

# \* GETTERÖN



## Bird watching all the year round

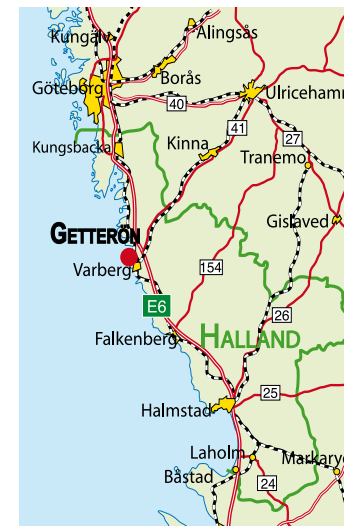
Getterön offers excellent opportunities for bird watching during all months of the year. During spring and autumn large numbers of geese, ducks and wading birds roost here.

Thanks to the mild climate and the proximity to the sea, many birds are also wintering. Heated water from Varberg's sewage plant flows through the channel and out into the lagoon, and contributes to keeping the ice away even during severe winters. Just outside the Visitor centre (naturum) it is therefore possible to see little grebe, smew, kingfisher and many of the other exciting winter guests, and all from a comfortable cafeteria. Flocks of whooper swans and diving ducks are also to be seen on the water. Wintering bearded tits gather in the reeds along with water rails and sometimes bitterns. The peregrine falcon is found in the reserve all year round. During the winter it is accompanied by white-tailed eagle and occasionally gyrfalcon.



Getterön – one of Northern Europe's best bird sites, is located 2 km north of the centre of Varberg, in the province of Halland on the west coast of Sweden.

The wetlands are an Eldorado for birds and bird watchers. About 170 species regularly breed or rest during migration. In addition to these, a large number of temporary guests visit. Up to and including 2014, not less than 339 species have been recorded at Getterön, and the list is getting longer all the time. There is almost always some rare bird to be found visiting Getterön or its surroundings.



*Directions:* From the E6 follow the signs to Varberg town centre and Grenå and then the signs to Getterön.

## More information

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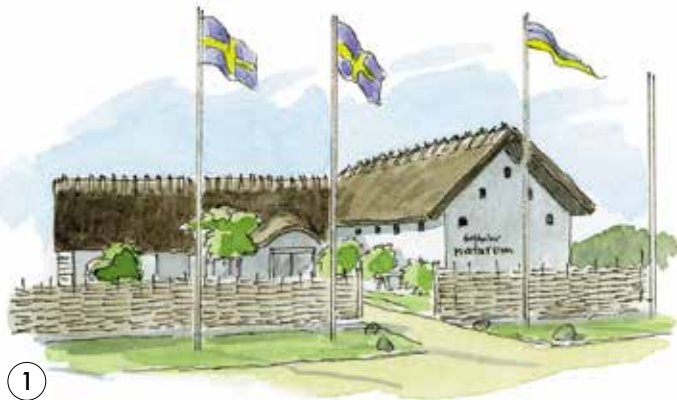
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### Naturum Getterön (Visitor centre)

Good view of the entire reserve. Look through naturum's xed telescopes. Information, exhibitions and guided tours on the reserve's birdlife and nature in Halland. Shop and café. Free entrance.



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### The Pavilion

You can sit indoors here and eat your packed lunch.



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### The observation hut

Good view of the entire reserve. The best place to see the birds on the salt meadows and in the lagoon. The best light is in the morning.

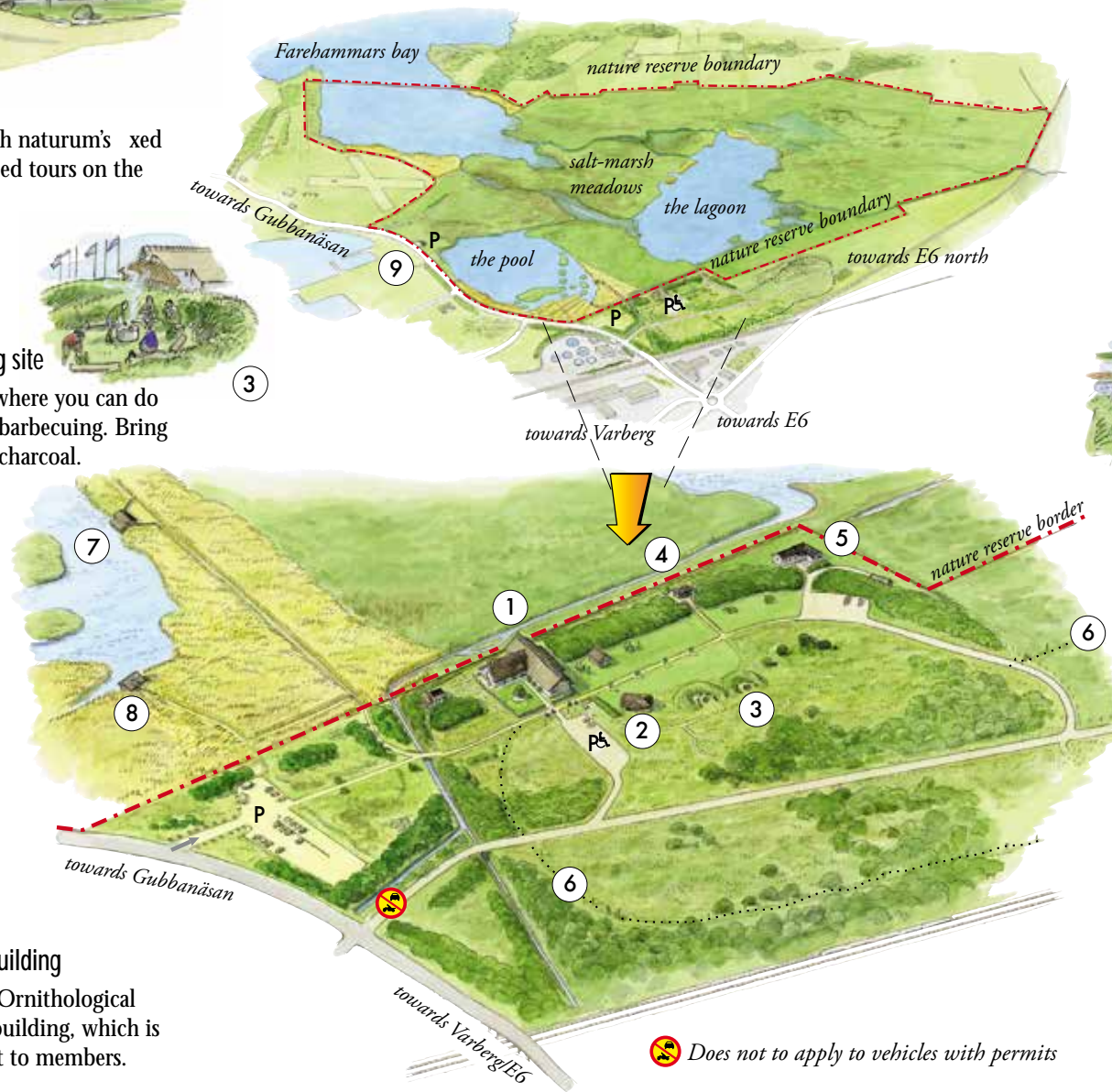


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### The VOF building

Varberg's Ornithological Society's building, which is rented out to members.

In Getterön's nature reserve you get right up close to the birds without disturbing them thanks to the superb hides and observation positions (in other parts of the reserve is a year-round prohibition on entering). The entire reserve can be seen from naturum (Visitor centre) through panoramic windows, and information about current bird observations is also available here. Have a cup of coffee in the café and plan your stay.



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### Barbecuing site

Fireplace where you can do your own barbecuing. Bring your own charcoal.



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### Nature trail

Pleasant path for rambling that is marked out with red posts. Watch small birds in the shrubberies and enjoy your packed lunch at the top of the hill.



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### The large hide



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### The reed hide

Right into the birds' living room without disturbing them. Good view over the breeding islands in the pool and superb close contact with the birds in the water. Good place to watch bearded tits and other birds in the reeds.



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### Hide at Getterövägen

Parking and outlook platform with a good view over the pool. Good light during the day.

Does not to apply to vehicles with permits

