



Lynx Cottage

Strångnäsvägen 20, Ista Nature Reserve – Österfärnebo

Welcome – House Rules & Check-in

Contact Information

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Cottage address	Strångnäsvägen 20, 811 98 Österfärnebo
Nearest hospital	Gävle Hospital (45 kilometres)
Emergency services	112

Check-in & Check-out

Check-in	From 15:00, key box – code sent by SMS at check-in time.
Check-out	By 11:00 – return the key to the key box and reset the code.
Minimum stay	1 week

On Arrival

- Check that everything is in order and notify us immediately if anything is broken or missing.
- Walk through the entire cottage and familiarise yourself with emergency exits and the fire extinguisher.
- **Wi-Fi name: H155-386_357G | Password: T5mHRTqL4nn**

Before Departure

- Remove all food scraps and take all rubbish with you. Bins are located after the bridge, to the left just before the main road.
- Wash, dry, and put everything back where you found it.
- Wipe down kitchen counters, stove, and oven.
- Vacuum and mop floors and wipe down the bathroom.
- Take all personal belongings – don't forget chargers, sunglasses, etc.
- Leave windows and doors closed and locked.
- Return the key to the key box and ensure the box is locked.

House Rules

We ask that you respect these rules so that all guests can enjoy a pleasant stay and the cottage can be kept in good condition.

Guests & Occupancy

- A maximum of 4 guests may stay overnight in the cottage.
- The rental is valid only for the persons specified at the time of booking. Please contact us if there are more guests.
- No parties or events without written approval from us.

Smoking & Pets

- Smoking is STRICTLY PROHIBITED indoors. If you smoke outside, ensure cigarettes are fully extinguished and no cigarette butts are left on the property. We recommend a glass jar with a metal lid as an ashtray. Violation of this rule may result in a deduction from the deposit for decontamination.
- Pets are NOT permitted. No exceptions.

Noise & Consideration

- Please be considerate of neighbours. Keep noise levels down outdoors after 22:00.
- Music and loud socialising outdoors must end by 23:30 at the latest.

Equipment & Inventory

- Handle furniture, kitchen equipment, and other furnishings with care.
- Report damage or broken items immediately – not at check-out.
- Do not move furniture without approval.
- The open fireplace/wood stove must NOT be used!

Energy & Environment

- Turn off lights, TV, and other appliances when you leave the cottage.
- Keep doors and windows closed when heating or cooling is on.
- Recycling is available at the recycling centre at Åsvägen 53, Österfärnebo.

Safety

- Fire extinguisher is located in the kitchen and smoke detector in the living room (ceiling).
- Barbequing is permitted outdoors on the stone slab below the veranda (left side), but never during a fire ban.
- Dispose of barbeque ash before departure in the metal tray located just in front of the stone slab.
- Open fires or bonfires outdoors are prohibited.
- Never leave open flames unattended.

Deposit & Damages

A deposit of SEK 4,000 is paid at the time of booking and will be refunded within 7 days after check-out, provided the cottage is left in an acceptable condition.

Deductions from the deposit will be made for:

- Damage to furnishings, furniture, equipment, or the cottage in general caused by the guest.
- Missing inventory – items that are part of the cottage and cannot be found at check-out.
- Insufficient cleaning – if the cottage requires extra cleaning beyond normal wear and tear, a cleaning fee will be charged.
- Smoking on the property – decontamination will be charged in full.
- Pets in the cottage without approval – decontamination will be charged in full.

Normal wear and tear will not be charged. In case of damage, please contact us immediately.

Parking: Park along the long side of the barn. Do not block the barn doors.

Confirmation

By staying in the cottage, the guest confirms that these house rules have been read and accepted.

Guest's signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (printed): _____

Additional Information & Tips

Welcome to one of Sweden's most beautiful natural areas

Lynx Cottage is located in the heart of a remarkable landscape where forests, rivers, wetlands, and abundant wildlife together create one of Sweden's most unique natural experiences.

Whether you enjoy hiking, fishing, canoeing, birdwatching, or simply relaxing in peaceful and scenic surroundings, there is something to discover in every season.

This guide presents some of our favourite places and experiences that are easily accessible from the cottage.

Discover Färnebofjärden National Park

Just a short drive from the cottage lies one of Sweden's most spectacular national parks.

Färnebofjärden National Park is renowned for its unique combination of forests, rivers, wetlands, and over 200 islands shaped by the Dalälven river.

The national park is considered one of Sweden's premier areas for outdoor recreation and nature experiences.

Perfect for

- Hiking
- Canoeing
- Fishing
- Nature photography
- Birdwatching
- Family outings

Don't miss

- ✓ Naturum Färnebofjärden visitor centre
- ✓ Bird towers and viewpoints
- ✓ Rest areas and picnic spots
- ✓ Hiking trails
- ✓ Guided tours (seasonal)

Ista Nature Reserve

The cottage is located in the heart of the peaceful Ista Nature Reserve.

Here you will find quiet gravel roads, ancient forests, flowering meadows, and abundant wildlife.

It is a perfect spot for a morning walk or an evening stroll as the sun sets over the beautiful landscape. Please remember that this is a protected nature area.

Please help preserve nature by leaving no trace of your visit.

Dalälven

The Dalälven river is the heart of the entire area.

The calm waters, islands, and winding side channels create fantastic opportunities for outdoor activities and nature experiences.

Depending on the season, you can experience:

- Beautiful sunsets
- Misty mornings
- Excellent fishing
- Canoeing
- Rich birdlife
- Beavers in their natural habitat

Fishing

The waters around the cottage offer excellent fishing opportunities for much of the year.

Common species include:

- Pike
- Perch
- Pikeperch (zander)
- Grayling

A fishing permit may be required depending on where you choose to fish.

Always respect local fishing regulations and protected areas.

Canoe & Kayak

One of the very best ways to explore the area is from the water.

Paddle gently through calm waterways surrounded by forests and wetlands, and discover wildlife that is often impossible to see from land.

Remember to:

- Always wear a life jacket.
- Respect private land.
- Leave nature exactly as you found it.

Hiking

Whether you want a short evening stroll or a full day hike, there are trails to suit everyone.

Remember to bring:

- Comfortable shoes
- Drinking water
- A camera

Each season offers completely new nature experiences.

Wildlife

The Lower Dalälven area is internationally renowned for its biodiversity.

With a bit of luck, you may spot:

- Moose
- Roe deer

- Beaver
- Fox
- Lynx (very rare)
- White-tailed eagle
- Osprey
- Common crane
- Owls

Early mornings and late evenings offer the best chances of spotting wildlife.

Birdwatching

With hundreds of recorded bird species, Färnebofjärden is one of Sweden's premier birdwatching destinations.

Bring binoculars. The bird towers around the national park offer fantastic opportunities to experience nature.

Gysinge

Just a few minutes' drive from the cottage, Gysinge offers history, culture, and great food.

Here you can visit:

- Gysinge Manor
- Naturum visitor centre
- Gysinge Ironworks
- Café
- Restaurant
- Beautiful walking paths

Local Services

Grocery Store

ICA Nära Österfärnebo

Here you will find:

- Everyday groceries
- Freshly baked bread
- Pharmacy items
- Post services

Bakery

Lundgrens Bakery

A popular local bakery known for its traditional Swedish pastries and freshly baked bread.

Fuel

Petrol stations are available within easy driving distance from the cottage.

Seasonal Highlights

Spring

- Migratory birds
- Flowering meadows
- Fresh greenery
- High water levels

Summer

- Swimming
- Fishing
- Canoeing
- Cycling
- Outdoor dining

Autumn

- Golden forests
- Mushroom picking
- Abundant wildlife
- Nature photography

Winter

- Snow-covered landscapes
- Frozen rivers
- Peaceful winter walks
- Winter photography

Respect for Nature

Help us preserve this unique natural environment.

- Always take your rubbish with you.
- Show consideration for wildlife.
- Follow marked trails where possible.
- Never light fires when a fire ban is in effect.
- Leave nature as beautiful as you found it.

We hope you have a fantastic stay with us! 🌿