



Walks at Mount Fløyen

10 wonderful walks
in delightful scenery



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Welcome to the Bergen mountains!

With only a 7-8 minute funicular ride, you can leave behind the busy streets of Bergen to find perfect peace and quiet in the mountains. Bergen's mountains offer a rich variety of walks in beautiful nature. You can follow trails and paths through forest and fields or set out on a more challenging excursion over the mountains. The funicular ride gives you immediate access to a vast range of paths, trails and walks, with beautiful views and great spots for a picnic. So close to Bergen but in peaceful mountain scenery.

The Fløibanen funicular takes you up to a vast choice of exciting, new walks and excursions in the Bergen mountains. To help you get started, we have compiled a new folder with 10 hikes in the Bergen mountains, all starting from the top of the funicular. The walks vary in length and duration, but all lead you through beautiful scenery and new parts of the Bergen mountains.

The hikes are suited for all ages provided you are generally fit and have dressed for a good walk and the weather. Several hikes are also suitable for prams. They are graded from easy to hard,

according to Norwegian standards, and follow the existing signposts on the mountains. Please remember that the weather can change rapidly on the mountains so always carry extra clothes, wear good shoes and take a map and compass on longer hikes.

We have compiled this guide together with local people who know the mountains like the back of their hands, and we hope you can use it to explore the delightful scenery and landscapes of the mountains above Bergen.

Please remember to follow the general code of conduct when out on a walk. The public right of way provides free access to the countryside and to harvest what you find, but also involves an obligation to safeguard the countryside for others and for future generations.

NB! Mobile phone reception varies up on the Bergen mountains. Disclaimer: Those participating in hillwalking should be aware of the risks and accept the responsibility for their own actions and involvement. **Enjoy!**



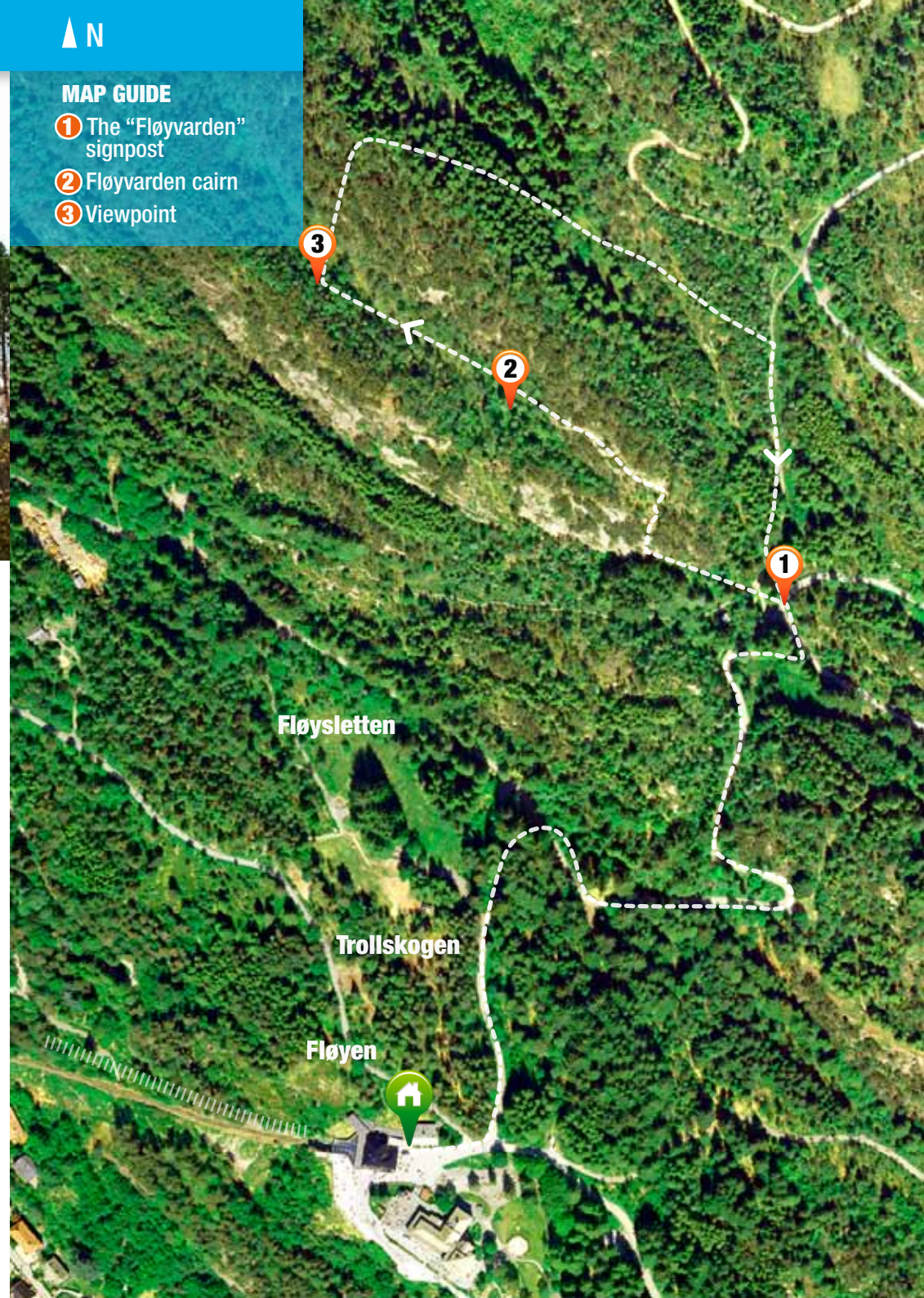
TOUR
1

Distance: 3.5 km
Time: approx. 1.5 hours
Grade: Easy



MAP GUIDE

- ① The “Fløyvarden” signpost
- ② Fløyvarden cairn
- ③ Viewpoint



Perfect for families, introducing children to walking without tiring out their legs. Walk up from the top of the funicular station to the first junction then take a left and follow Blåmansveien to the Blåmansveien-Skomakerdiket junction. Take a left again at the “Fløyvarden” signpost and continue past the distinctive shelter known as Regnhytten, a good spot for picnics. After approx. 200 metres you will see a new signpost marked “Fløyvarden” and you take the path up to the right.

After a small climb, you will find some steps. Follow the path turning left from the top of the steps. You will soon see Fløyvarden cairn ahead. This is 393 metres above sea level and provides wonderful views of Bergen and the fjord and mountains – the perfect stop for a snack.

From the cairn, continue north through forest, stopping to enjoy the different viewpoints on the way. From here, you get magnificent views of the seaward approach to Bergen.

Around 400 metres from the cairn, the path turns 90 degrees to the right. From here, the route is marked with red painted logs and arrows. The path crosses a small footbridge then climbs slightly. You then follow the path to the left to reach a cleared area with breathtaking views of the fjord and mountains surrounding Bergen.

The path is still marked and takes you through pine forest full of delightful birdsong. For bird lovers, we recommend binoculars and a book. The Bergen mountains are home to a wide variety of birds.

After a further 300 metres, you meet the path from Skredderdalen. Follow the path to the right over easy ground until you meet a new junction. Take the path to the right towards Blåmansveien which you follow back to the start. A short hike but still a delight for the senses, with the scent of fresh pine, bird song and colourful flora.



TOUR
2

Distance: 4,5 km

Time: approx.
2 hours

Grade: Easy



MAP GUIDE

- 1 Barbecue area
- 2 Bjørnebu/picnic area

From the top funicular station, walk to the information board then follow Bjørneseths vei to the right to Skomakerdiket lake. Take the track to the right leading around the lake.

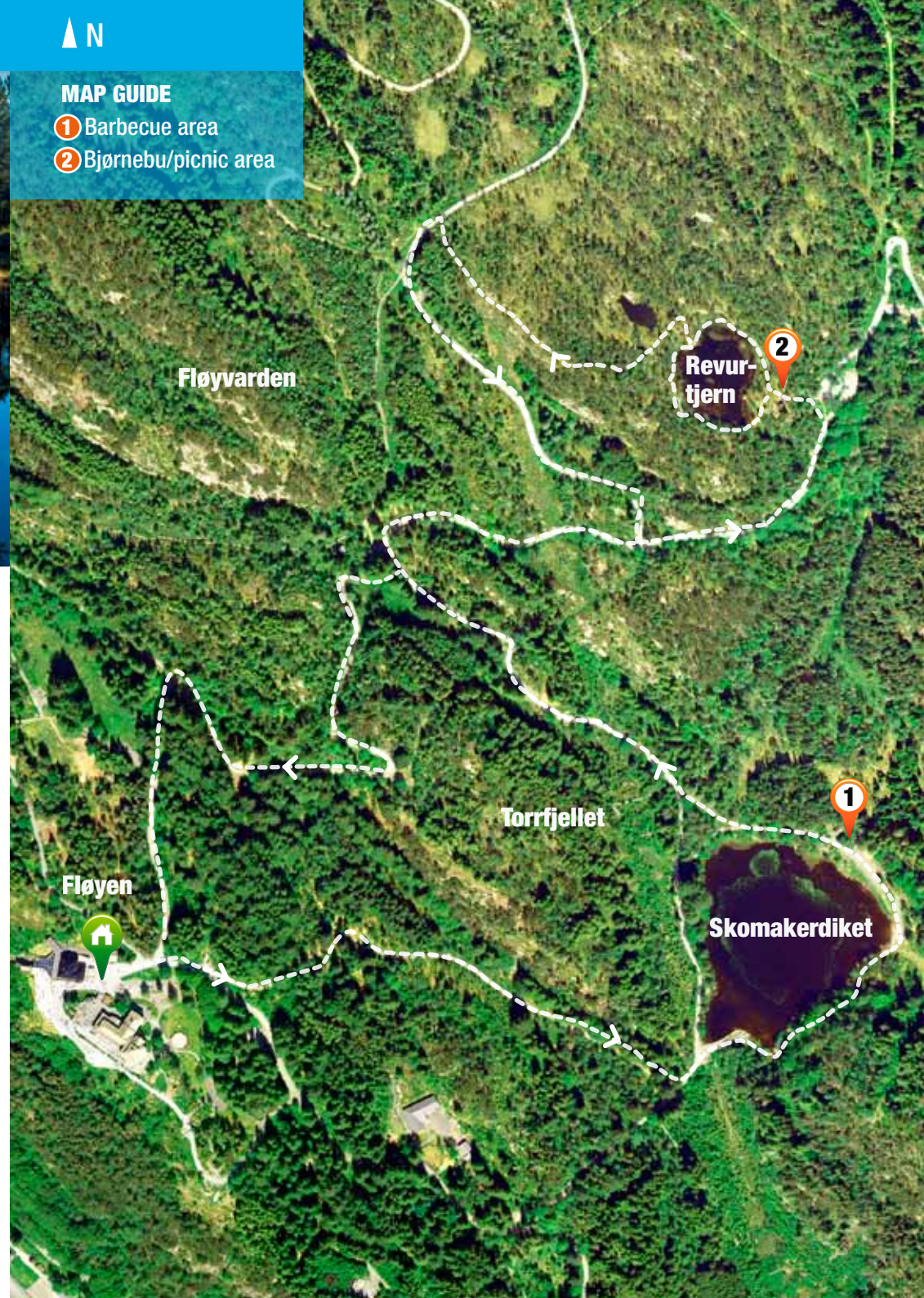
This is a wonderful part of the mountain for adventures all year round. In the winter, when the ice is safe, you can skate over the lake, or go sledging on the banks. In the summer, you can go swimming or hire a canoe. The far banks of the lake are perfect for picnics, with barbecues, benches, tables and a small cabin.

From the far bank, walk to the right uphill on Blåmansveien. At the junction on Blåmansveien, take the right and continue up the large hairpin bend. You will see signposts marked "Revurtjern" and "Bjørnebu".

Bjørnebu is a picnic shelter. Revurtjern is a small lake with tables and benches on its banks – a beautiful spot for a break.

Revurtjern: The Norwegian word "rev" means fox while "ur" means scree and "tjern" is lake, so the lake has been named after foxes observed in the scree by the lake. This was some time ago and observations are few and far between today. You can however enjoy the busy bird life in this area, with birdhouses in the forest around the lake.

The area around the lake has intriguing paths and footbridges. To return to Fløyen, walk round the lake and take the path heading north towards Halfdan Griegs vei. Take a left and continue on Halfdan Griegs vei down to Blåmansveien where you take the right track back down to the start. This is a delightful little trip which will put a smile on your face.





TOUR
3

Distance: 5 km

Time: approx. 2.5-3 hours

Grade: Easy



MAP GUIDE

- ① The "Fjell-hytten" signpost
- ② Fjell-hytten cabin
- ③ Brushytten cabin



This is a perfect family trip taking a detour from the most popular routes into the forests on Midtfjellet mountain. Walk from the top of the funicular to the first junction and take the left path, Blåmansveien, towards Brushytten cabin.

Once you pass Revurtjern lake and the large hairpin bend, the track turns and continues over flat ground towards Brushytten. At the signpost marked "Fjell-hytten", leave the track and head to the right.

This path can be wet in parts but logs have been laid so you can cross without getting your feet wet.

Continue on this path for around 15 minutes before arriving at Fjell-hytten cabin. You are now on Midtfjellet with beautiful views of Bergen, the fjord and mount Ulriken. The view from here is fascinating and each season brings a new palette of colours to the beautiful landscapes. From Fjell-hytten, follow the path marked to Blåmansveien.

The ground is slightly rolling and is a good introduction to hiking for the younger family members. Again, most of the wet parts are covered by logs.

Once you reach Blåmansveien, take the left junction leading towards Brushytten cabin. This track takes you around Blåmansvannet lake. The dwarf Arctic birch trees on the banks of the lake are acclimatised to the harsh winters up here, in contrast with the more delicate coastal plants you will find above Bergen.

Brushytten cabin is a very popular spot for families. The original cabin was built in 1931, then had to be rebuilt in 2007. It has a changing room for babies, toilet and lounge where refreshments are served (open on Sundays).

The route back to the start is well signposted from Brushytten. You may even be lucky enough to experience a wonderful sunset over Bergen on the way back.

TOUR
4

Distance:
approx. 7 km
Time: approx.
3 hours
Grade: Easy



MAP GUIDE

- ① Halfdan Griegs vei
- ② "Donald Duck"
- ③ Brushytten cabin
- ④ Aasebu

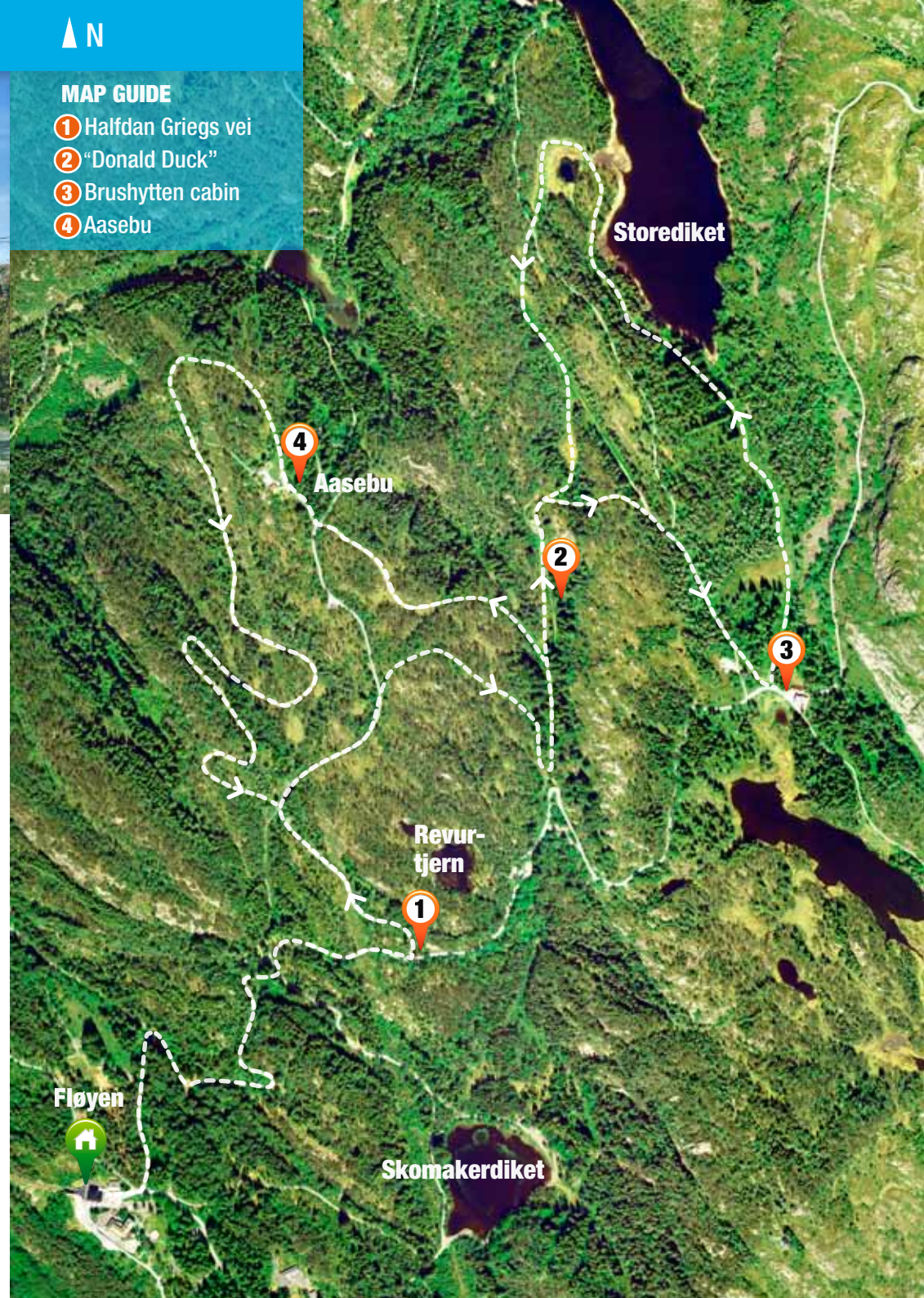
This trail is floodlit, allowing locals and visitors to go cross-country skiing in the darker winter months, but is also wonderful in the summer. From the top of the funicular, walk to the information board and head left on Blåmansveien towards Brushytten cabin. After around 1 km, take a left following the signpost towards Halfdan Griegs vei. The path climbs then takes you onto the floodlit trail.

The trail is reserved for skiers during the skiing season. The ground is soft and the entire trail is closed to cyclists, making it perfect for walkers and runners. Over the past few years, several upgrades have been made with drainage and wood chip, and the path is now dry pretty much all year round.

Continue towards the right following Halfdan Griegs vei. After several hundred metres, you take the path to the right following the floodlit trail up a small slope (known among the locals as the "Donald Duck"). The trail evens out and takes you towards Brushytten cabin.

Just before you reach the cabin, the trail turns down to the left. Follow towards Storediket lake and walk around its banks. After a while, you will see a smaller lake on your left. Continue until you cross the track and continue on the floodlit trail. After several hundred metres, the trail turns slightly right and you will reach the top of a steep slope. At the bottom of the slope, turn right on the trail towards Aasebu. Aasebu is a good place to stop for a picnic, and a chat with fellow walkers who may know about new paths you can follow.

Once fully rested, continue on the floodlit trail past beautiful views on the right of the town and its fjord. The floodlit trail takes you back to Halfdan Griegs vei where you follow the signposts back to Fløyen. Try this trip both summer and winter if you can, the Bergen mountains are a haven for cross-country skiers.





TOUR
5

Distance: 4.5 km
Time: approx. 1.5-2 hours
Grade: Easy/Moderate



MAP GUIDE

- ① Signpost to Torrfjellet
- ② Torrfjellet
- ③ Regnhytten shelter

This may be a difficult walk for small children but it's amazing what they can manage with a strong hand to hold. Start from the junction near the top of the funicular. Follow Bjørneseths vei to Skomakerdiket lake where you can choose to walk round the lake or continue on the track on the left bank. Up the hill on the left of the lake you will find a path marked "Torrfjellet" on the left-hand side of the track. Follow this path up towards Torrfjellet.

At the top is a signpost showing the way to a small shelter and picnic spot on Torrfjellet mountain. We recommend a small detour here, especially for bird lovers. This area has numerous birdhouses in the trees which are home to a whole number of different finches, titmice and woodpeckers.

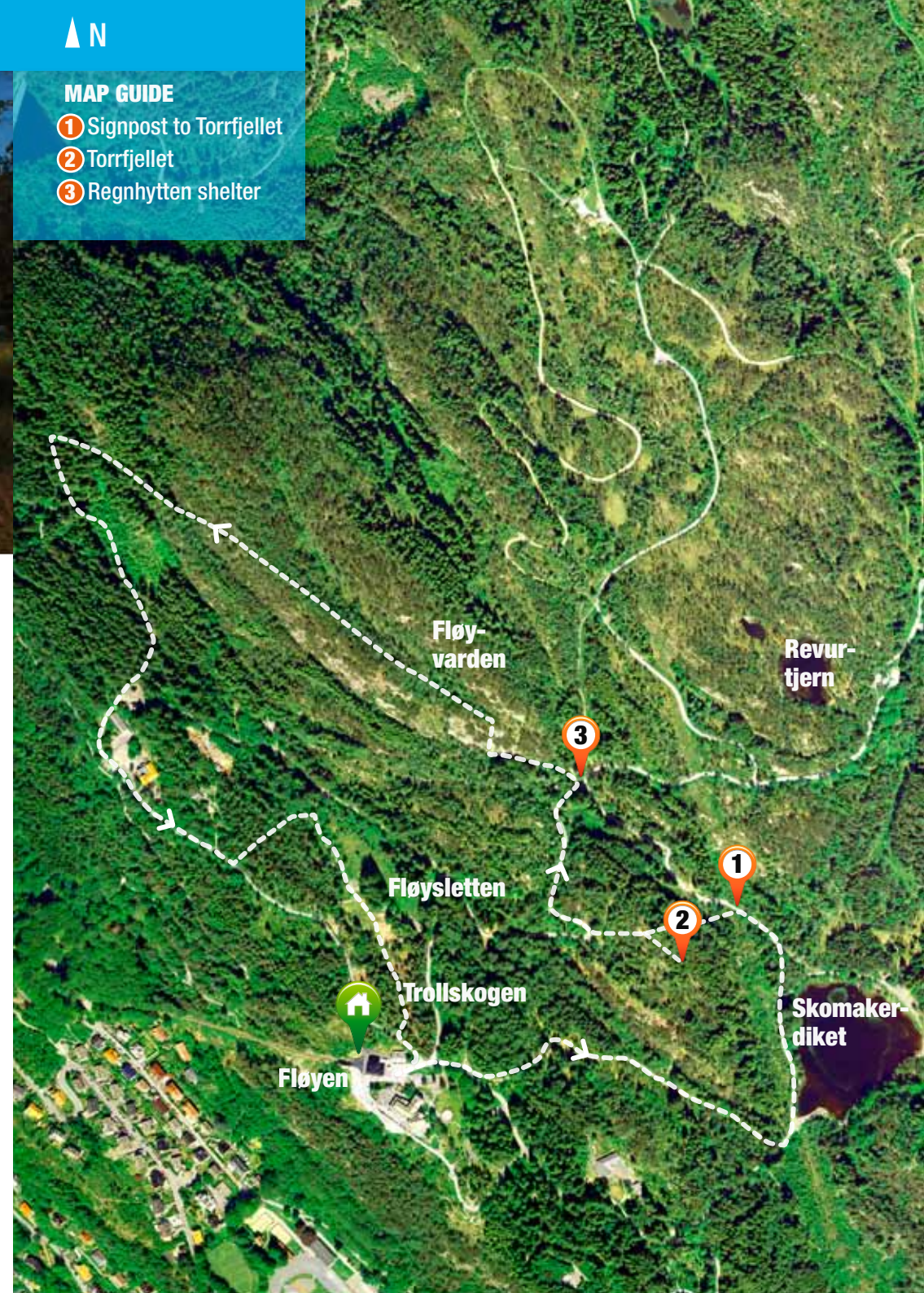
Continue on the path out to Blåmansveien and then up to the right. At the junction with the path back to the lake, take the path on the left. This is signposted "Fløyvarden" and takes you past the

Regnhytten shelter, which now has a new roof guaranteed to keep you dry. After approx. 200 metres, take the path on the right signposted "Fløyvarden".

Instead of taking the steps towards Fløyvarden, continue into the pine forest. Due to high rain fall, this is lush forest adorned in every imaginable shade of green. You will find several clearings with wonderful views of the town and fjord. Follow the path as it winds its way over some steep, rocky ground down to a grove.

The path back to Fløyen heads left as the ground grows more flat. This is a peaceful area with huge, majestic pines and old stone walls. Don't miss out on the viewpoint facing west on this part of the walk.

Continue uphill on the track then turn left and down towards and across Fløysletten (flat ground) and into the Troll forest (Trollskogen) and back to the start.





TOUR
6

Distance:
approx. 5 km
Time:
approx. 3-3.5 hours
Grade: Moderate



MAP GUIDE

- 1 Søre Kamvei
- 2 BT-shelter/viewpoint
- 3 Picnic spot/barbecue area
- 4 Hardangerløypen trail
- 5 Fjell-hytten cabin
- 6 Brushytten cabin

An intoxicating challenge for families with older children.

Start at the information board at the top of the funicular and head downhill and past the Radiostasjonen kindergarten. Continue on Søre Kamvei to the BT shelter where you can enjoy a break and great views. Then turn left and follow the path up through beautifully scented pine forest to Skomakerdiket lake, where you turn right and cross the dam. Follow the bridge over the stream to find the signpost to "Fjell-hytten". From there, take the path slightly downhill before climbing again through the trees. When you reach a junction in the path, follow the signposts to "Skomakerhaugen" on the left.

The path takes you up towards the top of Granbakken, which was once used as a ski jump. You have beautiful views of Skomakerdiket lake from the top. Continue walking down the ski jump slope, a very popular spot for sledging in the winter.

Once back out on flat ground, follow the path from the picnic cabin on the banks of Skomakerdiket. Broad logs take you safely over wet ground then on to a good path climbing towards the top of the Hardangerløype trail. The path then turns right towards Fjell-hytten cabin. This is easy ground and good logs are provided over wet areas.

In clear weather, Fjell-hytten cabin provides wonderful views in every direction. If not so lucky with the weather, you can still enjoy the sight of the clouds rolling threateningly in and over the hills.

From the cabin, the path continues over rolling ground, first downhill then uphill towards Blåmansveien. It is easy to find your way, following good signposts. Once you have reached Blåmansveien, turn left towards Brushytten cabin then back to Fløyen.





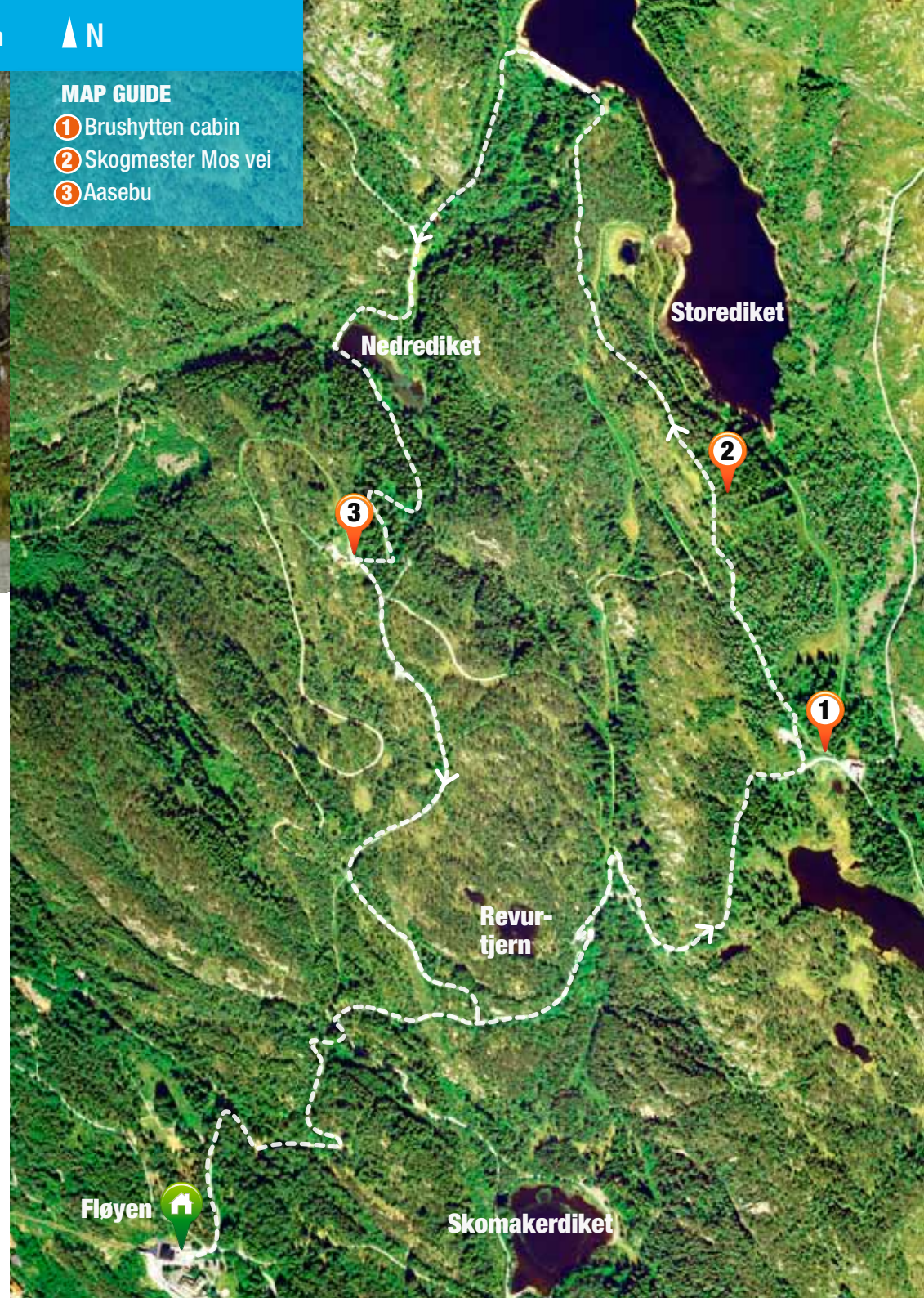
TOUR
7

Distance:
approx. 6 km
Time: 2-3 hours
Grade: Moderate



MAP GUIDE

- ① Brushytten cabin
- ② Skogmester Mos vei
- ③ Aasebu



From the top of the funicular, walk up to the junction and follow the signposts leading to Brushytten cabin. Immediately before arriving at Brushytten, turn left and follow Skogmester Mos vei north, following the signposts to Munkebotn and Storediket. The lake is wonderfully calm and peaceful in good weather.

Continue uphill through the pine forest which is so typical of this area. At the junction, take the route towards Aasebu shelter which you can see 100 metres ahead, towards the right. Aasebu is the perfect place for a break and a picnic. There's nothing better than opening your packed lunch and quenching your thirst after a good walk.

Continue across the dam and follow the track down to Nedrediket lake. This track was upgraded in 2010 and provides easy walking on gravel with good ditches and charming granite walls. You couldn't find a more perfect place for a stroll with young children in a pram.

To walk back, return from Aasebu to the track and turn right on Halfdan Griegs vei down to Blåmansveien, where you take the right path and follow the signposts back to the start. Let the fresh mountain air blow away the cobwebs, and return refreshed and fully relaxed.

The banks of Nedrediket lake are a great place for children to play and search for animals. If they are patient, they may catch sight of squirrel and field mice, maybe even a heron on the water.



TOUR
8

Distance:
approx. 7 km
Time:
approx. 3.5 hours
Grade: Moderate



MAP GUIDE

- ① Brushytten cabin
- ② Dam
- ③ The "Kobbeltvedt" signpost
- ④ Viewpoint

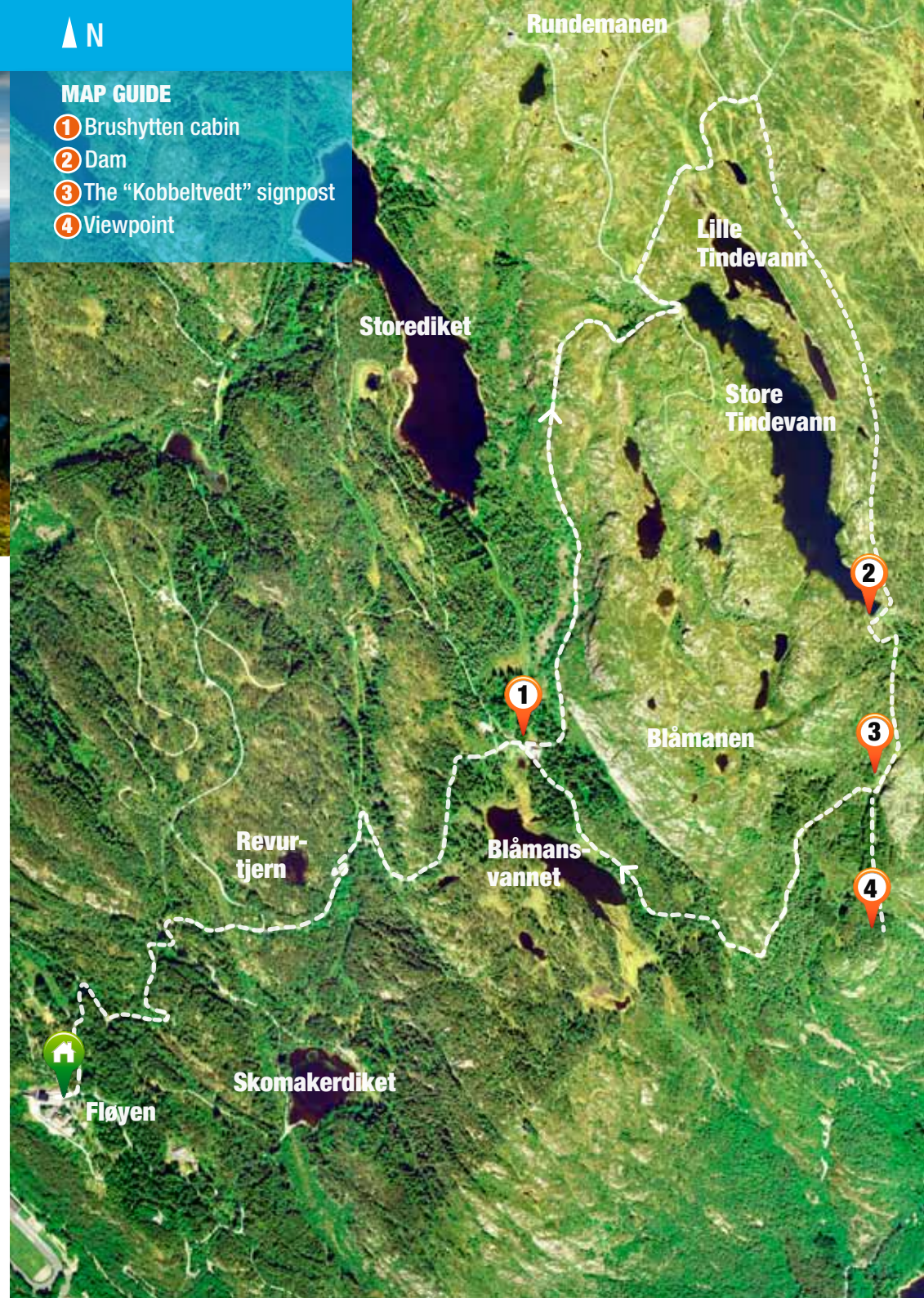
This walk will take you to one of the best viewpoints from Fløyen and is highly worthwhile, no matter the season.

From the information board at the top of the funicular, follow the track to Brushytten cabin. At the cabin, take the left-hand trail towards Rundemanen. Turn left over the bridge over the first lake you meet and continue approx. 100 metres then turn right past the remains of a Second World War battery. Continue on the track until it starts downhill towards Hyttelien, where you take the path on the right-hand side of the track. This path follows the ridge east of Tindevann lake.

On the far bank of the lake, cross the dam then continue on the lower side of the dam. Follow the track/path down Blåmansveien towards Brushytten cabin again. On the way down, we

highly recommend a detour to one of the most magnificent viewpoints in this area. Once you reach a road, look for a sign on the left marked "Kobbeltvedt". Follow this path and the red waymarks through spruce forest for around five minutes before arriving at a new viewpoint. This provides views of Svartediket lake and south Bergen.

After this detour, take the same path back to Blåmansveien, turn left and continue towards Brushytten then back to Fløyen. Sooner or later, you will realise what most walkers have understood before you: It may at times be an effort to get up and out, but once you've done it, you seldom want the walk to end.





TOUR 9

Distance:
approx. 10 km
Time: 3–4 hours
Grade:
Moderate/hard



- MAP GUIDE**
- ① Brushhytten cabin
 - ② The “Kobbeltvedt” signpost
 - ③ Viewpoint



Take a journey back in time, following the ancient routes of farmers carrying their fare to town. A popular route centuries ago, the old “town road” from Våkendalen valley had fallen into disrepair but has now been restored to its former glory.

settlement in Kobbeltvedt. These can be found on the right hand side of the track, on a tractor trail signposted “Blåmansveien”. Walk to the top of the tractor trail then continue into the forest on the left. From here, the path up to Blåmansveien is signposted.

Starting from the junction at the top of the funicular, follow the track to Brushhytten cabin. From the cabin, follow the path up to Rundemanen, continue down towards Hyttelien and past Tarlebøvannet lake. This area is perhaps at its most beautiful in the autumn, with a breathtaking array of colours. The track from Rundemanen down Hyttelien to the Tarlebøvannet dam was built in the 1930s to help with the construction of a local ski jump. The “new” track has been restored in the same style as it was built.

The path follows the route thought to have been used for centuries as the old “town road” by tenant farmers from Våkendalen valley. Before the road was built along the banks of Svartediket lake in the first half of the 19th century, the farmers often walked over Fløyen to get to town where they would buy and sell their wares.

The path is steep and at times difficult, but provides wonderful views. You follow the signposts to Blåmansveien then return on the normal track back to Brushhytten cabin then Fløyen, while pondering over the differences between modern life and that of those farmers from centuries ago.

Continue downhill through Våkendalen valley on a good gravel track until you reach historical ground and the foundations remaining from the



TOUR 10

Distance:
approx. 18 km
Time: 5-6 hours
Grade:
Moderate/hard



We recommend packing extra clothes, food and drink for this hike, which mostly covers open, high mountain terrain. From Fløyen, follow the track to Brushhytten cabin then up to Rundemanen and past Store Tindevann lake. Cross the bridge and turn left, then take the track on the right. The ground is at first varied, but is in good condition on the descent towards Hyttelien. At the bottom of the descent, the path splits and you continue on the waymarked path on the left. The hike continues towards the east, up Jordalskaret pass and to Øvre Jordalsvann lake.

Follow the west bank of the lake and cross the dam. You have a steep climb up to Trappefjellet peak, with precipitous cliffs falling down to Tarlebøvannet lake on the right-hand side. Please keep to the left part of the path when conditions are wet and slippery. You get your reward when you reach the top of the climb, with breathtaking views to the north. The path winds onwards, climbing lightly at first then descending into Borgarskaret pass then back up again on the other side. From there, there is an easy climb to the mountain plain, Vidden.

Once up on Vidden, you pass Storhaugen (662 metres above sea level) on the right. This is worth a detour for the views alone, of the town and sea in the west, the Folgefonna glacier in the south and the mountains in the east. The cairn on Storhaugen has been named the human rights cairn thanks to the memorial plaque installed there to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Norway's liberation in 1945.

Return to the path from Storhaugen and follow the line of cairns and poles. After crossing Smedmyren marsh, the path splits. If you take the left option, you will pass Turnerhytten cabin, but most people continue straight ahead to Årstadhytten cabin and Djervhytten cabin.

If you prefer to descend on the Ulriksbanen cable car, take the trail to the right. To descend by foot, continue south – past Årstadhytten, up to Lorthaug and down towards Skiveien, Montana and Haukeland hospital. This is a real day out on the mountains.

MAP GUIDE

- 1 Brushhytten cabin
- 2 Storhaugen
- 3 Turnerhytten cabin
- 4 Årstadhytten cabin
- 5 Ulriken cable car
- 6 Haukelandsveien (bus back to Bergen centre)





- Swimming allowed in Skomakerdiket lake and Revurtjern lake
- Dogs must be kept on leash all year round
- It is prohibited to light fires in the forest or fields from 15 April to 15 September.
You can light fires in those areas made ready for barbecues and fires.
- It is prohibited to cross outlying fields on a motor vehicle.

Departures

The Fløibanen funicular runs every day all year round with departures every 15 minutes, or more frequently when there is a lot of traffic.

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