

Wilderness Route Trysil - Halden

Category: Cycle trip

Length: 355 km

Degree of difficulty: Moderately demanding

Region/area: Innlandet and Viken



Route description

The Wilderness Route is the name given to National Cycle Route no.9, which runs more or less parallel to the Swedish border from Halden to Trysil. It crosses areas with few settlements and little in the way of services, and is suitable for experienced cyclists looking for quiet roads and close-to-nature experiences. The cycling can be readily combined with fishing or hiking along the Finnskogen Trail. A few facts about the route:

Safety: Generally little traffic; very little in the northern stretches, gradually more further south. The most traffic is usually on a stretch around 10 km north of Tistedalen; from Ørje to Aspern, it is more spread out. The route allows mixed traffic almost in its entirety; there are few sections of paths/cycle paths.

Inclines: The day stages feature total climbs of 300 - 700 metres, assessed overall as moderately strenuous. There are many metres to climb during the course of the tour but most hills, with few exceptions, are not too steep and relatively easy to cycle.

Road surface: About 50/50 asphalt/gravel, the latter of variable quality, often with loose gravel on a harder substrate. About 5 km with narrower, rougher gravel roads north of Harstadsjøen.

Challenges: On parts of the route, there are long distances between various service offers such as accommodation, places to eat or shops. Cyclists should carry sufficient food and/or plan visits to food shops beforehand. Accommodation varies from hotels and camping huts to self-service DNT cabins.

Battery-charging points: There are long distances between charging points on parts of the Wilderness Route, which is less suitable for E-bikes. Carrying an extra battery should fix this problem.

Map of route and selection of service providers under way: <u>https://ridewithgps.com/routes/33999398</u> Gpx-file Wilderness Route: <u>https://ridewithgps.com/routes/33999398.gpx?sub_format=track</u>

Time: 5 - 6 days

Road surface: About 50/50 gravel and asphalt

Recommended equipment:

Off-road cycle/hybrid cycle Start and finish: Sjøenden camping/ Halden station Signage: Yes, as National Cycle Route no.9

Places to stay

Sjøenden camping Tel. +47 62 45 41 51 www.sjoendencamping.no

Gravberget Gård

Tel. +47 48 08 99 07 www.gravbergetgaard.no

Finnskogen Kro og Motell

Tel. +47 90 17 50 84 www.finnskogen.no

Lebiko cabin, self-service

Overnight accommodation must be booked in advance Tel. +47 90061195 www.finnskogen.dnt.no

Hotell Magnor bad

Tel. +47 911 96 256 www.magnorbad.no

Rømskog Spa Tel. +47 69002580 www.romskogspa.no

Kirkeng Camping Tel. +47 90194244 www.kirkengcamping.no

Fredriksten Hotel Tel. +47 69021010 www.fredrikstenhotell.no



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Elevation profile





