

Welcome to Mörttjärn!

Here in Mörttjärn nature reserve you will find a fantastic, diverse and almost magical nature, with interesting rock formations and a rich flora, including species such as Sanicula (*Sanicula europaea*), Woodruff (*Galium odoratum*), Beneken's brome grass (*Bromus benekenii*) and Wood Fescue (*Festuca altissima*).

Along the hiking trail "Doktor Saedéns runda" many interesting cultural monuments are waiting to be discovered.

The reserve lies on the west side of the little lake "Mörttjärn", nearby one restaurant, café, hotel and health resort. You will find many beautiful places overlooking Lake Vänern and the Dalsland region. Barbecue areas are located along Mörttjäns east side as well as by the lookout "Vida utsikten".

Photo: Moor frogs (*Rana arvalis*), during mating season the males develop bright blue coloration.

§ Inside the reserve you are allowed to:

- Camp one night, but not to enter or pass through the reserve with a caravan or any motor vehicle.
- Move about freely (please take account of ground conditions!). Dogs must be on a leash.
- Watch animals without disturbing them.
- Gather mushrooms and pick berries, but not cause damage to trees, plants or other vegetation.
- Make fires, but only in designated barbecue areas, and by using the firewood provided.

The reservation was set up in 2007 as a state-subsidised contribution to nature protection and extends over an area of 27 hectares. It is owned and managed by the council of Melleruds kommun.

Photo: Hard Shield Fern (*Polystichum aculeatum*), a rare fern species

The purpose of the reservation is to preserve the region's rich flora and fauna and its precious cultural landscape as well as to preserve the recreation value of an area situated close to a village.

Should you require any further information, please contact the registration office (Medborgarkontoret) in Mellerud (phone: 0530 18900) or Dalsland Center in Håverud. There you will also find an information brochure, "Nature Discoveries around Mellerud" (Upplevelsenatur i Melleruds kommun).

If you want to make a contribution to the maintenance of the local nature reservations, send text "Broschyr" (20 SEK) or "Sponsring" (50 SEK) to 72456.