



GO CANOEING ON ONE OF THE 388 LAKES IN GISLAVED MUNICIPALITY

In addition to the river Nissan, there are also some lovely lakes for paddling a canoe on. One of them is Algustorpasjön(1) just a stone's throw away from Isaberg. From there you can either continue down the Nissan or stop and visit one of the islands in the lake. Algustorpasjön is right next to Isaberg Mountain Resort. There you can rent a canoe, a kayak or a stand-up paddle board (SUP). Other good lakes for paddling are Norra Vallsjön⁽²⁾, Södra Vallsjön⁽³⁾ and the wonderful lake system in the northwestern part of the municipality, which includes lakes Storemalen⁽⁴⁾, Mörkemalen⁽⁵⁾, Skrivaregårdssjön⁽⁶⁾, Våthultssjön⁽⁷⁾ and Majsjön⁽⁸⁾.

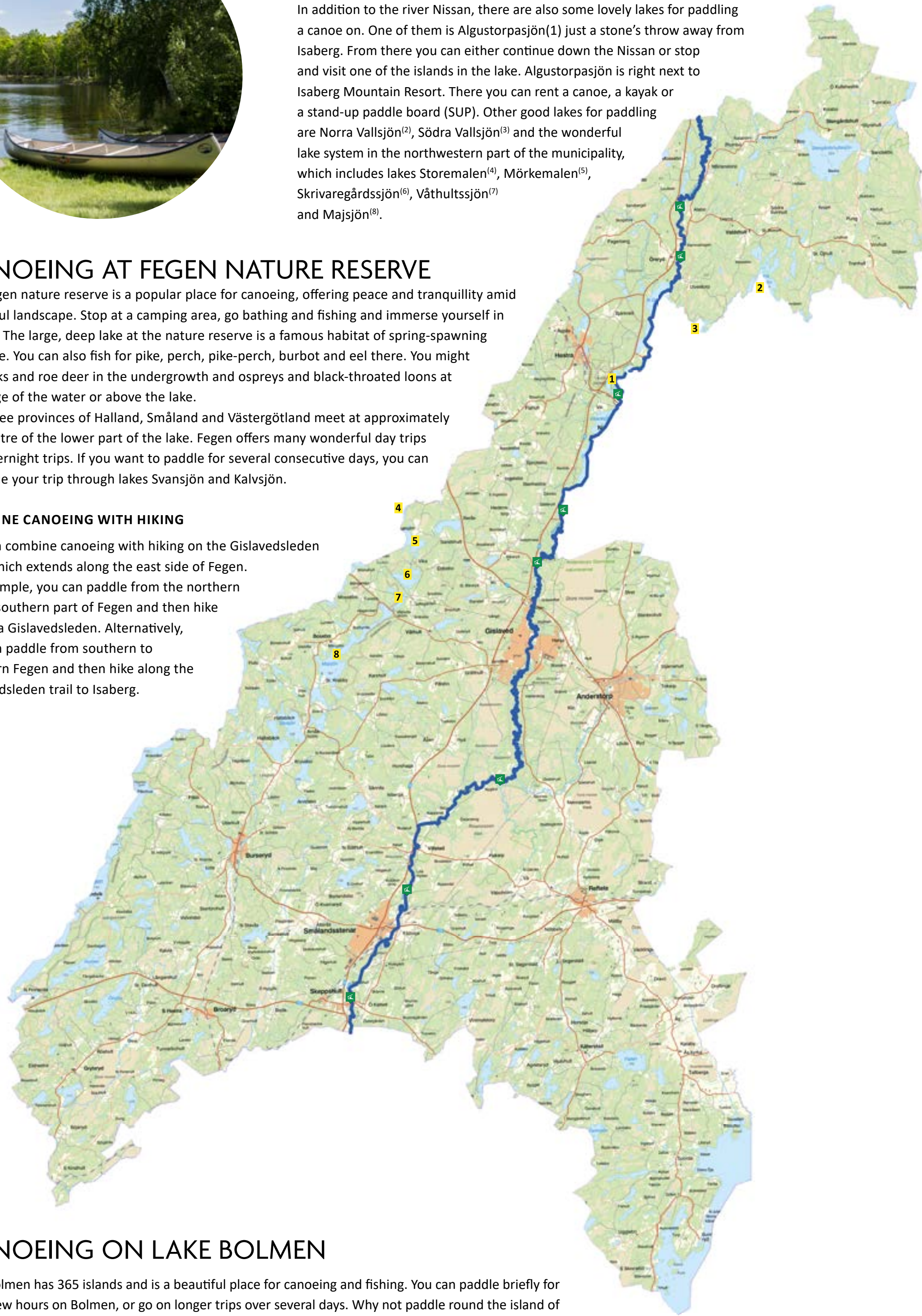
CANOEING AT FEGEN NATURE RESERVE

The Fegen nature reserve is a popular place for canoeing, offering peace and tranquillity amid beautiful landscape. Stop at a camping area, go bathing and fishing and immerse yourself in nature. The large, deep lake at the nature reserve is a famous habitat of spring-spawning vendace. You can also fish for pike, perch, pike-perch, burbot and eel there. You might spot elks and roe deer in the undergrowth and ospreys and black-throated loons at the edge of the water or above the lake.

The three provinces of Halland, Småland and Västergötland meet at approximately the centre of the lower part of the lake. Fegen offers many wonderful day trips and overnight trips. If you want to paddle for several consecutive days, you can continue your trip through lakes Svansjön and Kalvsjön.

COMBINE CANOEING WITH HIKING

You can combine canoeing with hiking on the Gislavedsleden trail, which extends along the east side of Fegen. For example, you can paddle from the northern to the southern part of Fegen and then hike back via Gislavedsleden. Alternatively, you can paddle from southern to northern Fegen and then hike along the Gislavedsleden trail to Isaberg.



CANOEING ON LAKE BOLMEN

Lake Bolmen has 365 islands and is a beautiful place for canoeing and fishing. You can paddle briefly for just a few hours on Bolmen, or go on longer trips over several days. Why not paddle round the island of Bolmsö? Take the charming free ferry from Sunnaryd to Bolmsö, where you can rent a canoe. You can spend the night under a wind shelter or stay at Store Sten B&B next to the water or at Pelles i Sunnaryd, a cosy alpaca farm with a range of fun activities.

COMBINE CANOEING WITH CYCLING AND HIKING

If you like, you can combine canoeing with 'Segerstadsturen', a cycling trail that takes you on an idyllic journey through the Småland landscape. The trail goes past Draven nature reserve, one of Småland's most fascinating bird areas with a 9 km hiking trail round the lake. This trail is not marked, but a map of the trail is available.

You can also combine your canoe trip with 'Norra Bolmen Runt', a cycling trail through fascinating historic landscape with ancient grave sites, runestones and folklore. The natural surroundings are varied, with forests, open landscapes and lake views. This trail is not marked, but a map of the trail is available.

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Hörsjöns Camping



CANOE CHEQUE

You need a canoe cheque to use the camping areas along the route. Prices, canoe cheque:

- adult 50 SEK
- child (up to 12) 25 SEK

Places that sell canoe cheques and canoeing maps:

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CANOEING TIPS

- Always wear a life jacket
- Bring plenty of water with you on your canoe trip. You won't necessarily find water to fill your bottles during the trip.
- There are no electrical sockets at the picnic/camping areas, so bring a power bank to charge your phone.
- Remember that even waterproof phones sink and may be hard to find if you drop them in the water. You might want to use a waterproof phone case.
- Consider using waterproof barrels/bags when packing.
- It's useful to bring a bow saw or pruning saw and an axe.
- Stay away from the wild animals and show respect.
- Only light fires in designated areas. There is a supply of wood at the picnic/camping areas. It is forbidden to chop down trees. After lighting a fire, extinguish it completely with water.
- Only pitch your tent at camping areas or next to wind shelters, never on private plots, pastures or planted areas.
- Respect the natural environment. Don't leave any litter.
- You can bring dogs with you to outdoor areas, but they are not permitted to run loose in the forests or countryside between 1 March–20 August

FREEDOM TO ROAM

The Swedish Right of Public Access gives everyone the right to roam freely in nature, including on private land, for instance to pick wild berries and mushrooms. You are allowed to walk across private property to access fishing waters, and to temporarily use a jetty if it is situated outside a private plot. You are allowed to access the shore, swim and temporarily moor a boat at a beach that doesn't belong to a private plot and isn't a protected bird habitat. You can also pitch a tent for a couple of days in the wild. Don't leave any rubbish and be careful if you light a fire. In protected natural areas, special rules apply that are displayed for visitors to read at the site. For more information about the Swedish Right of Public Access, visit naturvardsverket.se

MORE THINGS TO DO

Gislaved Municipality has a rich cultural environment and versatile countryside, resulting in a wide range of leisure and outdoor activities all year round.



FISHING

With 388 lakes and several waterways, Gislaved Municipality offers plenty of exciting fishing, for example for perch, pike and pike-perch. There is a huge variety of fishing options, ranging from lake Bolmen to the river Nissan, which runs through the whole municipality from north to south.

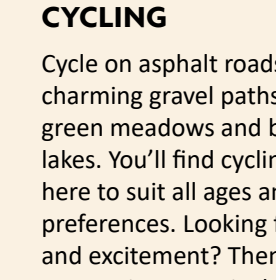
BIRDWATCHING

There are many opportunities for birdwatching in our beautiful green natural environments. Anderstorps Stormosse nature reserve and lake Draven are well worth a visit for birdwatchers.



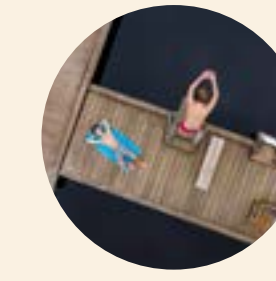
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Nature is never far away here in the depths of Småland. Elks, roe deer, common cranes and wood grouse are just some of the many animals you can spot here.



CYCLING

Cycle on asphalt roads or charming gravel paths among green meadows and beautiful lakes. You'll find cycling paths here to suit all ages and preferences. Looking for speed and excitement? Then Isaberg Mountain Resort is the place for you! It has several mountain bike trails of varying levels of difficulty.



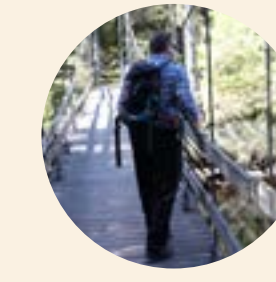
BATHING

The area has many wonderful bathing spots for all the family. There is also a popular outdoor bathing area at Hörsjöns campsite with a pool, kiosk and mini golf.



WINTER SPORTS

In the winter you can have fun at southern Sweden's largest ski resort, Isaberg Mountain Resort, which has 11 slopes and is surrounded by beautiful nature.



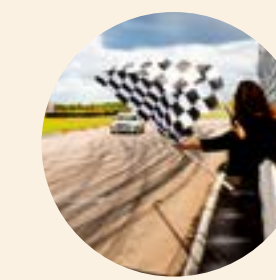
HIKING

You'll find many hiking routes here for adventurers and families alike. Choose between everything from simple day trips to long-distance hiking in the wilderness.



MUSEUM/CULTURE

Explore local history at sites such as the Gislaved industrial museum, Villstad kyrkby, the Ölmestad school museum and the Smålandsstenar stone circle.



RACING

Racing is an important part of our local history. Visit the Scandinavian Raceway in Anderstorp or the speedway track in Gislaved.



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CANOEING MAP, GISLAVED MUNICIPALITY



CANOE TRAILS, NISSAN

Paddle a canoe and enjoy the great outdoors on and along the Nissan, one of Småland's most beautiful rivers, amid magnificent natural surroundings. Start and end wherever you want along the route. Or paddle the whole stretch, a total of 86 km. The route passes through stunning landscape with rich cultural history.



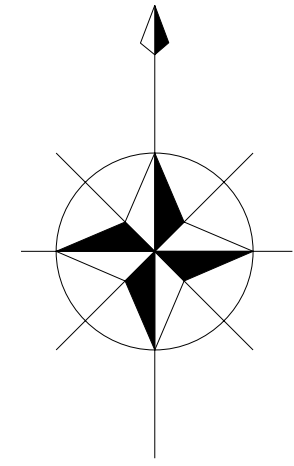
THE NATURE ALONG THE NISSAN

The river Nissan's most distinctive characteristic is its meandering course, which was formed by a slow geological process that constantly changes the watercourse and its immediate surroundings. Most parts of the river Nissan are slow-flowing. In a few places, primarily in the northern parts of the municipality, the river's slow-flowing, meandering course is interspersed with slightly faster flowing stretches where it is still possible to fish for local Nissan salmon trout. The Nissan offers many excellent spots for angling, spin fishing and fly fishing. The natural environment along the river is rich in fauna and flora. You might spot wild roe deer and elks grazing along the river banks. You'll pass several fascinating nature reserves along the Nissan, such as Isaberg, a hill consisting of primary rock, and the nature reserves Värö, Ettö and Villstad kyrkby.



CANOE HIRE

If you haven't brought a canoe, you can rent one at Isaberg Mountain Resort, Hestra Guesthouse or the campsite Hörsjöns camping in Smålandsstenar. You can rent canoes and equipment at one location and then hand them back at your destination. The rental companies can transport the canoes to/from your start point or end point. This service allows you to choose the part of the route that suits you best.



CANOE TRIP WITH OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION

If you want to paddle a long distance over several days, we recommend starting in Öreryd or Isaberg and paddling down to Skeppshult. This takes about 4–5 days. Along the canoe trail, you'll find many lovely camping areas with wind shelters where you can spend the night.



FAMILY DAY OUT

For a delightful family day trip, you can start your canoe trip at Isaberg and paddle down to Gislaved. This stretch is 15–20 km long with no lifts. You'll pass four camping areas along the way where you can take a break in magnificent natural surroundings. Where the river passes Smålandia, you can take the canoes out of the water and visit Burger King or Rosegarden. Then you can continue paddling down the river and end your trip with a visit to Gislaved Industrial Museum.



CAMPING AREAS WITH WIND SHELTERS

There are eight camping areas along the Nissan where you can stay overnight: Alabo, Algustorpsjön, Båraryds By, Bäckshult, Rönnegården, Skeppshult, Ågård and Öreryd. All these camping areas have wind shelters, firewood, barbecue facilities, rubbish bins and toilets. You need a canoe cheque to use the camping areas along the route. Canoe cheques can be purchased at selected sales points along the Nissan. Put your canoe cheque in the letterbox when you arrive at the camping area. You can get more information at the sales point.



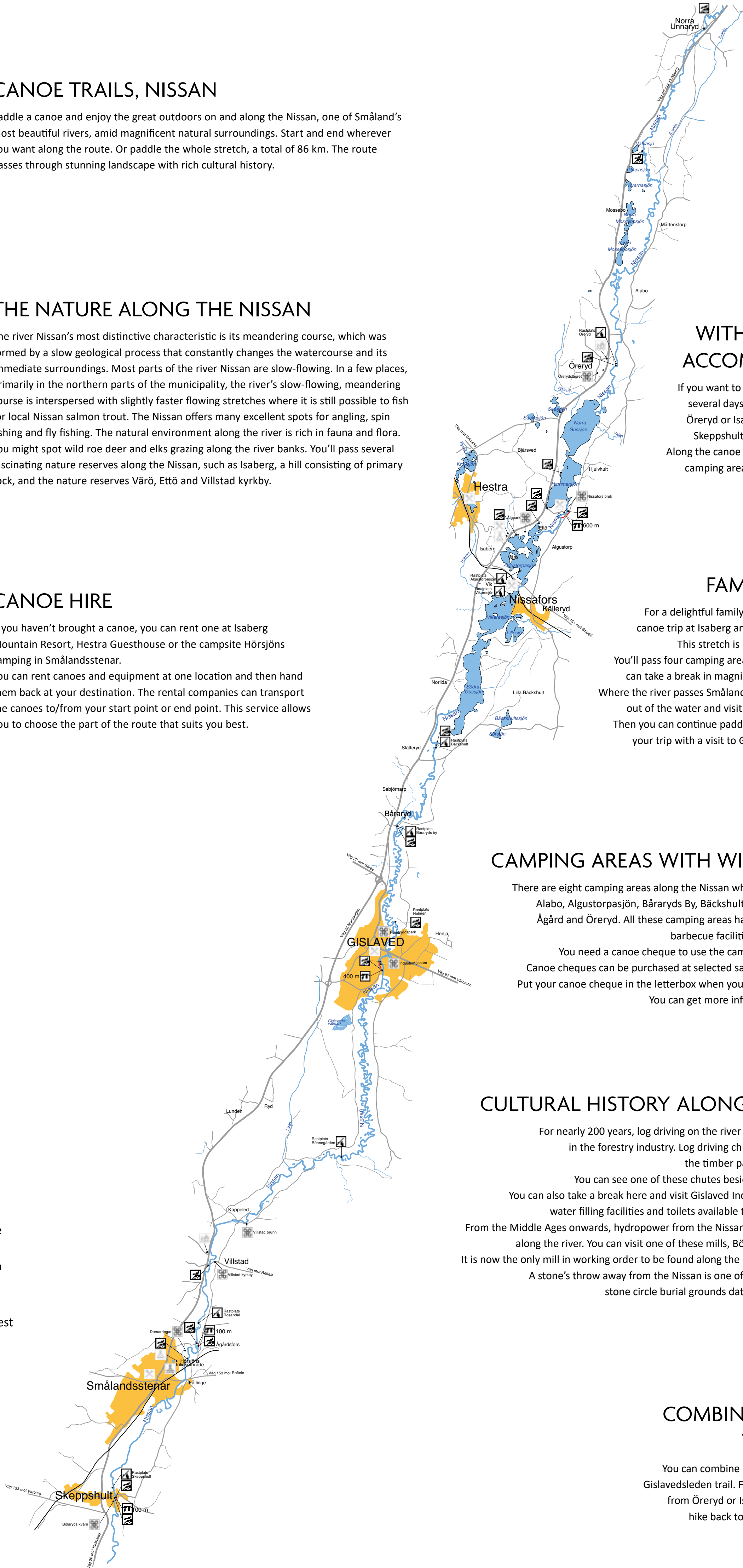
CULTURAL HISTORY ALONG THE NISSAN

For nearly 200 years, log driving on the river Nissan played a central role in the forestry industry. Log driving chutes were used to transport the timber past obstacles along the way. You can see one of these chutes beside the waterfall in Gislaved. You can also take a break here and visit Gislaved Industrial Museum, which has water filling facilities and toilets available to all visitors on canoe trips. From the Middle Ages onwards, hydropower from the Nissan was used to work the mills along the river. You can visit one of these mills, Bølaryds kvarn, in Skeppshult. It is now the only mill in working order to be found along the Nissan in Jönköping County. A stone's throw away from the Nissan is one of Småland's most impressive stone circle burial grounds dating from the early Iron Age.



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KEY TO SYMBOLS

- Urban area
- Road
- Nissan
- Stretch where canoe needs to be carried
- Camping/picnic area
- Canoe launch area
- Site of cultural interest
- Café/restaurant
- Hostel
- Outdoor pool
- Campsite

