

NATURAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

Essential wild reindeer habitat



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ESSENTIAL WILD REINDEER HABITAT. You are close to wild reindeer country. Norway is the only country in Europe with vestigial populations of the original wild mountain reindeer (tundra reindeer). The 10,000–11,000 specimens that inhabit Hardangervidda make up more than a quarter of all the wild reindeer in Norway. The large, continuous unspoiled area makes the plateau particularly attractive to wild reindeer. The herds migrate between calving areas and various seasonal pastures over the course of the year, so they need a wide area. Wild reindeer are at their most vulnerable on the winter pasture and in the spring calving season. Some years the area around Falkeriset is an important calving area. Please help us protect the reindeer by not using the trail or visiting the area before June 16. If you see the wild reindeer, consider yourself lucky. Stay quiet and enjoy this rare sight. Learn more about wild reindeer at www.villrein.no

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Legacy for falcon trapping



Illustration: Arkikon

FALKERISET takes its name from falcon trapping, an important business in the 16th and 17th centuries. Dutch falconers used to visit Falkeriset to hunt the world's biggest falcon, the gyrfalcon. If a falconer managed to catch just one falcon each summer, it was worth the trip. They sold the falcons to wealthy princes in Europe, where the birds were trained to hunt game. You can still see the remains of the falconers' stone huts below Falkenuten. Immediately northwest of the summit, you can just make out a circular meadow, where the trapping hut once stood. Gyrfalcon, merlin and common kestrel still nest in the mountains around Falkeriset.

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3 KM ROUND TRIP / 1 HOUR

FAMILY-FRIENDLY HIKE →



Rauland – Telemark

HIKE **Falkeriset**

TOPIC **Panoramic Views of Hardangervidda**



Photo: Guro Lien

WHAT YOU MIGHT SEE ON YOUR HIKE

GOLDEN PLOVER:

At Falkeriset you can see the golden plover, the finest of mountain birds.

Photo: Kjell Bitustoyt



VISITOR'S BOOK:

Do take the time to sign the visitors' book on the top of Falkeriset. Photo: Mona B. Kasin



PURPLE GENTIAN:

Bitter taste but good medicine. Rare as a result of picking.

Photo: Guro Lien



STONE ART:

The path built by sherpas from Nepal is a work of art.

Photo: Mona B. Kasin



Description of the hike

A FAMILY-FRIENDLY HIKE through beautiful mountain scenery with 360-degree views of Hardangervidda, Gaustatoppen, Møsstrand and Rauland. Sherpas from Nepal have built a fine stone path to the viewpoint. Suitable for hikers aged 2 to 90. The kids will love jumping from one stone to the next! Starting at the stone steps beside the car park, the trail is easy to follow. It climbs gently and steadily all the way through the birchwoods and up to the viewpoint above the tree line.

To conserve the natural environment and avoid creating muddy tracks, please use the stone steps rather than walking on the path shoulders.

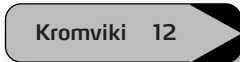
For the sake of the grazing sheep, please keep your dog on a leash. Unleashed dogs may chase lambs and cause them to fall over a precipice.

Driving directions

Start in Rauland village.



Take RV 362 in the Haukeli direction.



After 4 km turn off to the right towards Kromviki.



Follow Kromvikvegen (gravel road) for 10.5 km until you reach a car park on the left, where an information board and stone steps mark the trailhead. (GPS: N59°47.775' E008° 04.861')



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You are responsible for your own safety during the walk. Treat the countryside and grazing animals with respect. Take only photos, leave only footprints. Please take your rubbish home with you. Enjoy the trip!



Maps:
Rauland 1:30,000,
Møsstrand 1415 IV 1:50,000

Note: Dogs must be leashed April 1. - August 20.



Access: June-October, altitude 950-1,095 m



Scale 1:50 000

Equidistance 20m

— = marked summer trail



Photo Mona B. Kasin