Information for pleasure craft – times and prices
The Kinda Canal flows peacefully through the lovely Östergyllen. From the oak woodlands and broad plains in the north to the picturesque forest district in the south. A distance of 43 nautical miles – or about 80 km, if you prefer.

Once upon a time, the canal was a vital transport route for wood and agricultural products. Today it is just as important for those seeking relaxation and reconnection with nature. The locks and lakes of the Kinda Canal are rarely crowded. Find yourself a private bay for swimming, your own fishing hole or favourite nook.

If you don't have your own boat to explore the Kinda Canal in, you can always take part in a breathtakingly beautiful day trip, evening trip or shorter journey on the passenger vessels M/S Kind or M/S Birgit Sparre. If you are the lucky owner of a boat or canoe, you can set your own course and schedule – but don't forget to plan in plenty of time. The Kinda Canal is not a place for rushing.

If you prefer to come on wheels – two or four – you'll discover lots along the way. Take a break at a waterside café, or bring your own picnic basket. The Kinda Canal awaits you this summer with open arms!
**Pre-season**

- Saturdays 23 May, 30 May, 6 June, Pre-booking only *

- 8–27 June (closed Mondays), 09.00–12.00, lunch, 13.00–17.00. Pre-booking only.

**Peak season**

- 29 June–9 August, 09.00–12.00, lunch, 13.00–19.00

**Post-season**

- 11–29 August (closed Mondays)
- 09.00–12.00, lunch, 13.00–17.00.
- Pre-booking only.

- Saturdays 5 Sept, 12 Sept, Pre-booking only *

* Convoy transit, starting at 9 AM at the Nykvarn lock (upstream) and 9 AM at the Brokind lock (downstream)

Note: All lockage during the pre-and post-season must be pre-booked no later than two weekdays in advance on 070-647 37 00 or kanalverkstad@telia.com

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**Info**

- Max length: 24.5 m
- Max width: 4.5 m
- Max depth: 1.5 m
- Max height: 3.09 m

**Prices**

- SEK 80 per lock or SEK 900 for the length of the canal.
- Round-trip SEK 1350 (also valid as a season ticket).

Lock fees at these locks: Sturefors, Hovetorp and Brokind.

Nykvarn fee: Round-trip SEK 80

Season ticket Brokind lock SEK 750

Season ticket Sturefors lock SEK 750

With the Göta Canal Service Card you get one free day in a visitors’ marina in Linköping/Tannefors, including free lockage in Nykvarn.

**www.kindakanal.se**

Södra Stängsatan 1, Box 1077, 581 10 Linköping,
Phone. 013-12 68 80, Fax. 013-12 38 80
The Kinda Canal, with its lake system, is an incredible nature adventure for the whole family. You’ll cruise through narrow, verdant canals and broad lakes like Roxen, Rängen, Järnlunden and Åsunden. Among the islands and shorelines you’ll find cozy camping spots, secluded bays perfect for swimming and ideal launch places. The canal boasts several swimming areas with sandy beaches or your very own bathing rock. Pack a tent and camping equipment and spend a night on one of the lovely islands. You’ll discover all the magic of Swedish summer.
Rent a canoe, kayak or boat and let the adventure begin

A perfect system for paddling aficionados! The boat traffic is fairly light and generally very peaceful. Add to this the rich history of the area, dating back thousands of years, and the lush Östergötland landscape. There are several places where you can rent a canoe or kayak. If you don’t feel up to paddling, you can rent a motorboat for one or more days. The bigger lakes offer exciting fishing for the whole family, brimming with perch, pike and zander. You can buy a fishing licence when you rent your canoe or boat. Most supermarkets around the lakes also sell fishing licences.

Rent a canoe or kayak
Stiftsgården Vårdnäs 013-36 85 00, www.vardnas.com
Linköping kajak 0730-676096, www.linkopingkajak.se
Upplèv, Linköping 072-188 89 09, www.upplevnu.org
Aktiv Fritid i Kinda 070-560 04 33, www.aktivfritid.biz
Björkfors Vandrarhem 0494-600 47, www.bjorkfors.com
Horns Scoutkår 0494-305 58
Kalvudden, Rimforsa 0494-201 37, www.kalvudden.se

Rent a motorboat
Stiftsgården Vårdnäs 013-36 85 00, www.vardnas.com
Svenska Kanalbåtar 070-725 80 57, www.swecanalboats.com
Ryda Gård, Rimforsa 0706-266992, www.ryda.se

Rent a bigger boat for a week: www.swecanalboats.com
Rent a canoe from SEK 200:-
Rent a boat from SEK 300:-

They’re biting here!
The big Kinda Canal lake system offers excellent perch, pike and zander fishing. For all lakes but Järnlunden, you can buy a fishing licence for one day or more, at several places around the lakes.
Great excursions this summer

Nostalgia petrol station
Stop at BP in Björkfors and get a taste of an olden-days filling station. Fun events are arranged here in summer. Read more about what and when: www.nostalgimacken.se Address: Oppebyvägen 34 in Björkfors, phone 0494-600 61.

Candy on Hångö
South of Bjuggö in lake Åsunden there is a small island called Hångö where you van buy candy.

Full Speed Ahead on the Kinda Canal
The Full Speed Ahead motorboat festival is great fun! It takes place in central Linköping on the idyllic Kinda Canal. The date is 25 July and the general public is warmly welcome. Read more at: www.frifart.se

Hovetorp flight of locks
Hovetorp is the Kinda Canal’s biggest flight of locks – four locks creating a height difference of 15.8 metres. At Hamra, a kilometre further north, are more locks. The stretch of canal between these two flights of locks is a popular part of the Östgötaleden Trail. You’ll find a rest area with a wind shelter at Hovetorp.
One of Sweden’s biggest bedrock caves

Trollegater

Trollegater is one of Sweden’s biggest bedrock caves. Located in southern Östergötland, the bedrock cave capital of the Nordics, Trollegater has a system of passages totalling nearly 100 metres. Excitement and adventure await you in Trollegater!

Bring a torch and comfortable walking clothes. You can book a guided tour at the Kinda Tourist Office.

Phone: 0494-194 10
turistbyran@kinda.se

Manor café at Bjärka Säby

In summer, a manor café is operated at the New Manor in collaboration with Östgötamat. Enjoy lunch in the shade of the atrium yard, a pastry sitting on a baroque sofa, or a hot dog and live music in the company of bikers on Tuesday evenings. From June to August, you can go on a guided tour of the castle on Sundays. A few times each summer, dramatised tours are held.

Read more at: visitlinkoping.se

Stafsäter Gårdsglass

Treat yourself to locally produced, quality ice cream from a little family-owned company. Made exclusively of milk from the farm’s own cows, with as many as possible of the other ingredients coming from the family farm or neighbouring farms. All of our ice cream is made of genuine ingredients. The Stafsäter farm shop sells packaged ice cream you can take home with you.

Read more at: www.stafsater.se

Golf

Vesterby and the Landeryd Golf Club south of Linköping boast picturesque, challenging courses near the canal and lake system. Not to mention dining and, in Vesterby, accommodation.

Read more about special offers on: www.landerydsgolf.se

Reception at Landeryd:
013-36 22 00
Reception at Vesterby:
013-36 22 50

Canoe marathon

Saturday, September 19, a canoe marathon takes place. The race runs from Sturefors through beautiful Kinda Canal to Linköping and distance is about 21 km. It is open to anyone who wants to participate with your own canoe. The general public is warmly welcome. Read more and sign up on the website: www.kanotmaraton.nu

Pedal your way from the mouth of Lake Roxen to Slattefors and take a dip, maybe stopping for a snack along the way.
Fine food & accommodation

This summer, don’t miss Stångs Brygga.

Esperanza – Restaurant on a ship in central Linköping.

Café Tannefors Slussar, at walking distance from the heart of town.

Stiftsgården Vårdnäs on Lake Stora Rängen.

Is there any better way to relax than to get out in nature by the water’s edge? The whole Kinda Canal invites you to leave the stress of the world behind you. Whether you’re a real outdoorsman or prefer a bit more comfort in your recreation, you’ll find accommodation close by that suits your taste – from a simple hostel to a bed-and-breakfast that serves multi-course meals, to the best hotel standard. Whether you want a quick lunch or a fine dining experience of sumptuous dishes and exquisite wines, you’ll find many options serving genuine food, often focusing on local products.

If you’re looking for activities or adventures coupled with comfort, packages are available that combine dining, accommodation and various arrangements. Examples include passenger-boat cruises, golf, kayaking and canoeing, or barbecue evenings accompanied by a relaxing sauna. Contact Stiftsgården Vårdnäs or Rimforsa Strand, to name a few!

If you head out for a ramble, cycling tour or drive, there are always plenty of charming places to stop for a coffee, ice cream or lunch. Read more on the Kinda Canal website.

Packages with food, accommodation and arrangements
There's a lot to do along the canal and lake system – here paddling near Rimforsa Strand.

Sleep in comfort at any price level, from hostels to hotel standard. Pictured: Stiftsgården Vårdnäs

Contact for dining and accommodation

- Restaurang Stångs Magasin
  From lunches to fine dining.
  Alongside the Kinda Canal, Södra Stångågatan 1.
  Phone: 013-31 21 00
  www.stangsmagasin.se

- Café Tannefors Slussar
  Ice cream parlour, pastries, hearty sandwiches, beer & wine. Walking distance from the centre of town.
  Phone: 013-12 15 06 (013-12 01 36)
  www.slusscafe.com

- Esperanza "Restaurat-ship"
  In central Linköping, alongside the Kinda Canal, Stångågatan.
  Phone: 072-22 96 222
  www.esperanza.nu

- Rimforsa Strand, courses and conferences. Events and activities with a lakefront view. Restaurant and hotel rooms.
  Phone: 0494-792 90
  www.rimforsastrand.se

- Stiftsgården Vårdnäs
  Events and activities with a lakefront view. Restaurant and hotel rooms.
  Phone: 013-36 85 00
  www.vardnas.com

- Solbacken Bed & Breakfast
  on Road 34 near Rimforsa
  Phone 013-430 22 00, www.granny.se

- Ryda Jakt & Fiske
  Rural accommodation on the shores of Lake Åsunden. Bed & Breakfast, cottages.
  Phone 0494-640 63.
  www.ryda.se

- Sturefors Sluss
  4-bed cottage for rent, barrel hot tubs & rowing boats.
  www.vikingabadet.se

- Björkfors Vandrarhem STF
  Phone: 0494-600 47.
  www.bjorkfors.com

- Hornåbergs Camping and cottages
  Near Lake Åsunden, visitors' marina and the Kinda Canal. Restaurant in summer, various events and activities.
  Fishing licences for sale.
  Phone: 0494-303 57.

This is a selection of all that's available. Read more at:
www.kindakanal.se

The Restaurant Stångs Magasin offers everything from lunches to tasting menus.

Lakeside sauna at Rimforsa Strand.

Rimforsa Strand with lakeside sauna.
A mini day-holiday for the whole family

If you don’t have your own boat to explore the Kinda Canal in, you can always take part in a breathtakingly beautiful day trip, evening trip or shorter journey on a passenger boat. A cruise along the Kinda Canal is a ride through glorious scenery and changing landscapes. It’s also a journey through time.

The M/S Kind is a good option for fine food, great music and a good time with friends. A perfect way to get away from it all. Enjoy a fabulous day trip along the Kinda Canal and sleep tight at the Scandic Linköping or Hotel Stångå and enjoy a good breakfast before you go. Or why not a lakeside package at Rimforsa Strand in Rimforsa? The package includes a day trip on the Kinda Canal with the M/S Kind, a bus or rail connection, coffee and lunch on board. You can also combine a hotel stay with breakfast at the Scandic Linköping or Stångå Hotel in Linköping with a fabulous evening cruise on the Kinda Canal. A meal is served on board and is included in the price. With or without live music. You can also charter the Kind.
Rimforsa Skärgårdarrederi AB and its ship M/S Birgit Sparre carry you on a pleasant journey through the Kinda Canal’s archipelago-like lake system, surrounded by the gorgeous Swedish countryside and accompanied by narrow passages and canal locks. Starting out in Rimforsa Hamn, you can take one of our regular routes or charter your own.

If you are the lucky owner of your own boat or canoe, you can set your own course and schedule – but don’t forget to plan in plenty of time. The Kinda Canal is not a place for rushing. Read more on page 3.

Contact

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M/S Kind
Rederi AB Kind
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A cruise along the Kinda Canal is a ride through glorious scenery and changing landscapes.
Sweden is gorgeous! Every place has its own unique air, and here in Kinda we dare say you’ll find the very best of Sweden. We offer a different Kinda life! Everything is at your fingertips. We live in the now, with a long, interesting history leading us to an exciting future.

No matter what your tastes are, we have something for you. If you’re an adventurer, you can go rambling, paddling and cycling in Kinda. Choose your own level of difficulty. If you’re travelling with children, don’t forget to visit the trolls in Trollegater, one of Sweden’s oldest bedrock caves. Pat the animals on a farm, wander in the woods or bathe in one of our lakes with long shallows.

Eat your way through Kinda – we guarantee taste explosions that will leave you longing for more. We have many local producers in the region with farm shops, so you can bring your favourites home with you.

In winter you can ski downhill or cross-country, explore the ice on touring skates, or perhaps you’re more the type to enjoy the snow from indoors, beside a crackling fire with a good book in hand? Whatever your tastes, you’ll find what you’re looking for in Kinda.

Or just do nothing at all. Lie down by one of our many lakes and just enjoy Kinda. Whether you’re just here for a day or longer, or if you’re hoping to move here, we’ll do our best to make you feel at home.

Activities in the Kinda region
Björkfors 13 June
Rimforsa 27 June
Horn Market 11 July
Hycklinge Autumn Market 5 September
Ulrika Market 10 Sept

Market square in Kisa
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 July
Olden-days market, youth day, auction, music, performances, cultural events and much more. Welcome to “The American-week” 17–24 July. We focus on the emigration from Kinda to the USA, which took place 200 years ago.