



Cycling tour: Ödevata - Målerås

Route description and attractions' information

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Terrain maps are included with this description

- A. The Exploration Tour: Ödevata - Målerås, around 48, alt. 46 km + excursions. Asphalt/gravel/dirt roads.
- B. Direct trip: Ödevata - Målerås, around 50 km. Asphalt roads

- The Plan:**
- Bring snacks and packed lunch and a water bottle
 - Clothing according to the weather and a yellow/orange vest
 - Pump the tires well and bring pump and repair equipment
 - It is recommended to bring The Kingdom of Crystal brochure
 - Book room at Målerås Vandrarhem B&B and evening meal at the Wårdshuset in case of overnight stay

It is often during summer that the cafes and attractions are open along the way. Check their opening hours.

- AB Glasriket (The Kingdom of Crystal), 0481-452 15, glasriket.se
- Emmaboda Tourist Office, +46 (0) 471-249 047, emmaboda.se
- Nybro Tourist Office, 0481-452 15, nybro.se/turism
- Ödevata Fiskecamp, 0471-504 30, odevata.se
- Örsjö Stugby & Café, 0723-24 20 42, orsjostugby.com
- Café Röda stugan i Boda, 072-843 09 39
- Camping site, Orranäsasjön, 0481-304 14, 070-844 16 73, orrefors-camping.se
- Wårdshuset Hyttan (The Hut Inn), Målerås, 0481-314 02, 073-364 19 00, malerashyttstill.se
- Målerås Vandrarhem B&B (Hostel B&B), 0481-311 75, malerasvandrarhem.se
- Sam's Cycle & Motor, 0481-51 000, samscykelochmotor.se
- Bicycle dealer: Emmaboda Byggnadsvaror, 0471-100 00, byggnadsvaror.se

There are several alternative routes to choose between Målerås and Ödevata. Do you want to see and discover the villages you cycle through? Or cycle directly to the final destination? In the route description we give you suggestions for alternative route choices. You can also combine the suggestions yourself. You will get to experience typical countryside villages with forests, farms, small fields, stone walls and communities in our part of Småland called The Kingdom of Crystal.

The road surface will vary between gravel, asphalt and sometimes dirt roads. Read the description so you are prepared. You will occasionally cycle on or cross larger roads with traffic. **Therefore it is a good idea to wear a yellow/orange vest so that motorists could see you from far away!**

A. The Exploration Tour: Ödevata – Målerås, around 48, alt. 46 km

Ödevata You start your cycling tour at the parking lot and cycle over the bridge. **Map chart 11.** Take a left and follow the gravel road north for about 2 km. You will arrive at the asphalt road 120. Turn right and cycle 2½ km to the road sign *Alsjöholm 11*. Stop and go across the road.

Eskilsryd Cycle on the smaller road for a few hundred meters and you will arrive at the railroad in Eskilsryd. Turn a little to the left and you will see the bike path pass under the railway. Follow the askew asphalt road uphill to the right. Cycle through the town. Eskilsryd is a typical railway area when the railway Emmaboda - Kalmar was built in 1874. There were post offices, shops, forges, etc. that provided services to the farmers and other residents in area. Today it is a small idyll in the Småland forest.

Continue on the asphalt road. Keep left at the intersection with a beech tree and head towards Skräddregärde.

Alternatively, go past the farm Skräddaregårde and you will be just out on road 120 again. Take a left and follow road 120 until road 25. See Butteorp below.

At the farm Skräddaregårde you will see the road sign *Skäragärde*. Turn left between barn and residential building. It will be a gravel road for 1½ km. Follow the sharp right curve at Skäragärde.

At the stop sign, turn right onto the asphalt road. You will pass the Ällebäck village. Just before the stop sign at road 120, there will be a road to the right. There is the "Franses cottage", which was moved from the forest. It is a typical old cottage from the 19th century when a large part of Sweden's population lived in the country. Take a break and feel the presence of history.

Then cycle to the stop sign and cross the road. You will see the road sign *Örsjö 3*. Cycle on the asphalt road to Örsjö. **Map chart 12.**

Örsjö Örsjö is a bit larger town, which also developed because of the railway's construction. There are schools and some small industries. Örsjö has also been a separate congregation with its own church. The hexagonal church from 1893 is worth a visit. Architect: Emil Langlet. The church was destroyed by an internal fire in 1974, but was rebuilt and re-opened in 1976. Turn left at the church and follow the road through the town. **Map chart 12 and 7.**

Alt. route A **Just before the 60 km/h speed limit sign, you turn right onto *Fokets Hus road*. Cycle past the *Folkets Hus* (People's House). When the road turns, take the road to the left, which goes under road 25. Cycle up on the asphalt road and cycle towards *Ärngisslahyltan 3*. You will cycle more or less uphill for about 2 km. Turn left at the sign *Erngisslahyltan 1* and enjoy the hill. Continue**

through the village until the asphalt road runs out.

You will be on a dirt road. Keep left at the V-intersection. Cycle for about 1½ km until you come to a croft. Take a left onto the hiking trail (Glasbruksleden). After about 100 m, the land owner has blocked the path with big stones. Get off the bike and walk past. Cycle straight forward and follow the hiking trail signs. Just before Boda, you will pass a bathing place.

Alt. route B **Attention!** Road selection B is about 2 km shorter, but you have to cross road 25 three times. At 60 km/h speed limit sign in Örsjö, you turn left onto *Brödravägen* and then immediately right up *Långebacke* hill past Bending Group. In the middle of the hill, turn left onto dirt path. You will be on a very old road; *Häradsvägen Örsjö - Algutsboda*. After 500 m you will pass a Milestone from the 1650s. Info sign only in Swedish.

Buttetorp Once again you will cross road 120 and continue cycling the dirt road on the other side until road 25. You will have a house on the right. You will see the sign *Buttetorp*. *Häradsvägen* bends around road 25 and you will have to cross it three times. **Keep in mind that the speed limit is 100 km per hour on road 25. Be careful when crossing!**

Now cross the road and cycle through the village of Buttetorp with well-preserved residential buildings from 1800s. After the next pedestrian crossing, you need to cycle onto the dirt road to the right. After the last pedestrian crossing, you will need to follow the gravel road (*loose gravel for about 500 m*) to the left along the road 25. **Map chart 7**. Until the entrance to Boda, it will alternate between asphalt and gravel. You will pass the funny wooden sculptures and rock with some houses. Outside one of the houses, there are many pits in the road. Speed bumps maybe!?

Boda Turn right as you reach the main road leading to Boda glassworks. The glassworks was established in 1864. Today, the business is called The Glass Factory/Boda Glassworks with glass studio cabins, glass museum and exhibitions. There are a lot to see and a reason to come back. The village also has Hönsalottas luffarmuseum (Tramp museum), which is open to everyone when there are group visits.

www.theglassfactory.se

www.luffarmuseum.se

Hermanstorp After your stop in Boda, you continue cycling on *Storgatan* through the town towards Hermanstorp. Good asphalt road for about 3 km through the forest. At the crossing with road signs *Orrefors, Hermanstorp*, you turn left. At the next crossing, turn right towards Orrefors. You will cycle on a bending asphalt road for about 11 km through the big forest and pass some houses and an occasional farmhouse.

Orranäsasjön At road 31, you can cross the road and cycle to the parking lot, which has tables and benches. **Map chart 3**. There are also toilets. Right next to it, there is summer campsite with bathing possibility and café.

Orranäsasjön (Lake Orranäs) is actually an impoundment (Hålldammen (The Hålldamm Dam)) of River Vapenbäckån (Ljungbyån). Earlier, there was timber floating on the river. The impoundment was a water reserve to power both Orrefors Ironworks and later Orrefors Glassworks.

Hälleberga Church

After your stop, cycle onto road 31 along the lake. Towards Lenhovda. Go past the exit to Kosta. After 2 km turn right towards Hälleberga church. It is the old road 31. At the church, there are church stalls from the 1920s and protected oak trees. During summer the church is open. In the 19th century, revivalist Lorenz Sellergren performed in Hälleberga. His grave is in the church cemetery. Vägkyrkan, Hällerberga church, 0481-429 00, svenskakyrkan.se/nybropastorat

Gullaskröv

After the church you continue on old road 31 and go past the railway bank and turn to the left. Soon you will arrive in Gullaskröv, a glassworks community. It was once the main town of Hälleberga municipality. (Gullaskrövs Glasbruk 1895 - 1921 and 1927 - 1983.) Glass artist Carlos Pebaqué has his shop in the old glassworks' exhibition hall. Carlos does his glassblowing at Målerås Glasbruk (Målerås Glassworks). www.carlosartglass.com

Koppekull

Cycle through the town and continue on old road 3 (Abby Road) towards Koppekull. Just after Koppekull you will come to the railway bank again. You have 2½ km left to cycle to reach Målerås. Alternative route: cycle till almost reaching new road 31 and turn onto the little road to the right. In both cases you will arrive at Målerås Läderindustri (Leather Industry), which has a leather shop and Zabra.

Målerås

You will then arrive at Glasbyn (Glass Village) Målerås. **Map chart 2.** The community was founded when the railway Nybro - Sävsjöström was inaugurated in 1876. The glassworks was built in 1890 next to the railway. You can see the excavation site and information board when you arrive. A new glassworks was then built at the present location.

Welcome to Målerås!

In Målerås you can use the following websites, Eg. for opening hours:

maleras.nu, Målerås Community/Society Association and the Project Association Glasbyn Målerås

maleras.se, Målerås Glassworks, Kristallshopen (Crystal shop) 0481-314 01, Customer Service, 0481 314 06

maleraslader.com, Målerås Leather, 0481-0481-312 83

zabra.se, Manufacture of outdoor and pool coverings, 0481-314 44

malerasvandrarhem.se, (Hostel B&B) 0481-311 75

malerashyttisill.se, Wärdshuset Hyttan (The Inn), 0481-314 02, 073-364 19 00

If you want to stay overnight, maybe it is good to check in at the Vandrarhemmet B&B (Hostel B&B) with Annegret and Frank. Cycle straight and across the avenue and through the old railway area. Opposite the bus stop you will see inside the renovated railway hotel from 1890, which is now Vandrarhemmet B&B (Hostel B&B). There you

can also buy snacks and picnic packages from Annegret and Frank. Eat lunch, dinner or local herring at Wårdshuset Hyttan (The Inn).

At the glassworks you can see glass blowing seven days a week. To experience or try (must book beforehand) glass blowing, you must arrive well before the glass blowing masters go home at 3pm on weekdays.

Do you want to see glass blowing before you start cycling the next morning when Kristallshopen (Crystal shop) is closed? Contact the staff at Kristallshopen the day before and they can certainly help you out.

If you are going to cycle back to Ödevata the same day, you might want to eat something first at Wårdshuset Hyttan (The Inn). Take the opportunity to check out what Kristallshopen and Hantverkshuset (crafts house) have offer and also visit the Leather Shop and experience the lovely "shoe maker smell". At the Handelsboden (Trading shop) you can stock on your necessities.

Just outside Målerås along road 31 northbound, there is a bathing area. There is also a 7 km long hiking route through Gråstensmon, *Hike in the ice age footsteps*. A shorter route suited for children, *Trollstigen*, is about 2 km around the lake is an alternative.

B. Direct Trip: Ödevata - Målerås, around 50 km, asphalt roads

- Ödevata** You start cycling the entrance road to Ödevata towards road 120. At road 120 you turn left. **Map chart 11.**
- Lindås** After about 5 km, you will reach the 50 km/h speed sign and a four-way intersection. **Map chart 10.** Turn right towards Rostockaholme. Follow the road straight ahead. You will cross the railway and Lyckebyån. At road 28, turn right northbound. You will pass the exit to Duvemåla. Known from Wilhelm Moberg's emigrant books and the musical "Kristina from Duvemåla". After about 7 km you will reach a four-way intersection. Turn right towards Algutsboda.
- Alt. route** *You have the opportunity to turn right towards Broakulla. Continue through the town for about 2 km and then turn right towards Algutsboda. Just next to the town Johansfors, there was a glassworks. **End of all alt. route.***
- Algutsboda** After about 5 km you will arrive at Algutsboda church. **Map chart 7.** It was here Wilhelm Moberg went through his confirmation. You then cross over the road 25. **Watch out! There is often a lot of traffic and the speed limit is 100 km per hour.** You will pass the Gransjö sawmill.
- Hermanstorp** You continue cycling towards Hermanstorp for about 7 km and then towards Orrefors. You just need to keep straight ahead. You will cycle on a bending asphalt road for about 11 km through a big forest and pass some houses and an occasional farmhouse.

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After the stop, you cycle North-West on road 31 along the lake. Go pass the exit to Kosta. After 11 km you will arrive at the entrance to Målerås. **Map chart 2.**

Alt. route *You can read about the alt. route above in the Exploration Tour under Hälleberga Church*

Målerås You can find information about Målerås under Målerås in the Exploration Tour.

Welcome to Målerås!

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