



# UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Lake Vänern Archipelago and Mount Kinnekulle



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Our Biosphere Reserve covers Mariestad, Götene and Lidköping, along the glistening southeastern coast of Lake Vänern. Here you can experience Kinnekulle with its orchids and the mile-wide view of Sweden's historical birthplace. By hiking or cycling along the Biosphere Trail, you can get a closer look at the mountain plateaus that have been formed over millions of years. The cultural heritage is rich and there are many natural experiences that are important to preserve. People, organisations and companies are also involved in creating a more ecologically, socially and economically sustainable future. Welcome to us and experience an amazing cultural heritage with breathtakingly beautiful natural environments: Läckö Castle, Spiken, Kinnekulle and Hellekis, the Qvarnstensgruvan Mine and Norrqvarn by the Göta Canal.



## UNESCO Biosphere Reserves in Sweden and around the World

There are 714 Biosphere Reserves around the world. Seven of them are situated in Sweden (2020). In order to be designated by UNESCO to be a Biosphere Reserve, an area must have unique environments, rich cultural heritages and a high level of biodiversity.

The Biosphere Reserves are intended to work as model communities for sustainable development. Activities within the Biosphere Reserves include everything from research, education and preservation to various efforts for ecological, social and economic sustainability.

The work within the model community is carried out by local stakeholders in collaboration and may consist of innovation, infrastructure, working methods and much more.

## Agenda 2030 and the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals

Our planet is in a dire position, not least because of the climate changes. The world leaders have agreed upon 17 Sustainable Development Goals for 2030, to help us create a better world together. With small means and little formal power the Swedish biosphere reserves have achieved a range of results by connecting local initiatives to national and international strategies. This is done by connecting people and nature and by stimulating new knowledge development as well as education for sustainable development. Through experiences of integrated work with sustainable development in practice in a Swedish context, the Biosphere reserves are strategic regions to learn from, support and invest in when implementing the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals in Sweden.



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