

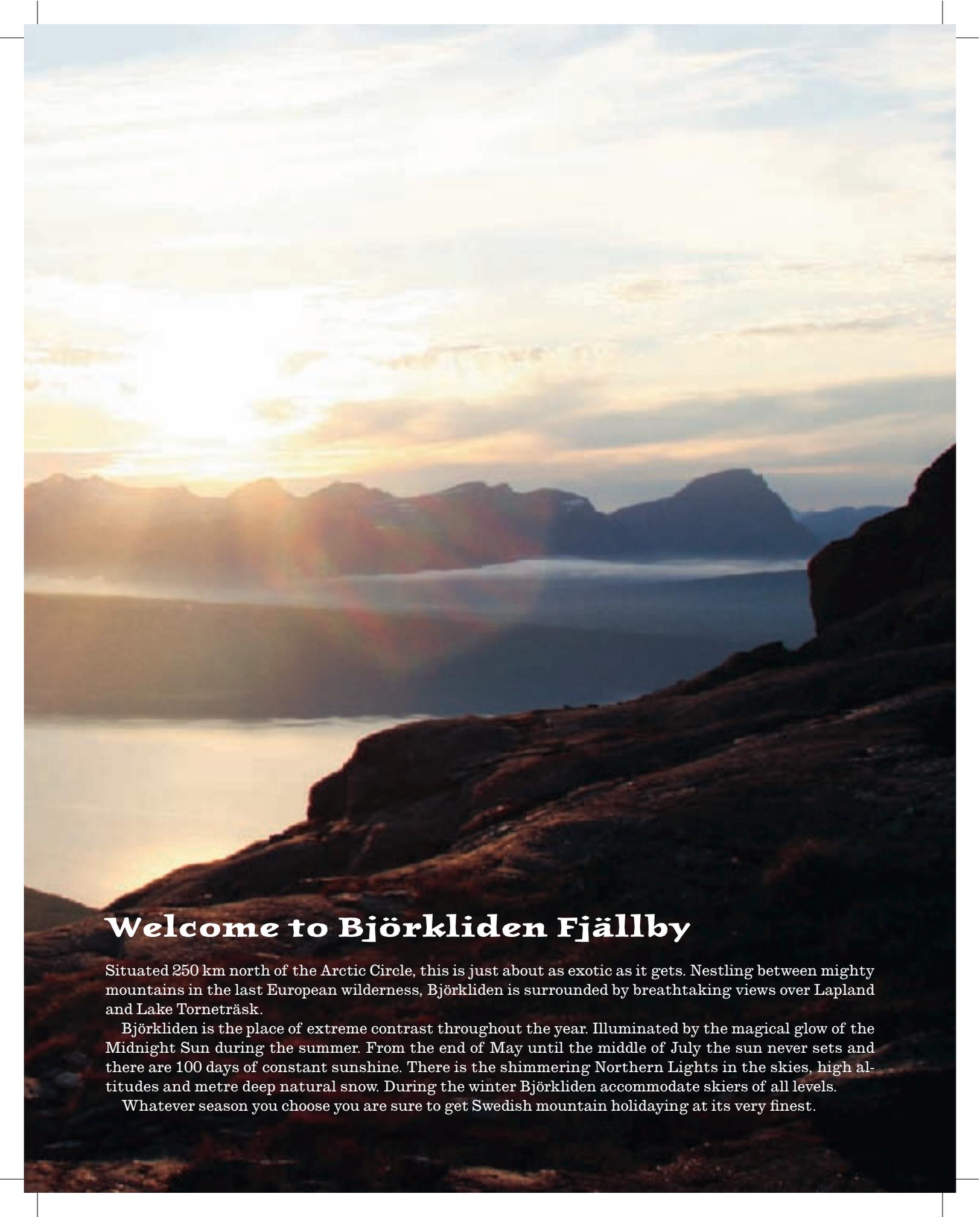


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Björkliden Fjällby

Experience the magical wilderness of Swedish Lapland





Welcome to Björkliden Fjällby

Situated 250 km north of the Arctic Circle, this is just about as exotic as it gets. Nestling between mighty mountains in the last European wilderness, Björkliden is surrounded by breathtaking views over Lapland and Lake Torneträsk.

Björkliden is the place of extreme contrast throughout the year. Illuminated by the magical glow of the Midnight Sun during the summer. From the end of May until the middle of July the sun never sets and there are 100 days of constant sunshine. There is the shimmering Northern Lights in the skies, high altitudes and metre deep natural snow. During the winter Björkliden accommodate skiers of all levels.

Whatever season you choose you are sure to get Swedish mountain holidaying at its very finest.

Live among the peaks

We have a whole range of accommodation options to suit your preference. Come and be pampered at Hotel Fjället. Fend for yourself on the camp site or in one of the Kåppas Ski Village rustic log cabins. Or experience our exotic mountain station Låktatjåkko. And when hunger strikes, there are restaurants offering both international cuisine and Norrland specialities to choose from, as well as cafés and bars open early until late.

Hotel Fjället: 46 rooms
Gammelgården Ski Lodge: 23 rooms
Kåppas Ski Village: 80 chalets
Låktatjåkko Mountain Station: 18 beds

Lapland Fair

At Björkliden we take pride in Norrland fare, but we have interspersed local recipes with a modern international cuisine. The Lapporten Restaurant serves local raw materials such as rare fish, game, mushrooms and berries. Through the big picture windows you can study the pageant of light and nature while relishing a venison (reindeer) carpaccio with pickled chanterelles and schnapps-flavoured cheese. Every morning we get you off to a perfect start with a hearty hotel breakfast for an action-packed day. In wintertime you can recharge your batteries at the Snow Bar cafeteria near the valley station of the Kåppas ski-lift. There you can choose from fresh-grilled hot dogs, burgers or some other tasty item, piping hot coffee or chocolate and fresh-baked cinnamon buns. For more serious eating, the Gammelgården Restaurant is the place to go. There you will find solid Norrland country cooking and pizza in cosy, relaxing surroundings. And up at the mountain station you mustn't miss the à la carte menu, which is really something out of the ordinary.

Hotel Fjället

The mountain commands a breath-taking view of Torneträsk and Lapporten (Lapland Gate). You have a choice of single, double and family rooms. All of them have their own toilet/shower and cable TV. The hotel also includes the Rallaren (Navvie) Bar, and close by it's the Sports Shop, where you can rent or buy all the gear needed for whatever activities you have in mind.

Låktatjåkko Fjällstation

The highest situated mountain station in Sweden is not just the perfect destination for a day's excursion, it is also a small hotel with 18 beds. If you're too late to get one, you can still relax in front of the open fire in the lounge. Lunch and the classic Låkta waffle are served during the day, while in the evenings there are Norrland specialities on offer. Why not try our "Låkta By Night" – a three-course dinner at the station, and a scooter or tracked-carrier ride there and back again?

Kåppas Ski Village

The chalets line the mountain slope, with a fantastic view of the mountain scenery and Lapporten. Each of them has 4 or 5 beds in 2 bedrooms, a living room with kitchen facilities, a shower and toilet, a drying cabinet and cable TV. Many chalets have newly renovated kitchens complete with dishwasher, microwave and sauna.

Gammelgården Skilodge

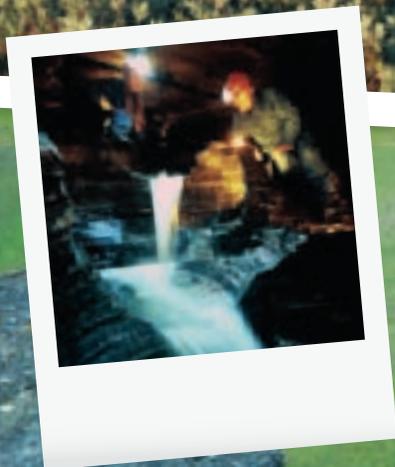
Here you have a choice of single, twin-bed or four-bed accommodation. Sit down in front of the communal fireplace after a long day on the mountain or the skiing slope, and tune in to the mood and the atmosphere. Or what about a nice sauna before sitting down to dinner in the classic restaurant?

Camping

With around 100 spaces the camp site is open during the winter- and the summer season. At the campsite there is a kitchen, showers, restrooms, drying cupboard and a laundry room.



Our selection of Summer Activities



Mountain fishing in clear waters

If you've never been fishing in the mountains before, there's a rare experience in store for you. We have fishing of different kinds, in rivers and streams and also out at sea. Savour the thrill of fly fishing with Grayling lurking in the lakes or take the boat out into the fjord in Narvik, Norway. Once you've tried it, we guarantee – you'll be hooked!

Close to nature with a kayak or canoe

There is something almost unreal about the play of the nocturnal sunlight on the crystal-clear waters near Björkliden. Kayaking or canoeing give a special feeling of liberty – at one and the same time exciting, relaxing, enjoyable and challenging. We have different trips on offer to make sure it will be an unforgettable experience.

Mountain biking on hiking trail

There is incredibly good cycling to be had, both on the mountains and along trails round about Björkliden. The first Swedish Downhill Championships took place here in 1987. This summer we are offering several guided cycle tours. We have mountain bike and equipment rentals too.

Going underground

Kåppasjåkka is one of Sweden's largest networks of caves. Sliding around underground and exploring the cave system in the summer is a unique experience – it doesn't matter how much the wind is blowing up there, down here it's always peaceful and calm. Discover murmuring streams and open rooms decorated with stalagmites and stalactites. Once our eyes have adjusted to the dark we take the time to enjoy an underground snack and cup of coffee.



For adventurous children

In Björkliden many fun activities awaits the children. You can confidently leave them to be looked after by our guides and have a few memorable hours to yourself. Don't be surprised if your children think you got back too early. They will go on Adventure Trail, watching out for the shy animals of the mountain world, learn useful survival techniques and ride mountain bikes.

Hiking - for all five senses



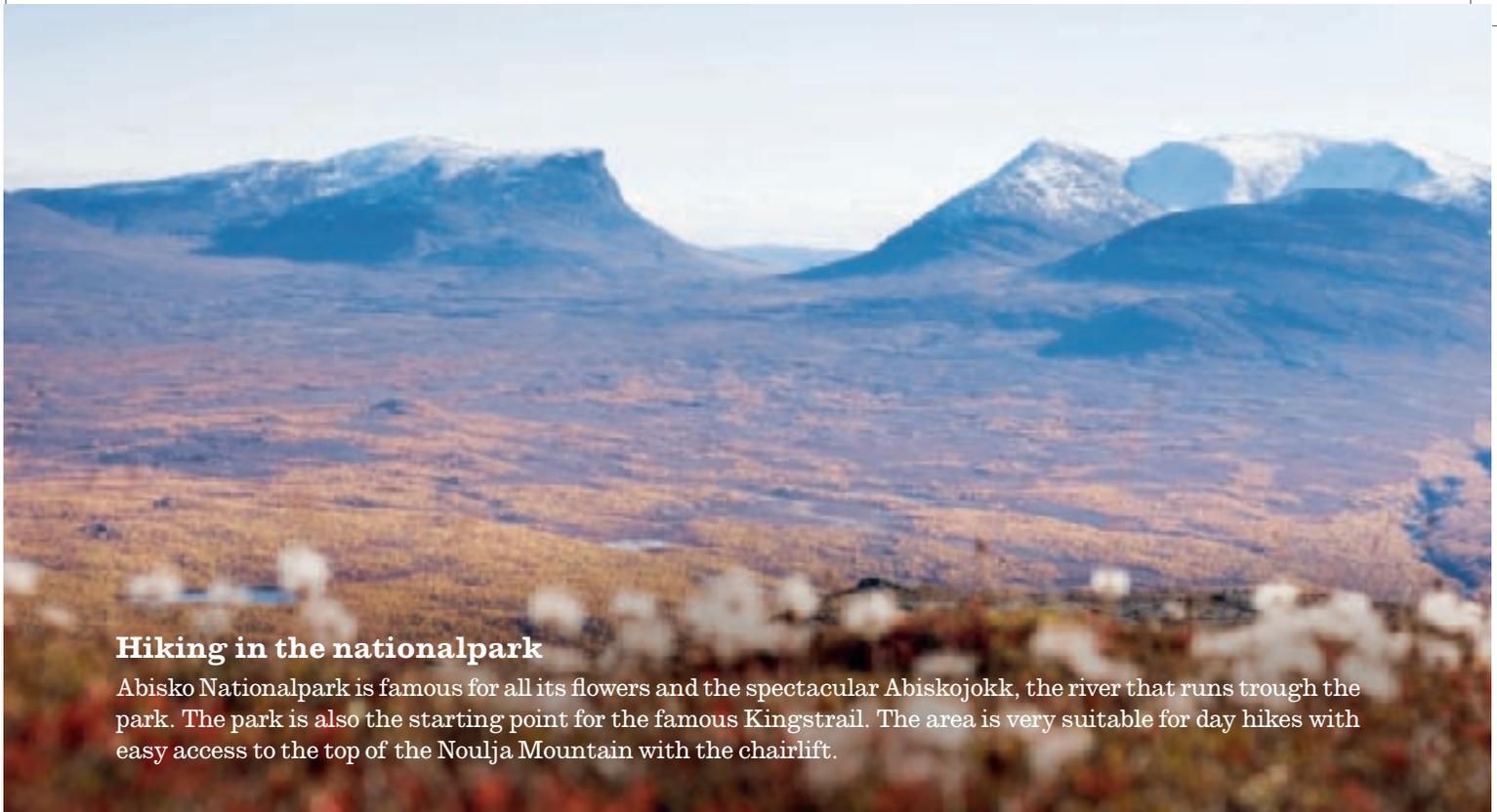
Many people consider walking to be the best way of seeing the world. The landscape, they say, is loveliest that way, the picnic tastier. And you return home with new experiences and the bonus of added fitness.

Via Vargpasset to Låktatjåkko

After a short journey westwards our hike begins. We move at an easy pace via Vargpasset (“Wolf Hunt”) up towards Låktatjåkko Mountain Station, covering a total of 7 km. There we revel in a glorious panorama and the famous Låkta waffle. Our break over, it’s downhill all the way back to Björkliden.



Björkliden hiking in the old days



Hiking in the nationalpark

Abisko Nationalpark is famous for all its flowers and the spectacular Abiskojokk, the river that runs through the park. The park is also the starting point for the famous Kingstrail. The area is very suitable for day hikes with easy access to the top of the Noulja Mountain with the chairlift.

Fairytale landscape with bathing too

In the Kärkevagge valley we can see traces of the retreating ice cap some 9,000-odd years ago. This walk begins at Låktatjåkko train station. An easy climb brings us to Stendalen (“Stone Valley”) and a prospect of green meadows, beautiful mountain flowers and metre-high erratics (boulders) discarded by the retreating ice cap. At the far end of the valley is Rissajaure, one of the purest and clearest lakes in Europe. Here we pause for lunch, and after a short rest, and perhaps too a cooling swim, we walk back home again through the fairytale landscape.

The Midnight Sun Experience

Up here the bright summer nights are thought to confer a special strength that enables people to get through the dark months of winter. And of course, 100 days of Midnight Sun adds up to no ordinary light therapy. Purely scientifically speaking, the Midnight Sun means that the central point of the sun is visible when it is due north. And so, north of the Arctic Circle, the sun never sets completely and it never gets dark. You can combine this nocturnal light with one of our activities, such as kayak paddling or a boat trip. Seeing the sun and the landscape mirrored in the water simultaneously with the red light dancing on hills or mountains can't be explained – it simply has to be experienced.

From Fjell to Fjord

A wonderful hike, jam-packed with natural and cultural interest. The tour starts at Katterat Station, following the century-old Rallarvägen (“Navvies’ Path”), a transport route constructed for the building of the Kiruna-Narvik Ore Railway. There are dramatic vistas and traces of history all along the route. At the old village of Rombakksbotten, which is at sea-level altitude in Norway, we board a boat which takes us for a lovely trip to Narvik. From there we turn back to Björkliden again.



Tee off at 600 metres asl

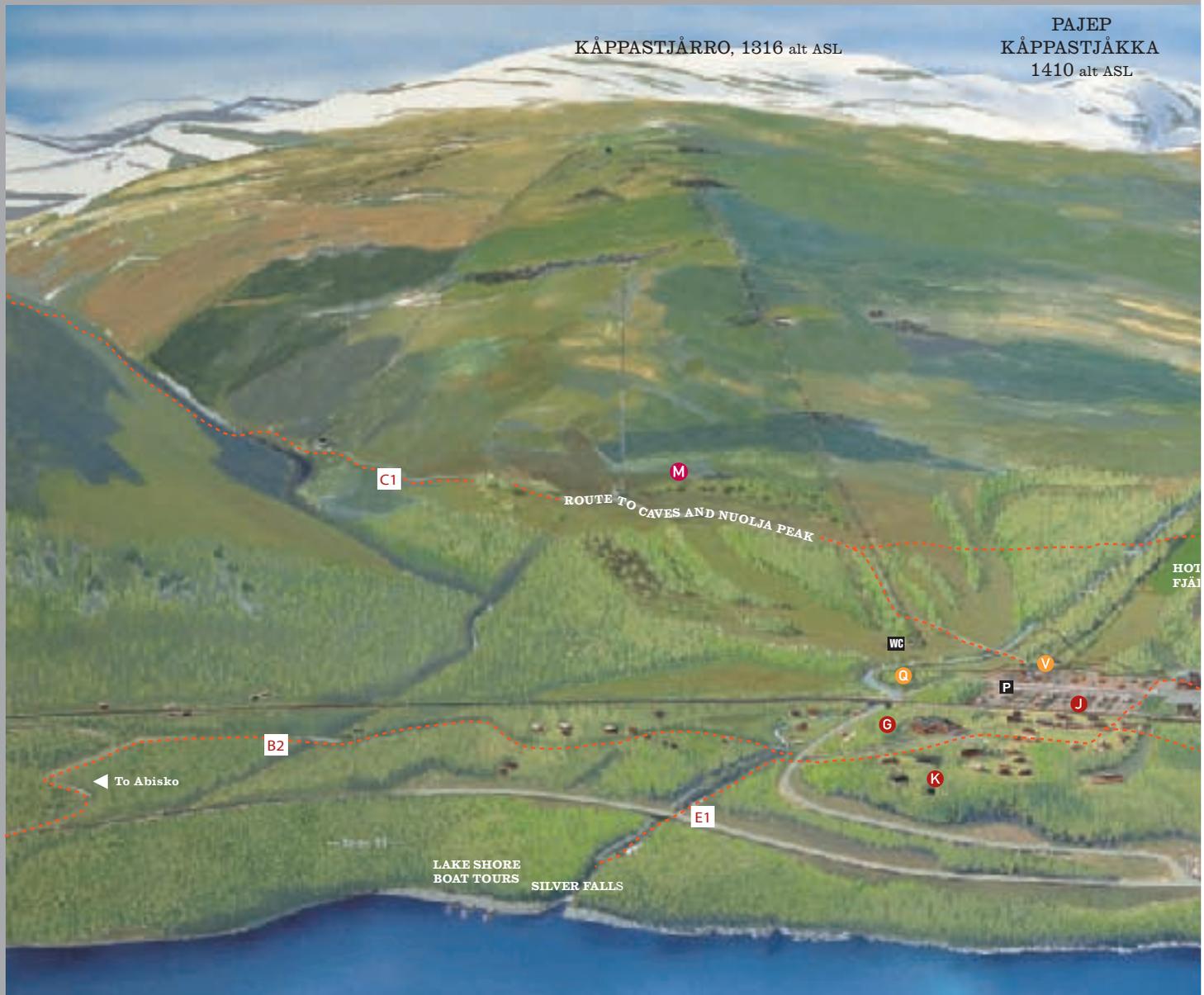
Björkliden Golf – on the Top 100 list

Come and play on one of the world's most spectacular golf courses. 250 km north of the Arctic Circle a magical round of golf awaits you, with majestic mountain vistas in the Land of the Midnight Sun. The 9-hole course opens about Midsummer and stays open well into September. The journal Svensk Golf voted the Björkliden course the second-loveliest in Sweden. Golfworld, one of the world's most highly respected golf magazines, has awarded Björkliden 86th place on its Top 100 list of the world's loveliest and most spectacular golfing experiences. No other Swedish course has made it onto that list.



The golf course opened in 1929 and was very popular among British and American tourists.





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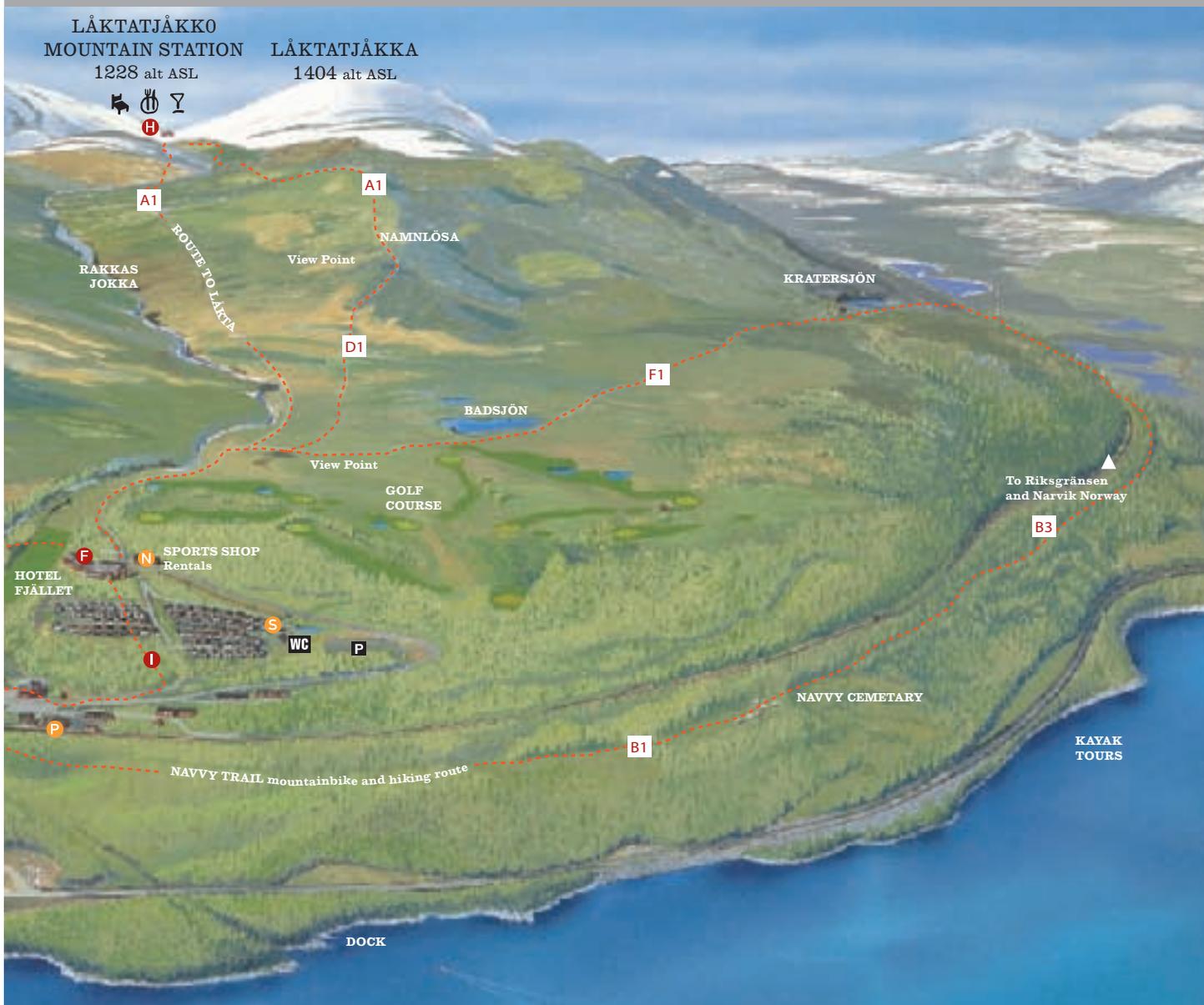
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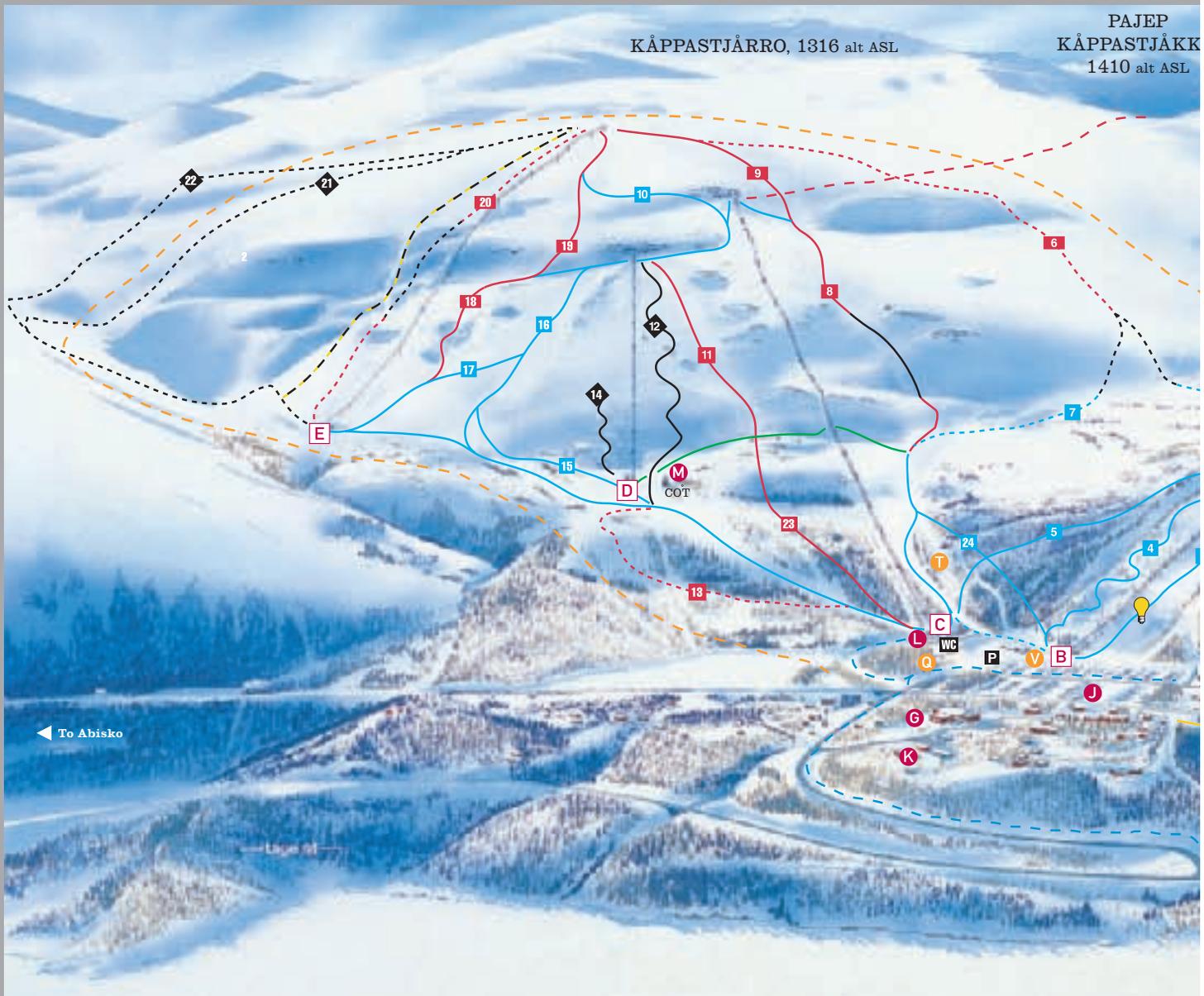


Hiking Routes

| Trails | Routes for hiking and mountainbiking. Times below for walking. |
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| To Láktatjåkko Mountain Station | A1 Björkliden – Láktatjåkko, 9 km, approx. 3 h |
| Navvy trail | B1 Björkliden – Navvy Cemetary, 3.5 km, approx. 40 min B2 Björkliden – Abisko Tourist Station, 7 km, approx. 1.5 h B3 Björkliden – Riksgränsen, 30 km |
| Abisko Nuolja | C1 Björkliden – Nuolja Peak, 7 km, approx. 2.5 h |
| To Namnlösa View Point | D1 Björkliden – Namnlösa View Point, 2 km, approx. 30 min |
| To Silver Falls | E1 Björkliden – Silver Falls, 2 km, approx. 30 min |
| To Kratersjön | F1 Björkliden – Kratersjön, 3.5 km, approx. 40 min |

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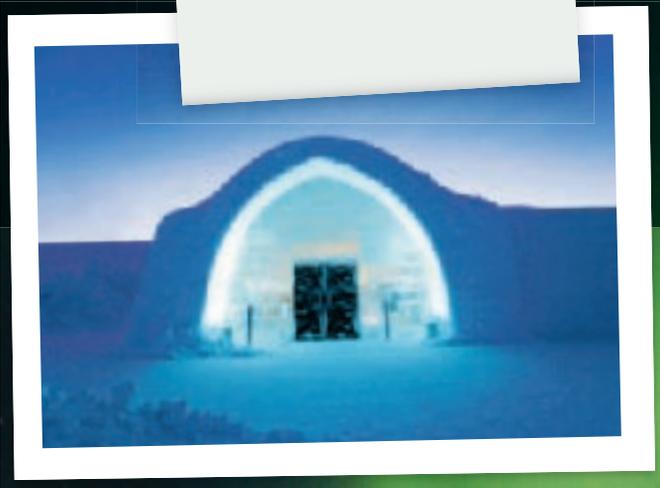


Ski lifts

| | Name | Length | Height |
|----------|-----------------|---------|--------|
| A | Lappbergs lift | 140 m | 19 m |
| B | Rakkas lift | 400 m | 90 m |
| C | Kåppas lift | 1.675 m | 407 m |
| D | Gryt lift | 740 m | 235 m |
| E | Kitteldals lift | 1.120 m | 326 m |

Slopes

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|----|--|----|--|
| 1 |  Råven  | 13 |  Banvallen |
| 2 |  Haren  | 14 |  Grytan (off pist) |
| 3 |  Teknikbacken  | 15 |  Loket |
| 4 |  Äventyrsspåret | 16 |  Himlabacken |
| 5 |  Vintergatan | 17 |  Växeln |
| 6 |  Ängarna | 18 |  Solkurvan |
| 7 |  Urspårningen | 19 |  Rakaspåret |
| 8 |  Rallarsvängen | 20 |  Malmbanan |
| 9 |  Öv. Rallarsvängen | 21 |  Svarta Björn (off pist) |
| 10 |  Karven | 22 |  Tunneln (off pist) |
| 11 |  Rålsbrottet | 23 |  Lilla Björn |
| 12 |  Grytspåret (off pist) | 24 |  Hemvändaren |



Ice Hotel

There's only so much skiing and adventure you can pack into a single day. So when it's time to rest, we recommend visiting the Ice Hotel in Jukkasjärvi. Of course we offer a transfer service to and from the hotel.

The Ice Hotel at Torneälven in Jukkasjärvi is world famous. As one of Sweden's landmark tourist attractions, Jukkasjärvi – which means meeting place in Sami – is only 120 km from Björkliden. The nearby village dates back to the 1500s when the local Sami people used it as a marketplace.

Aurora Magic

Björkliden is one of the best place in the world to see the Northern Light. With its fresh, clear air and its practically permanent cloud-free sky the prerequisites in the area are optimal. To detect the light from the aurora it also has to be dark, so the period from September to March is the best time of year. Visit the Aurora Sky Station in Abisko, ten minutes from Björkliden for a unique aurora exhibition.

Skiing out of the ordinary

Real mountains for real skiers

Björkliden has real mountains for real skiers and meter deep natural snow. Our winter season does not end until the middle of May. The vertical drop is up to 538 metres which is the third highest in Sweden. It is easy for every-one to find their favourite slope since there is such a large variation. We have 24 slopes, the longest being 3 kilometres. In and around Björkliden we also have a lot of easily accessible off piste.



Skiing school

Learn the basics or fine-hone your expert technique – our skilled and pedagogically gifted skiing instructors can help all comers – beginners and veterans, young and old – to improve their skiing and snowboarding.

Heliskiing – the complete adventure!

No runs, no queues. Imagine wide open spaces completely untouched by other skiers – just you and the mountain, looking out over kilometre after kilometre of pure virgin snow. The terrain around Björkliden offers perhaps Sweden's finest heliskiing with untouched landscapes and altitudes of 500 to 1000 metres.

If you've never tried heliskiing before, this is an opportunity you simply cannot miss! We guarantee you a whole new perspective on skiing.



Unbeatable activities

The area around Björkliden offers some of Sweden's best skiing and outdoor activities. Experienced guides take you up beyond the slopes and the lifts so you can experience the magnificence of Lapland, with views that span for miles and the chance to ski through virgin snow on the way down.

Låktatjåkko Mountain Station

Sweden's highest Mountain Station, 1228m above sea level. Låktatjåkko Mountain Station, or Låkta as we call it, has been a popular destination for skiers and lovers of fresh waffles since 1939.

If spending the night is not possible, visiting Låkta makes a great day trip too. Just getting there is an adventure in itself. You can come on skis, in our snow cat, by snowmobile or helicopter.

Snowshoe Safari

Who said you have to slide around on skis all day? Our snowshoe trails are an easy and fun way to get around Björkliden. You can rent snowshoes at the Sports Shop and go out on a safari adventure with one of our guides. No previous experience is required.

Dog sled experience

Fancy something a little more traditional? Then try dog sledding! All you have to do is stand on the sleigh and you'll be transported back through time to an era when travelling through the winter landscape was simpler and a lot more exciting! Our guides will help you become a professional in no time and the dogs will happily pull and pull until it's time for a coffee break.

Cross country skiing

Covering hilly terrain, you can follow Navies' Path past historic places of interest such as the Navy cemetery. You ski back the same way that you came (approximately five kilometres) with magnificent views out over lake Torneträsk. There are also two tracks right next to the hotel and ski village. Protected from the wind and winding their way through the woods, the first track is two kilometres long while the other is five kilometres.

Guided snowmobile rides

Get off the beaten track on a snowmobile and experience the real wilderness around Björkliden. Professional guides take you out on a tour, teaching you about the surrounding area and the wildlife you come across. All our snowmobiles are environmentally friendly.

Going underground

Kåppasjåkka is one of Sweden's largest networks of caves. And sliding around underground in the winter is a unique experience – it doesn't matter how much the wind is blowing up there, down here it's always peaceful and calm. Just put on some snowshoes and a head lamp and you're ready to go. Even the walk to the caves through the polar night is fantastic!



Children's Björkliden

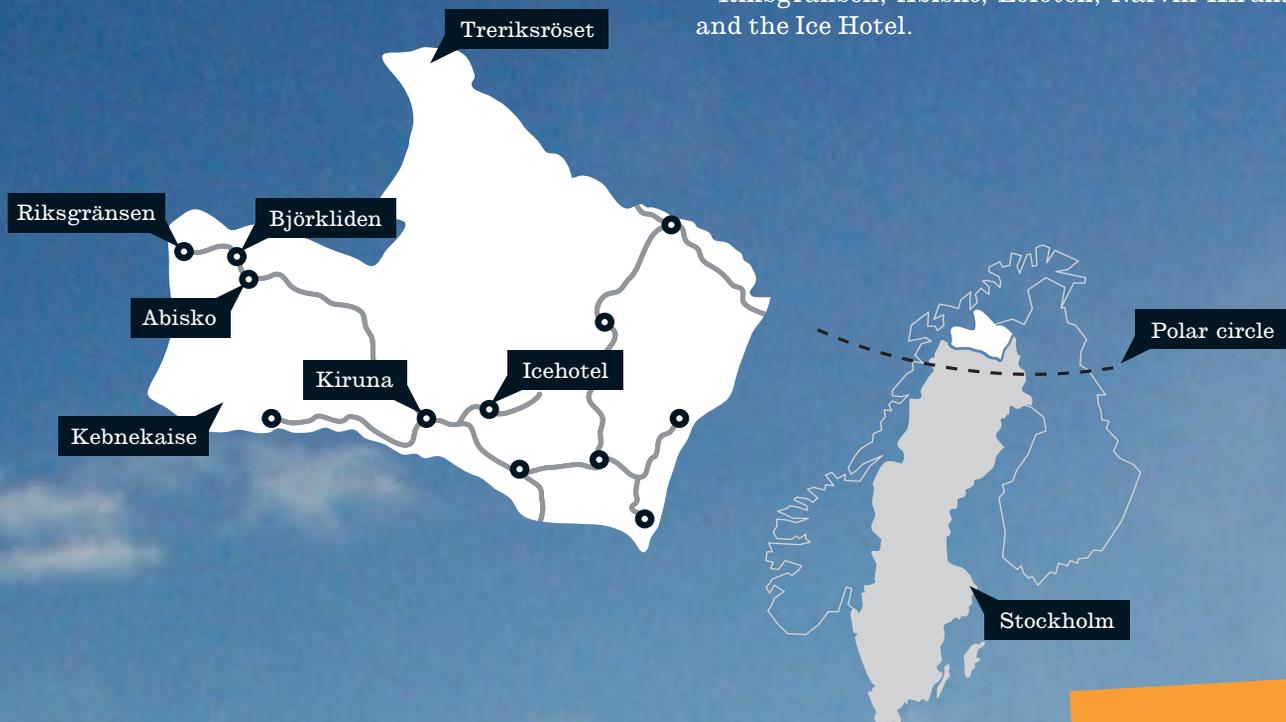
Our children's ski area has bumps, jumps, curves and swerves – all designed to suit every level of skiing for maximum fun! With specially designed runs, soft snowdrifts, distance tracks, excitement and entertainment, skiing has never been more fun than at Lemming Land (Lämmellandet)!

Are you age three to seven and like to mess around in the snow? Then Björkliden's Lemming Club (Lämmelklubben) is perfect for you! We love to play outside as much as possible, but as that's not always possible, we've got games, story telling, films and more inside our very own club house.

Getting here

If you are coming in by air, you will land at Kiruna. From there a transfer service will take you through the beautiful mountain scenery, alongside Torneträsk, to Björkliden. The whole journey – flight from Arlanda, Stockholm and transfer from Kiruna to Björkliden – takes about 3 hours.

If you instead get the train to Björkliden, you will be travelling on a permanent way associated with 19th century iron ore shipments from Kiruna. You board the train in the evening, have a good dinner and wake up to a view of the mountains. You get off at our train station down in the village. While you're up here, you also have the chance of visiting our nearest neighbours – Riksgränsen, Abisko, Lofoten, Narvik Kiruna and the Ice Hotel.



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