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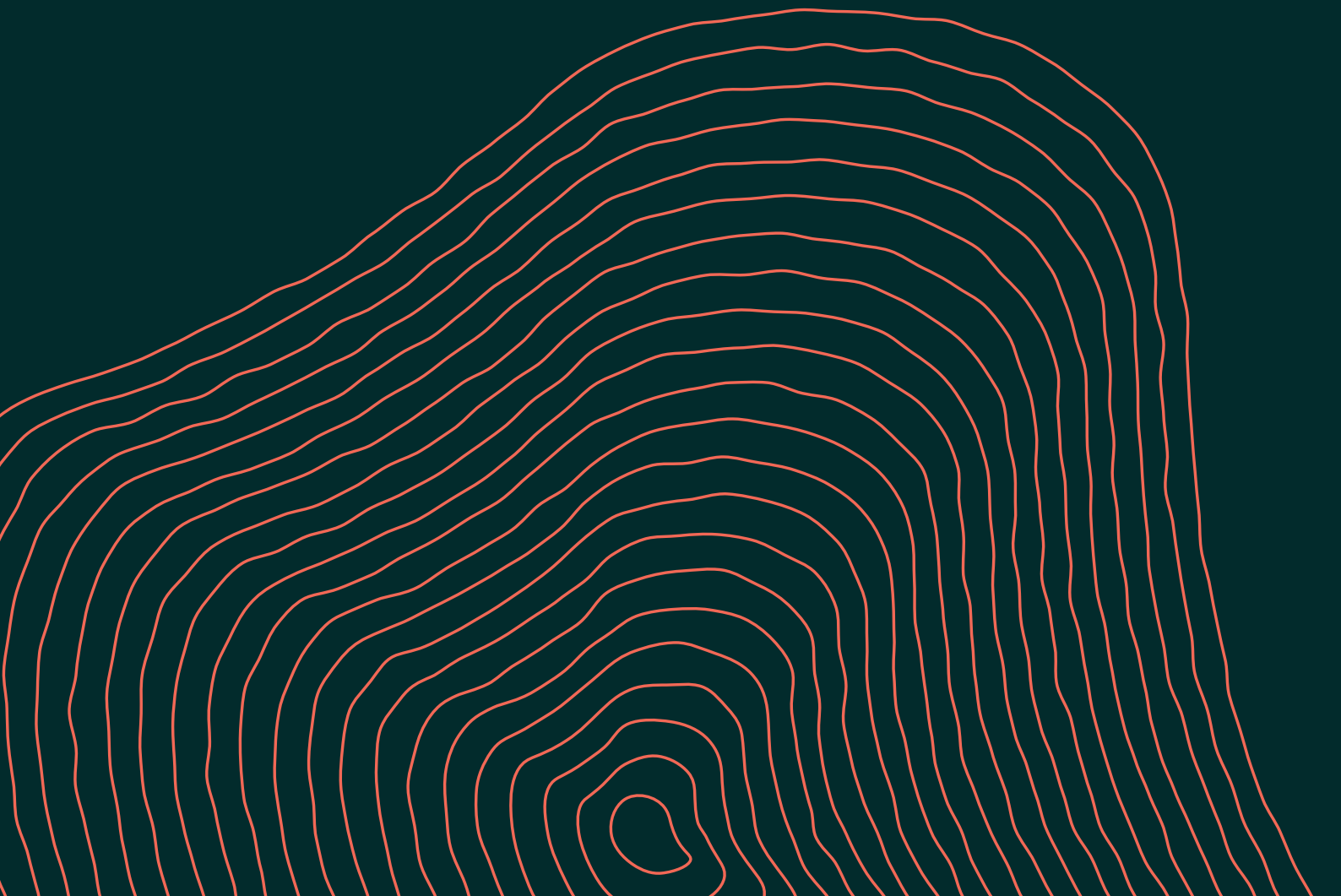
FORESTS, WILDERNESS & HIMMELRIKET

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Drangedal – Forests, Wilderness and Himmelriket

With its countless lakes, beaches, forests and mountains, this area has been an important stopping place and home for people for hundreds of years.

Evidence of settlement dates back to the Viking Age, and historical records tell of thriving trade and welcoming farms as early as the 17th century. For generations, local people have lived in close harmony with nature, and this knowledge has become an integral part of everyday life, culture and identity.

Drangedal is a paradise for anyone seeking authentic nature, tranquillity and history – combined with exciting outdoor activities and adventures right on your doorstep.

In this brochure, we present just a few of the many experiences waiting for you. We hope it inspires you to explore everything from the deep forests and unspoilt wilderness to Himmelriket ("The Kingdom of Heaven"), one of the area's most spectacular natural landmarks.





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Drangedal – Prestestranda (Town Centre) and Surroundings

Drangedal is a wonderful year-round destination and a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts. Here you'll find numerous lakes, perfect for swimming, fishing and paddling, as well as endless opportunities for hiking, climbing and mountain biking, with routes for all levels of experience.

Along the shores of Lake Toke, with its 185 kilometres of shoreline and countless islands and sheltered coves, you'll discover one inviting swimming spot after another.

Even in the heart of Drangedal's historic centre, Prestestranda, you'll find a beautiful beach. At Pier Toke Brygge and the traditional boat-houses in the town centre, there is a family-friendly sandy beach with a swimming jetty, playground equipment, a trampoline and a beach volleyball court. The area is fully accessible, making it easy for everyone to enjoy the waterfront.

Kayaks can be rented through Gautefall Turlag (the local trekking association), while canoes are available for hire through Drangedal Municipality. The town centre also offers a selection of shops, cafés and restaurants.

Just south of the town centre, at Neslandsvatn, you'll find a fully accessible walking and cycling path following a historic railway route. The trail is paved and illuminated, making it an enjoyable and atmospheric experience even after dark.

Above all, however, Drangedal is about unforgettable nature experiences. In this brochure you'll find plenty of inspiration for exploring the area.

Drangedal offers a wide range of activities for the whole family. Enjoy miles of peaceful gravel roads, exciting forest trails, smooth granite outcrops perfect for hiking, and scenic country roads with very little traffic. Stay close to nature at dedicated motorhome sites, cosy cabins or comfortable hotels.

Top 3 Cycling Routes

1. Kragerø Railway Trail – Neslandsvatn

A fully accessible walking and cycling trail following the historic route of the former Kragerø Railway, which opened in 1927.

The area also features a climbing wall, beach volleyball court, swimming area and a barbecue shelter.

Parking: Neslandsvatn Station

Distance (return):	14 km
Difficulty:	Easy
Season:	April–October
Duration:	Approximately 1.5 hours
Suitable for:	Families with children and older visitors



2. The Cultural Heritage Trail

The Cultural Heritage Trail at Drangedalsheia is a well-maintained, family-friendly cycling route that combines beautiful scenery with local history. Along the route you'll discover 15 cultural heritage sites, offering fascinating insights into Drangedal's rich past.

The route starts at Villmarkseventyret Camping.

Distance (return):	15 km
Difficulty:	Easy
Season:	April–October
Duration:	Approximately 1.5 hours
Suitable for:	Families with children and older visitors



3. The Wilderness Trail

Designed for experienced mountain bikers, the Wilderness Trail offers one of Telemark's most challenging cycling adventures.

This purpose-built 23 km circular route is ideal for riders looking for demanding terrain and an exciting wilderness experience. The trail begins at the Åslandsfjell car park.

Distance (loop):	23 km
Difficulty:	Moderate to challenging
Season:	April–November
Duration:	Approximately 3 hours
Suitable for:	Adults



DRANGEDAL BYGDETUN - OPEN-AIR MUSEUM

drangedalbygdetun.no

Discover history brought to life

Situated in the beautiful Telemark countryside, close to Lake Motjenn and surrounded by forests, Drangedal Bygdetun is a living heritage site where culture, history and nature come together. Here you may experience authentic rural life in peaceful surroundings where time seems to slow down.

History in harmony with nature

At Drangedal Bygdetun, nature and cultural heritage go hand in hand. Experience traditional timber buildings and historic tools, and discover how people once lived in close harmony with the forest, farmland and lakes.

The museum features 21 buildings, including 19 historic buildings dating from the 18th to the 20th century. Farmhouses, storehouses, barns, outbuildings and workshops illustrate traditional crafts and farming life.

Each building tells its own story of everyday life in rural Norway. Many have been carefully relocated to preserve their original character, offering an authentic glimpse into Norway's rural heritage.

Wilderness on your doorstep

Nature is never far away. Just beyond the museum you'll find peaceful forests and lakes, perfect for simple outdoor experiences. A barbecue shelter and fire pit provide welcoming places to relax and enjoy good company.

Whether you're visiting with family, friends or a group, the area offers easy, nature-based experiences for everyone.

Something for all ages

Drangedal Bygdetun offers something for everyone. Discover traditional crafts, join seasonal events and enjoy family-friendly activities.

Combining history with outdoor experiences, the museum is an ideal destination for families, history enthusiasts and nature lovers.

During the summer, guided tours are available, while concerts, markets and cultural events are held throughout the year.

Motorhome/campervan parking – stay close to the experience

Motorhome parking is available within walking distance of the museum and nearby hiking areas.

Opening hours and guided tours:

drangedalbygdetun.no

- Café & shop: Open during the season and for special events.
- Visitor information: Maps and trail guides at drangedalbygdetun.no.
- Events: Follow Visit Telemark, Visit Gautefall and the museum's own channels.

A place of tranquillity, history, and authentic encounters with Telemark's nature and culture.



An experience that stays with you.
A place of tranquility, history, and
genuine encounters with the nature
and culture of Telemark.



Contact Drangedal Bygdetun

Traditional open-air museum with 19 historic buildings. A venue for festivals, markets, concerts and historical performances.

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Homepage:

www.drangedalbygdetun.no



Nature experiences that leave a lasting impression



Challenges for every season

Surrounded by spectacular nature, we create experiences beyond the ordinary. At Gautefall, we offer activities that combine rugged landscapes, real achievement and unforgettable moments – perfect for colleagues, families, groups of friends and teams.

Tailor your day with activities that build both excitement and team spirit. Experience mountain biking on full-suspension bikes across smooth granite, forest trails and wooden boardwalks. Or take on the Himmelriket Via Ferrata, a thrilling climb with 170 metres of elevation and breathtaking views.

If you prefer a slower pace, join one of our guided hikes. Our experienced local guides will lead you to some of the area's hidden gems and share stories about the landscape along the way.

Looking to strengthen your team? We offer team-building at the historic crofter's farm Lia, at Camp Dalen, where heritage meets creative challenges, friendly competition and genuine teamwork. End the day with a delicious meal served in warm, rustic surroundings.

With us, you'll enjoy more than just an activity—you'll experience nature up close, with opportunities for achievement, laughter and memories that last.

Contact Gautefall Event

Team building, events and outdoor experiences for companies, families, groups of friends and clubs at Gautefall, Telemark.



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GautefallEvent

Groups: Minimum 6 participants or minimum charge applies.



Your next wilderness adventure



Contact Villmarkseventyret

Motorhome campsite with guaranteed pitches and easy access to cycling trails, hiking routes and fishing lakes.



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Motorhome camping, cabins, tent pitches and wilderness shelters – designed for nature and adventure

Villmarkseventyret is where peace meets adventure, and where nature invites you to explore, unwind and reconnect. Whether you're seeking solitude, quality time with family or your next outdoor challenge, you'll find it here.

Stay surrounded by nature in beautiful surroundings along the Sætre Watercourse. Choose from cosy cabins, simple yet charming wilderness shelters, tent pitches or our unique motorhome campsite – all designed to give you a true wilderness experience. Park your motorhome deep in the forest or at the service area – an experience not to be missed!

Ready to get out on the water? Guests staying in our cabins have free use of canoes and kayaks, making it easy to paddle quietly along rivers and forest lakes. The area offers peaceful routes suitable for both beginners and experienced paddlers.

If you prefer to explore on foot, you'll find excellent hiking terrain with scenic walks and rewarding summit hikes. Visit popular viewpoints such as Luberg, Rupåsen and Åslandsfjell, and enjoy

panoramic views across endless forests and unspoilt countryside.

Cyclists are equally well catered for, with everything from quiet gravel roads to exciting forest singletrack. Try the family-friendly Cultural Heritage Trail, a 15 km route through forests and cultural landscapes, with fascinating stories along the way (kulturrunden.no).

Or challenge yourself on the Wilderness Trail, a demanding 23 km off-road route for adventurous riders (villmarksrunden.no).

Families will love the Adventure Trail, a forest path featuring activities and fun adventure stations for all ages. The nearby forest lakes also offer excellent trout fishing.

Welcome to your next wilderness adventure.





HULFJELL FARM

hulfjell.no

A summer paradise with a petting farm, playgrounds, beach, camping and cabins

Dreaming of the perfect summer holiday – with farm life, swimming, nature and fun for the whole family?

Welcome to a summer paradise where you can relax, unwind and fill your days with memorable experiences. Whether you're travelling by motorhome, caravan or tent, or prefer the comfort of a cosy cabin, we have everything you need for an enjoyable stay.

Choose from four charming cabins, perfect for a simple and comfortable getaway. Our full-service motorhome campsite offers electric hook-ups, modern sanitary facilities, playgrounds, a jetty and a swimming area. We also have spacious pitches for caravans and tents.

Children and animal lovers will enjoy our friendly petting farm, where they can meet the animals,

play and experience authentic farm life. You'll also find playgrounds, a classic Gråtass vintage tractor and a kiosk offering refreshments and treats.

Throughout the summer, concerts and entertainment create a lively atmosphere. Children can enjoy special holiday shows on selected days – the perfect finishing touch to a memorable family holiday.

Whether you're looking for peace and relaxation or fun and activity, you'll find it here. Bring your family and friends and create summer memories that will stay with you long after your holiday is over.



Contact Hulfjell Farm

Petting farm and full-service motorhome campsite with panoramic views over Lake Tøke.



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Highlights of Drangedal

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Gautefall Ski lodge

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Gautefall Event (Lia / Camp Dalen)

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Lohne ranch

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Drangedal Open-Air Museum

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Villmarkseventyret (The Wilderness Adventure)

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Hulfjell Farm

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Toke Town – Western Town

Jordbudalen 37, 3760 Neslandsvatn

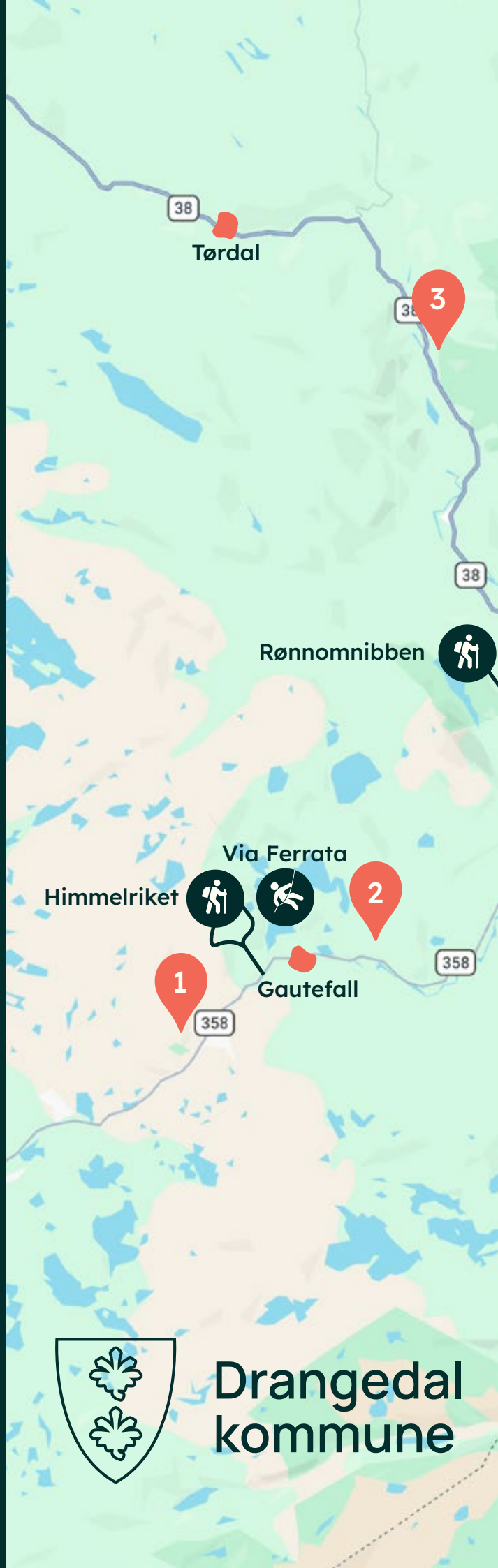
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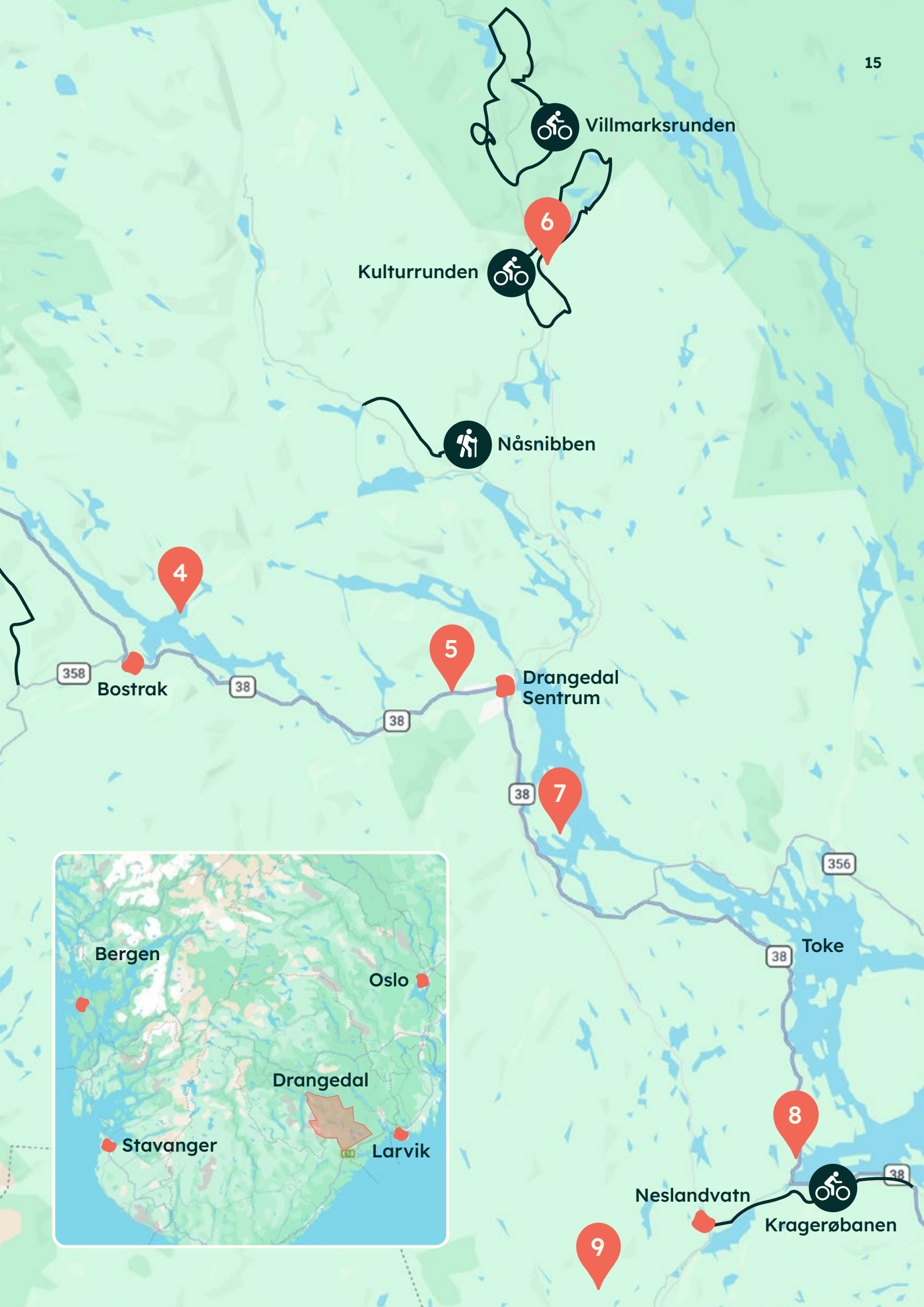
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Drangedal – From Forests and Wilderness to Himmelriket

Drangedal and Gautefall are a paradise for hikers, with an extensive network of marked trails. Whether you're looking for an easy walk or a more challenging hike, you'll find routes leading to historic sites and spectacular viewpoints with views stretching towards Kragerø, Bø and Skien.

We recommend every visitor to experience Himmelriket on Gautefall – one of nature's true masterpieces. This remarkable destination features spectacular granite rock formations sculpted by glaciers during the last Ice Age, creating a unique landscape of smooth, polished stone.

The result is a dramatic natural formation resembling a vast Roman amphitheatre. The hike is relatively easy and rewards you with an unforgettable nature experience.

There are trails for all ages and abilities. Family-friendly routes such as the Kragerø Railway Trail and the Adventure Trail offer activities for children, while more adventurous visitors can explore the forests and wilderness or tackle challenging summit hikes such as Rønnonnibben.

Along the way you'll also discover inviting swimming spots, peaceful fishing lakes, wild blueberries and chanterelle mushrooms. Take your time and enjoy the beauty of nature.

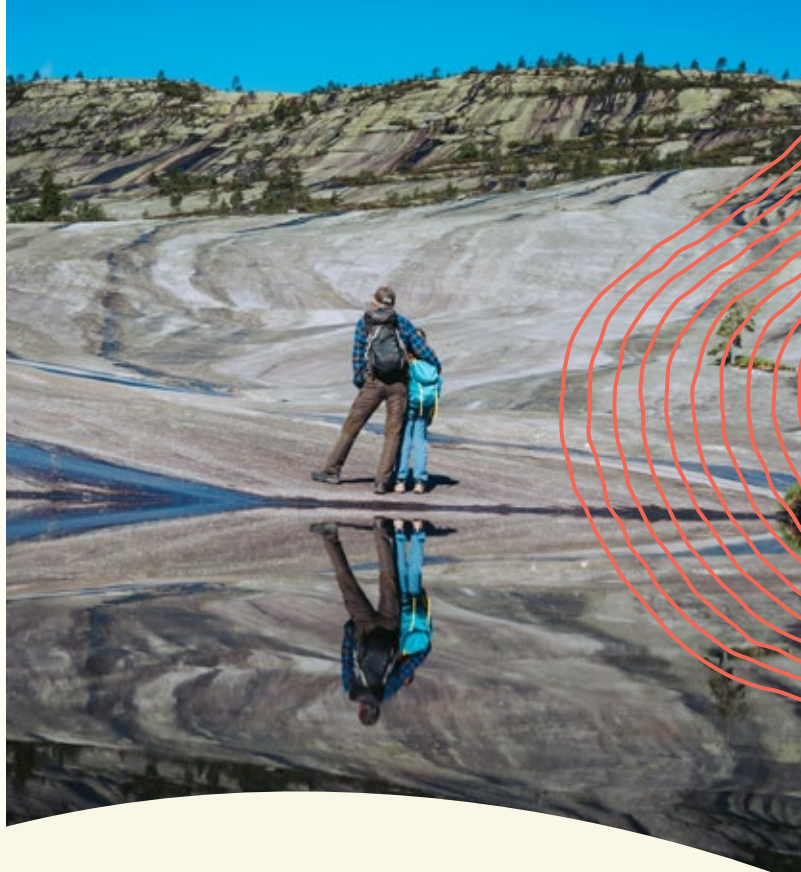


Top 3 hikes

Himmelriket

Visit nature's own amphitheatre, with spectacular smooth granite slabs shaped by the Ice Age – a unique experience for all ages. The trail starts at Gautefall Ski Centre, passing under the road towards the hotel. The marked trail begins between the Red Cross Cabin and the Mountain Church.

Distance (return):	4,5 km
Difficulty:	Easy
Season:	Year-round
Duration:	1 hour
Suitable for:	Children and older visitors



Nåsnibben

At 400 metres above sea level, Nåsnibben is one of the region's finest viewpoints. This moderate hike passes through varied woodland and across open hillsides, making it perfect for anyone wanting to experience Telemark's beautiful scenery.

Distance (return):	5,6 km
Difficulty:	Moderate
Season:	April–October
Duration:	2 hours
Suitable for:	Adults and children with hiking experience

Rønnonnibben

At 615 metres above sea level, Rønnonnibben is Drangedal's most spectacular summit – often described as the region's answer to Trolltunga and Preikestolen. Parking is available along Highway 358 at Åse, midway between Bostrak and Gautefall.

Distance (return):	9,2 km
Difficulty:	Challenging (rope-assisted climbing required on the final section)
Season:	May–October
Duration:	5 hours
Suitable for:	Adults and teenagers

Contact Ettestad Farm

Accommodation with character in cabins or tents, surrounded by nature. Canoes and rowing boats are available.



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Experience authentic farm life,
peace, nature and achievement
in harmony.

ETTESTAD FARM – Accommodation and Nature-based Training

Welcome to a place where nature, tranquillity and personal growth come together. Here you'll be welcomed by Linn and her family – hosts with a truly unique background..

With years of experience in elite sport, physical and mental coaching, and guiding athletes at national and international level, Linn focuses on achievement, personal growth and meeting life's challenges.

At the farm, this experience blends with the simple life in nature. Slow down, breathe deeply and reconnect with yourself, while challenging yourself through outdoor activities and experiences.

ACCOMMODATION

The Firehouse (Eldhuset)

Located in the farmyard, this cosy cabin has electricity, running water, a kitchen and bathroom. Stay comfortably, close to the farm, the animals and nature.

Sauva

A small modern cabin in the forest, about 1.5 km from the farm and reached by gravel road. There is no electricity or running water – just peace, simplicity and real forest life, overlooking the quiet woodland lake Sauvatjern.

Camping and Hammocks

Sauvatjern is a peaceful woodland lake, while Lake Bjårvann is slightly larger and offers excellent swimming. Pitch a tent or hang your hammock by the water. Canoes and rowing boats are available at both lakes.

Experiences and Activities

- Nature-based physical and mental training: Tailor-made programmes for groups (8-20 people), focusing on fitness, achievement, teamwork and mental resilience.
- Farm Fitness: A unique workout inspired by farm life, using practical outdoor tasks.
- Guided hikes: Explore the forests and hills with a member of the host family.
- Fishing: Enjoy fishing in Lake Bjårvann and Sauvatjern.
- Meet the farm animals: Spend time with our ponies and sheep and experience the peace of farm life.
- Canoes and rowing boats: Available for relaxing trips on the nearby lakes.





KROKEN ACTIVITY STABLES

krokenaktivitetsstall.no

Experience the joy of horses in safe, scenic surroundings

Between Drangedal and Kragerø lies Kroken Activity Stables – a small, family-run centre where horses, achievement and memorable experiences are at the heart of everything we do. We provide a safe, friendly and informal environment where children, young people and adults can grow through working with horses.

There's much more than riding to enjoy. We offer riding lessons in a safe setting, cosy carriage rides with ponies and horses, and real stable life with grooming, feeding and caring for the animals. Along the way, you'll learn to handle horses with confidence and respect while building skills and self-belief.

We also offer courses and tailored activities for children, where play, learning and teamwork go hand in hand. Activities are suitable for both beginners and experienced riders, so everyone can enjoy success and memorable experiences.

With a strong focus on animal welfare, safety and the bond between people and horses, Kroken Activity Stables is a place where you'll gain more than horse skills—you'll also develop responsibility, care and confidence.

Contact Kroken Activity Stables

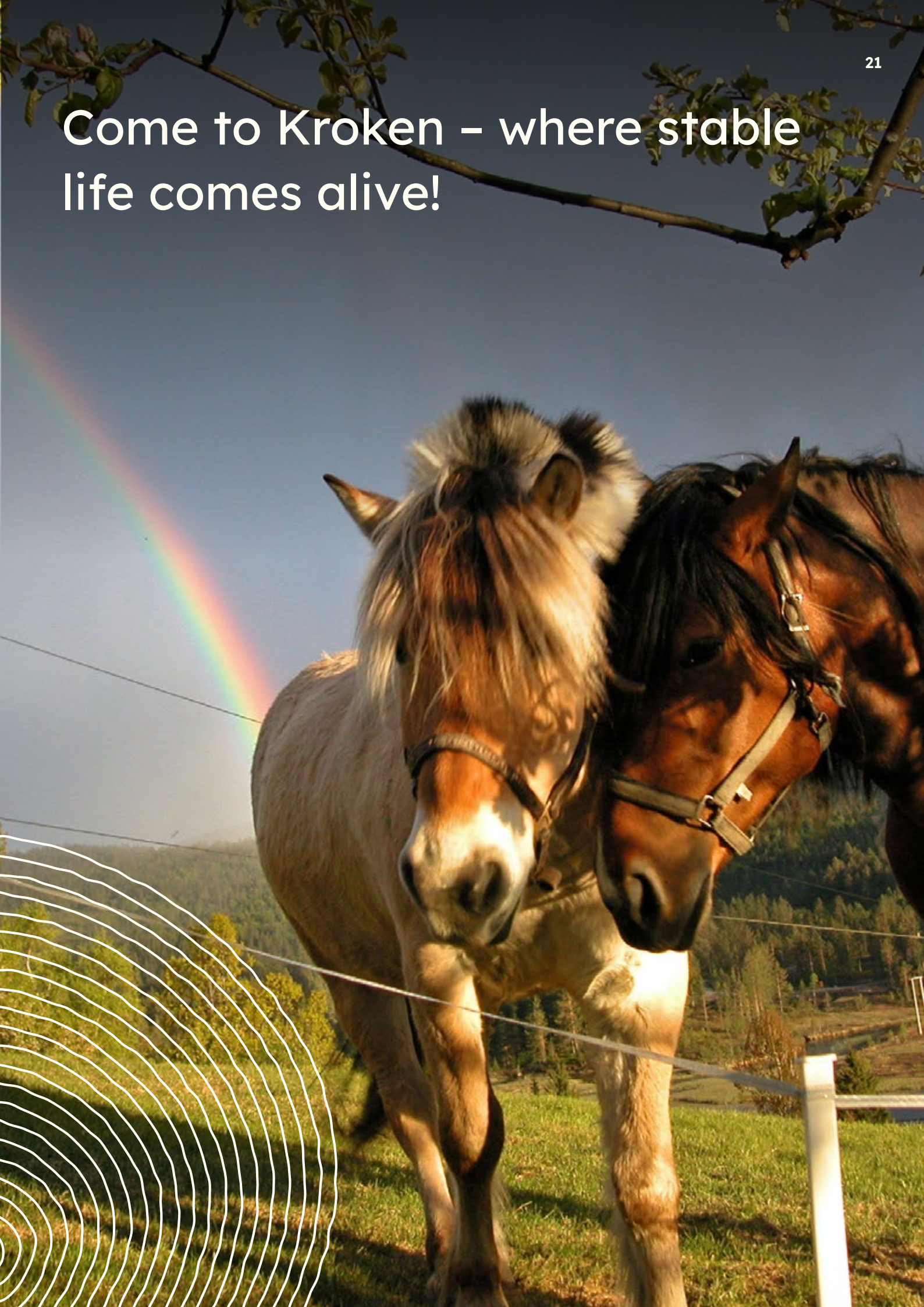
Training in horse care and horsemanship, including riding, carriage driving, grooming, mucking out and everyday stable work.



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Come to Kroken – where stable
life comes alive!



Trail riding, peace, adventure and authentic farm life

Experience the real Telemark on horseback. Your adventure begins the moment you put your foot in the stirrup at Lohne Ranch.

The forest lies quiet around you, broken only by the gentle rhythm of your horse's footsteps as you leave the farm and ride straight into nature. The scent of horses and cattle blends with the fresh forest air – your adventure has begun.

The trail winds through dense woodland, across soft forest floors and through open clearings where the sunlight shines through. The scent of pine and earth fills the air, while the relaxed pace lets both beginners and experienced riders unwind and enjoy the journey.

As you ride on, the landscape opens beside a quiet river. Here it's not about speed, but about being present. Experience nature from horseback, just as people have done for generations.

Every ride is tailored to the group, making each experience unique, while the feeling of being close to the horses, nature and the peaceful surroundings remains the same.

Cabins, tent pitches and motorhome parking are also available.

Welcome to Lohne Ranch – where unforgettable experiences come naturally.





Contact Lohne Ranch

Guided trail rides in beautiful natural surroundings, with cabins, tent pitches and motorhome parking available.



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GAUTEFALL SKI LODGE gautefall.no

A relaxing oasis with great food and easy access to

Gautefall Ski Lodge is home to one of Gautefall's hidden summer gems – our cosy courtyard. Here you can relax with delicious food and drinks, surrounded by flowers, greenery and the fresh mountain air Telemark is famous for.

A special feature of the courtyard is the hand-crafted pond with beautiful koi carp, creating a peaceful atmosphere for visitors of all ages.

The courtyard is a natural meeting place after a day of hiking, cycling or outdoor activities on Gautefall. It's equally popular with families, groups of friends and cabin owners. Throughout the summer, we host regular concerts, events and enjoyable evenings in a warm, welcoming setting.

Surrounded by mountains, forests and beautiful scenery, the courtyard at Gautefall Ski Lodge is a place guests return to time and again – whether for lunch in the sunshine, a relaxing evening or a refreshing drink after a day outdoors.

For more information about events, opening hours and activities, visit gautefall.no, and follow Gautefall Ski Lodge on social media for the latest updates.



Kontaktinfo Gautefall Ski Lodge

Delicious food in a lush courtyard in the heart of Gautefall, just steps from hiking trails, cycling routes and the roller-ski arena.



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Contact Tele-Tur

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TELE-TUR teletur.no

Experience More with Tele-Tur – Proud Traditions, New

In the heart of beautiful Drangedal you'll find Tele-Tur – a local travel company with deep roots and a long tradition.

For almost 50 years, we've been creating memorable journeys for people across the region. With modern coaches, experienced drivers and extensive local knowledge, we know the roads, the people and the possibilities.

We specialise in tailor-made trips for groups of all sizes, whether you're travelling with friends, a club, an association or a company. Every journey is carefully planned, with safety, comfort and great experiences at its heart.

Quality is our priority. As a local company, we're proud to support tourism in Drangedal and the

surrounding area, working closely with local businesses to create memorable experiences and activities.

Tele-Tur is more than coach travel. It's about partnership, local knowledge and the joy of travelling together.

Welcome aboard – we look forward to travelling with you.

Let Tele-Tur take you where you want to go – safely, comfortably and with a smile.

Step into a living piece of the Wild West

Dreaming of boots crunching on gravel, swinging saloon doors and authentic Western atmosphere in the heart of beautiful Telemark?

Step straight into a living Western town – the perfect setting for unforgettable stays, events and celebrations. Better yet, you can hire the entire town and make it your own.

The cowboy village is ideal for private hire, giving you the freedom to plan your own food, entertainment and programme. With a bar, billiard room, outdoor stage and long tables under the open sky, everything is in place for memorable evenings and special occasions.

The accommodation is just as unique. Stay in the iconic watchtower, the cosy Sheriff's Cabin, or one of five guest rooms in the adjoining function hall. For the truly adventurous, spend a night in the authentic Jail House on a simple bunk—with dry bread and water included, just as it should be! Everything else on the menu is entirely up to you.

Inside you'll find a fully equipped kitchen with a cold room and a spacious dining hall for up to

Contact Western Town – Toke Town

Unique accommodation and event venue with its own Western main street.

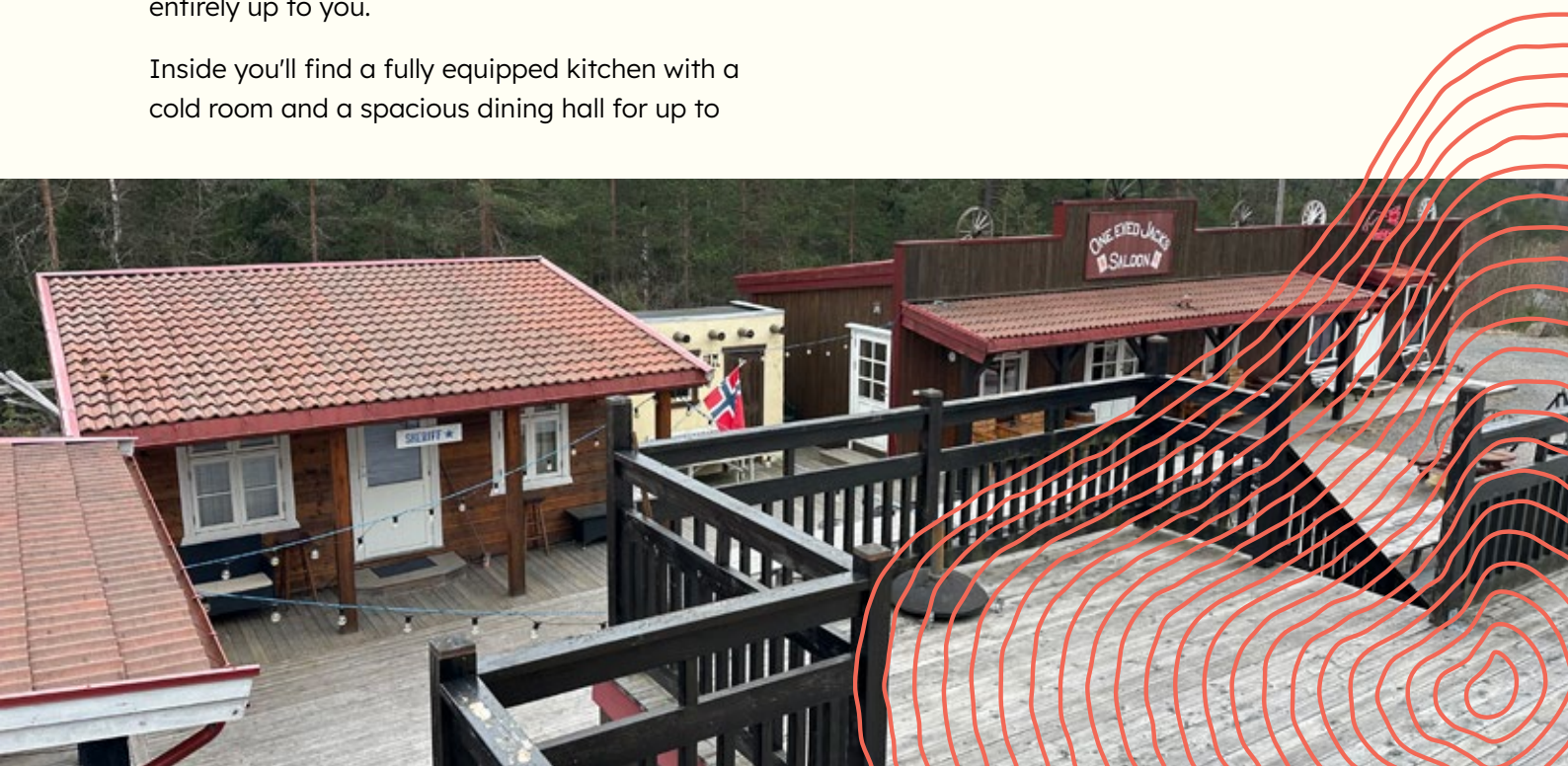


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60 guests. Additional lounges provide flexible space for birthdays, weddings, confirmations, christenings, memorial gatherings and other celebrations.

Food is self-catered, giving you complete freedom. A rustic barbecue buffet is always a favourite, but you're welcome to create your own cowboy-inspired menu—whether it's hearty grilled dishes, campfire cooking or something entirely your own.





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Kragerø

Drangedal

Welcome to Drangedal

Drangedal is located in Telemark, between the well-known destinations of Kragerø and Nissedal. Here you'll find Gautefall, Lake Toke, Neslandsvatn and the spectacular Himmelriket. Many people have heard of these places without realising they are all part of Drangedal – an area rich in nature and unforgettable experiences.

One of the region's best-known natural attractions is Himmelriket at Gautefall. According to local legend, a group of travelling surveyors camped here. When they awoke in a vast natural rock basin, shaped like an amphitheatre in the smooth granite, they were so impressed that they named the place Himmelriket – The Kingdom of Heaven.

Today, Himmelriket is a popular destination, reached by a marked hiking trail, the Via Ferrata, or by mountain bike – an experience that truly lives up to its name.

See activities and accommodation on pages 14–15.



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