



THE VILLAGE OF BERGA

In 1922, the first Vasaloppet started adjacent to Olnispagården on the west side of Västerdalälven in the village of Sälen. But since 1961, the start has been held in the village of Berga. It is also here you start the Vasaloppetsarena trail.

SMÅGAN

After 2,5 km you come to Vasaloppetsarena's highest point, 528 meters above sea level. Thereafter, the trail stretches out over a broad marsh towards the Vasaloppet's first checkpoint. This checkpoint lies beautifully next to Smågan's lake, roughly 11 km from the start. Here also lies the first cabin for overnighiting.

MÅNGSBODARNA

The last bit of trail before this checkpoint winds through Mångsbodarna's cultural landscapes. After 24 km in light hilly terrain you reach the checkpoint. Mångsbodarna is one of only three checkpoints that has been around since the very first Vasaloppet in 1922.

RISBERG

From Mångsbodarna you travel along an old pasture trail up to Tennäng. Where Tennådalsvägen crosses the trail, it is said that Gustav Vasa spent the night on his flight to Norway. After a sharp climb from Tennäng and then a downhill, you reach the Risberg checkpoint, approximately 35 km from the start. Risberg is one of several beautiful chalets along the Vasaloppet's trail.

EVERTSBERG

By the time you reach this checkpoint, you have traveled 47 km and are a little more than halfway to the finish. Overnighiting is possible at Västersjön and Mellansjön between Risberg and Evertsberg. You can also overnight at a hostel in Evertsberg. After Evertsberg a lovely descent of 7 km awaits.

OXBERG

Just before Oxberg, you will come to the famous "Lundbäck's Hill". Oxberg is the last of the three original checkpoints. The finish begins to slowly approach. Now there are only 28 km left to Mora. If you want to rest, it is possible to stay overnight in the village community center, right next to the chapel or in the old train station, Oxbergsgården.

HÖKBERG

The section of trail up to Hökberg goes through rich woodlands. From the top of Gopshusberget you have great views in all directions. Near Prästskogsstugan (Priest's forest cottage), 2 km before Hökberg, it is said that two Danish soldiers were killed and buried while pursuing Gustav Vasa in 1521. The hut today is available for overnighiting.

ELDRIS

This, the final checkpoint just 9 kilometers from the finish line in Mora, was established in 1935. During the vasaloppet, the number of spectators begins to thicken after Eldris and with the crowd's support, the race's participants finish the last glorious kilometers in to Mora.

MORA

From the beginning, the finish line was placed on Vasagatan, opposite Anders Zorn's statue of Gustav Vasa and that is where it remains today. A ninety kilometer journey is nearing its end.