



GRÄNGSHYTTAN, 43 km

Difficulty level: **Blue**

Start and Finish: Hjulsjö

Altitude: -

Signposted, blue, MTB 7

The trail starts at Motionscentret Hjulsjö. Ride towards Nora and after about 800 m you turn off towards Långåstorp. Follow the road for about 500 m and then turn left onto a path. This path takes you around a meadow and out onto the gravel road that runs past Mårtensbo. You then ride on asphalt road towards Nora for 2 km. When you see the sign towards Grythyttan, you turn right. A narrow path takes you to Grängshyttan. After the mines, a small path leads up towards the ruins of Hackhem church for those who are interested in history. Otherwise you can carry straight on. You pass Grängshyttteforsarna waterfalls and old historical buildings left over from when the blast furnace was in operation. Next you ride towards Grängen and turn off towards Källbron. Follow the gravel road down towards Yxsjön. When you have passed the lake, you should keep an eye open for some sandy ridges and a narrow path to the right. The trail runs in a loop around the pool. Ride around the little pool on the left side and you will come back out at the same point as you started. Then you follow the disused railway that leads back towards Hjulsjö, but you turn off towards Slotterberget's former mining area. Slotterberget is an exciting area which can be worth a stop. There are information signs describing the area's history.

Then you should ride towards Kindla. You will be riding on the edge of a large nature reserve. Here there is coniferous forest that is between 100 and 120 years old. There are several hiking trails and windbreaks in this area. At the top of Kindlahöjden there is a viewing tower which offers a wonderful view over Bergslagen's forests. Kindlahöjden has a height of 426 metres above sea level and is Sweden's southernmost point above 400 m. This means that you have a tough climb, even though you don't go right up to the top, but after a number of steep hills you finally reach the high point of the trail. Turn left down onto a good path.

Steep hills and periodically tough terrain await, so take it slowly. When you come out onto the road again, you turn right towards Hjulsjö. After 1 km you turn left, down onto a road that leads you down to the old railway towards Hjulsjö. You pass Södra Hyttan secondhand bookshop and then the railway awaits again.

Sights to see along the trail: Hackhem church ruins, Grängshyttteforsarna waterfalls, Slotterberget, Södra Hyttans secondhand bookshop.