotea. Paddle along the river Bergvattenån through flowing water and across beautiful lakes with many islands to explore. The area has a large population of beavers, and you may also get a glimpse of moose and bears.

You can choose to go on a short day trip or paddle the entire distance of about 50 km. Canoes are available for rent at Doro Camp Lapland in Dorotea. If you wish to go canoeing in Borgafjäll, you can rent a canoe at Borgagården.

www.doro.camp

www.borgagarden.se



Photo: Torbjörn Thomsen

Water activities

SUP in scenic environments

Enjoy the sight of clear mountain water from a different angle. Stand Up Paddle boarding is a fun experience, a great means for exercise and a nice way to explore the surroundings.

Join a guided tour or rent your own board at Äventyrscenter Borgafjäll. www.aventyrcenter.com

Snorkeling in mountain lakes

Go snorkeling in a crystal clear stream or lake in the mountains. You will be equipped with a wetsuit, snorkel and cyclops for the adventure. You can go a guided tour or rent your own equipment at Borgagården.

www.borgagarden.se



Photo: Sebastian Kinnunen



Photo: Anders Lindqvist



Photo: Torbjörn Thomsen



Photo: Håkan Wike

Catch a big one!

Dorotea municipality covers mountainous areas as well as forests, providing fishing enthusiasts with a wide range of fishing waters.

In Borgafjäll, furthest to the west, you can fish for char and trout in the mountain rivers Saxån and Korpån. The barren and vast mountain landscape adds an extra dimension to the fishing experience.

Elsewhere in the municipality are great fishing waters to go fly fishing for trout, grayling and char. Långseleån river is a favourite spot for fly fishermen, in particular those who wish to fish for grayling. In these waters are both licensed areas, where only fly fishing is permitted, and areas for other types of fishing. To be able to fish in certain parts of the waters, you must make a reservation in advance.

In the eastern parts of the municipality, in the forests around Dorotea, there are waters rich in grayling, pike, perch, burbot and whitefish. Bergvattenån is a nutrient-rich river that flows through several lakes on its way from Dorotea to the lake Ormsjön, and is known for its big pikes and perch. It also holds an abundance of id and common bream.

In Dorotea municipality there are over 700 lakes and at least as many rivers and streams, so there are plenty of fishing waters to try out. It is an unforgettable experience exploring unknown waters and being rewarded with seeing the surface of the water explode when a hungry pike swallows your bait.

Read more at www.sodralappland.nu



Photo: Angelica Byström

Outdoor activities

Bike adventures

Mountain biking

In Borgafjäll there are several hiking trails that are also suitable for mountain biking. Lillfjällsleden and Klöverfjällsleden are popular MTB trails.

For a longer trip, go by bike over the mountains towards Saxnäs. After a steep climb from Borgafjäll, the mountain world offers fantastic views for miles on end. Remember to show solidarity with the hikers when biking on the trails!

If you want to go mountain biking in or around Dorotea, we recommend the trail to Lillbergforsen.

For more MTB trails, visit www.laplandssydport.se



Photo: Torbjörn Thomsen

Mörttjärnsrundan bike route

Set off on Mörttjärnsrundan in Dorotea for a 12 km ride along gravel and paved roads. Follow the road Byvägen through Dorotea until you reach the signpost "cykelled", which directs you onto the road Mörttjärnsvägen.

After riding uphill you will arrive at an open area, a perfect spot for a stop to enjoy the view. Further ahead you roll down gentle slopes to the road Borgafjällsvägen, which you then follow back to Dorotea.

Lajksjörundan bike route

If you wish to go for a longer bike ride in and around Dorotea, follow the road Spejarvägen towards Bergbodarna and then proceed towards Lajksjö. Along the way you can glimpse the majestic lake Lajksjön.

Upon arrival in Lajksjö village, we recommend a visit to Wik's lanthandel, a food store. Here you can purchase drinks and souvenirs before heading back along the paved road to Dorotea. In total, the trip is around 20 km.



Photo: Torbjörn Thomsen



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Bike along gravel roads and trails in Rajastrand

A bike ride around the lake Lill-Rajan takes you through a lovely rural landscape with rippling streams, sparkling lakes and beautiful old-growth forests. If you want to try your luck in catching a trout, bring your fishing gear along for the ride. There is a BBQ area by the lake's outlet.

The trail starts at Rajagården hostel and is approx. 9 km long.



Food & Accommodation

Doro Camp Lapland – Dorotea

www.doro.camp – 0046 73 080 77 38

Cabin rental and campsite. The restaurant is located in the grand wooden hut and serves locally produced food

Hotell Dorotea – Dorotea

0046 942 477 80

Rooms and the beautiful view of Bergvattensjön and Dorotea.

Borgagården – Borgafjäll

www.borgagarden.se – 0046 942 420 22

Cabin rental, restaurant and pub! Admire the view of Borgahällan while enjoying some fine dining.

Hotell Borgafjäll – Borgafjäll

www.borgafjallhotell.se – 0046 942 421 00

Hotel with restaurant and a spa.

Borga Skicenter – Borgafjäll

www.borgaskicenter.se – 0046 942 420 01

Rental apartments and restaurant. During winter also pub and after ski.

Camp Borga / Johannes Fjällkrog – Borgafjäll

www.borgafjall.se – 0046 942 420 42

Camping, glamping, cabin rental and restaurant all year round.

Camp 64 ° - Borgafjäll

www.camp64.se

Campsite and apartments.

Food

Ankis bar Dorotea – 0046 942 100 68

Today's special, pizza and traditional home made food.

Restaurang & Pizzeria Dorotea – 0046 942 107 10

Today's special, pizza and traditional home made food.

My Way Dorotea – 0046 942 104 30

Fast food, burgers and Today's special.

Konditori Dorotea – 0046 942 100 07

Home-baked cakes, pastries, sandwiches and pies. Have your "Swedish fika" here or buy a ready-made picnic to go.

Johannas Bisto & Bar Borgafjäll - 0046 73 843 47 97

Food and drinks, snacks and ice-cream.

Open all year round.

Accommodation

Sutme stugby Borgafjäll – 0046 70 597 40 70

www.sutme.com

Cabins for rent.

Rajagården – Rajastrand

www.rajastrand.se – 0046 70 389 57 08

Self-catering apartments with access to boat dock and rowing boat.

Hällagården – Svanabyn – 0046 70 366 47 92

Self-catering room rental.



Photo: Torbjörn Thomsen

Handicrafts & activities

Activities

Doro Camp – Dorotea
www.doro.camp
Canoe rental & various tours.

Wildlife Lapland – Dorotea
www.wildlifelapland.com
Wildlife watching.

Lapland Hunting & Game – Dorotea
www.huntgame.se
Hunting & fishing tours.

Pike Fishing Dorotea – Östra Ormsjö
0046 73 064 39 28
Fishing tours.

Camp Tre Sjöar – Rajastrand
www.camp-tre-sjoar.se
Accommodation & fishing tours.

Nynäs jakt- och fiskecamp – Storbäck
0046 70 316 08 58
Cabin rental, hunting & fishing tours.

Trollklinten – Storbäck
www.trollklinten.se
Accommodation, activities & tours.

Äventyrscenter – Borgafjäll
www.aventurecenter.com
SUP rental & tours.

Borgagården – Borgafjäll
www.borgagarden.se
Freshwater snorkeling, canoe & boat rental, mushroom picking seminars.



Handicrafts & souvenirs

Utsmyckad – Facebook: @madebyutsmyckad
Utsmyckad's handicraft, such as tin wire bracelets and leather coffee bags, is for sale at Borgagården in Borgafjäll.

Susan Lindström – www.susanlindstrom.se
Susan Lindström is a Borgafjäll abstract artist inspired by nature and the dramatic shifts in the mountain weather.

Marikes hantverksbod – Bergsvägen 5, Dorotea
<https://marikes-hantverksbod.mybigcommerce.com/>
At Marike's in Dorotea you can buy souvenirs, beautiful wool yarns and traditional bracelets made of tin wire and leather.

Hjortron & troll – 0046 395 35 66

At the chainsaw artist Kenneth's farm in Fågelsta, there are fine wooden sculptures of owls and folklore creatures, among other things.

Äkta norrländskt – Dorotea
www.norrlandskt.se

At Äkta Norrländskt, there are, among other things, dog collars and weapon straps with tin embroidery.

Pike fishing with Lapland Hunting & Game



Photo: Magnus Ström

Shopping

44:ans kläder – Storgatan 40, Dorotea
Clothes for men and women.

Doroteas blommor och design – Parkvägen 4, Dorotea
Flowers and decorations.

Westél – Järnvägsgatan 1, Dorotea
Telecommunications and electronics.

Röda korset (Red Cross) second hand, Tur & retur second hand – Storgatan 37, Dorotea

Loppis – Storgatan 36, Dorotea
Flea market. Irregular opening hours.

Fyra händer – Östra Ormsjö
www.fyrahander.se
Flea market open during the summer
Webshop with clothes, jewelry, natural products and home textiles.

Camp Borga – Avasjövägen 5, Borgafjäll
Handicrafts, clothing and outdoor products.

Centrumboden – Centrumvägen 20, Borgafjäll
Interior design and building materials.

Refuel your car

Svanabyn – Unmanned gas station

Dorotea – OKQ8, My Way

Västra Ormsjö – Ica Nära
Ormsjödalen

Borgafjäll – Borgafjällens lanthandel,
Camp Borga

Construction and hardware stores in Dorotea

Olssons glas och bygg –
Järnvägsgatan 7
Also in Centrumboden, Borgafjäll.

Dorotea motor och allservice –
Storgatan 11

Grocery shopping

Coop Nära & Ica Nära Dorohallen – Dorotea

Wiks Ica Nära – Lajksjö
Groceries as well as everything from toys to interior design products.

Lulus Lanthandel – Svanabyn

Ica Nära Ormsjödalen – Västra Ormsjö

Borgafjällens lanthandel – Borgafjäll

Car rental in Dorotea

My way – Storgatan 26

OKQ8 – Storgatan 16

Service i Dorotea

Kronans apotek (pharmacy) – Storgatan 33

ATM machine – Storgatan 33

Systembolaget (liquor store) – Parkvägen 1

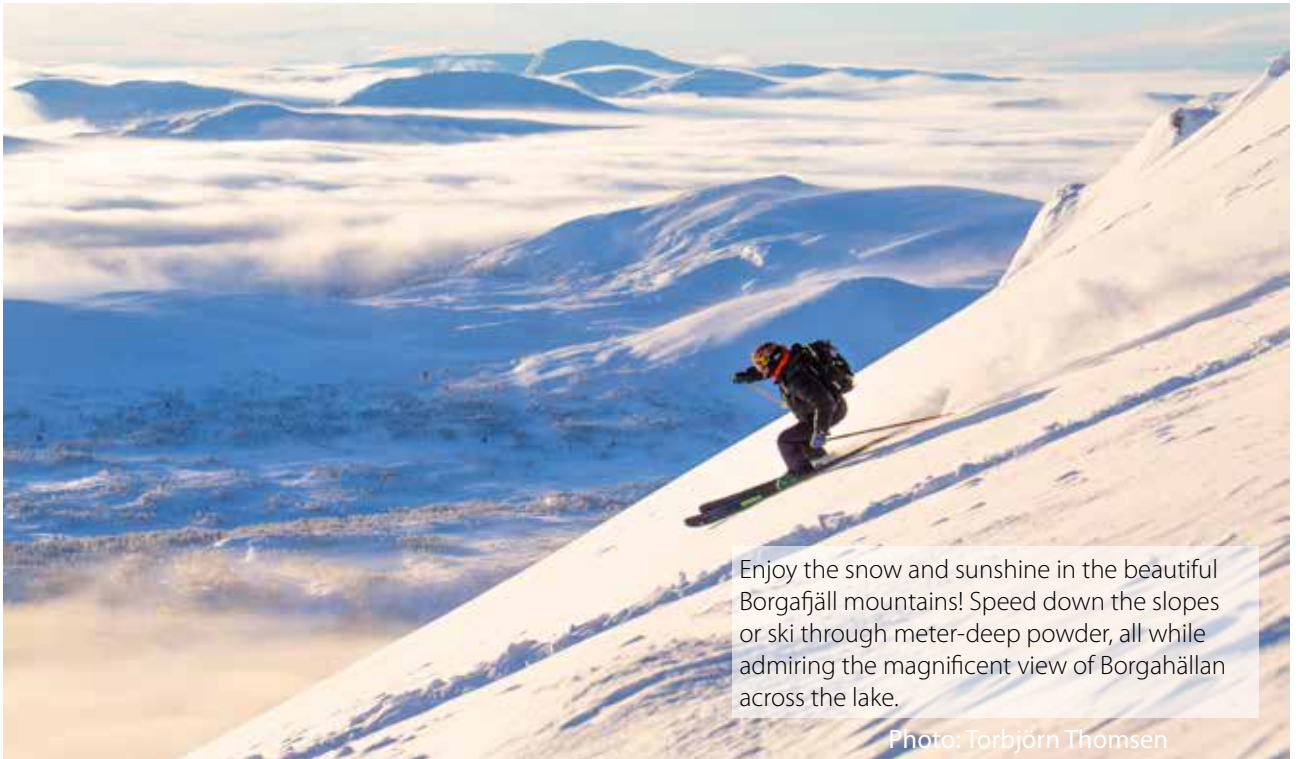
Dorotea Taxi – 0046 942 102 00
Available 24 hrs a day.

Bus station – Järnvägsgatan 20

Train station (Inlandsbanan) – Järnvägsgatan 5



Winter activities



Enjoy the snow and sunshine in the beautiful Borgafjäll mountains! Speed down the slopes or ski through meter-deep powder, all while admiring the magnificent view of Borgahällan across the lake.

Photo: Torbjörn Thomsen



Explore the brand new magnificent trail Lapplandsleden

Photo: Torbjörn Thomsen



Photo: Torbjörn Thomsen



Both Dorotea and Borgafjäll offer prepared cross-country ski tracks of varying length, both for classic and skate.

*Get snowed in at
the Gateway to
South Lapland!*



Go snowshoeing in snow covered forests while enjoying the tranquility.



Photo: Torbjörn Thomsen



Discover the allure of dog sledding.



Borgafjäll offers plenty of snowmobile trails in addition to one of Sweden's best backcountry areas. Trail Access Passes are available for purchase at the local snowmobile clubs.



January



February



March



April



May



June



July



August



September



October



November



December