

KRADDSELE *fiske*

FISHING IN SWEDISH LAPLAND

A man in a blue cap, sunglasses, and a grey fishing vest with a 'SIMMS' logo is standing in a calm lake. He is holding a fishing rod and a reel. The background shows a dense forest of evergreen trees under a clear blue sky. The water is still, reflecting the sky and the forest.

Fishing Guide



*T*his little guide is dedicated to all who fish within Kraddsele's fishing stretch. The delights of this area, as you probably already know, span a distance of 17 kilometers and is available for all of our dear fishing guests to explore. We want this guide to help provide the best possible conditions for all fishing enthusiasts, so that you may set the hook and feel the heavy pull of the fish of your dreams, whether it is a grayling or a trout. Opportunities here are hard to beat, you can get a hit on a grayling of well over two kilos and have the feeling when a four kilo Ammanäs trout attacks! As a fisherman, you can find a plethora of "hotspots" along this river stretch and you will have great opportunities to discover new, untouched, river sections. To help you get the most out of the experience, we wish to tell you about the many different exciting sections or beats.

We begin upstream at Järnforsen and continue downstream to briefly describe the different beats. This brochure provides a fairly basic description of Kraddsele's fantastic fishing stretch, but there is an incredible amount more to learn about all the possible fishing opportunities of the area. If you want to have even more guidance, there is also the option of contacting one of the area's competent fishing hosts and fishing guides.

Let's now start with a welcoming greeting from Ingrid LappRapple Lind:

– Hey and welcome to the Kraddsele fishing area, where fishing is at its best! Cheers to all the anglers!

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1 Järnforssträckan

– Or Ovan Järnforsen as it is actually called, is an area that starts a good bit above the rapids. This is a section with a high WOW-factor. It is one of the area's two quota sections. If you start at the highest point, exercise a high degree of caution so you don't scare the fish, which are often close to the shore.

Here you'll have the opportunity to catch both grayling and large Ammarnäs trout. A little further downstream there is a cool 'hotspot' – **Annika's stone** (the rock visible behind the fisherman pictured). Upon approach, use caution each step since the trout often park here. This stretch can be fished all the way through the whole river bend but, it gets more challenging to catch the large trout further downstream. The current is the fish's best friend.



2 Djupselforsen

Ett stycke nedström Järnforsen hittar du Djupselforsen. Vid rätt vattenstånd står öring på nacken och i utblåset står alltid öring, dessutom ofta stora klunsar. Flera 6–7 kilos har landats där. Strax ovan forsen finns en strycka med högkvalitativt harrfiske. Det är också hyggligt lättvadat och lättfiskat. Spana också efter en grus/sandstrand.

3 Fäbodforsen

Efter Djupselforsen breder älven ut sig i ett relativt långt och stilla sel. Detta sel ändrar upp i ännu ett fenomenalt forsparti av älven. När man betraktar Fäbodforsen kommer fiskenerverna lätt i dallring. Ett riktigt favoritställe där vi först hittar själva forsnacken med den karaktäristiska V-formen. Vi kan inte säkert, men nästan lova, att här står det öring i



den smala djupfåran. Men det slutar inte där, fortsättningen av sträckan bjuder på lite mer krabb ström i vilken det vimlar av gropar, strömkanter och blankfläckar. Underskatta inte dessa! Pass upp bara så du inte bränner all din tid här, det är lätt hänt.



4 Strycka

Nedströms selet efter Fäbodforsen kommer en fantastisk och lite okänd del av älven. Vi kallar den för "**Stryckan**" och dit kan man promenera från Fäbodforsen eller med bil, parkera på fiskeparkeringen i Djupfors. Här bör du förbereda dig på ganska tuff terräng men det går grov harr på hela sträckan.

5 Grundforsen

Downstream from Stryckan we find Grundforsen, which is not very fishable.

6 Slipforsen

A very nice small beat. Trout can be found in this area and don't forget to fish in the outflow as well. There is also a nice rest area here.



7 Flugfiskesträcka



This is "grandfather's" favorite, also known as the 'Renhägna'! It is a relatively long stretch with diverse and inviting stream sections. The area consists of four distinct rapids. At the bottom of the beat, we find *Kraddseleforsen*, upstream lies *Hällforsen*, *Storforsen* and *Granforsen* in turn. And you can bet it's teeming with record graylings! If you're fishing from the southern side (the road side), you can start like this: Leave your coffee thermos at the sandy beach which you will find about in the middle of the beat where the river thunders down and you see some small islands, then walk a bit upstream.

Here, you can start to follow the stone path at lower water levels and fish from a number of pockets until you reach your thermos again and maybe have a sip of coffee.



8 *Gäddsträcka*

How good can it get, really? In Kraddsele there's everything a fishing freak could wish for. The big and long beat that follows the fly-fishing area offers true pike-fishing magic, this is the so-called Pike Beat. The area starts upstream at Kåtaavan and extends to the western tip of Gällholmen. Here, fishing from a boat and floating ring is allowed. We preserve the largest specimens so the chance of feeling a trophy fish on the hook becomes better and better over time.

Then you can sneak down carefully to where the water is the fastest and fish with short casts that sweep towards the top of the island tip. Let the fly go to the right, inside the island, or cast hard and let it go outside the island. It doesn't matter what you choose, both options are equally good.

Below the first island you can also find lovely grayling pools. A dry fly or a gold head can land a beautiful fish here! Then you have some lovely spots to fish from until you reach the outflow of Kraddseleforsen. There you can switch to a streamer and try to lure some of the trout that patrol the area. Just above Kraddseleforsen there are also some incredible grayling pits where the 'grayling king' pulls out fish at around 56 cm and more. Well worth a look!

If you go below Kraddseleforsen, after a fairly long and winding walk, you reach a long stretch and another sand beach on the north side where the evening fishing can be fantastic when the fish swim up from the big stream downstream.





This is the area's second quota beat and maybe its tastiest fishing spot. The Övreforsen beat is significantly easier to read than the fly-fishing beat and consists of a relatively long neck that represents the end of the long slow stretch that follows the fly-fishing beat. Here, the current gradually narrows and forms a quite deep channel where the trout are lying in wait. Also, really heavy grayling like to stand in this part of the stream.

To fish for trout here, you can aim for the *large rock* (**stora stenen**) you see a bit upstream of the wind shield/fire place. The area around and below this rock is "hot" so you need to start upstream of this. Relatively far so you can also fish comparatively calmly running parts upstream of the rock. Wade from there gradually and cautiously downstream towards the rock.

Later the stream flows into a shallower and wider part, but one should not underestimate this area, you can find (depending on the water level) nice pits with "want to get" graylings. After this, the river picks up speed again to eventually ends in a somewhat long and smooth water area. The rapid outflow is well worth fishing, especially from the northern side. The whole beat is fishable from both sides, so don't miss out the possibility to rent the small rowing boat.



10 Hemforsen

You find Hemforsen just upstream the 363 road bridge right in the middle of Kraddsele. You can approach it from both sides, but please be sure **NOT to** cross over the private properties. Just stay close to the water to reach the rapid neck. If you get lucky, the timing might be right for you to arrive when the grayling are having a "vak-fest", when they are hunting mayflies and spent spinners.

The neck also sees jumping trout and tempting them with a tube fly is definitely not a mistake. Then you can continue down through the more fast-flowing part of the rapids and, not least, the outflow. There will be trout standing in this area without a doubt. The outflow quickly becomes quite deep, so fishing here is a wonderful challenge.

NOTE: Given Hemforsens location close to resident homes, this beat is closed for fishing between 22.00 in the evening until 06.00 in the morning from the road bridge and 300 meters upstreams.

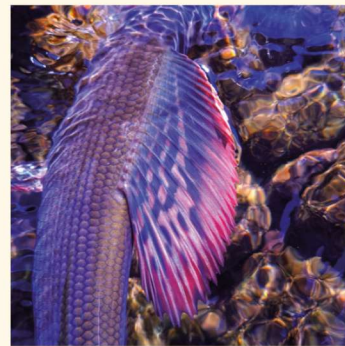
Mats sten

11 Nedre forsen

Starting at the bridge and beginning with a long cast, this spot is often referred to as Limpan (loaf of bread). This is another real "hot spot" that offers many opportunities for both large grayling and trout. Wade carefully out into the current towards the far bridge pillar. When you get out a bit, you'll find the "*Limpan*" – a quit shallow part that extends almost all the way down to the rapids. Fish your way downstream until you reach the V at the neck, where large grayling may be found. Go back up carefully not to scare the large trout that may be hanging around.

The rest of the rapids can be fished from both sides, but it is usually best from the southern side where there are nice pockets for grayling and trout to stand in. On the northern side, it is primarily the outflow that is good for fishing. Here, you need to wade carefully as the fish often stay close to shore.

Feel free to cast towards the shiny spot in the middle of the river. Around there, you'll also find "*Mats Stone*," a large flat rock where large trout often show themselves.



12 Ön

This is the island upstream from the camping site. Around here, you can have your best fishing, especially in the autumn. Take the boat over to the island. It is possible to wade over at some places, but only when the current is low, so carefully check the water level first. During the day, you can wade around the entire island. You will be able to see where the pits are and where you can wade. When it gets dark, you should wade carefully as the grayling will come up from the pits if you just wait.



13 Campingen



Everyone always rushes away without thinking about why people settled here. Of course, the camping area is one of the ever best spots! So enjoy Ingrid's lovely company and then sneak down to the river. Do not underestimate the effectiveness of a long cast between the island and the cabins, there are both large grayling and several hang out spots for trout.

Here, you'll also see the famous "*Börtingstenen*" which is always worth a try.

14 Krokforsen



You will find these rapids downstream from the camping cottages. To access the northern side, you can reach it from the camping area and easily fish from shore or with light wading. Gradually, the depth increases, and don't miss the small creek that runs out here. Do not be fooled by the backwater, the grayling are just at the edge. You can also reach the rapids from the southern side and it's easiest to get there from the road. Look for the turnoff on the left a few hundred meters after the Kraddsele Bridge, it is marked "Blekselforsen". Stop at the first fishing parking area and walk straight down to the river. Then, after a bit of wading upstream, you will reach the upper parts of Krokforsen.

15 Krokforselet

Below Krokforsen, the river takes a 90-degree turn and the rapids flow into a perfect current and a fantastic pool. The pool can be fished from both sides and can offer fantastic grayling fishing at the right time, and you will see dreamy rapids and currents that hold large grayling and trout. Fish the current edges all the way down to the neck with long casts, and we mean all the way! Let the fly sweep towards the shore and don't end the cast too quickly, especially if you are looking for Ammarnäs trout, and hold on to your gear! Many have lost rods and other equipment here.



16 Blekseleforsen

After the Krokfors Rapids comes *Storforsen, Börtingselfallet, Börtingselet* and then *Blekseleforsen*, which starts at the rest area. Blekseleforsen is the final part of the Kraddsele fishing stretch. Here, you can choose to walk downstream from the first parking lot on the south side or drive a little further down, to the next parking lot. The stretch offers lots of eddies, pools, and sections with varying and exciting currents. However, it is not always easy fishing in these parts.

Continuing to walk downstream, you will eventually reach the long rapids outlet. Here you will also find Judith's cabin, and at the same point, you will see "Little Bleksele". Parking is not allowed here. However, everyone is very welcome to come and say hello in the cabin!



General information

Having now compiled this information, we would like to wish all our guests a great fishing experience, and remember, the biggest pike or the largest trout is yet to be caught!

Mikael Stattin, owner of a cottage in Kraddsele and creator of the highly acclaimed Youtube film "Rullhaveri".

Ulrik Thuresson, born and raised in Kraddsele, fishing expert and well-regarded local fishing guide.

Johan Malm, owner of a cottage in Kraddsele and creator of "Fiskekompisen" (the fishing friend) – a nationally renowned Swedish fishing podcast.

Important fishing ethical tips and etiquette advice for everyone's enjoyment.

- Sometimes several people want to fish at the same fishing spot. In this case we try to move around while fishing, and walk about three steps between each cast. This way we get some rotation and everyone can then have their chance. We also want to remind our fishermen to respect property lines and avoid crossing private property without asking. It is also important to not light fires in the woods and bring all cans and other trash home (pack-in, pack-out). Also note the Hemforsen is closed for all fishing between 10.00 pm and 06.00 am from the road bridge and 300 meters upstreams.

- To continue to enjoy the unique fish resource in the Vindel River, we must all handle hooked fish correctly. Respect and caution are key words to remember here. It's important to have minimal impact on the fish's sensitive slime layer and to remove the hook with pliers or a hook remover, preferably underwater. If you want to take a photo, be sure to minimize the fish's time above the surface. The best photos are of fish that have just been lifted to the surface and have water running off them! Such a picture signals respect. Also, think about how harmful a long fight while reeling them in can be to the fish. Always help the fish if it's caught, hold it in the right position and don't release it until it has regained its power and desire to swim away has returned!

- Finally, remember to release all trout and to report what you catch at www.vindelriverfishing.se.

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