

ELIASLEDEN



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The Elias Trail - Piteå's longest hiking trail. In Svensbyn, along the road to Bodsjön, the hiking trail named after the great thief Elias starts. The trail passes through varied terrain and the many lookout posts offer great views along the way, and there are also plenty of picnic areas.

The trail is 9.4 km but if you think that it is too short, it is possible to take a detour:

One of the detours takes you to a picturesque crown construction known as Nötmyrbodarna.

A second, which is 6 km, takes you up on Kalahatten, the highest pointing view in Piteå, 240 m above sea level.

A third possibility is to go from Djuptjärn to Björnberget, a distance of 1.5 km.

This entire trail is 26 km. There is a possibility to drive and park your car at different stops along the trail.

Did you know that ..

Eliasleden is named after the great thief Elias that, during the 19th century, ravaged in Infjärden and, in a way, was Piteå's Robin Hood. Elias got, according the folk tradition, his thieving genes as a baby while he was rocked to sleep on a stolen pillow.

For a long time, Elias baffled the inhabitants around Infjärden with his nightly stealing rounds. Although, he was a weird thief that didn't seem to be stealing for personal gain.

Many stories tell of how he would steal

from rich farmers, and then later in the night, leave the stolen goods in front of a poor villager's door:

Elias was also skilled at not getting caught. After a stealing tour in Öjebyn he is said to have walked backwards over the Svensbybay's (Svensbyfjärden) ice, dressed in womens shoes – everything to confuse his stalkers.

The beginning of the end to Elias' career came when an old lady was out picking lingon berries on the mountain of Högberget. When she was getting closer to the Eliascave (Eliagrottan), the home and hiding place for the thief and his stolen goods, she saw Elias who was sitting on a stump patching his pants.

The old lady quickly got back to the village and told the people what she'd seen.

The bailiff and a group of brave men from Svensbyn made their way up to Högberget to capture the great thief. Elias, who had just put on a big pot of the local dish Pite palt, got caught off guard when the men stormed into the cave. To defend himself against the attack he threw burning hot pite palts towards the men.

This way he managed to fight off the men for a long time. However, soon the pite palts were gone and Elias could after some scuffling be arrested.

A plea to the hiker!

Carefully make your way through town and land,
Please do not harm the sappy bark by hand.

Don't tear the white skin off the birch trees,
And do not disturb the forest sounds with a screech.

Pick up your trash and picnic leftovers.
Clean up after yourselves and respect the nature's powers.

Don't pillage and plunder the leaves and flowers.

Do not light fires - but if you must
Extinguish the fires and turn coals into dust.

Please no drawing and scratching, non at all,
with a knife or pen on a tree or wall.

Take care of all and everything,
especially things that history sing.

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