

# OKSTINDAN



RABOTHYTTA  
CABIN  
on the edge of  
the Okstindan glacier



Hemnes kommune

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## WELCOME TO HEMNES



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Skaperglede mellom smul sjø og evig snø



# HEMNES

– a creative community in the heart of Helgeland

The Municipality of Hemnes has a lush countryside, idyllic valleys and five villages: Bleikvasslia, Korgen, Bjerka, Finneidfjord and Hemnesberget. The total population is about 4 500. In addition to friendly services and a thriving community of artists and musicians, Hemnes offers boat production, window and furniture factories, agriculture and significant hydropower production. Our cultural calendar includes popular summer festivals and an outdoor historical play. In Hemnes you will also find Northern Norway's tallest mountain, the eighth largest glacier on the Norwegian mainland, sheltered fjords, wonderful fishing opportunities, and a wilderness that will tempt you to memorable holiday adventures.

The residents of Hemnes keenly appreciate their recreational activities in the mountains and on the fjords – and we are eager to share our natural treasures with visitors.

Welcome to Hemnes!

*Be sure to visit Hemnesberget village. Take a stroll along the harbour to the neighbourhood of old wooden houses at Lapphella. Enjoy a cup of coffee at the goldsmith on the quay, and explore the friendly shops and galleries in our village.*



## Hemnes – a great place to live!

The Municipality of Hemnes is situated in the heart of Helgeland. Our district enjoys excellent communications as well as scenic surroundings – and we have plenty of room should you wish to settle here, with your family or your business!

Many residents commute to jobs in Mosjøen, Sandnessjøen and Mo i Rana. Hemnes has railway connections, highway E6 passes through our district, and the new 10.6 km Toven Tunnel makes for a short drive to Sandnessjøen. We have a deepwater quay, and there are plans for a significant expansion of the airport at Mo i Rana, which is only a 45-minute drive away.

To find out more about settling in Hemnes, and the opportunities here, please email us at [postmottak@hemnes.kommune.no](mailto:postmottak@hemnes.kommune.no)



Røssvatnet – picnic by the lake

## Fascinating facts

- Hemnes' coat of arms shows a golden boat-builder's clamp on a blue background, symbolising the area's ancient traditions. Since we started counting in 1850, close to 300 000 boats have been built in Hemnes!

- *Leif Eirikson*, a replica of the ship sailed by the Viking explorer to the New World, is displayed in its own park in Duluth, Minnesota. Crafted by the skilled boat-builders on a farm in Leirskardalen, the replica ship sailed across the Atlantic in 1926.

- On 10 May 1940, allied bombers sank the steamer *SS Nordnorge*, which had been seized by the Germans and was being used to transport troops and military materiel. The shipwreck lies on the bottom of the fjord just beyond the quay at Hemnesberget.

- NCP at Hemnesberget is Norway's northernmost furniture producer, and Trenor Vinduer is the largest window producer in Northern Norway.

- *Kamkaka*, a local bread from Hemnes, has long traditions, and was mentioned by the 17<sup>th</sup>-century poet Petter Dass.



kamkaka



## ARCTIC RACE OF NORWAY

**Arctic Race of Norway is the world's northernmost cycle race, with the same organisers as Tour de France! Over two days, some of the world's best racers will compete through Hemnes and up Korgfjellet. Come celebrate with us!**

On Friday 12 August, the race starts in Mo i Rana, goes through the villages of Finneidfjord, Bjerka and Korgen, across Korgfjellet, and via the town of Mosjøen to Sandnessjøen. Saturday, the race goes from Nesna, through Mo i Rana, and climbs Korgfjellet up to the finish line at 555 metres, with the magnificent Okstindan range in the background. Thor Hushovd, world champion cyclist and winner of the first Arctic Race, refers to this as “the crowning finish” (Kongetappen), and it will be broadcast to 180 countries.

At Korgfjellet there will be events Friday and Saturday, with on-stage entertainment and a giant screen, exciting activities, and lots of food and refreshments. Shuttle buses will transport spectators both days, and for those who wish, there's plenty of space to pitch a tent.

There will be lively celebrations also when the racers pass through Finneidfjord, Bjerka and Korgen. Everyone is invited – racers, visitors and TV viewers!

For more information on the Arctic Race, please visit [www.letour.fr/arn](http://www.letour.fr/arn). You can also follow the race on Facebook: “Arctic Race of Norway”.





# OKSTINDAN

## – HIKING ON THE “ROOF” OF NORTHERN NORWAY

The Okstindan mountain range and its ruling summit Oksskolten, the highest mountain in Northern Norway, are situated in Hemnes. Our municipality offers a magnificent wilderness and pristine mountains a mere stone's throw from lush farms and villages. Glacier arms stretch in every compass direction, and the surrounding area is dotted with beautiful lakes large and small. There are several gateways to Okstindan, and four DNT cabins are available to hikers.

### FOUR GREAT GATEWAYS TO OKSTINDAN

Gateway/ altitude	Distance from Korgen	Description of road	Starting point for marked hiking trail to DNT cabins/distance/hiking time:	Parking	Note
Inderdalen Farm in Brygfjeldalen (342 m)	12 km	Fv806, a road of good standard. Then Fv323, a narrow paved road, for 6 km.	Gråfjellhytta cabin (7 km/3h) Rabothytta cabin via Gråfjellhytta cabin and Mørkbekken (18 km/8 h)	Parking just below Inderdalen Farm, at the end of the road.	The DNT trail starts at a charming, privately-owned mountain farm. Café and farm shop occasionally open. Gråfjellhytta cabin is situated at 1000 m on the edge of the glacier. Rabothytta cabin is situated at glacier's edge at 1200 m. Mørkbekken is situated at 680 m
Leirbotn/Tippen in Leirskarddalen (650 m)	18 km	Fv322, a narrow paved road of varying standard for 13 km. Then a steep, narrow construction road for 5 km (closed in the winter).	Rabothytta cabin (5 km/ 1.5 - 2 h) Kjensvasshytta cabin (10 km/ 3 h) Gråfjellhytta cabin (6 km/ 3 h)	Large parking lot towards the end of the construction road (650 m).	Fv322 passes through the courtyard of several private farms. Please reduce your speed and drive considerately
Kjensvatnet lake (525 m)	120 km	E6 to Mo i Rana, then E12 to Umbukta, continuing on a gravel road of varying standard for 40 km (closed in winter until mid June)	Kjensvasshytta cabin (by the road) Gressvasshytta cabin (8 km/ 3 h) Rabothytta cabin (10 km/ 4 h)	Plenty of parking at the three trail heads: - Oksskolten: parking at Leirbekkmoen. - Gressvasshytta cabin: parking by the dam at Gressvatnet. - Rabothytta cabin: parking by Kjensvasshytta cabin.	Oksskolten is about 7 km from the parking lot. Allow at least 10 hours for the round trip hike. The unmarked ascent is very steep in places, with large rocks and boulders. Glacier trek equipment is required.
Spieltfjeldalen/Granheim at Røssvatnet lake (390 m)	56 km	Fv806 and Fv324. Both are paved roads.	Gressvasshytta cabin (18 km/ 6 h) Kjensvasshytta cabin (28 km/ 10 h)	Parking on the west side of the bridge.	This trail, which passes through Spieltfjeldalen nature reserve, is part of the 570-km-long Nordlandsruta Trail. Accommodation available at Stekvasselv Farm, 2 km away.

### Let your dog enjoy the hike, but...

Hikers are welcome to bring their dog – but you must keep it on leash. For centuries these mountains have been an important summer grazing area for sheep of local farmers and the Sami's reindeer herds. Even a kind and gentle dog may frighten these animals and cause them to injure themselves as they flee. Thank you for respecting this important rule!

### A selfie on the glacier?

Many visitors are tempted to photograph themselves on the glacier. But please be sure to bring the necessary safety equipment, and show the utmost caution. The constantly shifting glacier can be lethal! Crampons and safety lines are a must, and any hiking on the glacier is at your own risk.

### Please bring back your trash

Perhaps you're looking forward to a much lighter backpack on your return trek? Even though there are cabins in Okstindan, there is no trash service. In order to keep our beautiful wilderness pristine, we rely on you to take all empty bottles, cans and other trash with you and dispose of them properly back in the nearby village.

### A smart backpack – with everything you need

Conditions are often demanding in the Okstindan mountains, and the weather may change suddenly – irrespective of good weather forecasts. For your own safety, please always bring the following equipment: trail map and compass, extra warm clothes, raingear and windproof clothing, warm mittens and hat, extra food and beverage.

The mobile phone coverage is variable and generally poor throughout the Okstindan mountain wilderness.  
Emergency: 113

### MOUNTAIN CABINS

The Norwegian Trekking Association (DNT) provides four self-service cabins in the Okstindan area. For information on DNT, please visit [www.dnt.no](http://www.dnt.no). For information on the local DNT mountain cabins and their availability, and to make reservations, please call tel. +47 948 01 565 or send an email to [booking@hemnesturistforening.no](mailto:booking@hemnesturistforening.no). To make reservations, at least one person in your group must be a member of DNT and have a DNT key. A membership costs NOK 480, and the price of a DNT key is NOK 100.

The cabins are fully equipped, but you must bring your own food and a sleeping bag or sheet bag.

Price: NOK 150 per night for DNT members, NOK 300 per night for non-members.

Day visit: NOK 50 per member, NOK 75 per non-members.

Hemnes DNT can provide you with contact info

for guides.

### RABOTHYTТА CABIN

Rabothytta, also known as DNT cabin No. 500, opened in August 2014. Dramatically situated at 1200 metres altitude on the very edge of the glacier, and with a stunning view that extends to the coast of Helgeland, this modern cabin designed by architects Jarmund/Vignæs has been internationally praised for its striking design. Rabothytta accommodates 30 overnight guests and is self-service, with occasional staff in the summer. [www.rabothytta.no](http://www.rabothytta.no)

### TRAIL MAPS AND CRAMPONS

An informative trail map (scale 1:50,000) may be purchased online from the Hemnes DNT, and at the Circle K/Statoil gas stations in Korgen, or at Gruben and Langneset near Mo i Rana.

Crampons are also available for rent at the Circle K/Statoil gas stations.

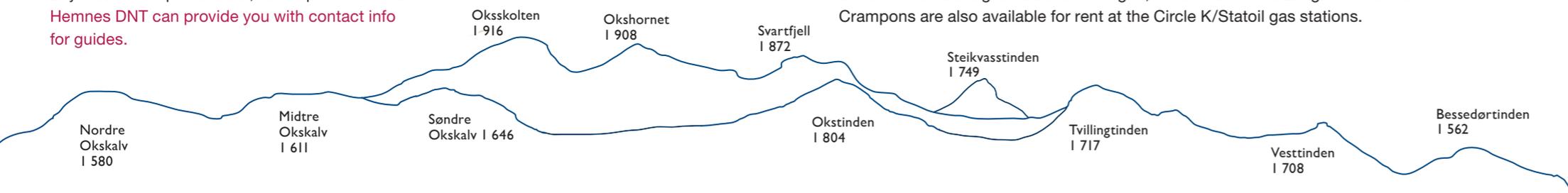
### Distance from Korgen to other Okstindan gateways:

Lille Målvatn Gård, Bjerkadalen	23 km (333 m)
Skardelva / Røssvatnet lake	44 km (390 m)
Bessedør / Røssvatnet lake	48 km (390 m)
Steikvasselv / Røssvatnet lake	54 km (390 m)
Nymoen / Nordlandsruta Trail / Røssvatnet lake	58 km (390 m)

### SEASON

The hiking season lasts from mid-June until October.

The best skiing season is from January-February until May-June.





Rabothytta

## A FISHERMAN'S PARADISE

The river Røssåga offers excellent salmon and trout fishing. In times past, Røssåga was a favourite river of English lords who came here to catch large salmon. Now you can experience the excitement of waiting for the big catch, while enjoying the tranquillity of our beautiful surroundings.

Parts of the Røssåga river are open for fishing throughout July and August. You must have a valid local fishing card, and proof that your fishing gear has been disinfected to avoid any risk of introducing invasive species. You will find additional information on salmon and trout fishing at [www.korgen-camping.no](http://www.korgen-camping.no)

To fish our mountain lakes, you need the Statskog Norway License. For further information and to purchase your fishing license, please see [www.statskog.no](http://www.statskog.no)

Please note, however, that fishing in the sea and sheltered fjords is free.

*Happy angling!*

On the glacier, you may well meet reindeer, especially on hot summer days when they climb to higher altitudes to escape bothersome insects. Please keep your distance to avoid spooking the reindeer.

## Fascinating facts

- Oksskolten (1916 m) is the highest mountain in Northern Norway.
- Austre Okstindbre is one of the oldest glaciers in Norway, and is especially interesting to climate researchers.
- Røssvatnet is Norway's second-largest lake.
- Rabothytta cabin is named in honour of Charles Rabot. In 1883 the French glaciologist, explorer and friend of Fridtjof Nansen, made one of the first recorded ascents of Oksskolten.
- A Sami man named Klemet Persson, who was Rabot's guide on his expeditions in Okstindan, lived beneath a cliff overhang at the foot of the mountain. He was reputed to be a shaman. His story is presented in a biannual historical musical play ([www.klemetspelet.no](http://www.klemetspelet.no))
- The indigenous Southern Sami still herd reindeer in the Hemnes district.
- You can visit reconstructed Sami settlements at Bleikvasslia. Here there is also an attractive recreational area that young and old will appreciate.

Steikvasstinden  
| 749

Okstinden  
| 804

Twillingtinden  
| 717

Vesttinden  
| 708

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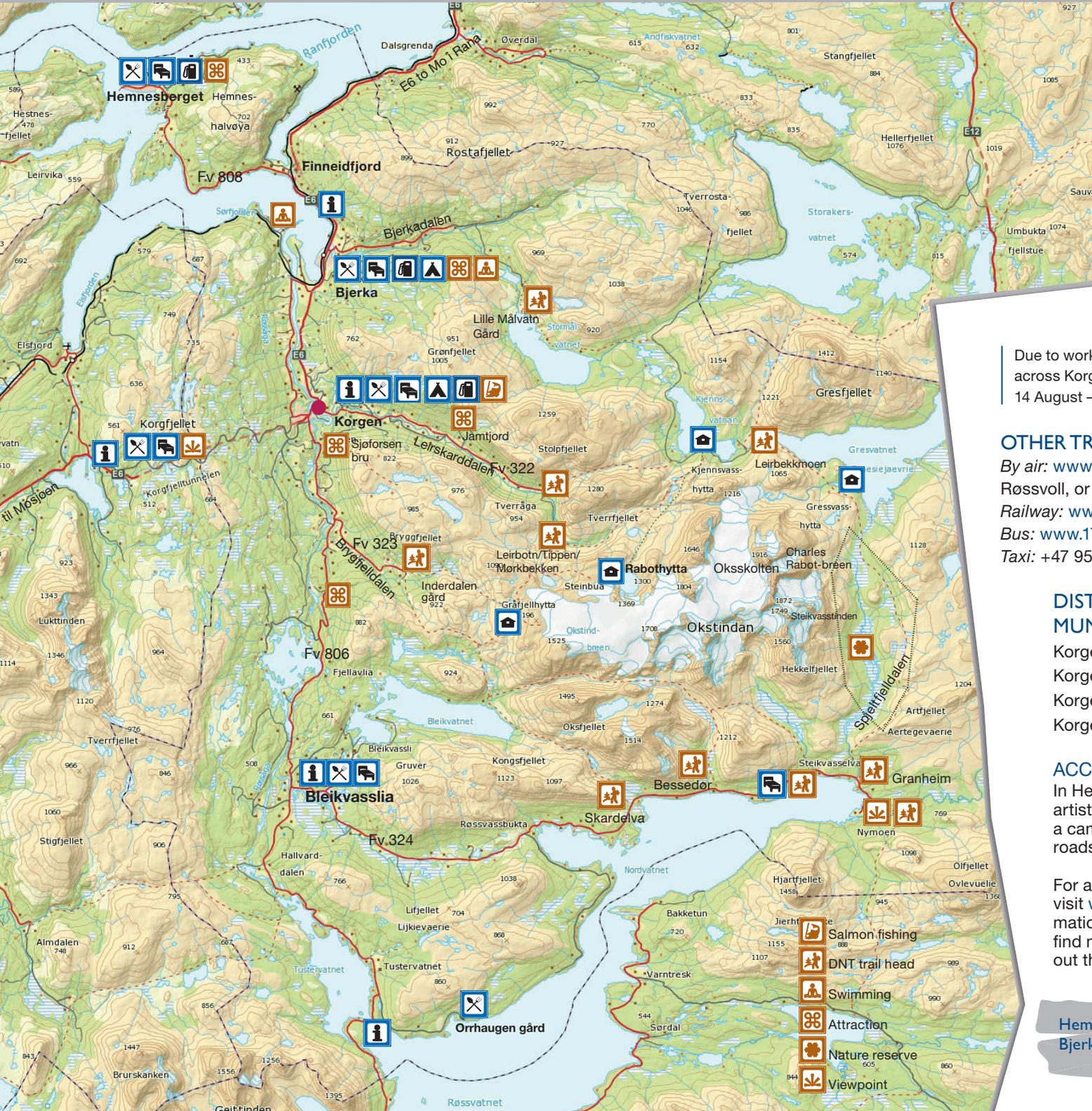
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## DISTANCES – TRAVELLING BY ROAD

### Northbound

Korgen – Mo i Rana	40 km / 35 min.
Korgen – Arctic Circle	120 km / 1h 45 min
Korgen – Bodø	270 km / 3h 50 min
Korgen – North Cap	1200 km / 18 hours

### Southbound

Korgen – Mosjøen	50 km / 45 min
Korgen – Sandnessjøen	70 km / 55 min
Korgen – Trondheim	440 km / 6 hours
Korgen – Oslo	930 km / 12h 15 min

Due to work in the Korgfjellet Tunnel, highway E6 will be rerouted across Korgfjellet during the periods 9 May – 8 July, 7–10 August, and 14 August – 16 October.

## OTHER TRANSPORTATION

*By air:* [www.wideroe.no](http://www.wideroe.no) to Mo i Rana Airport Røssvoll, or Mosjøen Airport Kjærstad

*Railway:* [www.nsb.no](http://www.nsb.no) to Bjerka Station

*Bus:* [www.177nordland.no](http://www.177nordland.no)

*Taxi:* +47 959 59 153 or +47 959 59 157



## DISTANCES WITHIN HEMNES MUNICIPALITY

Korgen – Bleikvasslia	20 km
Korgen – Bjerka	10 km
Korgen – Finneidfjord	15 km
Korgen – Hemnesberget	30 km

## ACCOMMODATION & DINING

In Hemnes you may opt for a farm holiday, be a guest in an artist's home, head for a lodge on a mountaintop, choose a campground on one of our rivers, or stay at a friendly roadside inn. You can also rent private accommodation.

For a list of accommodation and dining options, please visit [www.visit.hemnes.kommune.no](http://www.visit.hemnes.kommune.no). (Currently this information is in Norwegian only, but on our website you will find maps and contact information.) You can also check out the English website of [www.visithelgeland.com](http://www.visithelgeland.com)

Hemnes offers nice guest harbours at Hemnesberget and Bjerka, and soon also in Finneidfjord.



Hemnes Jazz – concert at Lapphella

## Summer 2016

**1 - 3 JULY** BOAT & FJORD FESTIVAL at Hemnesberget

**4 - 7 AUGUST** HEMNES JAZZ – concerts at Hemnesberget

**12 AUGUST** PARK ROCK in Korgen

**12 - 13 AUGUST** ARCTIC RACE OF NORWAY passes through Hemnes

**20 - 21 AUGUST** OKSTINDAN Mountain Marathon

**20 - 21 AUGUST** THE KAMKAKA FESTIVAL – a celebration of traditional baked goods in Bleikvasslia

### SCENIC ALTERNATIVES TO HIGHWAY E6

- The Wilderness Road (Villmarksvegen), from E6 in Korgen to E6 at Majavatn lake, offers views of the Okstindan range, Røssvatnet lake and Børgefjell National Park. This paved scenic road is 133 km long.
- The old E6 across Korgfjellet passes an inn situated at 555 metres altitude, which enjoys a magnificent panorama of the Okstindan range and Svartisbreen glacier.
- A detour on scenic road Fv808 leads to Hemnesberget, an idyllic fjord side village surrounded by a great mountain wilderness.

For more information on the region, please see [www.visithelgeland.com](http://www.visithelgeland.com)  
The Tourist Information Office located at the Circle K/Statoil gas station in Korgen will be open from 2 July to 15 August. Tel. +47 48 29 58 11.

