

Welcome to the Sommen countryside and the “Torpa trail”

In many ways it is lake Sommen that sets the character of the neighbourhood around Torpa and Torpön (Torp island). It is sometimes claimed that the lake has as many islands as there are days in a year, a slight exaggeration as in that case one has included also all the rocks that appear at low water.

Clear water

Sommen is a clear water lake, the depth of sight is several meters and the water is used for drinking. At its deepest the lake reaches nearly 60 meters. Over the water fly gulls, cormorants and terns and over the pine-trees you may see raven and osprey. If you are very lucky a sea eagle or a peregrine falcon will turn up. And at dusk you may often hear the plaintive call of a black-throated diver.

The shores present both smiling meadows, forests and rocks. You will find delightful bathing from rocks at Lomsviken and at the ferry terminal.

Fish and fishing

There is a rich fauna of fish, a total of 22 species. Apart from the common perch, roach and pike we also find the desirable char and salmon trout. Several of the lake’s fish are to be seen in the aquarium in the “Naturum”. Fishing permits may be purchased on www.ifiske.se and at the XXX at Ramfall. You will find canoes and boats for rent at Solviken and at Torpöns Ferry terminal.

TORPA

The Torpa community spreads itself along the Western shore of Sommen. The original center you will find in the idyllic church village, beautifully situated along the lake shore, where you will also find a steamer landing stage, where at times the steamer Boxholm II will call. Here you will also find a suitable bathing place for children. The church, the oldest parts of which stem from 13th century, is set in inviting surroundings with old-world buildings, among them the parish hall.



Dramatic border

Along the northern border of the parish runs the stream Häradsbäcken, the calm flow of which is in places broken by dramatic waterfalls. The prettiest falls are to be found at “Skrällshål.”

Bird watching

One of the best locations for bird watching is to be found at “Fågelma-derna.” It came into being as a result of restoring the wet-land along the stream Linna Å. From the Holkåsa heights there is a most becoming view towards Sommen and Torpön.

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TORPÖ ISLAND The biggest of all the islands of lake Sommen is Torpön, which at the south end is connected to the mainland via a bridge and at the north end has a ferry, the Viktoria crossing, during June to September, the 200 metres broad sound. The island offers a broad range of nature including open cultivated fields, wooded meadowland mixed with close pine forests and mountain tops that offer several points for finding good views. The lake shore offers a great variety of among other pine woods on rocky ground, perpendicular great rocks and dramatic structures.



Photo: Tord Cleveson

Flowers and birdsong

In the Svensbo wood on the north-east side of the island many of our deciduous trees are represented. In the spring this is also a good area for birds and plants. Here is also found the remains of an old clay-pit and a brickworks. Through the woods there is an easy path and close to the deciduous wood will be found Sweden’s largest elm.

Large and small animals

Elks and roe deer have made themselves at home all over the island and the wild boar are settling in. I certain old oak trees one may, with a little bit of luck, find the rare brown rose-chafer beetle.

Old charcoal-burning site

For a rest or a swim Lomsviken on the southern shore of the island is an excellent place, with smooth rocks and pretty views over the lake. Here the local folklore society has restored an old charcoal-burning site. In the old days quantities of charcoal were shipped on barges to the ironworks at Boxholm. The southern promontory of Torpön is also a nature reserve with ancient pine trees – a marked path leads you through.

Farms and crofts

There are on the island about a dozen active farming and forestry holdings of varying size. Thanks to considerable livestock holdings a varying and living landscape is created. The Boxholm Forests company exploits about a quarter of the island’s forests while the remaining parts are privately owned.

Bicycling or walking

The bicycle route “Vättern-Sommenleden” crosses Torpön and is marked by red signs.

The walking trail, which is part of “Östgötaleden”, takes you all round the island and is just under 30 kilometres long. Along the eastern stretch there are two shelters. The path crosses the road at several points which allows for planning shorter walks. There are also many minor roads and foot-paths on most parts of Torpa and on the island.

Food and lodging

On the island there is both the Solviken Youth Hostel and at the ferry “Torpöns food and camping” which also offers cabins for rent. The Stebbarp farm has bed and breakfast service and also a farm shop and ice creams.

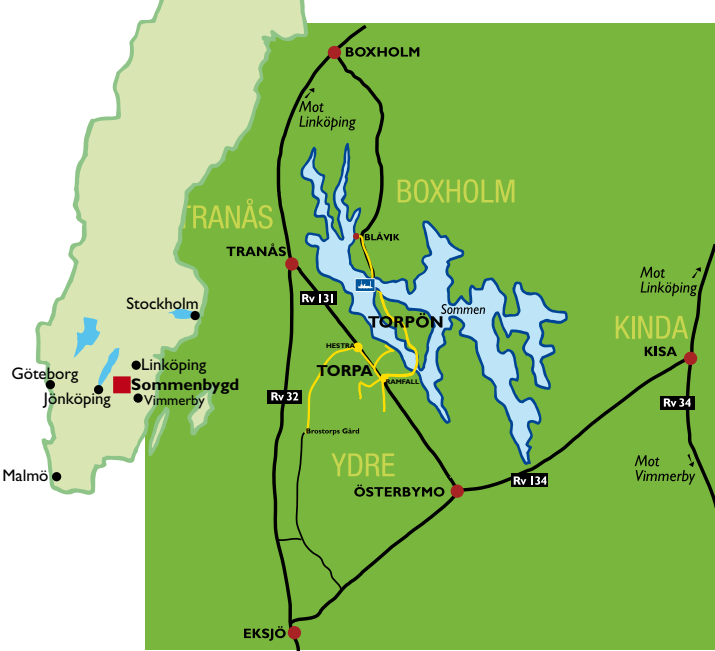
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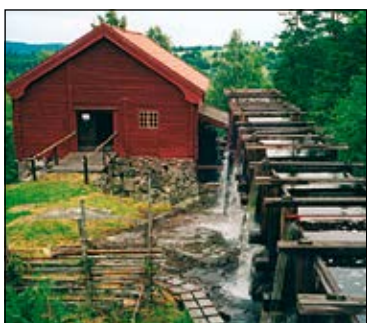
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