



Katrine's Favourite, 11km

There is nowhere to get a coffee and nothing to buy on the Katrine's Favourite route. The lightly trafficked gravel road wends and winds its way through undulating countryside. The northern part of the route is wooded with attractive pathways. Spruce and beech, maple and oak too. The area has been farmed since the stone age and flint tools are often found out in the fields, and relics from the self-subsistent society are clearly visible, as they are across Hotspot Kölleröd. The land is hard to farm with rocks everywhere, but rocks that are vital as hardcore and building material. Farming is vital to the countryside's beauty. We still see a varied, well taken-care-of landscape with grazing animals. Dry stone walls separate old fields in the open and even in the woods.

1 Bessinge Flax Cabin. Take the footpath in the direction the sign points and you will find a building which, as recently as the beginning of the 20th Century, was used to prepare flax. This type of building could be found in every small village, quite close to one another. This particular one is owned and managed by Bessinge Village Association and has been restored in the old style. There is not a nail in the entire building. Inside the space, some of the tools are on show. The processing of the flax gave young men and women cause to work and have fun together. On the door there is information about how the cabin was used. Please stay outside, because some roofstones are loose.

2 The Murder at Bessinge. There is a sign telling you that you are about to leave Bessinge. At this place was the croft of Per Sjöstedt who was convicted of being an accessory to murder. He was employed at a farm where he fell in love with the farmer's wife, Else Månsson, who returned his affections. Together they hatched a plan that Sjöstedt's penniless uncle, Jakob Hård, would kill Ola Månsson the farmer. This happened on 28th November 1888. The murderers appeared in court where the woman was sentenced to death. Else did not wait to hear the result of an appeal and instead hanged herself. Both accessories received lifetime sentences but were pardoned after 26 years. Per the farmhand and a timid housekeeper lived here until the 1940's. Else and her husband had a 12-year-old daughter at the time of the murder who got on well in life despite the trauma she had experienced. Ola Månsson's headstone can be found at the graveyard in Östra Sallerup with the text 'Died at the hands of a murderer'. A memorial stone in the church's wall explains where Else's skull is. It was buried in 2009 after having been stored in a box at the Museum of Malmö.

3 Remains of an earth cellar, or room for drying malt.

4 Beeches as animal feed. Here you are passing through a tunnel of ancient beeches. You can see that branches were broken when the trees were young, the trunks split off close to their bases. The leaves served a fodder for the animals.

