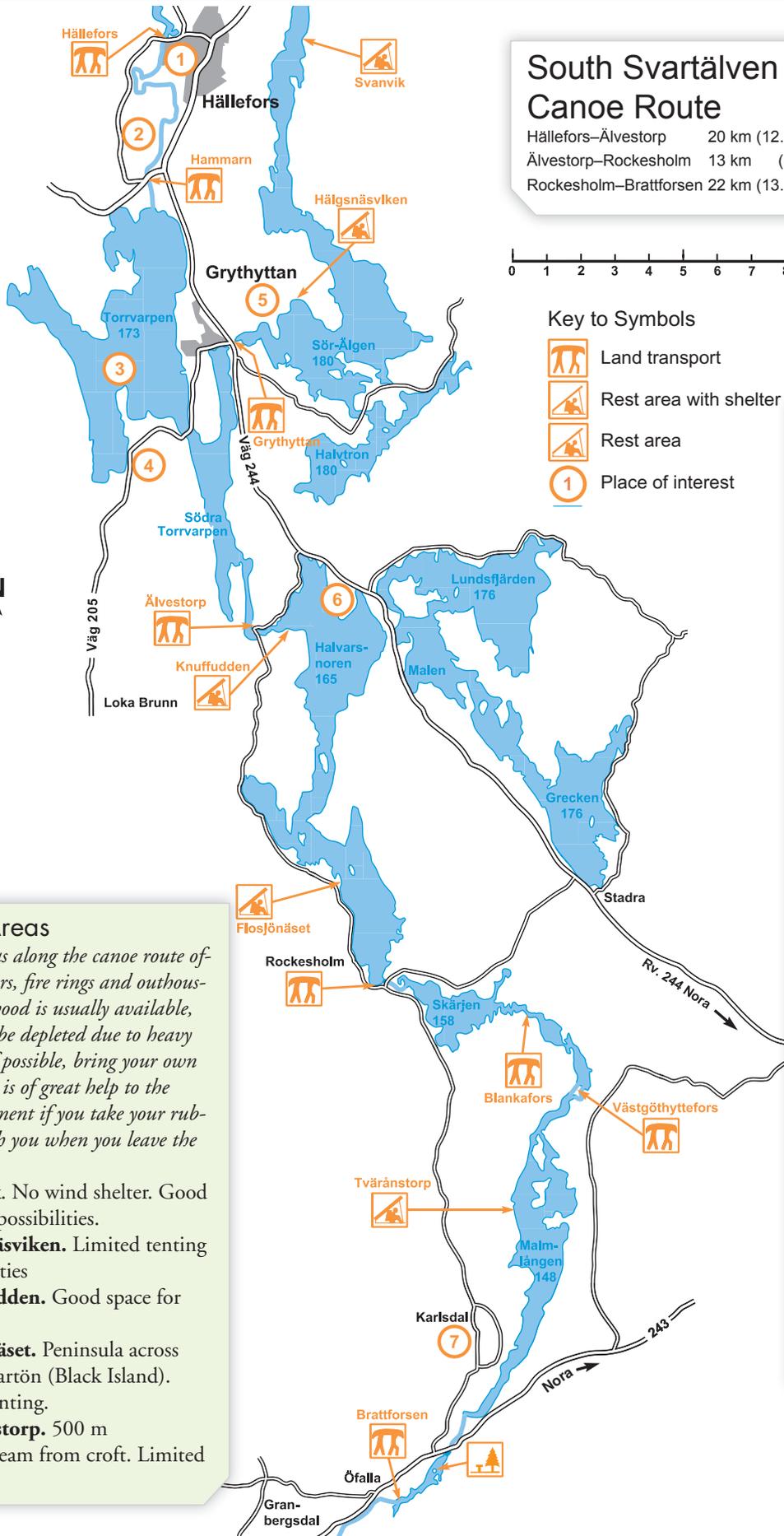




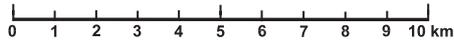
Canoe Route

# Svartälven

South



**South Svartälven Canoe Route**  
 Hällefors–Älvestorp 20 km (12.5 miles)  
 Älvestorp–Rockesholm 13 km (8 miles)  
 Rockesholm–Brattforsen 22 km (13.6 miles)



### Key to Symbols

- Land transport
- Rest area with shelter
- Rest area
- Place of interest

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### Land Transport

To mark the transport of canoes by land, signs have been posted at the launch and take-out. The path for land transport is marked with blue or orange arrows. Trolleys should be used along Arbogaån. Please follow the posted signs and respect private property.

- Hällefors.** 900 m. Take-out east side. Follow church wall to launch area. Launch on east side.
- Hammarn.** 20 m path, partly steep. Take-out and launch on west bank.
- Grythyttan.** 500 m. Take-out south side, before dam by House of Culinary Arts. Launch in boat area, S. Torrvarpen.
- Älvestorp.** 450 m. Dam, transport over dam intakes along road. Take-out on east bank. Launch in Halvarsnoren.
- Rockesholm.** 100 m. Dam, transport along path. Take-out and launch on west bank.
- Blankafors.** 250 m. Dam, transport along path. Take up by southern side of dam, west side. Launch on same side.
- Västgöthyttforsen.** 400 m. Take-out 50 m east of dam. Walk over dam and follow road to launching area.
- Brattforsen.** Take-out on the west bank before the small pumping station. Further south, the river is heavily regulated and requires stretches of land transport.

### Rest Areas

Rest areas along the canoe route offer shelters, fire rings and outhouses. Firewood is usually available, but can be depleted due to heavy usage. If possible, bring your own wood. It is of great help to the management if you take your rubbish with you when you leave the rest area.

- Svanvik.** No wind shelter. Good tenting possibilities.
- Hälgsnäs-viken.** Limited tenting possibilities
- Knuffudden.** Good space for tents.
- Flosjönäset.** Peninsula across from Svartön (Black Island). Some tenting.
- Tvärånstorp.** 500 m downstream from croft. Limited tenting.

# Canoe Routh Information

The Svartälven (Black River) lives up to its name, with dark water and tree-covered banks. The river flows through a real “Bergslag” area, covered with endless forests and mountains rich with ore. Wilderness is broken up only occasionally by crofts, vil-lages or the rare industrial area.

The Svartälven is the county’s largest waterway, and one of the most developed. A total of 95% of the river’s descent (125 meters) is utilized at 13 power plants, the largest being Karåsen above Karlskoga.

The difficulties when it comes to paddling occur mainly during hard weather on the open lakes. Extreme caution should be used when near the dam intakes, which can open automatically. A comfortable paddling pace gives an average speed of about 4-6 km per hour.

## Maps

Topographic map 601 Karlskoga, 615 Häl-lefors

## Fishing

Fishing licenses for the area’s waterways are necessary and available in the area. Con-tact the Hällefors Tourist Office at +46 (0)591-120 01 for information.

## Canoe Routes in Örebro County

Svartälven is one of 6 canoe routes. Others are Nittälven, Svartån, Arbogaån, Rastälven and Järleån. Regionförbundet Örebro is responsible for the canoe routes.

## Canoe Rentals

A list of rental agencies can be found at [www.regionorebro.se/naturochfriluftsliv](http://www.regionorebro.se/naturochfriluftsliv).

## More Information

Hällefors Tourist Office, +46 (0) 591-120 01, [www.hellefors.se](http://www.hellefors.se); Örebrokompaniet, +46 (0)19-21 21 21, [www.visitorebro.se](http://www.visitorebro.se); Destination Karlskoga Degerfors Tourist Office, +46 (0)586-614 74, [www.karlskoga.se](http://www.karlskoga.se); Regionförbundet Örebro County, +46 (0)19-602 63 00, [www.regionorebro.se](http://www.regionorebro.se).

## The Great Outdoors Online

More information on outdoor activities in Örebro County can be found at [www.re-gionorebro.se/naturochfriluftsliv](http://www.regionorebro.se/naturochfriluftsliv). Here you will find updated information on overnight camping along the canoe routes and the Bergslag Trail. You can even download stage routes and read tips and follow useful links to activities and places of interest.

## Places of Interest 1 (see map)

- 1. Hällefors.**  
Industrial area where culture meets nature. Known for its artistic resi-dential area and the House of Design exhibits.
- 2. Hammarmossen.**  
Nature reserve. All-round bog with many small lakes.
- 3. Björkskognäs.**  
Nature reserve. Rich plant life - Yel-low Lady’s Slipper orchid, among others. Special nature reserve brochu-re available.
- 4. Skräddartorp.**  
Cultural homestead. Country estate with wagons, cabins and tool museum. Coffee/pastries. Run by Grythyttan homestead group.
- 5. Grythyttan.**  
Charming 1600s town with well-known inn. House of Culinary Arts: culinary centre, school, boutique, restaurant, cookbook museum and exhibitions.
- 6. Varnäsudden.**  
Traditional farming area
- 7. Old industrial area.**  
Swimming



*Marsh Marigold is common along the water.*