



### Pickelhattakroken (Pickelhaube Bend), 7km

*This tour takes you close to the Fjällmossen (mountain marsh) wildfowl protection area, an important area for black grouse who have one of their most southerly nesting sites here. The marsh and its surroundings have been affected by small-scale farming which has taken place here probably since the iron age. In the beginning the lands were used for grazing livestock, while later the fertile ground was cleared of rocks and used for arable farming. This is a natural landscape at the same time as being an area of cultural heritage created by the people who have lived here. This setting is rich in cultural heritage with dry stone walls, rock piles, fossils, ancient farmsteads and lanes.*

1. **Twin earth cellars.** The descendants of Pehr Olsson and Ingar Mårtensdotter who moved to the area at the beginning of 1835 still live here. They were happy with their shared property as it benefitted from a spring that never dried up. One of the first things to be built was an earth cellar where food could be stored. A generation later another earth cellar was built next to the first – perhaps the family had seen rich harvests. Ellestorp's twin earth cellars are delightfully situated on a beech hill and can be seen from the road. Under the shady leaf canopy behind the cellars are stone tables and benches. You can walk there even though the fences are electric. The owner of the farm welcomes visitors but is eager for any accompanying dogs to be kept on a leash. You are advised not to go into the taller cellar due to the risk of collapse.
2. **Pickelhattakroken.** Northwest of the farm across blooming natural pasture there is a footpath to an abandoned village. Everyone that lived there emigrated to America because of their faith. There they built a new village that was given the same name as the one they had left behind – Pickelhattakroken. One of the villagers was said to keep his Pickelhaube on at all times – even when he slept. Remains of the croft, earth cellars and flax cabin can be seen. There is no village with this name in the United States today. During the summer, livestock use the area for pasture and we recommend that you contact the owner Åsa Sandgren (0708 937252, [sandgrenasa@hotmail.com](mailto:sandgrenasa@hotmail.com)) in order to be shown the way there.
3. **Kronoboken.** Continue northwards towards Harphult. In the beech forest, up on the ridge, there is a footpath leading diagonally to the right. Follow this path until you see four dry stone walls intersect. A stone has been raised here to mark Kronoboken and its significance. The parish's aldermen would meet here to address matters common to the hundreds of Färs, Frosta and Gärd. A new 'Kronobok', as well as the old one, were planted in the vicinity. Here you can see the initials of young couples who have probably promised each other eternal love.