

NATURE AND CULTURE

Smørklepp Art Museum



Photo: Hamish Moore

SMØRKLEPP ART MUSEUM houses a large collection of works by Henrik Sørensen. This remarkable gallery, situated in Smørklepp, lies at the heart of the countryside portrayed by Sørensen in his landscape paintings. He is best known for his atmospheric depictions of the Telemark countryside, but he also painted warm, lyrical pictures of women, religious works and dark war paintings. He was a pupil of Matisse from 1908 to 1910. The work of the artist Harald Kihle is also featured at the gallery. Sørensen and Kihle worked and lived together in Smørklepp for long periods. Harald Kihle's paintings give us an insight into the people and countryside of the "hidden Telemark", and he helped many people to develop a love of art. He is best known for the horses that feature in his work. He also painted many of the legendary figures of Telemark folklore, such as Guro Heddelid, Myllarguten and Storegut.

WHAT YOU MIGHT SEE ON YOUR WALK



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Mjonøy



Photo: Hans Dieter Flegler

THE WALK STARTS FROM MJONØY, which either means "the dry island" or "the narrow island". In 1959 Alv Negarden started collecting the old houses that have been put up at Mjonøy, which all come from the surrounding area.

Since then, additions to the complex include a main house, a wood-fired stone oven bakery, a cookhouse which houses the reception and where food is served, a clothes press and, finally, Alvstoga, a building that can be hired by groups. Concerts are held each weekend during the summer season. Mjonøy is one of thirteen companies that Innovation Norway has hand-picked to be involved in the Walking holiday project.

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EVIDENCE OF A BEAVER'S WORK

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WATERFALLS along the River Klevastøylåi were used to power Vinje's first hydroelectric power station in 1917.



4 KM CIRCUIT / 1,5 HOURS

MEDIUM WALK →



Vinje – Telemark

WALK Smørklepp Art Museum

THEME Cultural landscape/gallery

Photo: Svein Straumsnes



FORGET-ME-NOT: There are eleven different varieties of forget-me-not in Norway. This is a Field Forget-me-not.

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Description of the walk

EASY WALK IN PART OF THE VINJE CULTURAL LANDSCAPE. The walk starts at Mjonøy and runs through a forest alongside the river, with beautiful waterfalls, canyon-like scenery and a pretty bathing site at Klevastøyhylen. Here you can see a pot hole in the bedrock, as well as the foundations of Vinje's first power station from 1917. Smørklepp Art Museum is situated beside the path. The walk takes you through the cultural landscape of Smørklepp, where you can admire traditional building techniques and see traces of old farming methods, and then back to Mjonøy.

Driving direction

1) Start at Åmot and follow the E 134 towards Haukeli for approximately 15 km. There is parking at Mjonøy on the left hand of the road.



2) Alternatively, from Edland you can follow the E 134 south towards Åmot for approximately 22 km.

GPS: N59°38.059' E7° 48.063'



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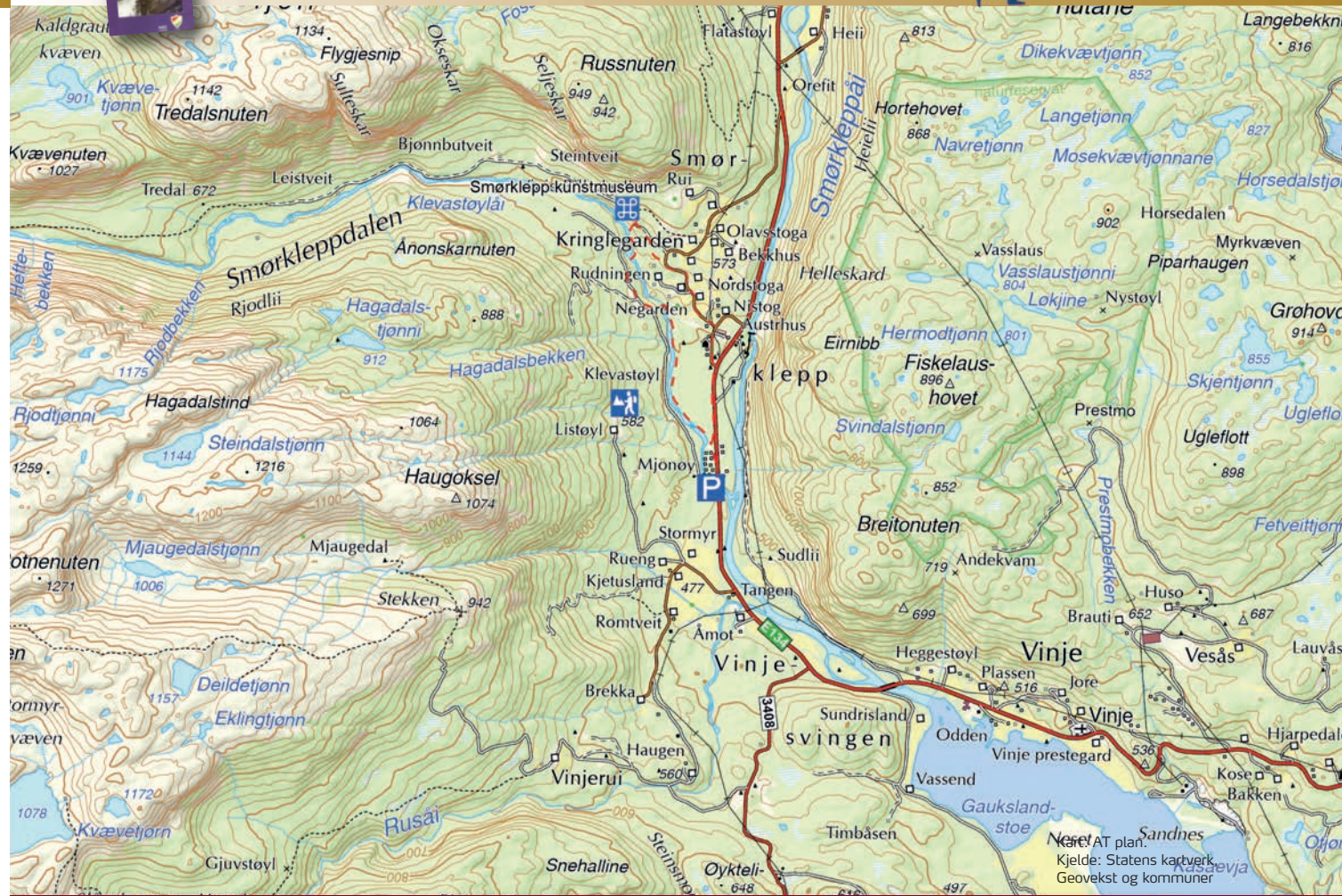
You are responsible for your own safety during your walk. Treat the countryside and grazing animals with respect. Take only photos, leave only footprints. Please take your rubbish home with you. Have a great walk!



Map:
Vinje 1 : 30 000



Season:
May – November
480 metres above sea level



Scale: 1 : 50 000

Vertical scale: 20m

= Smørklepp kunstmuseum

= marked summer path



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