

The whetstone quarry

Photo: L. Jantveit



THIS TRAIL TAKES YOU UP TO THE Brunåslid quarry.

This was the largest of many quarries in the Eidsborg-Lårdal area. The quarry was likely opened in the early 1700's and operated until about 1950. One can see the large heaps of waste stone (Norw. "Uslehaugene") that remained from the whetstone production. At the upper heap one can see the foundation of one of the workmen's

sheds. The whetstone (sharpening stone) has a long history, and one assumes that they were in production in the mountains here from at least around 700 AD. Sharpening stones were also characteristic trade goods that even the vikings brought with them on their voyages. Whetstone from Eidsborg has been found all over Europe.

WHAT YOU MIGHT SEE ON YOUR WALK

VINDLAUSLOFTET:

Vindlausloftet (1167), is the oldest wooden non-church structure in Norway.

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NATURE AND CULTURE **Thor, god of thunder once got in a fight.**



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SNORRE STURLASON (in his narrative of Norse mythology) tells the story of how the giant Hrungnir and Thor, god of thunder once got in a fight. Thor then threw his hammer at Hrungnir, while the latter threw a sharpening stone at Thor. The stone hit the hammer in the air and splintered. Some of the shards fell down in Midgard (middle Earth, home of humans), and from them sprang all the whetstone mountains.

One of the shards hit Thor in the head, and he was unable to remove it. Therefore it is bad luck to throw a whetstone across the floor, since this makes the stone in Thor's head move.



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GREENSCHIST/GREEN-STONE: On the tour you may see greenschist/greenstone.

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SQUIRREL (Sciurus vulgaris): On the way you may meet this little fellow. Photo: L. Jantveit



CLODBERRIES (Rubus chamaemorus): Different kinds of berries grow along the route. Photo: L. Jantveit



Tour description

A MODERATELY DEMANDING TREK in hilly country which in large part follows old roads. The distance is no more than 4 kilometres, but one should plan on spending 2 hours due to the terrain. After the first rise there is a viewpoint with benches. There are also benches at the top by the quarry. Throughout the tour there are information signs. From the quarry you may take the main road back down to the museum.

THE TOUR BEGINS AT WEST-TELEMARK MUSEUM, Eidsborg. Signs clearly indicate the way to the museum from Høydalsmo and Dalen. Parking is at the museum and Eidsborg stave church. The trek begins at the Juvestoga house in the museum area. The whole trek is marked with signs. At the beginning of the tour there are signs with useful information about it.

Driving direction

Vest-Telem. museum

On route E134 you drive towards Høydalsmo and then follow route Fv 45 and the signs for West-Telemark Museum, Eidsborg, and Eidsborg stave church. From Dalen you also follow route Fv45 towards Høydalsmo. Look for signs leading to West-Telemark Museum and Eidsborg stave church.

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 of the area:
Tokke trail map

Special requirements:
Solid footwear



Available:
May – October



Scale 1 : 10 000

Vertical scale: 5m

..... = marked summer path



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