

Walk around from Uddeholms Hotell over the Hammarberg (2-3 hours - 7 km)

Places of interest and catering:

- Uddeholms Hotell, Hotellvägen, Uddeholm
Open: weekdays from 9.00 till 16.00, Friday/Saturday from 17.00 till 21.00, Sunday from 13.00 till 19.00. During summer the restaurant is open every day from 10.00 till 21.00.
- Museet Stjärnfors Kvarn: mill museum, art gallery, café and souvenir shop.
- Herrgård Uddeholm and Uddeholms kapell: There are possibilities for a guided tour, please contact the reception of Uddeholms Hotell.

Route description:

- Start in front of the Uddeholms Hotell entrance, go slightly uphill along the Hotellvägen. Cross the highway and go straight on for about 30 m. (Stjärnforsvägen).
- Take the first road to the left (Stationsvägen). The house at this road's end is the old station of the railway to the Uddeholm Ironworks in Hagfors. Walk beside the station's right side to the railway, where you go to the right.

The former railway of the Uddeholm Company originally ran from Karlstad to Hagfors. Nowadays the part from Karlstad till Uddeholm is used as a bicycle road. In the summertime you can hire a railway bike and cycle between the Stjärnfors Museum and the Railway Museum at Hagfors.



- Follow the former railway until it crosses an asphalt road. You have to pass a landslip. Here you go to the right and close by to the left (sharp turn). Follow this road till Museet Stjärnfors Kvarn.



Stjärnfors Kvarn is the former mill, which was used between 1940 and 1956. In 1996 it was repaired and brought back to the original state. In the building to the left, the Stjärnfors Smedjan (Smithy), the well known grave ornaments, called Lövkorsen (Leaf crosses) or Livsträd (Trees of Life) are forged. Both the forgery and the museum are remains of the former Uddeholm Company. In front of the Kvarn you see one of the four boilers of the paper pulp factory, founded in 1888. See the information board. Some kilometres into the forest lies

the quartzmine of the ironworks. Since the 1840s quartz was mined here to be melted in the fireproof ovens of the ironworks. Guided tours for groups can be arranged.

- Standing in front of the museum take the narrow path along the museum's right side and cross the little bridge.

The white building at the right side of the path is the hydroelectric power plant, built in 1920. Before that year the factory received its energy from a watermill. Mind also the information boards along the path.

- Follow the path, continue straight on when the road is getting broader, along the waterside.

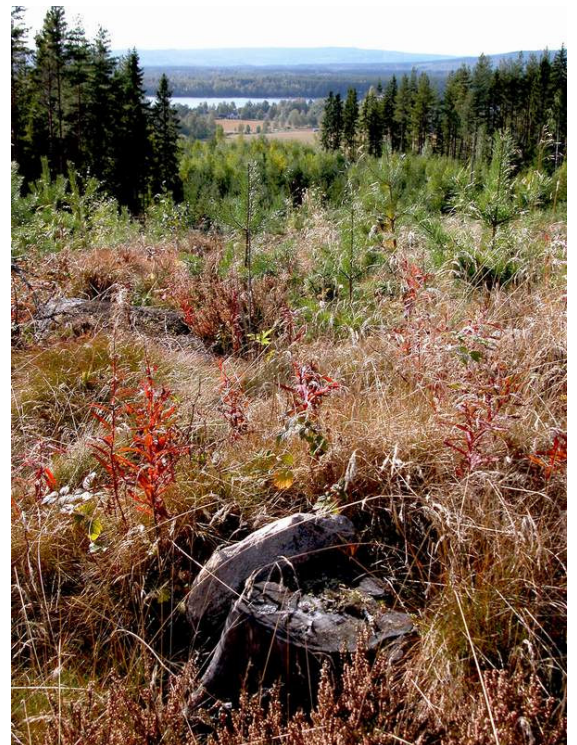


This dam with power station, built in 1904, replaced a former dam and watermill. The electric power was delivered to Hagfors ironworks and Stjärnfors pulp factory. Back in 1668 the first dam and watermill were built, to supply power to a hammer forge, the basis of the Uddeholm Company.



Shortcut: *Don't turn to the left, but go to the right. Just after the second bridge you turn left, a semi-hardened road which leads along Stjärnfors Museum. Continue the road till its end, there turn to the left. After crossing the highway you return to the hotel.*

- At the end of the path you turn right.
- After passing over the bridge you go to the left.
- After about 30 meter you turn to the right, taking a semi-hardened path upwards. Just before a vacation cottage you take a path to the right.
- Continue along this forest path in the same direction. You cross a dry brook bed. Somewhat further on, near a group of rather young fir trees, you reach a bifurcation. Here you keep to the right.
- Ignore all side-paths. On top there are some parallel trails.
- When the path goes down again, you cross a terrain with big boulders and somewhat later an open area with a view on the lake.
- Now and then the path is not very distinct, but just go straight on and you'll reach the right way again.
- After the path takes a slight turn to the right, you descend along a steep double path. At its end you go straight on over a crossing, walking along a cart road that changes into a semi-hardened path.



- At the end of this path you cross a highway and walk straight on (Geyersvägen).
- Reaching a T-crossing you enter the grounds of Uddeholms Herrgård through the large gate at the left.

The church that nowadays is called “Uddeholms kapell” was originally built in 1634 as the parish church of Norra Råda and used as such until 1752, when a new church was built. In 1778 the building was sold to Bengt Gustav Geijer of Uddeholm and transported over the frozen lake to Uddeholm, where it served as a granary. In 1959/1960 the building was restored with the original pine-wood to its historic state, to use it again for religious services. The belfry is also made of red wood. The chapel is maintained by volunteers in cooperation with the Norra Råda and Sunnemo parishes.



- Past the chapel and belfry you go straight on, crossing the field of grass. To the right of the big vase starts a path along the Råda lake. After a slight curve you see a gravestone.
- Keep walking straight on, underneath the white mansion.

This is Herrgård Uddeholm,

- Keep left at a bifurcation and go straight on until the path curves upwards towards the exit of the estate. Here you take a sharp turn to the left

on the asphalt road and you cross the bridge.

- When the road curves to the right you go to the left, a bicycle path. After the path has curved to the left you go to the right. This pedestrian path leads to the hotel.

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