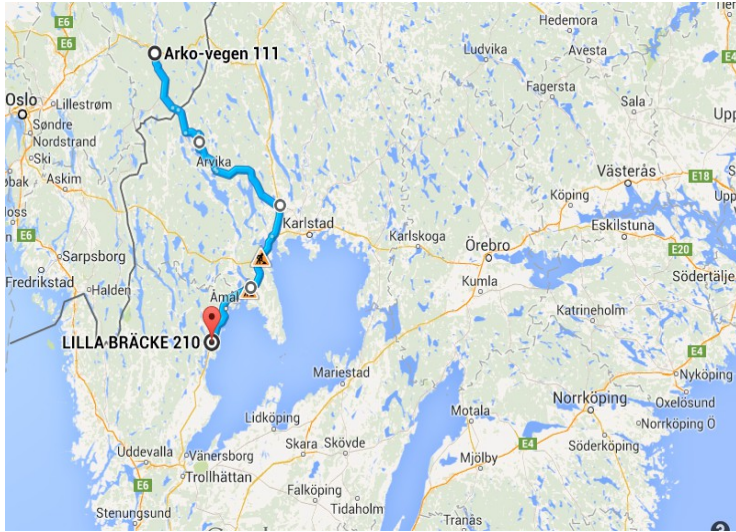


TROLLHÄTTE CANAL AND GÖTA CANAL IN SWEDEN 2. - 10. JULY 2014

We had been talking for a long time to drive along the Göta Canal with the camper. Wednesday, July the 2nd we started the trip. First, we would go to Trollhättan and have a look at the locks there.



This is our route on the first day.



We made a stop in [Sjöfalle](#). Through the center of the city goes Sjöfalle canal. It runs between [Vänern](#) and [Glafsjön](#). View up the canal.



View down the canal.



This duck was quite tame.



Here the canal goes under a bridge, over which Storgatan (big street) passes over.



View from the bridge down the canal. The lock is farther away.

There is a single lock in the channel and the level difference is only one meter.



Here we still are on the bridge and look down the river, which the canal with the lock bypasses.



The old water tower in Säffle. It is 45 m high. Säffle was granted city status in 1951, making it Sweden's youngest city. It has approximately 9000 inhabitants.



A fiddle player at the end of the bridge.



We stopped for the day at [Furusjöns Camping](#) in Änimskog.



Pictures from the site.



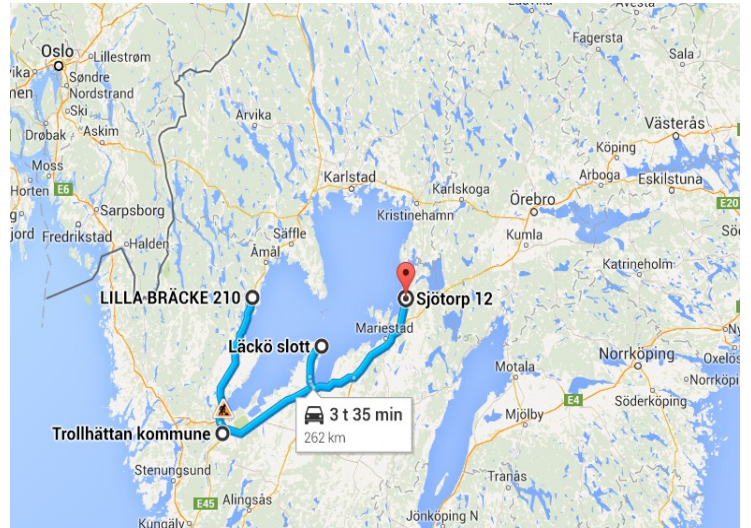
Right below the camping site lies [Furusjön](#). It is 54.2 m above sea level.
A few pictures from the sea and the bathing place.



On the way up to the camping site again.



A small cabin at the camping site.



Day 2, Thursday, July 3, our route looked like this.
This day we had some rain the whole time.



We made a stop in Köpmannebro for watching [Dalslands canal](#). It goes from Köpmannebro by Vänern to the northernmost point on Östervallskog. In the west, it passes the Norwegian border to the old rail station Otteid.



Here's one of the locks. There are 31 locks in the canal. The highest level is Stora Le with 102 meters above sea level

[Link](#) to the description of the channel on Wikipedia.



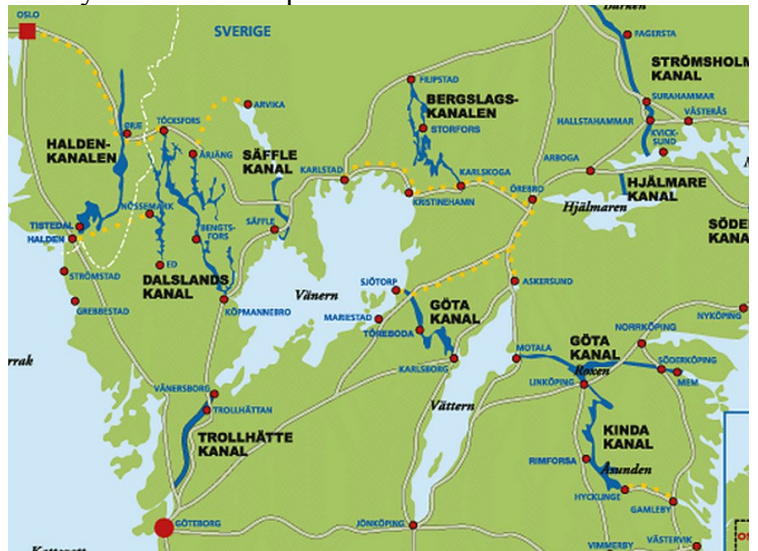
One of the lock gates.



By the lock in Köpmannebro there is a small cafe.



We parked here while we had a look at the lock and the canal.



This map shows all the canals, which we saw on this trip. Vi saw Säfte canal, Dalslands canal, Trollhätte canal, Göta canal and Kinda canal.



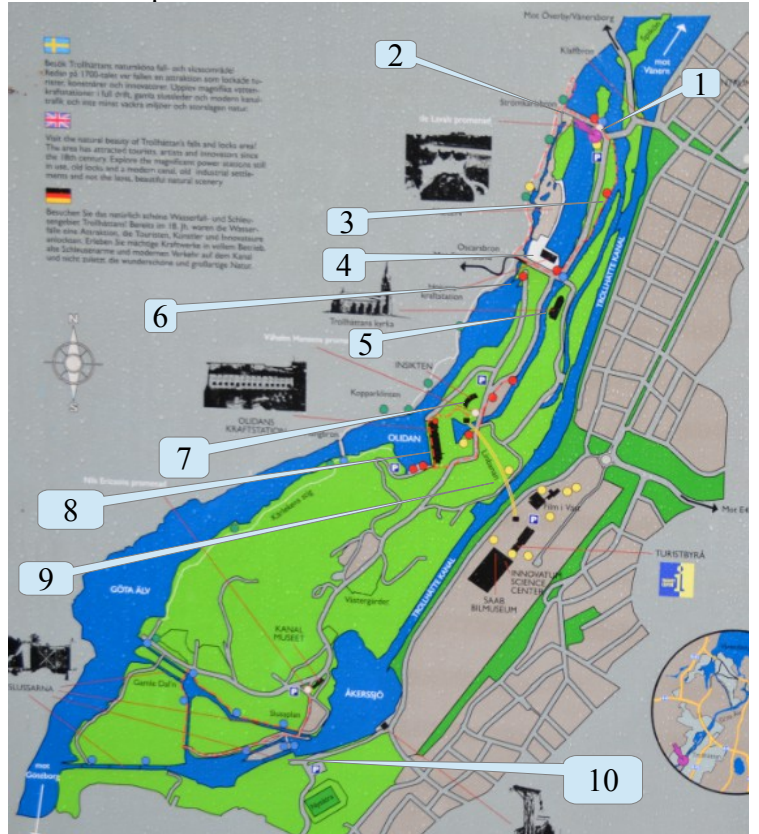
This is the top of [Trollhättan Falls](#). We see the Strömkarl's bridge. There is normally no waterfall nowadays. Most of the water goes through the two power stations and the locks.
On certain days, they discharge water from the waterfall, so that it looks something like as before it was regulated.
It is point 1 on the map below.



This is a lock, Ekeblad's lock, which has been used only once. It was inaugurated in 1754 by [King Adolf Frederick](#) and [Queen Lovisa Ulrika](#), who is the only one who has ever traveled through the lock.
It is point 1 on the map below.



We are still at point 1 on the map below.



Here we are at The Strömkarl's bridge and look down where the water flowed as a waterfall before the regulation.
Point 2 on the map.



This is the canal, which lead the water to [Oliden Hydroelectric Power Station](#).
Point 3 on the map above.

[Hojum Hydroelectric Power Station](#).
Point 4 on the map above.



[Trollhätta church](#).
Point 5 on the map above.



Below the church we have a view down the [Göta älv](#), below the falls. Point 6 on the map above.



The Kings Cave lies right below Oscarsbron. It is a [giant's kettle](#). Here many Swedish kings have written their name.



This is [Oscarsbron](#), as it looks like, seen from below at the Kings Cave.



Next to the Kings Cave we find the middle of [Polhem's three locks](#). The lock was never finished.



This is a fountain located in a small park opposite [The Innovatum Science Center](#)

It is marked with the number 7 on the map above.



The Aerial Cabelway, which is crossing the canal.
It is marked with the number 9 on the map above.



Olidan power station.

It is marked with the number 8 on the map above.



The upper building on Olidan power plants.
Olidan was the Swedish state's first hydro power project.
The construction project started in 1905, and the first 4 units were opened in 1910. In 1921 it was expanded to 13 units.



The canal leading down to Olidan power plants.
It runs parallel to and between the Göta Canal and the Göta river.



On our way back to the church.



Standing on Oscarsbron we can see upwards what was a waterfall once.



Royal crowns on both sides of the bridge.



There are such at the middle of the bridge, one on each side.



Here we have moved a bit further down the lock area.
This is Old Dal'n lock



[Elfkungen](#) is moored at the quay in Åkersjö, which is the basin above the top lock in Trollhättan.



A [kiosk](#) in the lock area.



A cafe, [Slusscafé](#).



Looking along Åkersjö.



The upper lock. It is marked as number 10 on the map above.



A clock tower.



Another picture of Åkersjö.



[Slusekafeen](#) seen from across the lock.



[Rumshotellet Tjädern](#).
It is apparently possible to book rooms there by calling.



[The Canal Museum.](#)

Having been in the top lock area, we drove on towards Läckö Castle.



At the rest area there is also a plow. As an old Kverneland employee, I had to take a picture of the plow, although it was no Kverneland plow.



On our way to Läckö Castle, we stopped to check the map on this picnic area, picnic Viggen.



A memorial of [Torsten Rudenschöld](#), who worked to achieve a similar primary school for everyone. He is considered the founder of the Swedish primary school.



Here we arrive at [Läckö Castle](#). [The homepage](#). The castle is located on Källandsö, which is linked by a bridge to

the mainland. It was begun in the 1200s.



The stables.



The gull.



The swan boats.



The cafe outside the stables.



We went for a walk around the castle.



The marina.



A close-up of the castle.



Anne Berit and the guide of the castle.



A border stone.



Her we have made a detour to [Spiken. The homepage.](#) It is a nice little fishing village north on Kollandsø.



We had parked here.



Fyren (the light house) shop and cafe.



Nice little harbor.



An old [derrick-crane.](#)



A life buoy.



Farther away there are several restaurants and fish shops.



A bicycle used as flower beds.



An old boat.



An old motor.



Restaurant.



Another restaurant.



Fish shop.

Still another restaurant.



Rescue boat.



Decoration outside a shop.



Here is a sailor who goes out from Spiken.



Here we have just come from the island and onto the mainland. Here is a nice little cafe.





Here we look beyond the strait towards Vänern.



This is the road to Kållandsö.



The cafe have an outdoor area next to the strait.



It is rare to see milk churns like these today.



This is the next camping site. It's called [Askeviks Camping och Stugor](#), located on the east side of Lake Vänern, just north of Sjötorp, where the Göta Canal begins / ends.



The cabins.



The wind was quite fresh in the evening.



We wondered a long time about what this is.



We found out that it is a sauna.



Evening pictures.