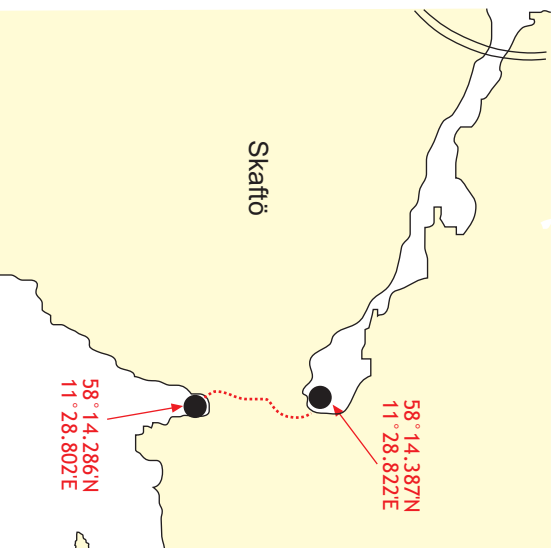
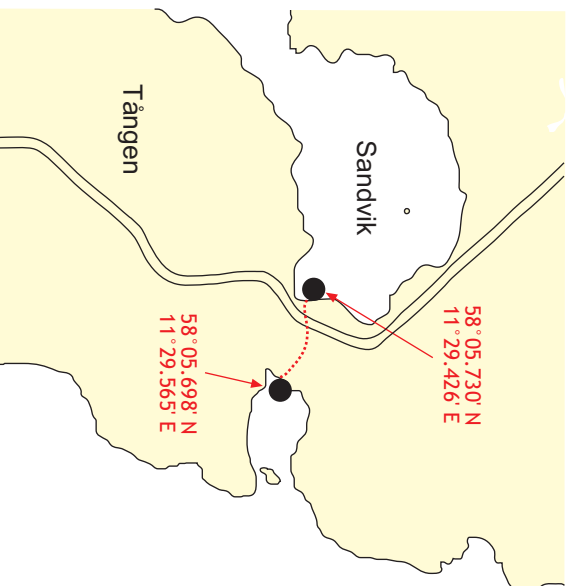


Portage Sörviksnäset



To avoid heavy seas off the Islandsberg, you can take the inner passage by the Bassholmen, but it may become a bit tough when passing the Gullmarr. Shorter crossing and better angle to westerly winds if you carry across here and paddle through the village Fiskebäckskil.

Portage over the Tången isthmus



If the waters west and south of Mollösund are too choppy, take the calm route inside the island Lyr and over the Tången isthmus. It is admittedly somewhat awkward to launch and land on the Sandvik side, but on the other hand only 150 metres to carry.

Watch out for the cars!

Sea kayaking and camping in Bohuslän

Part A from Marstrand to Lysekil

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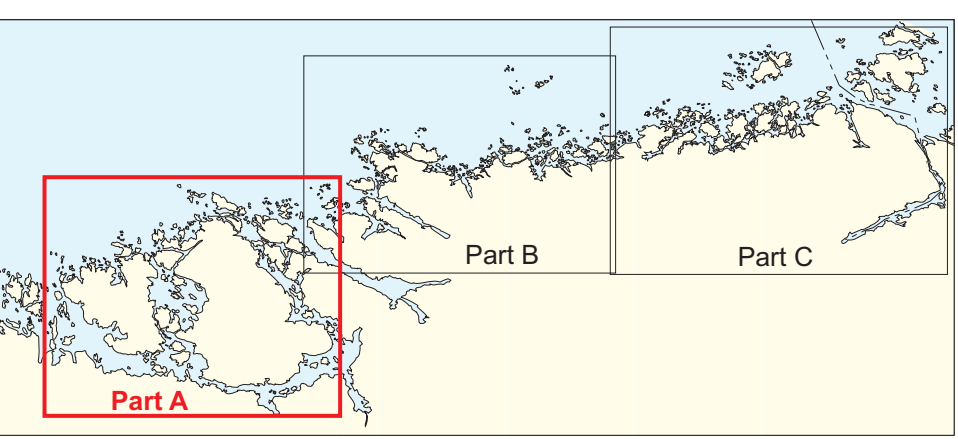
Sites suited for free camping
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coordinates, short evaluation of each
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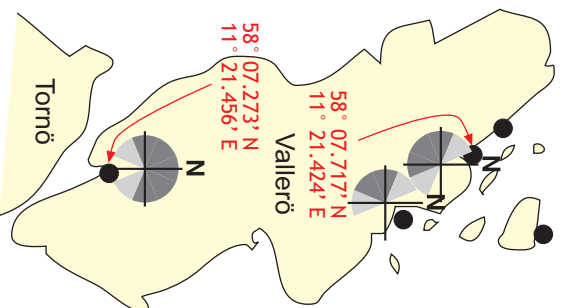


Vallerö

Bohuslän's most the Mediterranean beach? Also a very exciting and varied rock terrain and rubble fields. The view from the top of the island is breathtaking. The sheer beauty of the island and its surroundings make it very popular among kayakers as well as other boat people. Most of the others are however bathers, usually leaving before dinner.

Easy landings on sand or flat rocks, camping grounds level and dry. Only flaw is all the cattle droppings (but without the cattle, the island would soon be overgrown).

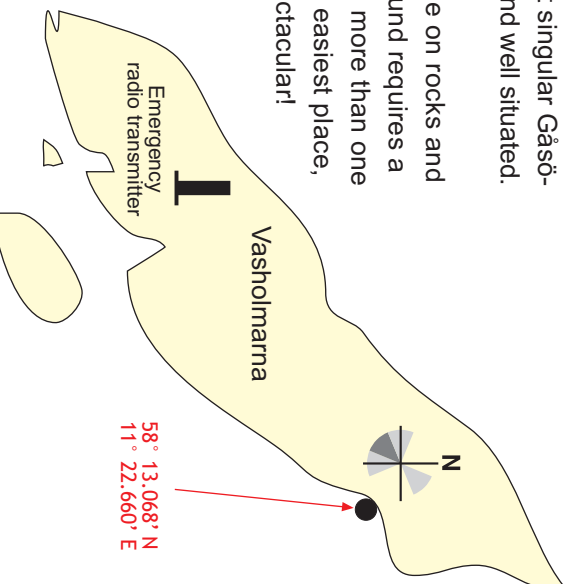
It is also possible to pitch a tent on the small islet Gulöy, most northeast in this map.



Vasholmarna

Vasholmarna, in the most singular Gåsö-archipelago, is beautiful and well situated.

The landing must be done on rocks and rubble. The camping ground requires a tent which does not need more than one or two tent pegs. Not the easiest place, in others words - but spectacular!



Sites for free camping in the area Marstrand - Lysekil

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The camping sites selected are all outside the wildlife protection areas as well as nature reserves with camping bans. Further, they are mostly in uninhabited areas. Free camping is therefore possible with reference to Sweden's Right of Public Access, but also with the limitations imposed by this Right. Many of the sites are on private land, meaning the limitations must be strictly considered. Please read about the Right of Public Access on page 15.

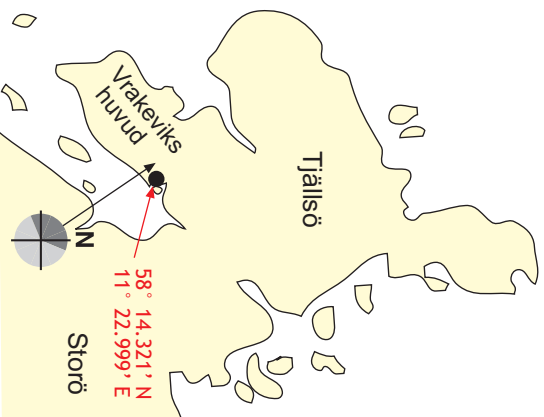
Most sites give wind shelter only for some wind directions. Choose a site according to existing and expected wind conditions. See the detail site maps for wind shelter symbols.

Tjällsö Vrakeviks huvud

In the barren Gåsö archipelago it is indeed not easy to find soft camping grounds, but here is one. Tjällsö is popular among other boaters, but they normally use the east side.

The name of the bay, Vrakevik, means it is a natural collector of floatsam and debris ("vrag" in the local dialect).

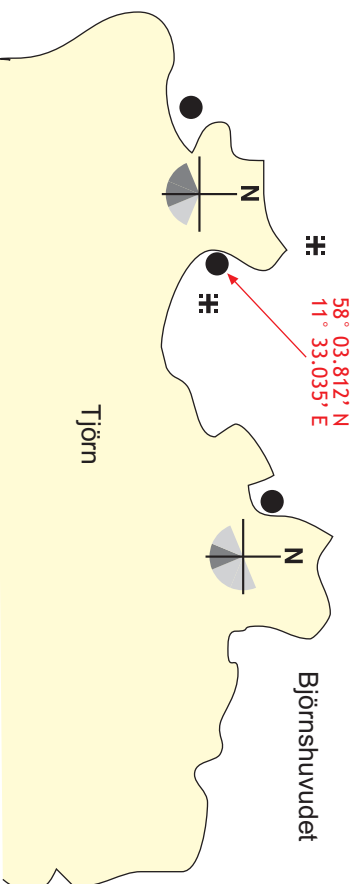
Landing is OK although a bit muddy when the water is low. Pitch your tent on one of the grass spots immediately west of the landing spot.



Tjörn Björnshuvudet

The northern shore of Tjörn offers many places for camping, here is an area with space enough for many tents. Cattle is grazing here, be nice to them and watch out for their droppings.

Lovely sandy beaches, camping grounds level, soft and dry.



Hostels ("vandrarhem")

and similar lodging houses

in alphabetical order

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Bassholmens v-hem	+46 522-65 13 08	Rönning Tjörngården	+46 304-67 20 05
Ellös Kon-Tiki Dykc.	+46 304-500 24	Rönningss vandrarhem	+46 304-67 71 98
Ellös Sjögården	+46 304-510 30	Rörbäck	+46 522-65 01 90
Gullholmen Skottarn	+46 304-573 44	Skärhamns Dykcenter	+46 304-67 41 54
Gustafsbergs v-hem	+46 522-152 00	Slussens Pensionat	+46 304-375 25
Henån Hotell Henån	+46 304-309 13	Stenungsund Getskär	+46 303-77 77 02
Kärningön Cap Caprifol	+46 304-560 30	Stenungsögården	+46 303-77 00 80
Ljungsö Ulvön	+46 522-291 84	Stenungsund Tollenäs	+46 303-821 20
Lyseki Dive in Dykc.	+46 523-152 33	Stockens Camping	+46 304-511 00
Lyseki Strand	+46 523-797 51	Stocken Tofta Gärd	+46 304-503 80
Marstrand Bätellet	+46 303-600 10		
Mollösund h'Emma	+46 304-211 75		
Mollösunds Vårdshus	+46 304-211 08		
Nösundsgården	+46 304-209 99		
Pater Noster Hamnerö	+46 304-60 10 00		
Rönning Fisklädan	+46 304-67 28 55		

Legend:

● Suitable landing zone, position in lat/long according to WGS 84

Wind shelter indicator

Dark grey zone = Good shelter
Light grey zone = Some shelter



This example gives shelter for winds from south, southwest and west. Limited shelter for southeast and northwest, no shelter for other winds

TC Dry toilet and garbage disposal station

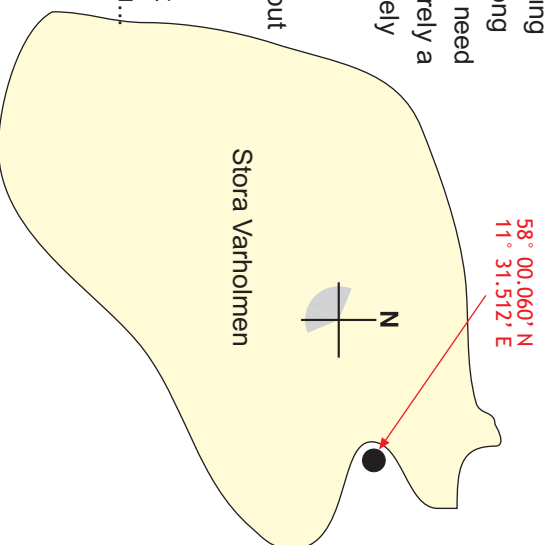
Drinking water

The places indicated in the map on page 2 are yacht guest harbours. Their water taps are primary for paying guests, but limited quantities can normally be had for free.

Stora Varholmen Tjörn

A bit of an emergency camping site, but there is nothing wrong with the view. And if you don't need shelter from a storm, but merely a summer breeze, you will surely sleep well here

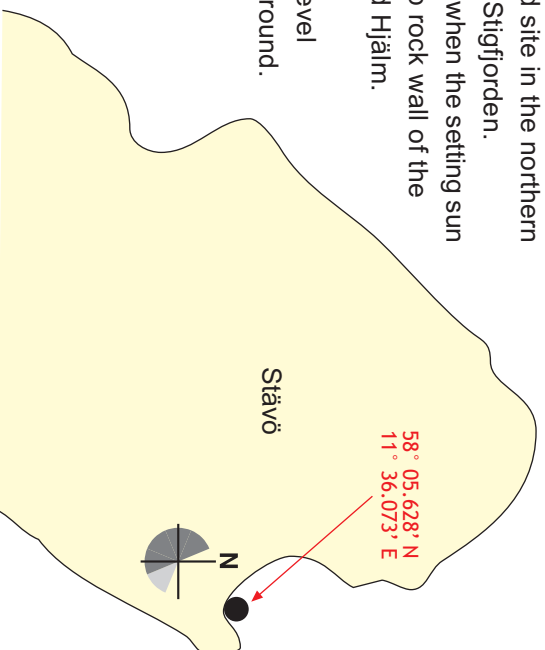
Landing zone is a bit rocky but OK. The camping ground is not the smoothest and there is a bit of a gradient too. But you can't have it all, can you...



Stävö

Good and protected site in the northern part of the exciting Stigfjorden. Impressive scenery when the setting sun shines on the steep rock wall of the neighbouring island Hjälms.

Landing on sand, level and soft camping ground.

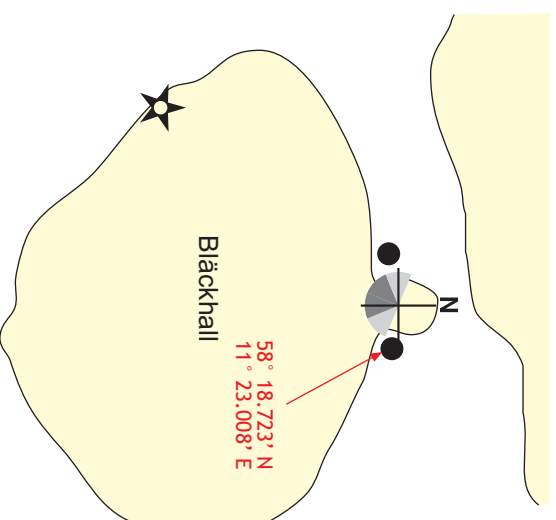


Bläckhall

The dramatic southwest wall of this island may seem unfriendly, but on the northern side is a nice spot.

Do take a walk to the top of the island, it is not that hard, and the view is spectacular.

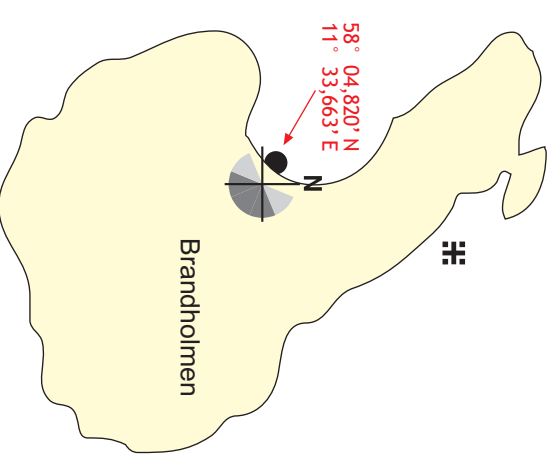
Easy landing on sand beach. Camping on level and soft ground.



Brandholmen

The beautiful and for kayaks well suited Stigfjorden has many good camping sites, but mostly with shelter for winds from south and west. Should your winds come from east to south instead, the Brandholmen will be a good choice. It's a nice island anyway, with good rocks for sunbathing and a nice view from the top.

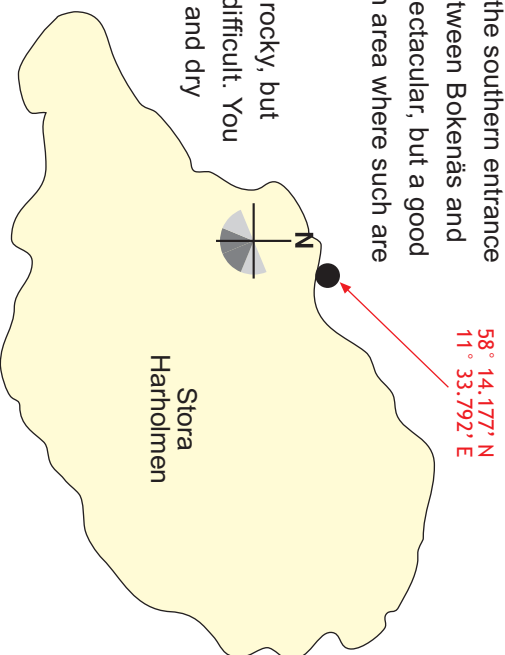
Landing on sand and gravel beach, camping on level and dry grass.



Stora Harholmen

Nice island just by the southern entrance to the channels between Bokenäs and Skaffö. Nothing spectacular, but a good camping spot in an area where such are a bit hard to find..

The beach is a bit rocky, but landing is still not difficult. You can camp on level and dry ground.

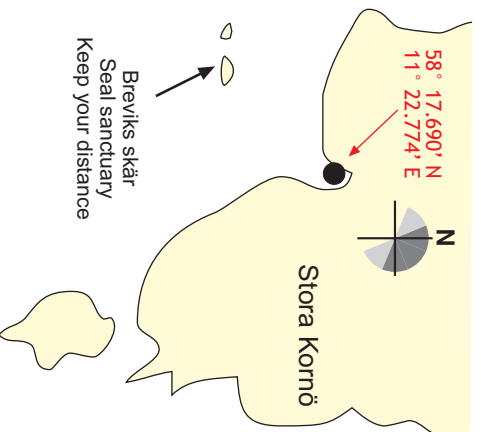


Stora Kornö Brevik

What an island! It has it all, sheltered and green areas as well as barren rocks and rubble fields. Early summer nights, you can hear the nightingales. Unusual rock formations just north of the landing spot, see if you can find the "Great Rock Snake".

Easy landing on gravel beach, camping on level and dry ground. A bit of a walk between the landing and most sheltered camping.

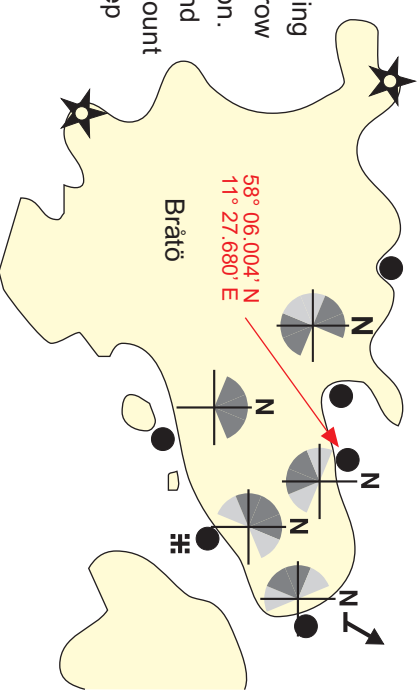
Seal sanctuary on the neighbouring islets. Take a look, but don't come close.



Bråtö

This island's west side is particularly pleasant, the beautiful passage Kräkesundsgap can be seen closely (walk to the northwest point). A cholera cemetery from the middle of the 1800's can be seen.

Landing is a bit muddy at some spots, rocky at others. Best landing where the red arrow shows the position. Camp on level and dry ground, but count on plenty of sheep droppings

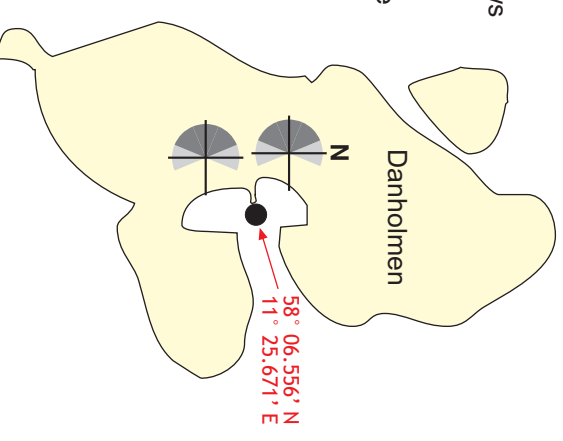


Danholmen

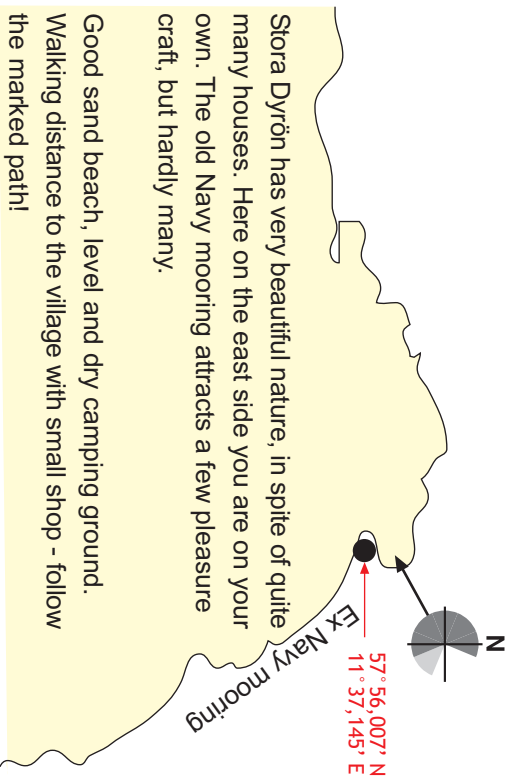
Nice surrounding waters would make Danholmen your choice. Stunning views from the top of the island.

Landing best on the rocky point in the middle of the bay, see the map

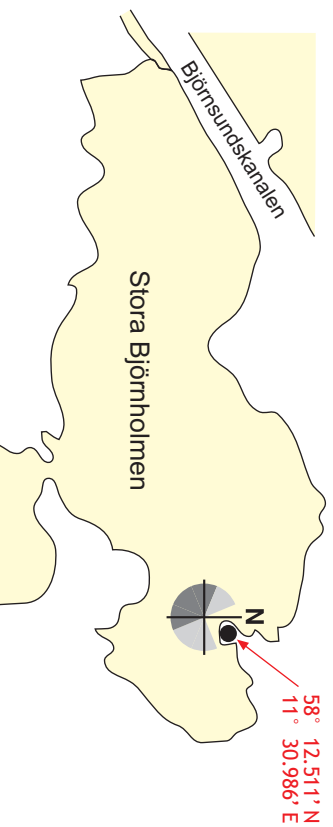
Camping ground is good but not entirely level.



Stora Dyrön



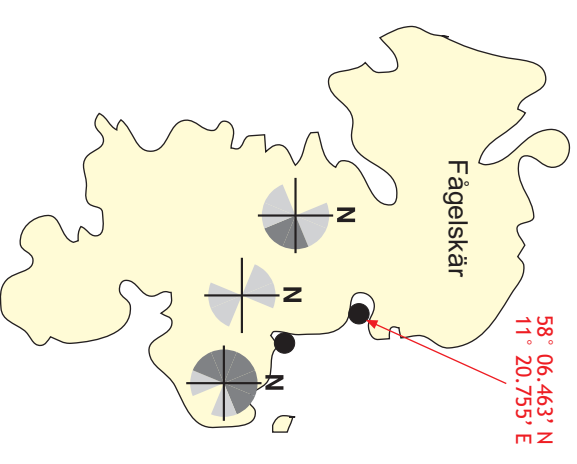
Stora Björholmen



The Björnsund canal was, just as the Söte canal further north, part of a Government programme to reduce unemployment during the 1930s. The canal was built 1937-43. It boasts Sweden's strongest tidal streams, over 4 knots at spring tides.

Easy landing on sandy beach, although a bit muddy at low water. Camping on reasonably level and dry ground.

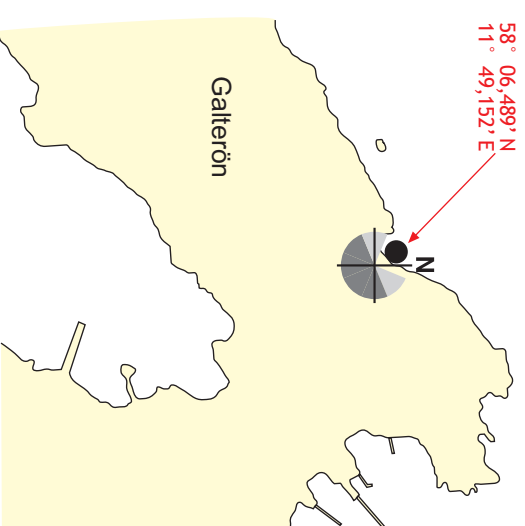
Fågelskär



An exciting island with an almost magic aura, with nothing but the horizon beyond it. Infamous for numerous shipwrecks. Beware of strong currents around the island.

You can land at the southern marking, but it is easier at the northern. The east camping site is the most sheltered, but is becoming overgrown with bush. The northwest camping site is the smoothest and most inviting.

Galterön



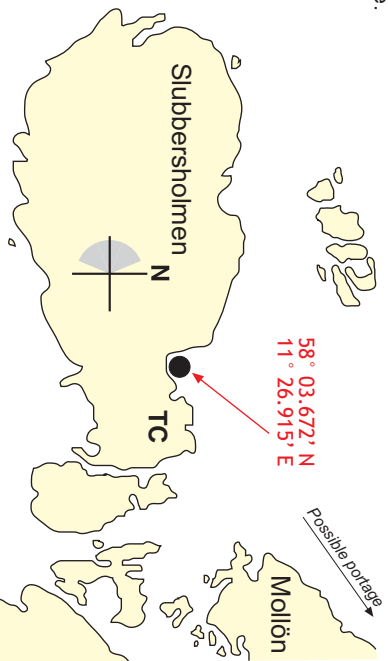
Herea you are close to populated areas and a main fairway, but still pretty much on your own

Landing on sand and gravel. Camping on level and dry grass. If winds are very strong, find more shelter in the woods.

Slubbersholmen

The island is much used by bathers and the wind shelter is very limited. But the white sand beach is beautiful, and so is the flowery meadows right next to it, that you can not resist the place anyway. In spite of its limitations, Slubbersholmen is a true gem.

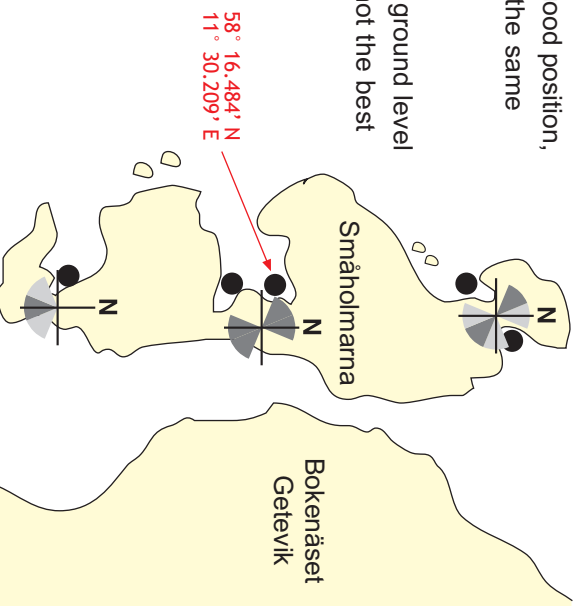
Wind warning: A strong SW-NW breeze (or worse) may prevent you from leaving the place by kayak. If this happens, you can make a portage across Mollön. It is not trouble-free, but possible.



Småholmarna Gullmarn

Tempting island with a good position, sunrise and sunset on the same spots.

Easy landing, camping ground level and soft. Windshefter not the best but usually sufficient.

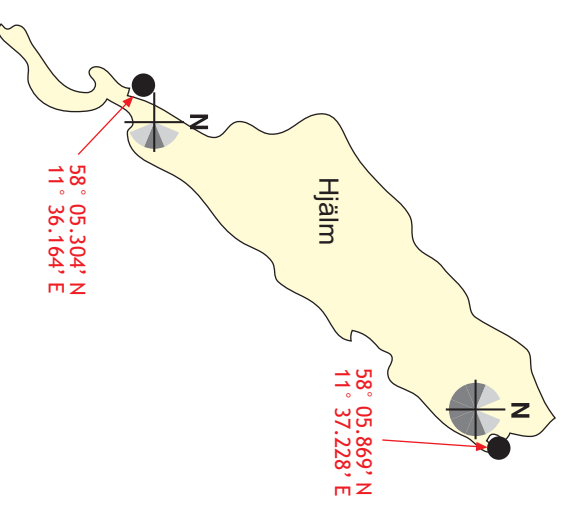


Hjälme

Hjälme is most known for its dramatic northeast wall, over which you sometimes can see the white-tailed sea eagles. But there are lower parts of the island as well, suited for landing.

Northeast: Easy landing on sand, level and dry camping ground for several tents.

Southwest: Landing on sand or gravel, level and dry camping on small grass spot

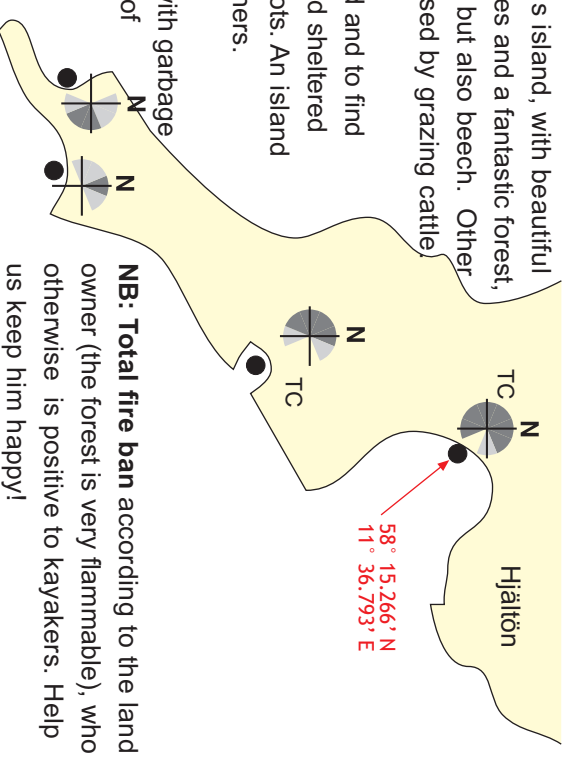


Hjälton

A marvellous island, with beautiful sand beaches and a fantastic forest, mostly pine but also beech. Other areas are used by grazing cattle.

Easy to land and to find dry, level and sheltered camping spots. An island for all weathers.

Dry toilets with garbage cans in two of the bays.

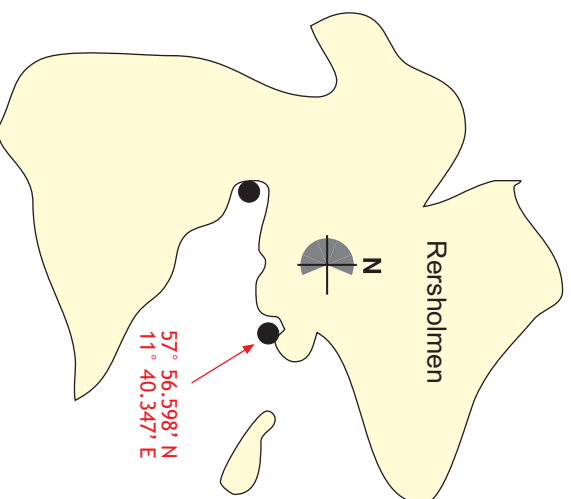


NB: Total fire ban according to the land owner (the forest is very flammable), who otherwise is positive to kayakers. Help us keep him happy!

Rersholmen

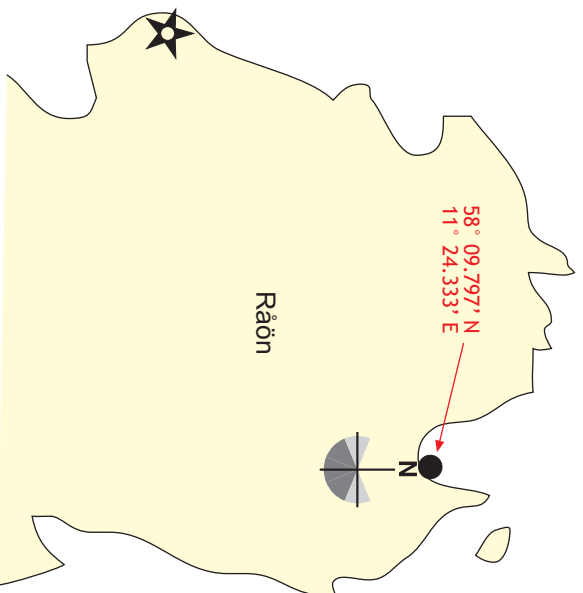
A good alternative when the water is low and thus difficult to land on the neighbouring Lilla Dyrön. Rersholmen is nice and inviting in it's own right

Easy landings. Camping on good ground, reasonably soft and level.



Råön

This site lies by a beautiful narrow passage. Other parts of the island are inhabited, but here you are far from all houses. Both the landing and the camping ground it leaves a few things to be desired, but they are useable and enjoyable.



The Right of Public Access

Sweden's traditional Right of Public Access means that you can freely be in the forests, on waters, islands and other non-cultivated land, even when it is privately owned, as long as you cause no damage or disturbance to people, animals or plants. There are, however, rules and limitations you must obey.

Innocent passage

You can walk in the forest, on an island or other non-cultivated land, but not on cultivated and or someone's garden. You can travel on all lakes and the open sea, you can swim in the water unless the opposite is clearly stated.

Wild berries

You can pick wild berries, but not cultivated crops, cultivated fruit or protected species.

Camp fires

Fires are allowed in principle, but you must be very careful! You are always **fully responsible** for the consequences of your fire.

You can use driftwood, dead fallen trees and dead branches on the ground as fire wood. **You must not harm standing trees in any way.** During summer draughts there is often a general fire ban. See information at our station.

If there is no fire ban and the conditions are right, use existing fire rings or make your fire on the beach, below the high water line. Never make fires on solid rock or on grass.

Camping

You can camp for one night, even on private land, providing it is not cultivated land or a house garden. Note that groups larger than a normal family also should have the landowner's permission. The campers must keep out of sight from the landowner's house. Roads/paths used by the landowner must not be blocked.

Grass needs to recover after being compressed by a tent. Avoid spots where a tent stood the previous night. Camp as far away from other campers as possible.

Toilets

Use public toilets (f.ex. in the guest harbours) when possible. Use the dry closets you find on many islands (ask us!). If there is no such facility at hand, dig catholes or cover your fecals with rocks.

Consider the **Foot Rule**: Another person should be able to put his/her foot where you just dug a hole, without even noticing. To avoid bad odours at frequently used sites, urinate directly into the sea or below the high water line.

Garbage

Bring back what you brought out! Sort your garbage and leave it at the Recycling Stations, for example at Stockens Camping.

Wild life reserves

Respect the rules in protected areas. N.B. there are bird and seal reserves, which you are not allowed to visit at all during specified seasons (some the entire year), and that this ban include the nearest surrounding waters.

Birds and seals

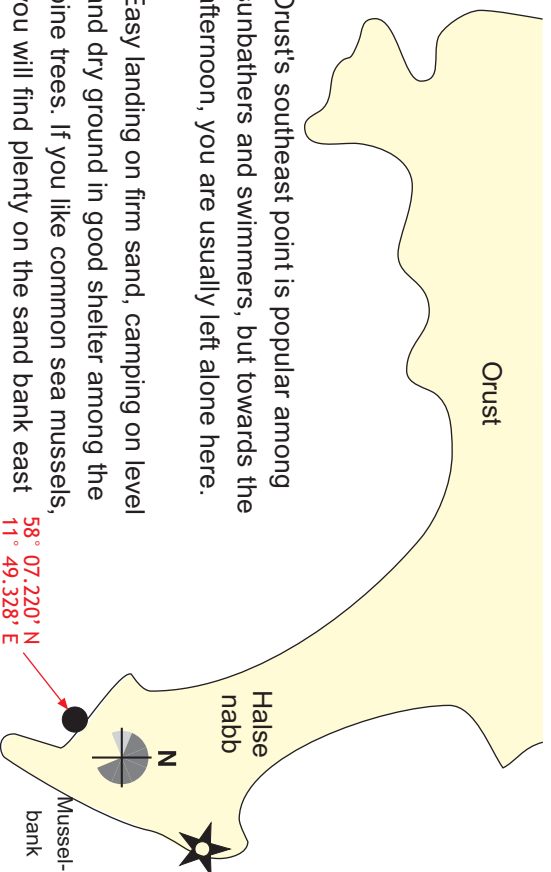
Watch their behaviour: If they seem aggressive, you are too close.

Stay clear of birds with young chicks, make a distinct detour so they can see you intentions. Some birds, for example swans, get very nervous if you do not leave them a free escape upwind.

If you scare a nesting bird, leave the site immediately, so the bird can return to nest the eggs.

Seals need their hours in the sun, stay well clear and do not paddle straight towards them, avoid sudden moves and loud noise. The harbour seals (the kind we have here) get their pups during the summer, then be even more careful.
Show the animals this consideration even outside their reserves.

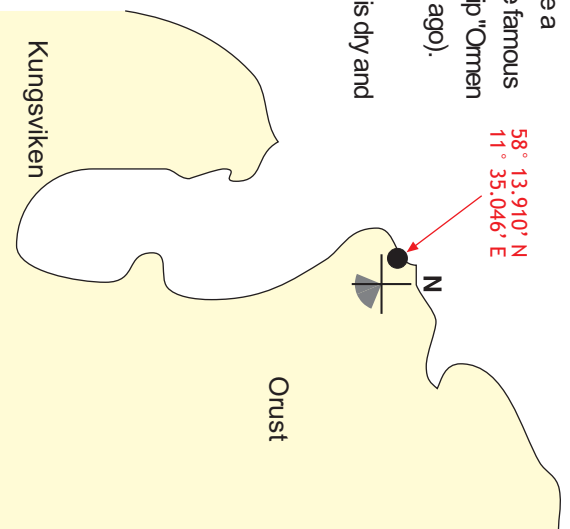
Orust Halse nabb



Orust's southeast point is popular among sunbathers and swimmers, but towards the afternoon, you are usually left alone here.

Easy landing on firm sand, camping on level and dry ground in good shelter among the pine trees. If you like common sea mussels, you will find plenty on the sand bank east of the rocky headland.

Orust Kungsviken

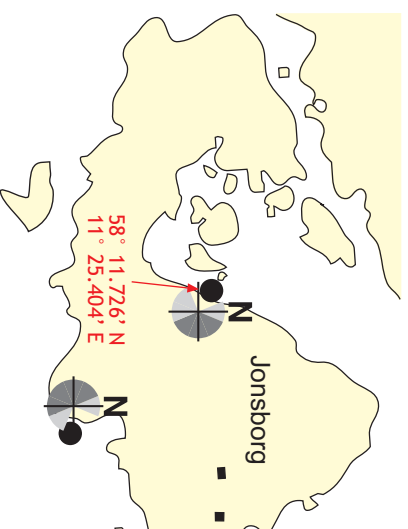


A minimal camping spot, almost like a mountaineer's ledge, just outside the famous Kungsviken (where the Viking longship "Ormen Långe" was built some 1000 years ago).

Landing on sand. Camping ground is dry and level. Wind shelter limited.

Jonsborg

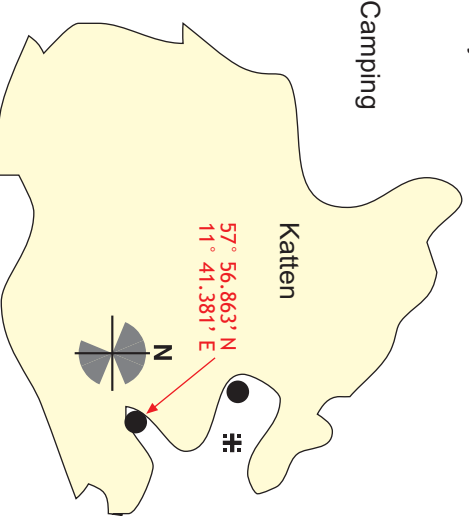
Beautifully situated very close to the infamous Islandsberg passage, but still well sheltered. Jonsborg lies just where you may need it!



The island is primarily used by grazing sheep, and you must show them lots of consideration. In the southeast bay, choose a camping spot close to the beach.

Good landings on sand or gravel. Camping on level and dry ground.

Katten



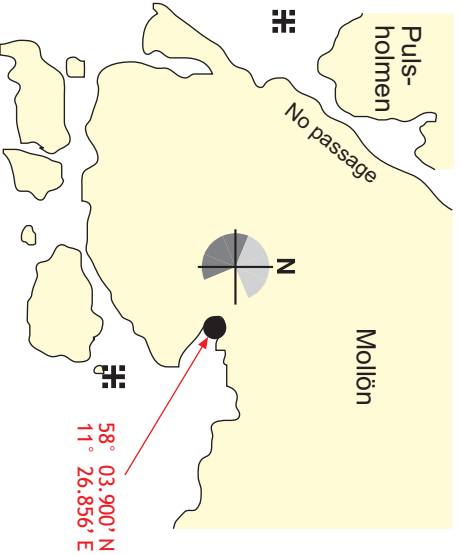
Much visited but nice island. Most daytime bathers leave before dinner!

Easy landing on sandy beach. Camping ground level, dry and soft.

Warning: Risk of heavy swells from passing freighters and tugboats.

Mollön west

The nearby Slubbersholmen is often a bit too crowded, but it is likely you will find this spot free. The camping site as such is just ordinary, but the views! The views!

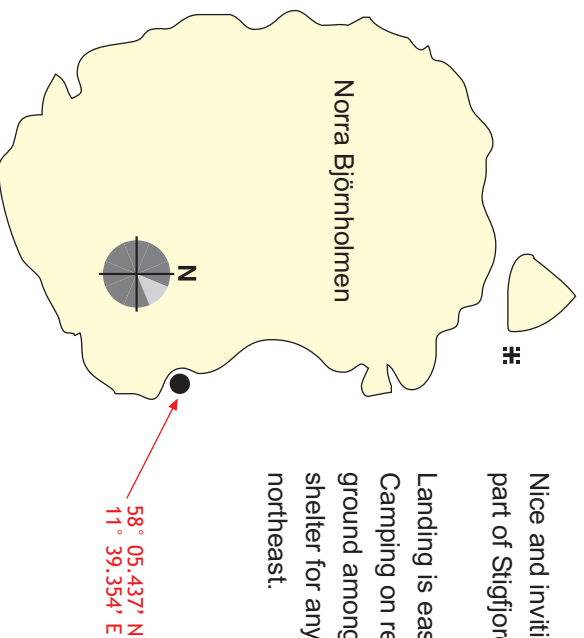


Landing on sand and gravel. Camping on soft and reasonably level ground.

Norra Björnholmen

Nice and inviting island in the inner part of Stigfjorden.

Landing is easy on gravel beaches. Camping on reasonably level and dry ground among the trees. Excellent shelter for any wind direction except northeast.



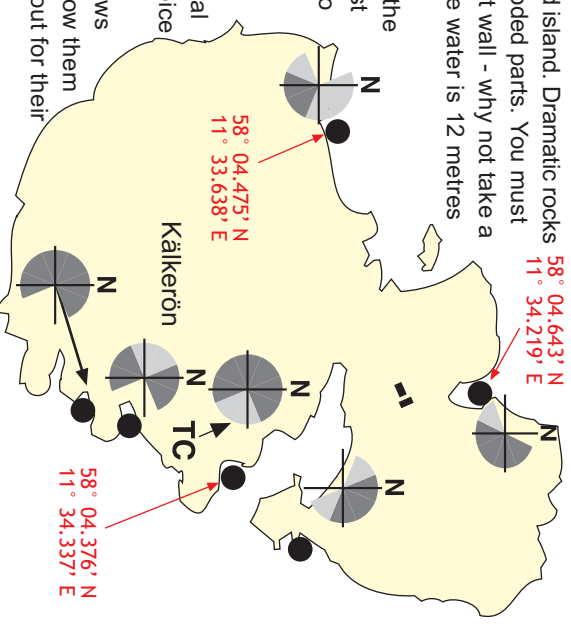
Kälkerön

A most beautiful and varied island. Dramatic rocks see the vertical southwest wall - why not take a swim and jump from it, the water is 12 metres deep.

Lots of pleasure boats in the southeast bay, but the rest of the island is often left to the kayakers.

Good landings and camping ground on several spots, just make your choice according to the wind.

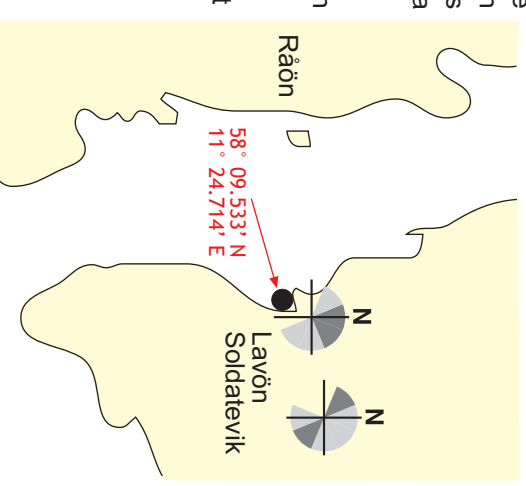
Sheep and sometimes cows are grazing the island, show them consideration and watch out for their droppings...



Lavön Soldatevik

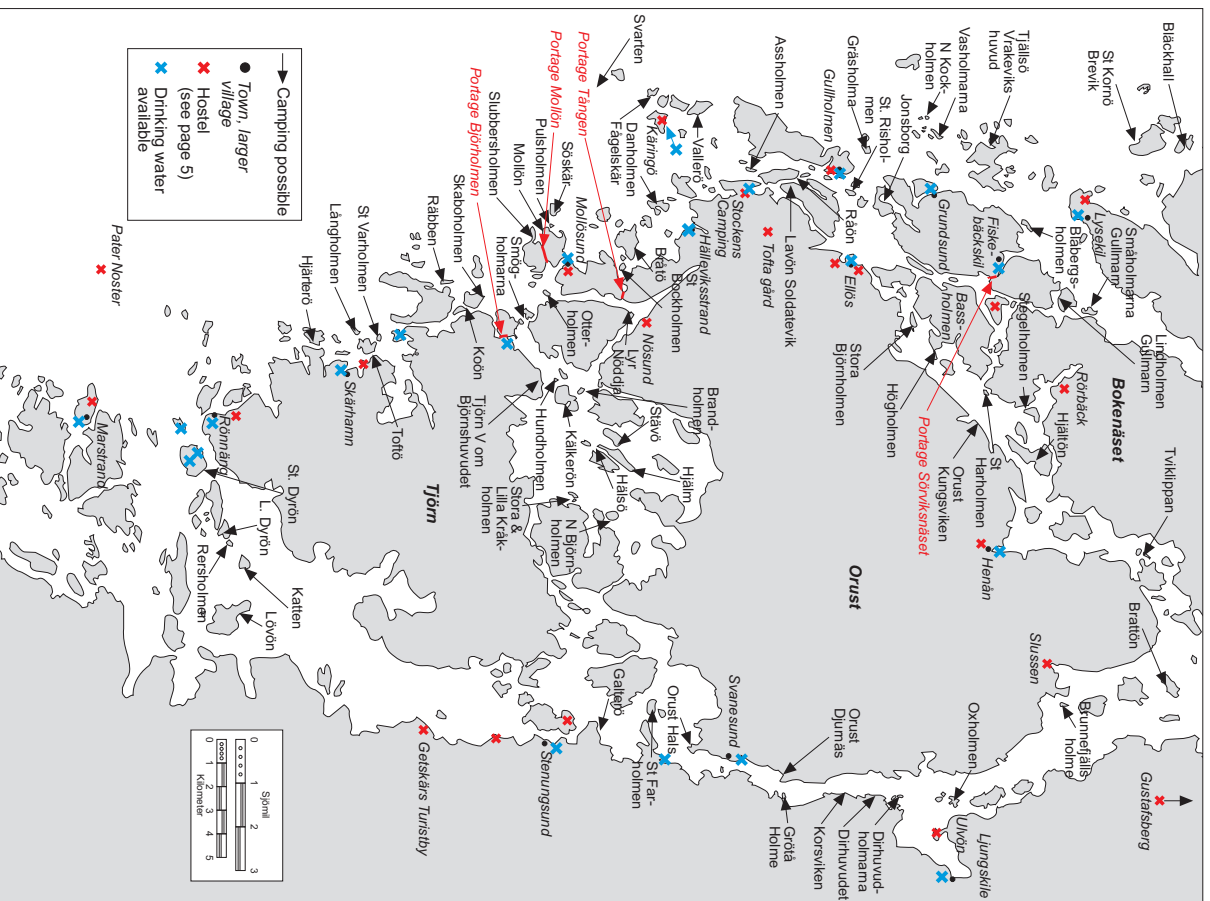
Local folklore says there was a battle here, between Swedish and Danish soldiers (The name means Soldier's bay). This may be true or not, it is a nice and friendly place to stay.

Landing on firm sand. Camping on level and dry ground just by the water, or 50 metres further east, where a small hill makes the spot rain proof.



The area Marstrand-Lysekil

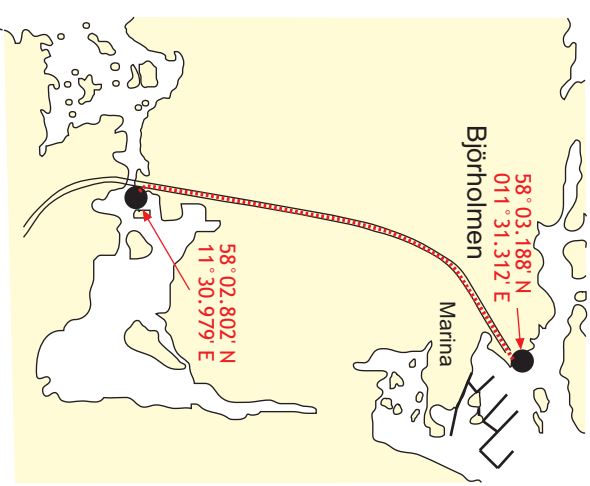
See the following list and detail maps.
NB: The detail maps are not to scale



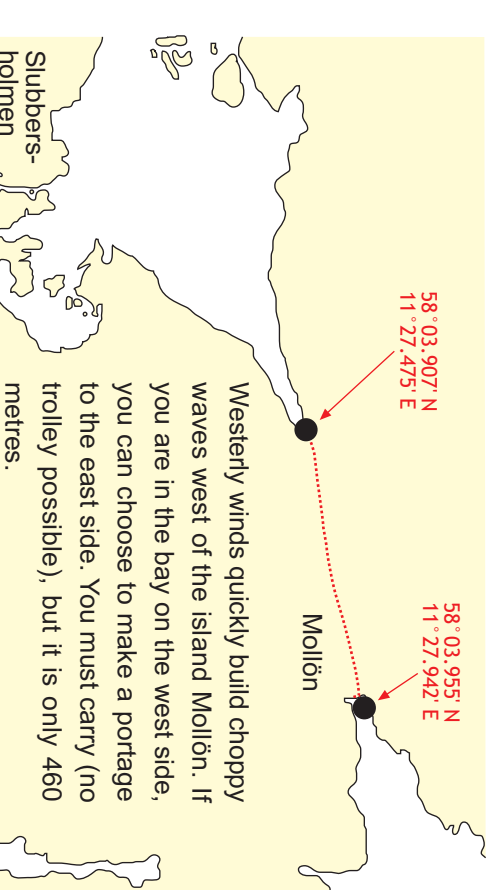
Portage by the Björholmen peninsula

The Kråkefjorden, west of the islands Tjörn/Lyr, can be rather choppy during strong westerly winds. Avoid the waves by making a portage by the village Björholmen, perhaps in combination with passing east of the island Lyr and making a portage by Tängen as well.

Distance on land is 830 metres on good road, easy for a kayak trolley.
Southern landing/launching spot is just **east** of the bridge.



Portage over the Mollön island



Marstrand-Lysekil: Here it begins

Marstrand to Orust

Of course there are nice places south of **Marstrand**, but it feels as if the "real" Bohuslän begins here. In northeast are the islands **Lila Dyrön**, **Älgön** and **Brattön**, forming their own inland sea. You can go to the northwest to seek out the exciting **Pater Noster** archipelago. You can of course also go straight up north in Bohuslän. If the wind is strong, you can avoid most of the choppy waves of **Marstrandsfjorden** by sneaking out through the **Albrektsunds canal** and then turn north through **Mittsund** or the **Insjö** channel. Nice passages you can choose even in their own right.

Leaving **Marstrandsfjorden** you pass the western shores of **Tjörn** with small towns such as **Skärhamn** and **Rönnäng**, and of course a rich and varied archipelago. It is rather densely populated and the boat traffic is sometimes dense, but a shallow draught boat can find seclusion, if desired. A beautiful inner fairway through the **Hjärterö** channel gives good shelter even in very strong winds, the outer fairway passing **Vannholmarna** or inside of **Flatö** can be used in calmer conditions.

The island **Härön** also makes you choose between an inner and an outer passage. The inner, **Kyrkesund**, is picturesque and sheltered. The outer passage is also very nice, in particular **Härön** itself and the island **Alnarholmen** just west thereof. North of **Härön** you can turn in to **Stegfjorden**, the inland sea between **Orust**, **Lyr** and **Tjörn**. **Stegfjorden** is a very interesting nature reserve, with many shallow parts, where only kayaks, canoes and dinghies can travel. The shallow sections are home grounds for several kinds of wading birds, and sometimes you can see the white-tailed sea eagles circle above...

Orust to Lysekil

On the west side of **Orust** there are small towns such as **Mollösund** and **Hälleviksstrand**, but also a nice archipelago with countless islands. The short but turbulent passage **Kräksundsöppan** can be ducked by choosing the sheltered channel **Bockholmshålet**. If the weather is fair you may head out to **Käringön**, **Vallérö** and other islands in the west, barren but breathtakingly beautiful. There is a sheltered

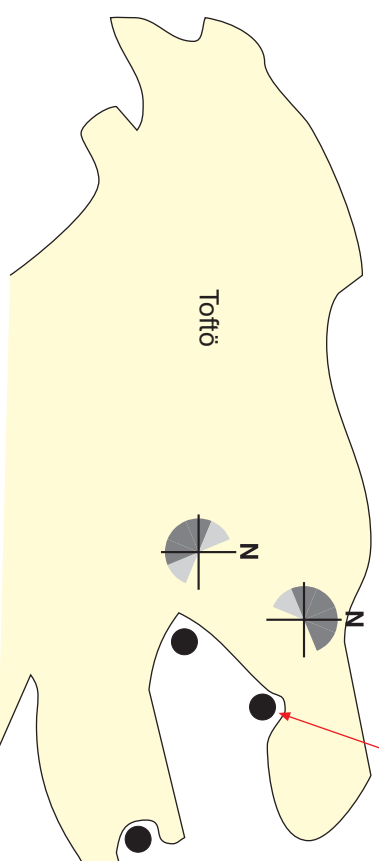
alternative, passing **Porsnäs** point and then east of **Härmanö**. The boat traffic in the **Härmanö** channel is sometimes very dense, a kayak or another small boat can take the passage east of **Råön**, passing the village **Stooken**. The island **Härmanö** is well worth seeing, in particular the "kayak archipelago" (too shallow for others), a maze of islets around its southern, uninhabited part. On the north end of **Härmanö** is the village **Gullholmen**.

Further north thereof comes the infamous passage passing **Islandsberg**, a short stretch of water open to the west and southwest. Vertical rocks create waves reflections, very unpleasant and turbulent even in moderate winds. If you wish to avoid this, you can choose the peaceful channels inside **Skatfö**; **Snäckedjupet** or **Malö Strömmar** and **Nordströmmarna**. A detour if you are going north, but very beautiful and sheltered, a good choice even if the weather does not force you. The island **Bassholmen** must be recommended, with a charming landscape, a boat museum and a "vandrarhän" (hostel). If you instead choose to challenge the **Islandsberg**, you are rewarded with staying in the most singular archipelago around the island of **Gåsö**. On you way north, this is where the famous red granite begins. Don't miss the small island **Silbysan** by **Stenskär**, perhaps the most rounded rocks along the coast. They arouse associations with something completely different...

Gullnarn is said to be Sweden's only proper fjord, a sea bay with a shallow "threshold" and deep waters inside it. But between **Gullnarn** and the **Soten** peninsula you will see the names **Brofjorden** and **Äbyfjorden**, they too are well worth a visit. In the inner part of **Gullnarn** there are the nice **Bornö** islands. In **Brofjorden** there is a refinery and a commercial oil harbour, but also the beautiful nature reserve **Ryxö**.

One of the many fine islands west of Tjörn. Somewhat tricky to land, but the camping spots are level and soft.

Toftö

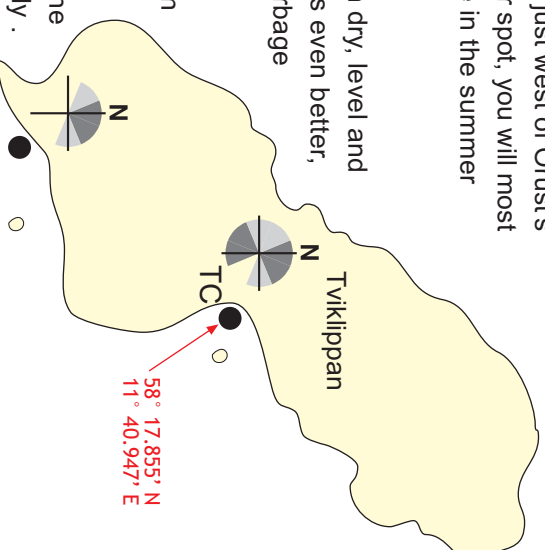


Twiklippan

Wooded and friendly island just west of Orust's northernmost point. Popular spot, you will most probably not be alone here in the summer months

Easy landings, camping on dry, level and soft ground. To make things even better, there is a dry toilet with garbage cans.

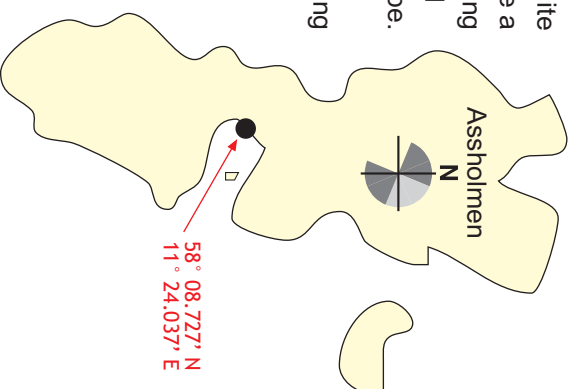
There are fire rings you can use, but be extra careful, as the moss and the pine tree needles which cover the ground catch fire very easily.



Assholmen

Not the best of our camping spots, but quite OK and situated in an area where you are a bit short of good alternatives. There is nothing wrong with the view over the fairway and pleasant surrounding archipelago landscape.

Landing is somewhat rocky, so is the camping ground, but fully useable.

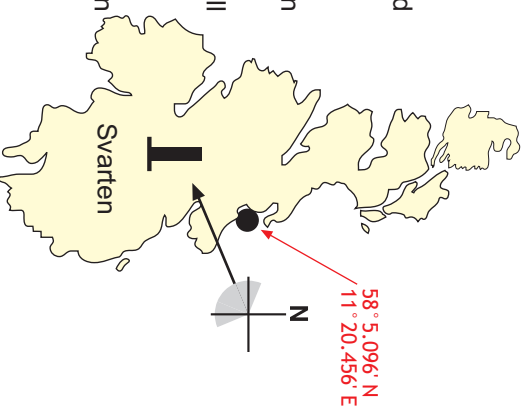


Svarten

A small islet in the middle of the ocean - little shelter, but a spectacular position. Expect no mercy from the weather here, and be prepared for strong currents

But a quiet summer night you can enjoy these beautiful waters, a tiny sand beach and a good shell bank to pitch your tent on.

Land on sand or flat rock, tent on shell bank.

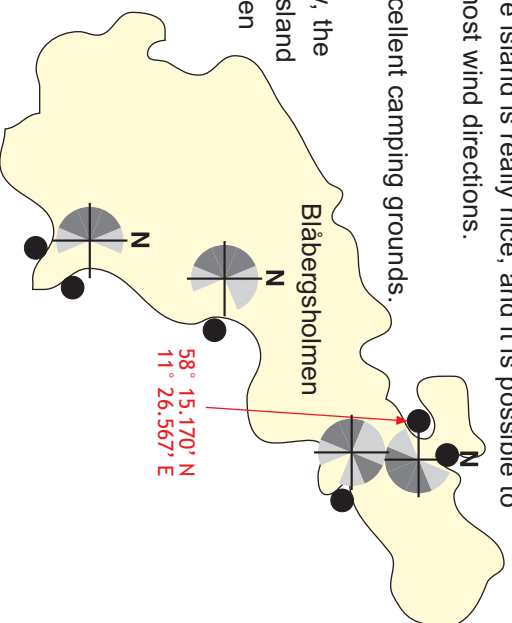


Blåbergsholmen

A popular island, maybe a bit too close to the Kristineberg Marine Biology station. But the island is really nice, and it is possible to find wind shelter for most wind directions.

Easy landings and excellent camping grounds.

When the water is low, the channel south of the island can be too shallow even for kayaks.

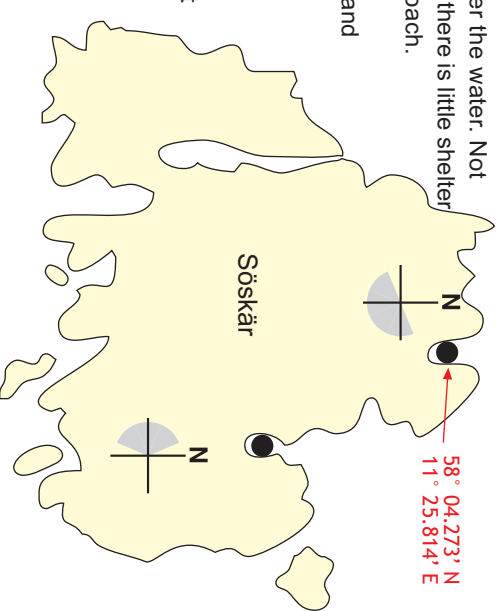


Söskär

Beautiful and somewhat peculiar island. Lots of flat rocks over and under the water. Not suited for strong winds, as there is little shelter on the island and its approach.

Landing is easy on rocks and some sand; the southern landing somewhat muddy at low waters.

Camping on level and soft ground, but with almost no shelter.

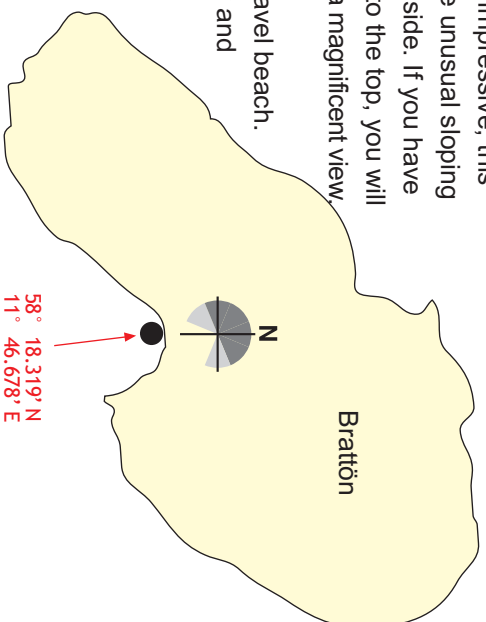


Brattön

Remarkably high and impressive, this island - don't miss the unusual sloping rock field on the west side. If you have the energy for a walk to the top, you will be well rewarded with a magnificent view.

Landing on a good gravel beach.

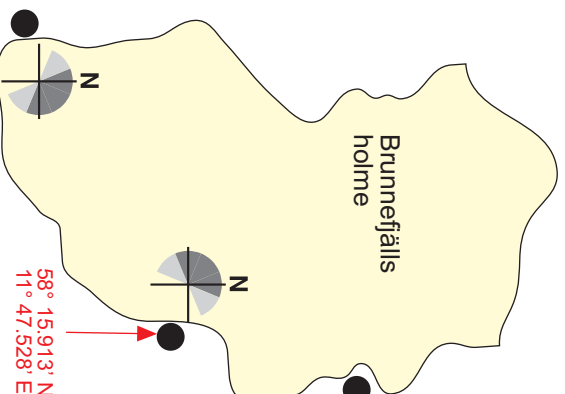
Camping on level, dry and soft ground.



Brunnefälls holme

Friendly and inviting island on the east side of Orust. Offers good landing and camping in an area where such spots are few. Many bathers in the daytime, but they usually leave before the night. And if you have grown tired of the wild life, it is not far to Slussens Pensionat, a restaurant with good food and very good music bands.

Landing on sand or gravel, camping on level and dry ground.

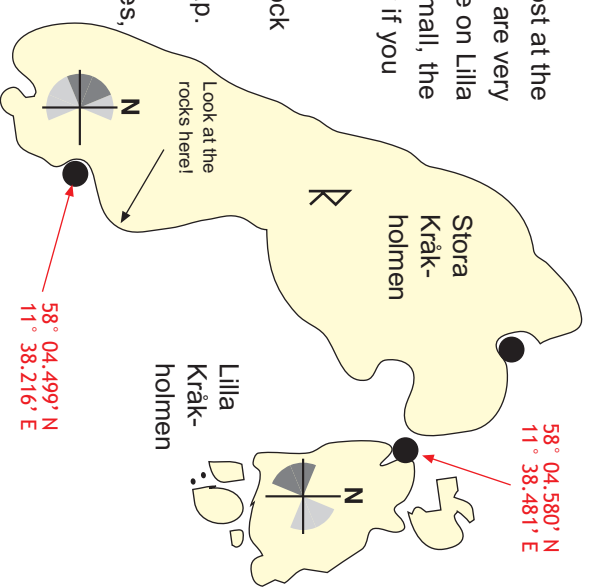


Stora och Lilla Kråkholmen

The Kråkholmarna, almost at the bottom of the Stigfjorden, are very nice and inviting. The site on Lilla Kråk is very sweet but small, the site on Stora Kråk better if you need space.

Unusual and beautiful rock formations on Stora Kråkholmen, see the map.

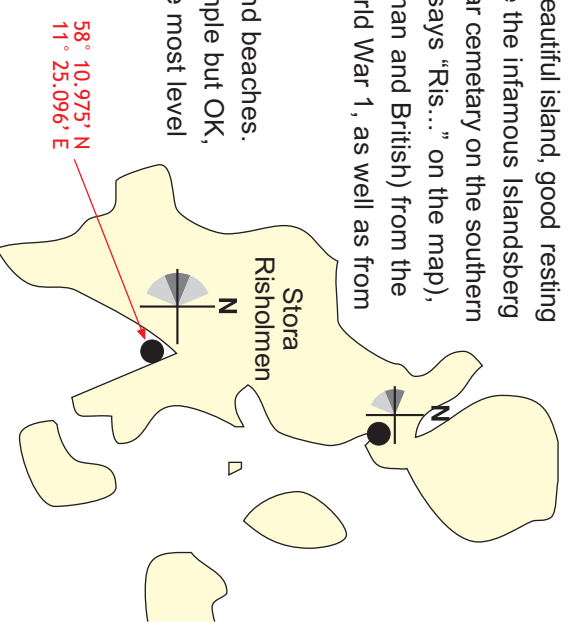
Landing on good beaches, camping on firm and level grounds.



Stora Risholmen

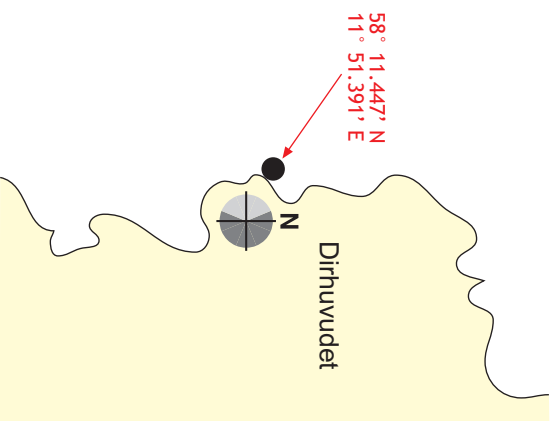
A good position and a beautiful island, good resting point before you tackle the infamous Islandsberg passage. Interesting war cemetery on the southern part (approx. where it says "Ris..." on the map), with tombstones (German and British) from the Skagerak Battle of World War 1, as well as from Worlds War 2.

Landing is easy on sand beaches. Camping ground is simple but OK, the souther spot is the most level and soft.



Dirhuvudet

A good place on the mainland, east of Orust. The spot is used by many campers, so it is bit worn. But it is still nice, and the beautiful bathing rocks can take a lot of wear...

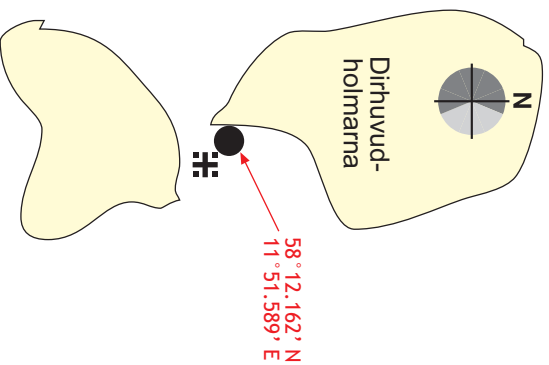


Easy landing on sand or gravel. Level and dry camping ground. The terrain and the forest gives very good shelter for easterly winds.

Dirhuvudholmarna

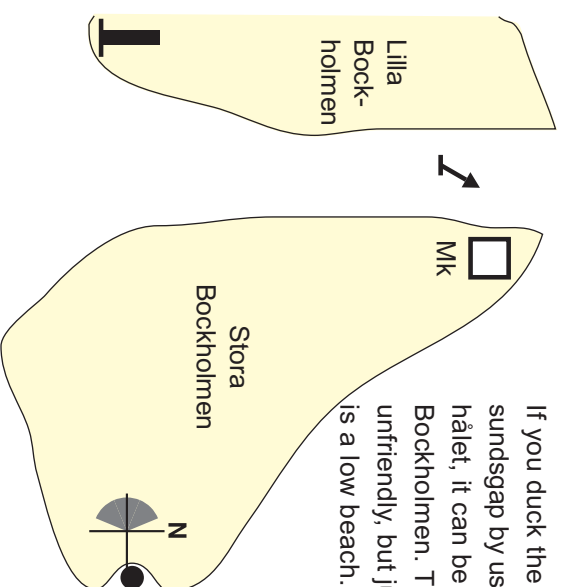
Inviting islands, in spite of the nearness to inhabited areas they still give a bit of wilderness feeling. Many bathers in the daytime, but they seldom stay long.

Landing on a good beach, sand and gravel. Camping on level and dry grounds.



Stora Bockholmen

If you duck the choppy passage Kråkesundsgap by using the channel Bockholmshållet, it can be a good idea to stop at Bockholmen. The islands west side looks unfriendly, but just around the corner there is a low beach.

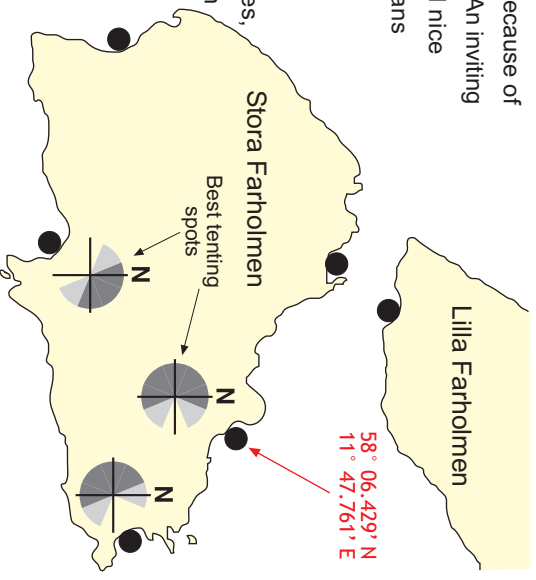


Easy landing on sand or gravel. The camping ground is not the smoothest, but level and dry.

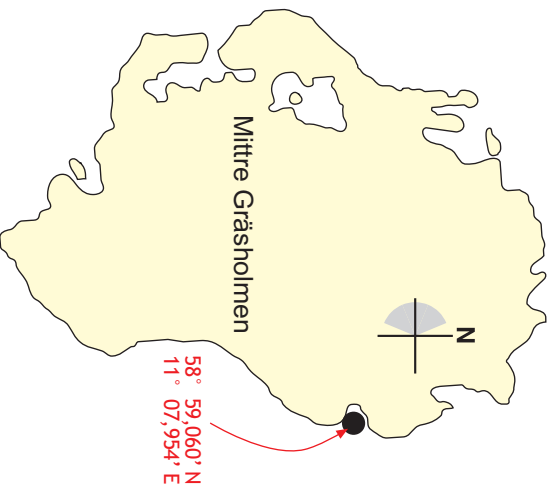
Stora Farholmen

Rich bird-life, mostly eiders, because of the surrounding mussel beds. An inviting island with lots of shelter and nice spots for bathers - which means there are many bathers here in the daytime.

Easy landing on sand beaches, level, dry and soft camping in the pine forest. On the east side, some disturbing noise and lights from the refineries in Stenungsund.



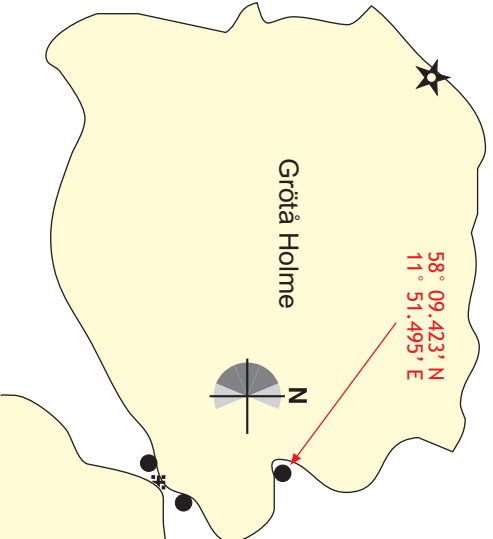
Gräsholmen



Gräsholmarna lies unsheltered but tempting, right west of the dreaded Islandsberg passage. The islands are barren and mostly the home of seagulls. Wind shelter? Forget it. But when the weather permits, it is a delight to be out here.

Landing on sand/gravel, carry your kayak to the mussle shell bank. Camping on reasonably smooth grass, although with a bit of a gradient .

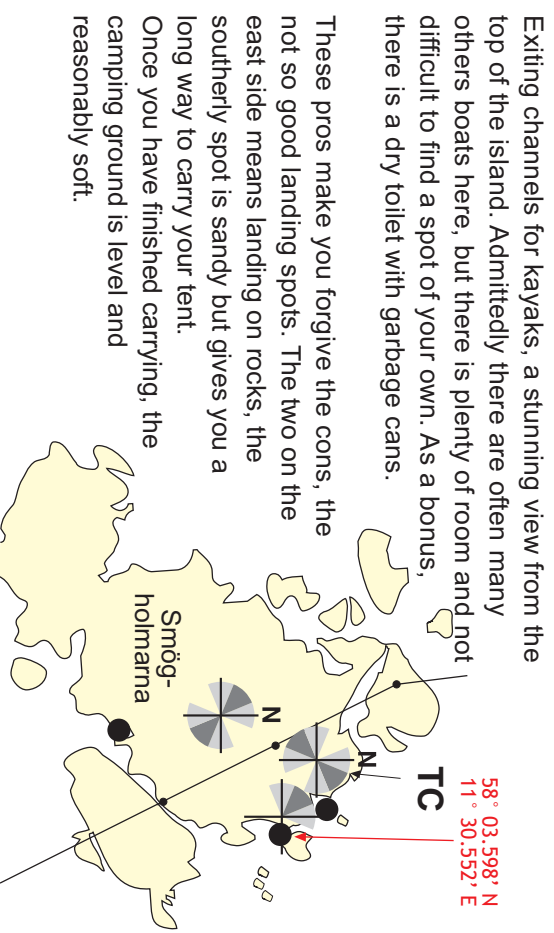
Grötå holme



A nice island without houses, which makes it well suited for free camping. Rocks on the west side very good for taking a swim.

Best landing on both sides of the narrow spit of land between the island and the mainland, but the somewhat rocky landing by the red arrow is closer to the camping ground. You can pitch your tent on level and dry grass.

Smögholmarna

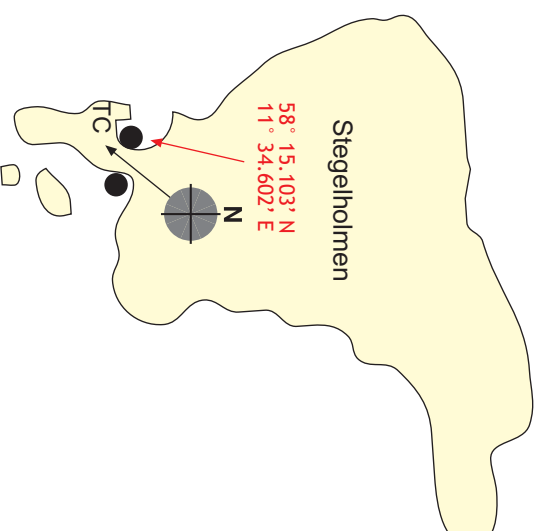


Exiting channels for kayaks, a stunning view from the top of the island. Admittedly there are often many others boats here, but there is plenty of room and not difficult to find a spot of your own. As a bonus, there is a dry toilet with garbage cans.

These pros make you forgive the cons, the not so good landing spots. The two on the east side means landing on rocks, the southerly spot is sandy but gives you a long way to carry your tent.

Once you have finished carrying, the camping ground is level and reasonably soft.

Stegelholmen



Stegelholmen is a nice combination of dramatic rocks and protecting trees. The island is popular among all kinds of boaters, but big enough to offer privacy when desired.

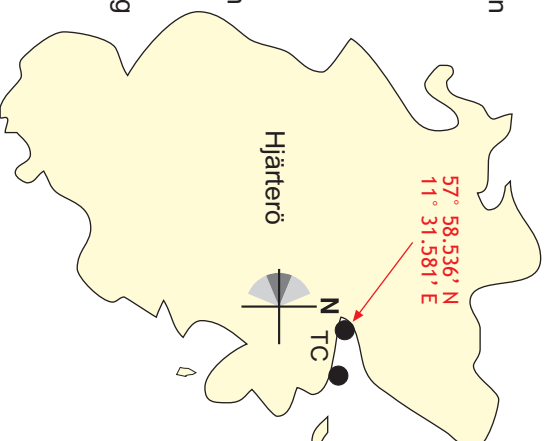
Landing is easy but somewhat muddy at low water. Camping on level and dry ground. Shelter for all winds, if you choose where to pitch your tent. Dry toilet and garbage cans.

Hjärterö

A nice and inviting island, but very popular - you will not be alone here in the summer

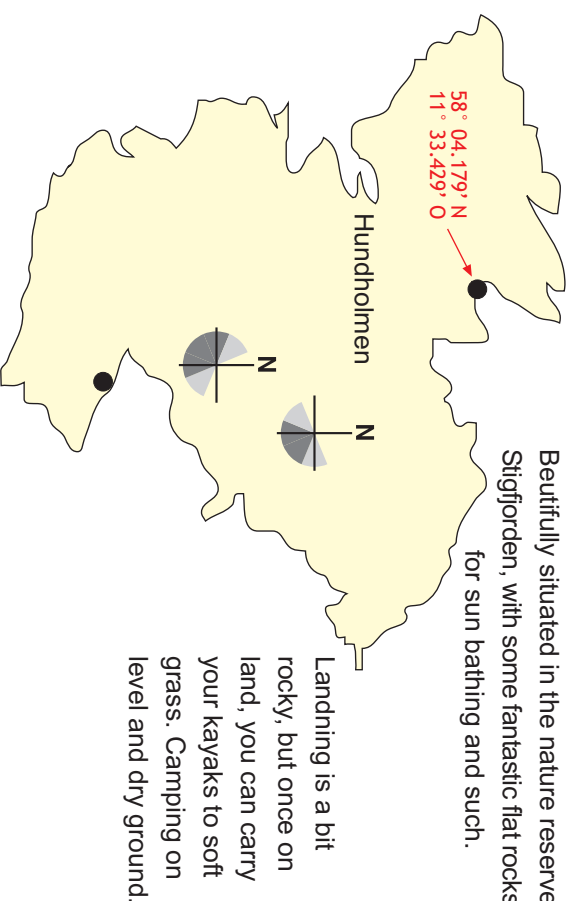
The landing is easy and firm, the camping ground very smooth and level. However, there is little shelter

Beautiful rocks on the west side. On the east side of the island a coastal fairway has one of it's most narrow passages. It can be quite entertaining to watch all the yachts squeeze through...



Hundholmen

Beautifully situated in the nature reserve Stigfjorden, with some fantastic flat rocks for sun bathing and such.



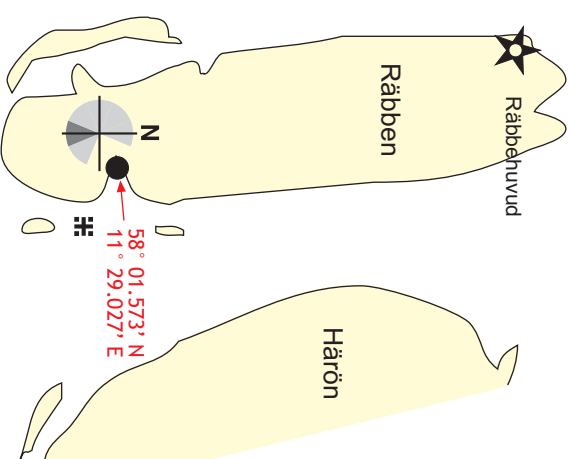
Landing is a bit rocky, but once on land, you can carry your kayaks to soft grass. Camping on level and dry ground.

Räbben

A personal favourite, mostly because of the rock shelf just north of the camping spot, a shelf where you can sit and have your dinner watching the sunset...

A human skeleton has been found in the landing bay, probably a victim of the wreckers who ravaged this area in the 18th and the 19th centuries.

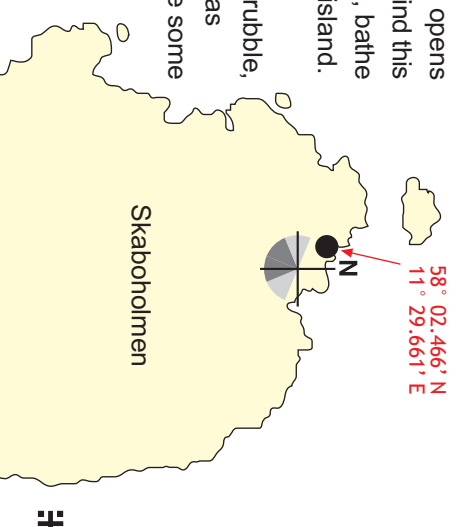
The landing is easy and smooth. The camping spot is dry, level and soft.



Skabholmen

As the channel Kyrkesund opens into the Kråkerfjorden you find this spot, where you can camp, bathe and do walks on this hilly island.

Land on flat rocks among rubble, carry the kayaks up a bit, as passing powerboats create some wash. Camping on dry, soft and reasonably level ground.



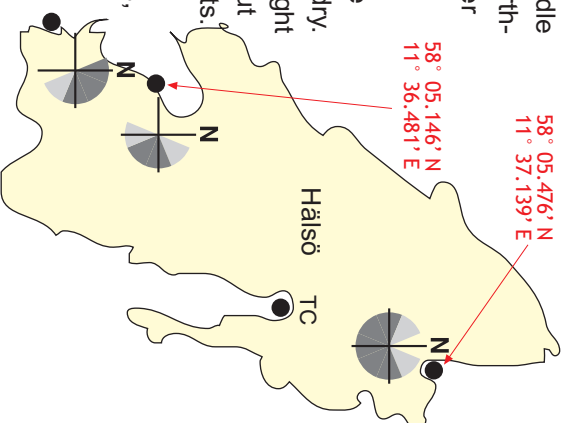
Hälsö

A beautiful and exciting island in the middle of the Stigfjorden. Most known as the birth-place of Hälsö-Johannes, a brutal killer executed on Orust in the late 1800's.

Landing is easy on sand or gravel, the shown camping spots are all level and dry.

You can also pitch a tent on the grass right next to the dry toilet (marked "TC"), but the bay is usually busy with other boats.

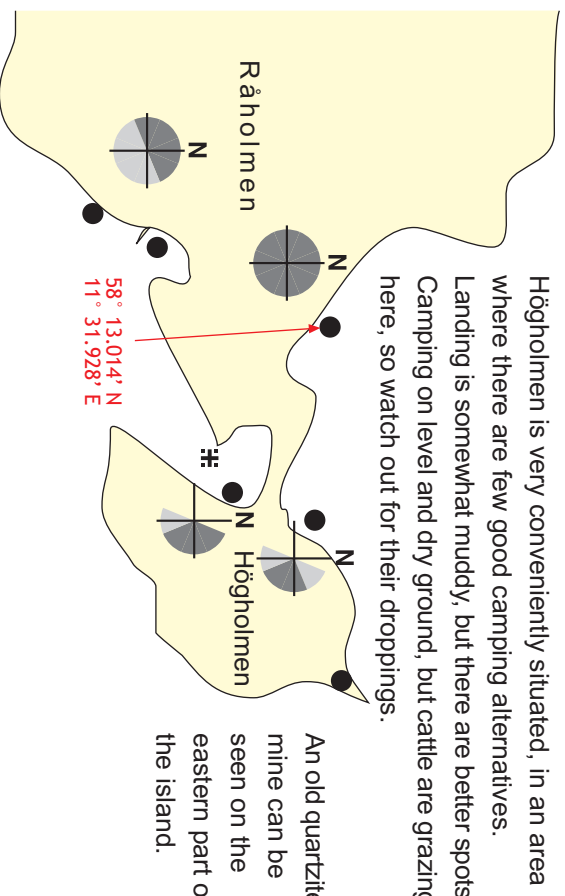
By choosing among the camping sites, you can get shelter for any wind direction.



Högholmen

Högholmen is very conveniently situated, in an area where there are few good camping alternatives. Landing is somewhat muddy, but there are better spots. Camping on level and dry ground, but cattle are grazing here, so watch out for their droppings.

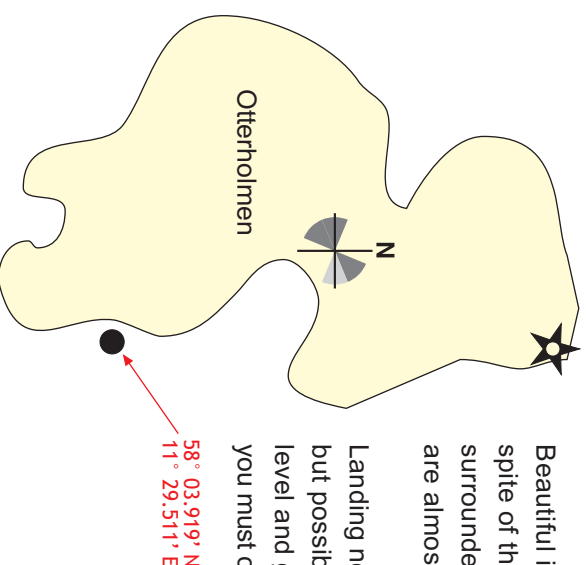
An old quartzite mine can be seen on the eastern part of the island.



Otterholmen

Beautiful island inside the Mollön. In spite of the fact that the island is surrounded by coastal fairways, you are almost always alone here.

Landing not all that easy (rock landing) but possible. The camping ground is level and good, only drawback is that you must carry you gear some distance..

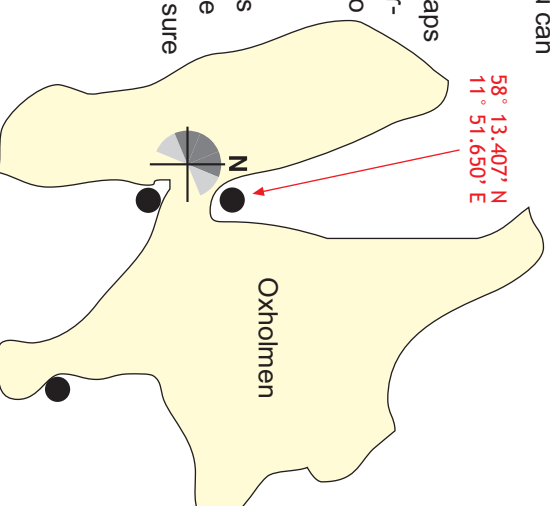


Oxholmen

A woody and inviting island, you can almost not resist landing here.

Landing is easy, although perhaps a bit muddy at low water. Otherwise you can float all the way to a firm and good beach.

Camping on level and dry grass ground. There is a house on the eastern part of the island, make sure you stay out of their sight.

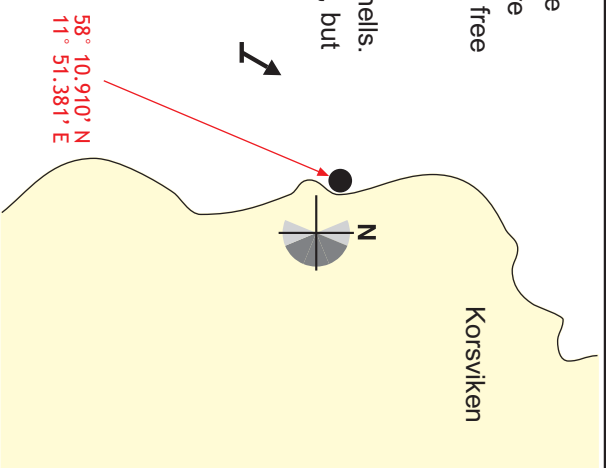


Korsviken syd

Most of the little beaches along the sound on the east side of Orust are occupied by houses. But here is a free spot!

Easy landing on sand and mussel shells. Camping ground not entirely level, but soft and dry.

Warning: Risk of heavy swells from passing freighters and tugboats.

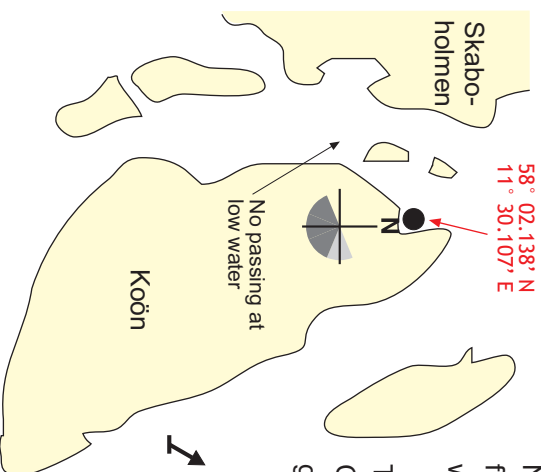


Koön

Nice island right next to the crowded fairway, but thanks to the shallow waters, you will be left alone here.

The landing is rocky but quite useable. Camping on reasonably level and dry ground.

Warning: The old earth cellar near the camping spot can cave in any time



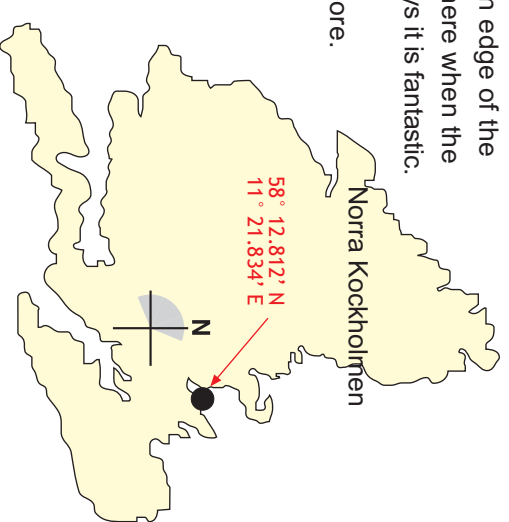
Norra Kockholmen

An exotic gem on the western edge of the Gåsö archipelago. Don't be here when the weather is rough, but other days it is fantastic.

The landing is useable, no more.

Camping on a bed of mussel shell, a bit noisy but with perfect rain draining.

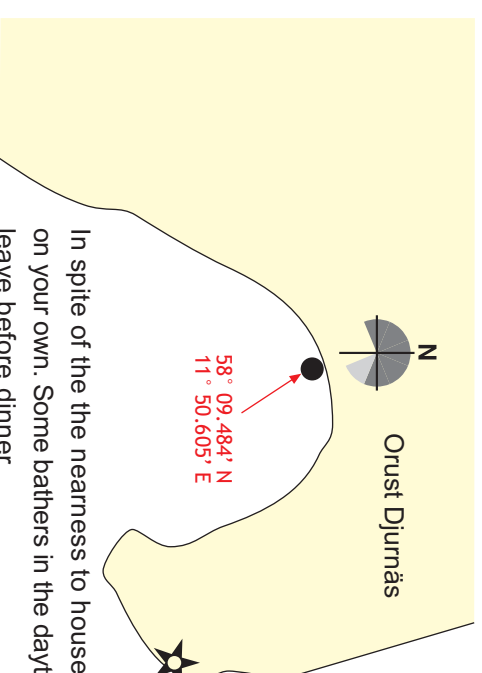
We say it again: No shelter. Don't be here unless the winds are light.



Orust Djurnäs

In spite of the nearness to houses, you can be here on your own. Some bathers in the daytime, but they usually leave before dinner...

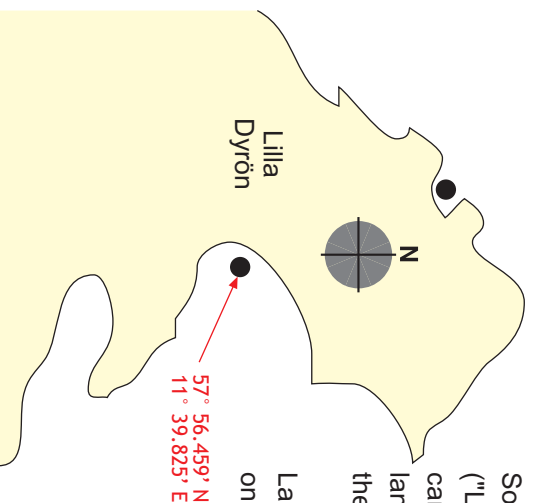
Easy landing on sandy beach. Plenty of room for several tents on level, dry and soft ground



Lilla Dyrön

Some kayakers call it Lilla Dyrön ("Little Mud-island"), and indeed it can be muddy at the southern landing. If the water is low, choose the northern landing instead.

Landing on sand or gravel. Camping on level and dry ground in perfect shelter for all winds.

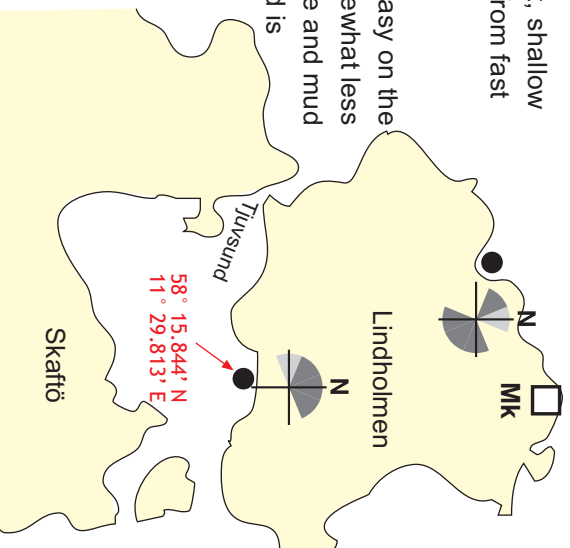


Lindholmen Gullmarn

Tjuvsund is a good shortcut, shallow waters also keep you safe from fast power boats.

Landing on Lindholmen is easy on the northern sandy beach, somewhat less easy on the southern pebble and mud beach. The camping ground is level and dry on both locations.

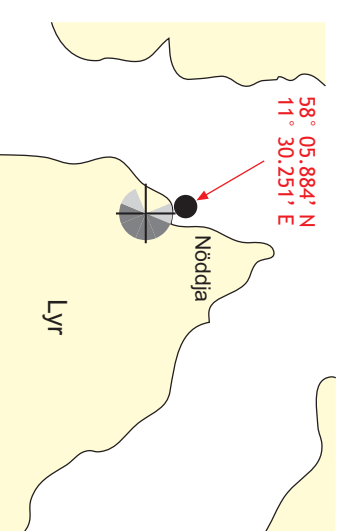
There is a house on Lindholmen, make sure you stay out of sight.



Lyr Nöddja

Lyr is a densely populated island, it is not easy to find a place for camping along its beaches. No wonder, it is a beautiful island, close to the open sea but still well sheltered. But here, at the north-west point of the island, is an available spot.

Landing on sand and gravel, camping ground reasonably level.



Lövön

Lövön is big and relatively high, it gives good shelter. On the north shore of the island there are several possible camping ground, here are shown just a few.

Landing is easy on sand or gravel, camping on level and dry ground in good shelter. There are several houses on the island, make sure you pitch your tent well out of sight

