

Route description

Hallstahammar – Kolbäck – Strömsholm – Borgåsund 14 km

45. Here is Lakeside Adventures' main facility for canoe rental along the *Strömsholm Canal*. We are located next to "*Skantzö bad och camping*", which also offers heated swimming pools, sauna, laundry facilities, and a restaurant. From our rental you cross the parking lot and turn right and walk along the pavement until you reach road bridge. Follow the trail under the bridge to access the water, then just paddle right to follow the current.

From our rental it's 300m to the bus stop *Agnesdal*, where the local buss VL 120 stops. The bus is free and travels along road 252 between *Hallstahammar* and *Borgåsund*. To travel to the closest large city, *Västerås*, you can go to the train station 700m away from the camping or the bus station in the city centre 1.2 km away.

46. *Sörstafors*. Bring the canoe out of the water on the left-hand side ahead of the lock. Follow the path approx. 75m behind the barn. Put the canoe back in the water below the lock. Outhouse and firepit available.
47. *Kolbäck*. As the canal turns right it splits in to two. You can choose to go either right or left of the little island. As you reach *Kolbäck* you will find a dock on the left side of the water right before the road bridge. Here you can bring the canoe out of the water to reach the towns centre. There you'll find both bus stops for VL bus 120 and a train station. There are restaurants as well as a smaller grocery store.
48. *Mölintorp*. **Power station with strong currents during high tide to your right! You must keep to the left-hand side in the canal under the road bridge! Please observe signs and buoys.** Bring the canoe out of the water on the left-hand side just before the floating dock. If you wish to end your trip, you can leave the canoe here. Lock the canoe to the pole on land and take the bus back. Bus stop for VL bus 120 along road 252 approximately 500m away. To continue, walk 100m past the lock, put the canoe back in the water just below the lock. Here you find a lean-on shelter, an outhouse and space for tents. On the opposite side of the power station is *Westerqwarn restaurant* with minigolf.
49. *Ladugårdssjön*. Here the water splits into two lanes, keep to the righthand side and continue to the canal lock. **Waning! Strong currents to the left, rapids occur around the castle.**
50. *Strömsholms lock*. Go straight into the canal, all the way up to the locks. Bring the canoe out of the water on the right-hand side, just ahead of the locks. Walk 50m past the locks, put the canoe back in the water just below the last locks of the canal. If you wish to finish your trip here, put your canoe on the canoe racks and lock it in place. Approx. 200m north is a bus stop along road 252. The bus is free of charge.
51. *Borgåsund*. This is where *Kolbäckån* meets the lake *Mälaren*. Paddle straight under the railway bridge to enter the lake. After the railway bridge, straight to the left, is *Borgåsund restaurant* and guest harbour and Lakeside Adventures second canoe rental spot. You can end your trip here as well, lock your canoe next to the canoe parking sign. Bus stop at the square next to swim site *Sotebo*, 600m from the canoe rental.



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